

In Memory of Joel N. Bloom



This *Excellence and Equity* web program is presented in memory of Joel N. Bloom, former AAM Board member and president, who passed away in September. As AAM board president, in September 1989, Dr. Bloom created the AAM Task Force on Education, whose work resulted in *Excellence and Equity: Education and the Public Dimension of Museums*, which continues to be a guiding report for the field. Joel was greatly admired by many and considered a mentor by a number of prominent women in

the field today, including Elaine Heumann Gurian, Bonnie Pitman, Nancy Kolb and many others.

For many years, Dr. Bloom served as the CEO of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, was pioneer in the efforts to develop hands-on science & technology centers and was a founding member of the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC). Dr. Bloom's service to and recognition by AAM and the field includes:

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| 1976 – 1978 | Member, AAM Accreditation Commission |
| 1977 – 1989 | Member, AAM ICOM Board |
| 1982 – 1984 | Vice President, AAM Board of Directors
Co-Chairman, Commission on Museums for a New Century |
| 1988 – 1990 | President, AAM Board of Directors |
| 1990 – 1992 | Past President, AAM Board of Directors |
| 1991 | Recipient – John Cotton Dana Award for Leadership |
| 1993 | Recipient – Award for Distinguished Service to Museums |
| 2006 | Member – AAM Centennial Honor Roll |