



Museum of Medicine and Biomedical Discovery

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Why we need the Museum of Medicine and Biomedical Discovery - The Cancer Letter

In this country, we have museums devoted to natural history, culture, space exploration, sports, civil rights, and all manner of creative expression. But surprisingly, one of our nation's most important human endeavors—the quest to translate scientific discoveries into medical advances—lacks a national venue that captures the drama of its story.

It is one of the most important stories that we as a society can tell, and it's one the American public desperately needs to hear.

The United States has made contributions to science and medicine that rank among modern



President's Corner

Dear Friends:

As we reflect on the remarkable strides the Museum of Medicine & Biomedical Discovery (MMBD) has made over the past year, it is largely due to generous support from our many supporters. Knowing that, I am optimistic for the future of the museum. Working with one of the world's premier museum design firms, we have developed visual renderings of our exhibits along with potential configurations for spaces of varying sizes.

We also refreshed our online presence and updated our website (<https://mmbd.org>). We are committed to establishing a museum where the compelling narratives of discovery, progress and hope can be shared – stories that resonate deeply with the American public and restore their trust in science and

history's finest achievements. But when it comes to scientific literacy, we lag behind many other developed nations (Highlights of U.S. PISA 2022 Results Web Report, NCES **2023-115** and **2024-113**).

Making matters worse is the fact that the public's distrust in science is growing: between 2019 and 2023, the proportion of Americans who stated that they had "little or no trust in scientists working in the best interests of the public" more than doubled--from 13 to 27% (PEW Research Center, November 2023).

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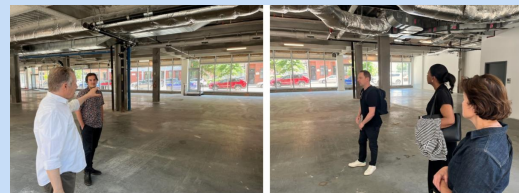
medicine. We're pleased to launch this e-mail newsletter as a way to keep you informed on our progress. Please reach out with questions and suggestions. And please share this newsletter with your museum friends or tell them to go to our website to sign up.

Warm regards,

Mace Rothenberg, MD
President & Executive Director
MMBD



On **May 14th**, Laura Aguilar and Estuardo Aguilar, co-founders of Candel Therapeutics; and Morris Birnbaum, former chief scientific officer of Pfizer Internal Medicine, hosted a reception for MMBD at **Lab Central in Cambridge, Massachusetts**. Over 50 people attended the reception. Important connections were made and funds were raised to continue to serve our mission. Boston/Cambridge is one of the locations being considered for the museum.



On **July 19th**, Mace Rothenberg and MMBD Board Member Dara Richardson-Heron toured the Taystee Building in the Manhattanville Factory District in West Harlem, one of several potential spaces being evaluated for the Museum with Scott Metzner, co-founder of Janus Properties, the developer of the Manhattanville Factory District. Elizabeth Fassberg, Executive Director of Life Science Cares New York and Cory Yurkovich an architect with Appelbaum and Associates also joined the tour.

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How the Museum of Medicine and Biomedical Discovery Aims to Bring Scientific Achievements of the Past, Present, and Future to Life

Several years ago, a visit to the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, so fascinated and inspired Mace L. Rothenberg, MD, FASCO, about the history of flight, he wondered why there was not a similar museum showcasing the past and present achievements in science and medicine.

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Washington DC Reception

On September 17th, Samir Khleif, Director of the Center for Advanced Immunotherapy at Georgetown, and Diane Charness, Managing Partner of DHR Global, hosted a successful reception at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC. With over 60 attendees, this marked MMBD's largest gathering to date, bringing together leaders from biotechnology, research, business, and philanthropy.

During the event, Mace Rothenberg outlined the vision for the MMBD and emphasized the urgent need to share the story of how innovation has transformed the human experience.

Washington, DC, is currently being considered as a potential location for the museum, making the support and engagement of attendees all the more vital for this ambitious project.

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If you'd like to discuss co-hosting a museum reception in your city, please contact Mace Rothenberg at

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