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Everhart Museum taps Tim Holmes as new CEO

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Tim Holmes, the new CEO of the Everhart Museum in Scranton, stands in front of a Stegosaurus on Tuesday afternoon.

SCRANTON — Tim Holmes strives to reconnect the community to the Everhart Museum.

Charles Barber, who served as interim executive director of the museum since July 2022, announced Tuesday that Holmes assumed the role of CEO this week after a rigorous review process.

Holmes, 57, who joined Dunmore-based My City Lending in 2017 after a 32-year career in marketing and events for Times-Shamrock Communications, looks forward to his new venture with the Everhart Museum.

"It's one of the core cultural pillars in our community and it has been so for 115 years," he said. "I've always been involved with events and nonprofits. ... I saw it as a great opportunity to continue a tradition I've been doing for a long time around here."

Barber noted Holmes' immense understanding of the region made him well-suited for the job.

"We were looking for somebody with local knowledge," he said. "It came down to a small group — we interviewed a number of people and Tim percolated to the top. We appreciated his qualities and capabilities, and what he could bring to the museum. Given his diverse experience with the newspaper, he checked off so many of the boxes."

Alex Molfetas, co-owner of Center City Print on Penn Avenue and chair-elect of the Everhart's board of trustees, feels Holmes will elevate operations at the museum.

"Tim, a respected pillar of our community with a wealth of leadership experience and expertise, is well-positioned to strengthen and expand our relationships with our neighbors and partners throughout the region and guide us to new heights in our storied

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Holmes, a Dunmore resident, believes the landscape of the surrounding area adds to the museum's charm.

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"Its emphasis on natural history is so well placed in Nay Aug Park," he said. "All the birds and animals you remember seeing when you were in school are all still here."

Holmes added steps have been taken to modernize the facility with more innovative plans in the works.

"There are now QR codes where you can hear what the birds sound like," he said. "We're going to be creating fun new ways to experience the fantastic offerings."

A lifelong resident of the area, Holmes aims to make the Everhart a focal point of many community events.

"It's going to become a bigger part of everything that happens in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Wayne County," he said. "It's clean and inviting — everything about it makes you feel welcome. We're going to make sure everybody comes in and reexperiences this place — again — for the first time."

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