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Kevin is Lowell's "uber" educational ambassador, working with educators and students for more than 15 years in Flagstaff. His continued contributions to science education are a testament to his passion for teaching, his passion for honoring Percival Lowell's desire to engage the public about science, and his passion for the Observatory. He is the face of Lowell to so many who visit. He is tireless in his pursuit to interact with, inspire, and educate publics ranging from budding elementary-school age scientists to mature tour groups seeking to get their first look at the historic Mars Hill campus.

While Kevin manages operations of the Steele Visitor Center, Rotunda Museum, tours, scheduled and special programs, and staff training, he also organizes myriad other educational activities. From facilitating visitation of Lowell by local students to helping organize spectacularly successful Flagstaff Festival of Science events, Kevin is recognized as beacon for science education in northern Arizona. Here is a full list of events and activities he helped organize this year:

- School's Out and Kids are Free days at Lowell
- Flagstaff Night (first Wed. of each month)
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade class visit program
- Flagstaff Festival of Science talks at Lowell (inc. several astronomical talks and ones on the 2010 tornado outbreak and the Schultz Fire)
- Meteor Shower nights (including discussion)
- Navajo-Hopi Outreach Program
- Talks and colloquia by regional and visiting scientists
- New scale models of the Milky Way and Universe on the campus
- An Exoplanet Education Day for local students in May
- A science writer's conference reception including talks and tours
- Behind-the-scenes tours of Lowell
- Outreach events at local schools ("Cosmic Cart") and for other groups
- And much more...

Kevin is also involved in media relations, appearing in print and broadcast media as a go-to source for information and quotes about Lowell, astronomy, and the legacy of scientific research in Flagstaff. Kevin also writes, appearing in our newsletter, Mountain Living Magazine, and is working on several projects with historian Bill Sheehan. He is also sheriff of the Flagstaff corral of the Westerners, facilitating the study and understanding of the history of the American West.

Flagstaff, Lowell, and northern Arizona are much better places because Kevin is here, spreading his fervor for learning as a very active member of the community. And as the breadth and depth of our programs are expanding as we near the

Discovery Channel Telescope era, Kevin is as committed as ever to spreading the word about Lowell, science, astronomy, and the virtues of learning and education as a whole.