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Science On a Sphere Captivates Visitors at IMAS *Revolutionary NASA & NOAA Exhibit for Thousands of Students*

With spring break just around the corner, now is the perfect time for families to visit the International Museum of Art & Science and experience the City sponsored **Science On a Sphere (SOS)** exhibit, offering an engaging and educational opportunity for residents and students to explore science, technology, and discovery together.

Science On a Sphere, designed by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration with content from NASA, is a state-of-the-art exhibit that transforms complex planetary and environmental data into immersive visual experiences. Featuring imagery from the Hubble Space Telescope, the installation allows visitors to explore orbital satellites, space probes, and other sources during interactive presentations.

“This investment aligns with the City’s broader vision to make museums more accessible, strengthen community connections, and foster economic growth while enhancing the quality of life for all residents,” said Mayor Javier Villalobos. “Initiatives like this continue to reinforce McAllen’s reputation as a vibrant center for arts, science, and lifelong learning.”

IMAS was the first museum in Texas to house SOS, opening the exhibit in September 2008, and remains one of only 162 institutions worldwide with this technology. Each year, IMAS welcomes more than 60,000 visitors, including thousands of students participating in educational field experiences.

“Supporting institutions like the International Museum of Art & Science reflects the City’s ongoing commitment to investing in educational excellence and community enrichment,” said City Manager Isaac J. Tawil. “**Science On a Sphere** provides an engaging way for students and families to connect with science, technology, and innovation.”

Plan your visit to IMAS, it is a vibrant center for arts, science, and learning. [Visit Us - IMAS](#)

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest growing cities along the U.S.-Mexico border. Known as the City of Palms, McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism, and culture in the Rio Grande Valley.

Today, the city employs more than 2,600 public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. City leadership remains committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure, and community engagement. For more information, visit www.mcallen.net