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The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) Partners with "The Global Math Project (GMP)" to Celebrate Global Math Week with World-Renowned Mathematicians and Math Education Leaders

Featured guests include James Tanton, Jo Boaler, Po Shen Loh, Brian Conrey, Aileen Rizo, Brandon Smith, Sunil Singh, Tadashi Tokieda, and Nina Wu

Saturday, October 6, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Santa Clara University

Santa Clara, CA (September 26, 2018): <u>The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath</u>), in partnership with the Global Math Project (GMP), will host a <u>symposium and celebration</u> to kick off <u>Global Math</u> <u>Week</u>, an annual event that brings the world together through common mathematical experiences to explore the joy and wonder in school-relevant mathematics. The symposium, "Uplifting Mathematics for All: Expanding Moments of Joy in the Mathematics Classroom," will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Charney Hall - Santa Clara University, located at 500 El Camino Real.

"North America's only math museum, MoMath, is proud to be a partner and organizer of Global Math Week's kick off celebration that presents some of most prominent mathematicians and math educators from around the world," said Cindy Lawrence, Executive Director of MoMath. "The 'Uplifting Mathematics for All' symposium aims to reveal how you can experience mathematics in new and surprising ways. Our goal is to encourage people to think beyond the textbook and dive more deeply into the joys and wonders of math."

The symposium will include interactive discussions with world-renowned mathematicians and math education leaders to share concrete, innovative steps to highlight the joy and relevance of deep mathematical learning, thinking, and doing. Presenters include a broad group of leading mathematicians and math educators, such as **James Tanton**, co-founder of the <u>Global Math Project</u> and ambassador for the <u>Mathematical Association of America</u>; **Jo Boaler**, Professor of Mathematics Education at Stanford University and faculty director of <u>youcubed.org</u>; **Brian Conrey**, Director of the <u>American Institute of Mathematics</u>; **Po Shen Loh**, coach of the USA gold-medal-winning International Mathematical Olympiad team; **Aileen Rizo**, research associate for <u>The AIMS Center for Math and Science Education</u> and teacher for the graduate math and science department at Fresno Pacific University; **Brandon Smith**, lead Mathematician at <u>MIND Research Institute</u>; **Sunil Singh**, author of <u>Pi of Life: The Hidden Happiness of Mathematics</u> and Mathematics Learning Specialist at <u>Scolab</u>; **Tadashi Tokieda**, classical philologist in France and Professor of Mathematics at Stanford; and **Nina Wu**, Content Creator for the research & development team at <u>MIND Research Institute</u>.

Following the symposium will be an after-party featuring NPR's "math guy," Professor Keith Devlin of Stanford University, as guests unravel the mysteries of mathematics, science, and technology in the galleries at the Tech Museum in San Jose, located at 201 South Market Street, from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

About the National Museum of Mathematics

The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) strives to enhance public understanding and perception of mathematics in daily life. Currently celebrating its fifth anniversary, MoMath has reached more than 1.5 million New Yorkers and visitors from around the world.

The only math museum in North America, MoMath fills a critical demand around the country and worldwide for hands-on math programming, offering a space where the math-challenged, as well as math enthusiasts of all backgrounds and levels of understanding can enjoy the infinite and beautiful world of mathematics through more than 37 unique, state-of-the-art, interactive exhibits.

In addition to MoMath's home in New York City, Museum exhibitions and content are currently featured in Singapore, Brazil, Germany, Russia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

MoMath received the 2016 Communications Award for Public Outreach from the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics. The Museum was awarded the bronze 2013 MUSE Award for Education and Outreach by the American Alliance of Museums. MoMath has been recognized as the Most Fascinating Museum in New York State by the TripAdvisor vacation site, and hailed as "Best Museum for Kids" by *New York Magazine*.

MoMath, located at 11 East 26th Street on the northside of popular Madison Square Park in Manhattan, is open seven days a week, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. For more information, visit <u>momath.org.</u>

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