



Connecting kids and scientists through
conversation and storytelling

Science Storytellers founder Jenny Cutraro elected as Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

AAAS recognition is a top honor bestowed upon scientific professionals

November 27, 2019 | Washington, D.C. — Jenny Cutraro, the founder and executive director of Science Storytellers, has been elected to the rank of Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

AAAS is the world's largest professional society of scientists across all fields of research. The rank of Fellow is a peer-nominated process recognizing professionals for their career contributions to various endeavors in science. For her work advancing youth engagement in the sciences, Jenny Cutraro has been elected in the Education category of AAAS Fellows.

"Joining the ranks of the AAAS Fellows is an honor I never would have expected," says Cutraro, who has created educational content for institutions such as the New York Times, WGBH Boston, PBS KIDS, PBS Learning Media, and the New England Aquarium. "Being able to weave my passions as a scientist, communicator, and parent into a career in science engagement has been a joy and a privilege. To be recognized by my professional peers for this work is truly humbling."

Jenny Cutraro will join other newly elected AAAS Fellows at an induction ceremony at the 2020 AAAS Annual Meeting in Seattle on Saturday, February 15th. AAAS will also be hosting its Family Science Days on February 15th and 16th in Seattle — a free public festival for locals to enjoy and experience the wonders of scientific exploration. In fact, Science Storytellers made its debut at the AAAS Family Science Days event in 2017, and will once again be among the exhibits lineup in 2020.

A Milwaukee, Wisconsin native and graduate of the Milwaukee Public Schools, Cutraro is a proud alum of Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota and also holds a master's degree in Biology from Purdue University. Cutraro has also served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Science Writers since 2018.

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Science Storytellers is a not-for-profit program connecting kids and scientists through conversation and storytelling. The program gives kids the opportunity to interview real scientists and get first-hand practice in the craft of journalism, while giving scientists the experience of communicating to young audiences and their families. Want to bring Science Storytellers to your next academic conference or public science festival? Learn how by visiting www.sciencestorytellers.org and follow us at twitter.com/SciStorytellers

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