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Seattle Cultural Institutions Join Together to Thank School Employees for Their Service

Museums, science and arts organizations collectively recognize all employees of area public, private and charter schools with free admission and other special offers during this upcoming winter break

SEATTLE, December 21, 2021—To thank school employees in the greater Seattle area for their continued dedication to students and families, over 10 institutions have joined together to create the first annual School Employee Appreciation Days, happening this year between December 26, 2021-January 2, 2022.

“School employees have consistently demonstrated their extraordinary commitment to students and families during the past 20 + months. They have done so with tenacity and positivity and have inspired so many with their dedication. This invitation is simply a small way for us to show our gratitude ” said Matt Hayes, President and CEO of The Museum of Flight.

Participating institutions include: National Nordic Museum, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle Aquarium, Museum of History & Industry, Burke Museum, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Art Museum, Frye Art Museum, Wing Luke Museum, and The Museum of Flight. Please each participating organization’s website for specific offers and applicable dates.

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(APPENDIX)

SCHOOL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAYS-PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AND SCHEDULES

- **The Museum of Flight:** Free admission for school employees and their guests (one guest per employee) December 29-30, 2021 (museumofflight.org)
- **Pacific Science Center:** Free admission to the limited-run exhibition *HOCKEY: Faster Than Ever* on December 29th and 30th to school employees and up to six guests. Timed tickets are available at the gate or can be reserved in advance. Please note that the rest of the facility is not open at this time and tickets are for the exhibition only. (pacificsciencecenter.org)
- **Wing Luke Museum:** Free admission for any school employee on December 30th. Please bring your District or School Identification card. Space is limited so arrive early!
- **Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI):** Free admission including access to MOHAI’s special exhibition *Da Vinci – Inventions* for school employees with official ID December 27-30, 2021 (mohai.org)
- **National Nordic Museum:** Free admission for school employees and their guests on December 29, 30, and 31. To receive free admission, please show your school ID or other proof of

employment in education when you arrive. All members of the group may enter for free but must all arrive together to enter as a group. No phone or web orders. (nordicmuseum.org)

- **Seattle Art Museum (SAM):** Free admission for school employees and their guests (one guest per employee), including the special exhibition *Imogen Cunningham: A Retrospective* as available, no phone or web orders, December 29-30, 2021 (seattleartmuseum.org)
- **Pacific Northwest Ballet-** All school employees with a valid ID can enjoy half-price, in-person tickets for Reps 3-6 from February through June in 2022. Tickets will be made available on the day of each performance for walk-up sales at the box office window. (pnb.org)
- **Burke Museum:** Free admission for school employees and their guests (one guest per employee) December 29-30, 2021 (burkemuseum.org)
- **Seattle Aquarium:** Free admission for school employees and one guest per employee on December 29-30, 2021 (seattleaquarium.org)
- **Henry Art Gallery:** Free admission for school employees and their guests on December 23, 26, and 30, 2021 (henryart.org)
- **Frye Art Museum:** Free gift bags for school employees; to receive your gift bag, show your school ID at the Visitor Services Desk upon entry. Admission to the Frye is always free (open Wednesdays–Sundays, 11 am–5 pm). (fryemuseum.org)

Tour the Virtual Museum of Flight **Museum Press Releases and Photos**

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Founded in 1965, the independent, nonprofit Museum of Flight is one of the largest air and space museums in the world, serving 600,000 visitors annually before the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in 2020. The Museum's collection includes more than 160 historically significant airplanes and spacecraft, from the first fighter plane (1914) to today's 787 Dreamliner. Attractions at the 23-acre, 5-building Seattle campus include the original Boeing Company factory, the NASA Space Shuttle Trainer, and a rare exhibition of the rocket engines used to launch Apollo astronauts to the Moon. With a foundation of aviation history, the Museum is also a hub of news and dialogue with leaders in the emerging field of private spaceflight ventures. The Museum's aviation and space library and archives are the largest on the West Coast. More than 150,000 individuals are served annually by the Museum's onsite and outreach educational programs. The Museum of Flight is accredited by the American Association of Museums, and is an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Museum of Flight is located at 9404 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle, Exit 158 off Interstate 5 on Boeing Field halfway between downtown Seattle and Sea-Tac Airport. The Museum is open Thursdays through Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Museum admission for adults is \$25. Youth 5 through 17 are \$17, youth 4 and under are free. Seniors 65 and over \$21. Groups of ten or more: \$19 per adult, \$12 per youth, \$17 per senior. All ticketing is online and reserved for timed entry. Parking is always free. There is a full lunch menu café operated by McCormick & Schmick's. For general Museum information, please call 206-764-5720 or visit www.museumofflight.org.

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Museum is operating under the current Washington state Phase guidelines for King County. Please check the Museum website for current guidelines and operations. Some Museum attractions and aircraft may be closed during this time.