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Photo and answers courtesy of Matthew Hyde.

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As a new member, how have you seen LCS impact your life?

As a new member, LCS has had an amazing impact on my life. I have learned more in the past few months, in my marketing position at the Discovery Center, about my career field than all my past jobs combined. This is the first time in my life that I look forward to going to work!

What is your favorite memory from working at the Discovery Center?

Although I haven't been with the Discover Center long. The first 2 months were solely dedicated to working on an event we were hosting. The event was called Night at the Museum. Working the event was one of my favorite memories so far.

When do you graduate and what are your plans for after graduation?

I hope to return to MSU to pursue an MBA. I am working towards a GA position.

What are you going to miss the most about being an MSU student?

Most likely working for LCS and the Discovery Center.

What is the most important lesson you learned throughout your college career?

Organization and using a planner have changed not only the academic aspect of my life, but also my financial and personal life for the better!



Agency Spotlight: The Discovery Center

*Photos and answers courtesy of Jennifer Collins,
Marketing and Advancement Director.*

What is the mission of the Discovery Center and how do you see it making an impact?

Discovery Center of Springfield (DCS) is an interactive, hands-on science museum committed to inspiring people

of all ages with a life-long love of learning and an appreciation of the world and our place in it. We reach thousands of learners of all ages each year through our museum exhibits, classes, workshops, and outreach programs.

What is your favorite part about the Discovery Center?

The best part about the Discovery Center are the people who work here. We have the most dedicated, passionate, mission-driven team I have ever worked

with. I love coming in to work because the people I work with love to be at DCS. It's exhilarating to work on a team where everyone is passionate about the mission.

How have LCS members impacted your organization?

Our LCS students really become part of the DCS family. Their passion and drive to help get students excited about STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) education is infectious, and I'm always learning from these incredible students! We feel so lucky to have such passionate and talented students here to help serve our mission.

What is one thing that the public doesn't usually know about the Discovery Center?

When we polled the general public last fiscal year, most

people thought we are a for profit organization or that we receive city funding. As a nonprofit, we are the people's science center—we keep our doors open through the

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- Jennifer Collins

generosity of the people in southwest Missouri. When you purchase a membership, donate to our STEM Education for All program, or just visit the Center, you are directly impacting thousands of students in southwest Missouri and helping us inspire the scientists of tomorrow.

What is your favorite memory from working with the Discovery Center?

It's hard to pick one memory because every day we're

seeing life-changing moments in the families we serve. What I'm proud of most right now is the amazing student team that we work with on a daily basis (LCS students,

interns, and volunteers) who become passionate about the Discovery Center and the families we serve. I have students telling me “this is the first job I've been passionate about” or “I want to go in to nonprofit work because of the Discovery Center” and I couldn't be happier because we need passionate, creative, talented people like our LCS students going in to the nonprofit world.



Service Projects

1. **Bass Pro Shops Fitness Series: Marathon Weekend:** Springfield MO, November 4: 3,000+ runners and walkers take part in a 5K, half marathon, marathon or marathon relay.
2. **Northwest Project Life 360 Community Dinners:** Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 2:00 PM, Life 360 Church hosts a community dinner at The Fairbanks. Register to volunteer at <https://www.givepulse.com/group/115867-The-Northwest-Project>
3. **Developmental Center of the Ozarks Turkey Trot:** Springfield's Thanksgiving tradition and the largest Thanksgiving Day 5K in Missouri attracted more than 8,000 participants in 2015. Turkey Trot takes place in downtown Springfield Thanksgiving morning. If you're interested in volunteering, contact the Public Relations Coordinator, Marisa Declue, at 417-829-0896.

Important Dates:

November 3rd	12:00-1:00pm	Adopt-A-Street, National Ave
November 7th	6:00-7:00pm	Monthly Meeting, Strong 204
December 5th	6:00-8:00pm	Holiday Party (Location TBA)

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