

Micaela Balzer, Director of Innovation and Learning at Impression 5 Science Center

Micaela started volunteering as a greeter at Impression 5 at the age of 15. Her first paid position at Impression 5 was store clerk, and she has worked many guest and education positions at Impression 5 since 1991. Micaela's current role at Impression 5 is to direct the Education Department and the Exhibit Department from programmatic initiatives to STEAM educators who deliver programs, as well as development, fabrication and project management of current and future exhibits. Micaela ensures that the mission of Impression 5 is developed and delivered in both exhibits and educational offerings. She has developed and managed educational programs including L.A.B.S., Scientific Weekends, and Big Science Lessons. Major exhibit projects include MiNature, the First Impression Room, Think Tank, Build Zone, Pop: A Bubble Experience, Spectrum, and Throwing Things. Micaela currently lives in Lansing and is a proud mother, wife and daughter. She immigrated to the United States as a child from Bolivia, South America.