



“Young kids are natural scientists. Research points to how kindergarteners’ general knowledge of the natural sciences is a strong predictor of their performance in science by the third grade and that early math skills are one of the best predictors of a child’s later success in elementary school in both math and literacy. KidSTREAM Children’s Museum will enrich our kids’ learning and engage families and kids in learning together. This project will provide kids in our region with a hands-on STREAM education that will nurture their natural curiosity.”

**Phil Hampton Ph.D., Director, Programming Co-Chair
Parent, Scholar, Visionary**

- Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, St. Olaf College
- Doctorate in chemistry, Stanford University
- Postdoctoral Fellow, California Institute of Technology (1989-1991)
- Founding Faculty Member, Associate and Full Professor, Chemistry Department, CSU Channel Islands (2001 – present)
- Co-Founder and Director, Ventura County STEM Network, 2012 – present
- Board of Directors member, Gull Wings Children’s Museum (2015 – 2016)
- Founder and Director of the annual CSU Channel Islands Science Carnival
- STEM Radical for having broad impact and sustained effort at enhancing STEM education in Ventura County

Phil’s life is dedicated to STEM education. In addition to being a founding faculty member and chemistry professor, he chairs the annual Science Carnival and is director of Ventura County’s STEM Network. He seeks out every event and outreach opportunity for STEM in the region to increase opportunities for the children to have access to a brighter future.

