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Technology Comes Alive at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History *Rising Tide Initiative Launch Showcases Virtual Reality, Robots and More*

Fort Worth, TX- Emerging technologies took center stage at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Rising Tide Initiative (RTI) Launch, Friday, April 28th. More than a hundred community leaders from across North Texas gathered to tour the latest technology installations at the Museum and hear from thought leaders who spoke on a range of topics from artificial intelligence, virtual reality applications in education and the burgeoning technology industry in Fort Worth.

"It was an exciting night," said Van A. Romans, President. "We announced our vision for the future of this Museum six months ago, with the introduction of the Academy of Digital Learning. This evening our guests got to see firsthand what that really means."

Dr. Doug Roberts, Ph.D. recently joined the Museum as Chief Technology Officer and led a panel discussion featuring Dr. Julianne Greer, Ph.D. with the University of Texas at Arlington and RTI's Kevin Grace. The star of the discussion quickly emerged as NAO, a two-foot-tall robot. Dr. Greer, a professor in Theater Arts, is working with UTARI in the emerging field of social robotics and performance.

RTI's goal is to highlight local achievements in technology and create a technological ecosystem to nurture innovation and entrepreneurship in North Texas, with a focus on Fort Worth. The University of Texas at Arlington Robotics Institute will host the next RTI event.

The Rising Tide Initiative Launch and Panel Discussion was sponsored by Higginbotham and Foundry Club.

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About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

The Museum was established in 1941 and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Anchored by its rich collections, the Museum is dedicated to lifelong learning. It engages guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The Museum is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Visit www.fortworthmuseum.org for more.