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ACADEMY WELCOMES DIVERSIFIED SEARCH EXEC TO BOARD

PHILADELPHIA—The Academy of Natural Sciences is pleased to welcome Cynthia Heckscher, a Diversified Search executive, to its Board of Trustees.

As a managing director with Diversified Search since 1989, Heckscher has developed a consultative search practice that focuses on senior executive and clinician searchers for large, non-profit and/or faith-based health care systems, academic medical centers, managed care organizations, and specialty hospitals nationwide. From 1987 to 1989, she served as director of research and program development for the Health Federation of Philadelphia, a non-profit health planning organization. A resident of Philadelphia, she earned a bachelor's degree from Vassar College and a master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania.

"Cindy Heckscher is an awesome addition to the board," said Dr. William Y. Brown, Academy president and CEO. "She brings passion, energy, an appreciation of governance dynamics and a list of friends and contacts longer than the Ben Franklin Parkway."

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HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. ADMISSION: \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for "Butterflies!"

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