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The National Museum of Mathematics Announces 2024 MOST Outreach Training Program Fellows

Female mathematicians train with MoMath and with NYC improv/comedy club to learn compelling ways to present math

New York, NY (July 23, 2024) – The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) in New York welcomed its second class of *Math Outreach Seminar and Training* (MOST) Fellows. The MOST program offers 10 female mathematicians from around the country coaching on presentation skills in collaboration with experts at MoMath and with the People’s Improv Theater (PIT) in New York. The program allows participating Fellows to hone their presentation skills to present STEM learning in a compelling way to young female audiences. As part of the program, MOST Fellows are required to return to their home communities and present their math talks to a broad audience, especially including middle school students.

The MOST program is designed to fill communities around the country with female role models in math, thereby encouraging a new generation of women to pursue STEM careers. Experts at MoMath provide training based on more than a dozen years of experience with public math outreach, while The PIT, an award-winning training center and comedy theater in New York City, provides hands-on experience with being in front of an audience. These two aspects of training dovetail naturally, allowing the Fellows to learn to create animated and engaging presentations; to develop their public presentation skills; and to refine their voices and styles to begin creating an their own engaging talks to share their expertise with a general audience.

“We are thrilled that the MOST program has been so successful,” commented Cindy Lawrence, Executive Director and CEO of MoMath. “Developing presentation skills enhances any career. I am delighted that we now have an ongoing program that generates excitement for the educators as well as for their audiences. The MOST program is another example of the creative programming at MoMath that encourages people to look at math from a new perspective. The MOST Fellows do a tremendous job exciting young women about math and serving as role models for those young women to choose careers in STEM.”

The 2024 MOST class consists of the following women:

MOST Fellow	Academic institution
Emily Casey	University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Hannah Fechtner	Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
Juliann Geraci	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
Inga Girshfeld	University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Oleksandra Lymar	University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Angela Morrison	University of Colorado, Denver, CO
Lora Newman	University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
Uchenna Okorie	Delaware State University, Dover, DE
Carli Paterson	The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX
Laura Seaberg	Boston College, Boston, MA

About the National Museum of Mathematics

The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) is North America's premier cultural institution devoted to the wonders of mathematics and its many connections to the world around us. Transformed temporarily into a pop-up museum called *MoMath on Fifth*, located at 225 Fifth Avenue on the corner of 26th Street and Fifth Avenue, the Museum is open seven days a week, from 10 am to 5 pm. MoMath is expected to open at its new permanent location in 2025.

During its physical transition, MoMath continues its robust online programming. *MoMath on Fifth* contains new exhibits as well as popular favorites, like *Beaver Run* and the *Square Wheel Trike*, and welcomes residents, members, families, school groups, and visitors from around the country and world. In-person programming, including talks, birthday parties, events, and field trips, are also offered at *MoMath on Fifth*.

Since opening in December 2012, MoMath has greeted over 1.2 million visitors, including more than 300,000 students. When mandated by New York City to close in March 2020 because of

the COVID-19 pandemic, MoMath transformed itself into a virtual Museum creating an extraordinary global footprint. Since that time, MoMath has provided nearly 5,500 online programs reaching more than 150,000 participants from all 50 U.S. States and 126 countries.

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