

## **Chevy Humphrey**

### **Executive Biography**

Chevy Humphrey is the first Black American to lead a Science Center in the United States. Since 2005, Humphrey has been president and CEO of Arizona Science Center. While there, Humphrey has created a strong, well-run nonprofit organization that has adopted best practices from business. She leads with sound management, entrepreneurship, and strategically deployed resources to gain market share and respect, donor confidence, and public support.

Humphrey has helped to accelerate strategic growth of Arizona Science Center, now a 200,000-square-foot facility, both financially and through high-impact science programming. During her tenure, Humphrey has grown the Center's assets from \$3M to more than \$42M; increased revenue growth in annual operations by 216 percent; and acquired two nonprofits to maximize programming for the community. At the same time, Humphrey has formed a conscious culture through a transparent, collaborative, and highly communicative team that values accountability, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit, and works in partnership with the Board of Trustees and the community.

Humphrey has secured numerous national competitive and prestigious grants for Arizona Science Center from organizations such as the National Institutes for Health and the National Science Foundation. She served as the Chair of the Selection and Annual Review Committee (2005-2011) for what was at the time the National Science Foundation's largest informal science initiative, called Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE-Net).

Before coming to Arizona Science Center, Humphrey held leadership positions at The Phoenix Symphony, Houston Symphony, University of Houston, and The University of Texas at Austin.

Humphrey is a global leader in the field of informal science education. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of the American Alliance of Museums, the world's largest museum association. She is a former Chair of the Board of the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC), which serves more than 500 Science Centers in more than 50 countries. Humphrey is the first Black American to hold that post. She also was the first person to receive ASTC's Award for Service.

In Phoenix, Humphrey serves on a number of non-profit boards, including Sandra Day O'Connor Institute, College Success Arizona, and Downtown Phoenix Partnership. And she also serves as Director and Chair of the Compensation Committee for Grand Canyon Education, Inc., a publicly-traded company (LOPE). In 2017, *The Phoenix Business Journal* named Humphrey its Mentor of the Year, the first time the award was given. *The Phoenix Business Journal* also named Humphrey one of its Most Admired CEOs. She was named a Visionary Leader by the Women's National Basketball Association and by BBVA Compass. She was selected in the 2001 inaugural class of the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Fellows, the only non-CEO selected at that time.

Humphrey has an MBA from Northeastern University, with specializations in Marketing and Entrepreneurship and Innovation. She received an honorary Doctor of Science and Technology degree from the University of Advancing Technology. She has attended advanced management courses at Stanford University Graduate School of Business and Yale University School of Management. She is pursuing her Doctorate in Business Administration at Grand Canyon University with an expected graduation date of December 2020.