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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MATHEMATICS AWARDS  
\$25,000 ROSENTHAL PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN MATH TEACHING TO  
NEW JERSEY RESIDENT AND FIFTH GRADE TEACHER JILLIAN YOUNG**

*Prize Aimed to Boost US Math Education and Promote Hands-on Math Teaching  
in Upper Elementary and Middle School Classrooms*

*Prize Will Be Presented on Wednesday, February 3 at 6 p.m. at MoMath*

**New York, NY (January 27, 2016):** The [National Museum of Mathematics](#) (MoMath) is proud to present the *Rosenthal Prize for Innovation in Math Teaching* to Jillian Young, a fifth grade teacher at Elwood Kindle Elementary School in Pitman, New Jersey. Young's winning activity, *Mutant Creature Invasion: Minecraft Volume Investigation* was chosen as the most innovative, unique and interesting for students in grades four through eight, winning her the cash prize of \$25,000.

The annual *Rosenthal Prize for Innovation in Math Teaching* is designed to recognize and promote hands-on math teaching in the upper elementary and middle school classrooms. Each year, the winning teacher is awarded a cash prize of \$25,000, and the winning activity is shared with interested teachers across the country. This year, three *Award of Merit* winners were awarded cash prizes of \$1,000.

"MoMath is excited to be able to present the *Rosenthal Prize* to Jillian Young for her dedication to Mathematics and her creative and innovative lesson," said Cindy Lawrence, MoMath executive director and CEO. "This award, like our Museum, helps promote hands-on teaching in the field and makes math engaging and fun for students."

The grand prize lesson, *Mutant Creature Invasion: Minecraft Volume Investigation*, engaged students by having them imagine themselves in a Minecraft world to investigate a fictional scenario and practice measuring volume by counting unit cubes.

*Award of Merit* winners include: Eileen Finney for her lesson, *Calder Mobiles*; Heather Herd for *Survival Math: What would you do*; and Larry McMillan for *Patterns in Sierpinski Tetrahedra*.

Saul Rosenthal will present the prize to Young and the runner-ups in a ceremony on February 3 at 6 p.m. at MoMath at the beginning of *Math Encounters: Life is Beautiful* with Bob Bosch.

Applications for the 2016 *Rosenthal Prize for Innovation in Math Teaching* will be open this spring. For more information on applying, visit [momath.org/rosenthal-prize](http://momath.org/rosenthal-prize).

MoMath is located at 11 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street on the north side of popular Madison Square Park in Manhattan. The Museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, visit [momath.org](http://momath.org).

**About the National Museum of Mathematics**

The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) strives to enhance public understanding and perception of mathematics in daily life. The only math museum in North America, MoMath fulfills an incredible demand for hands-on math programming, creating a space where those who are math-challenged – as well as math enthusiasts of all backgrounds and levels of understanding – can revel in the infinite world of mathematics through more than 30 state-of-the-art interactive exhibits. MoMath was awarded the bronze 2013 MUSE Award for Education and Outreach by the American Alliance of Museums.

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