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## **STEM Santa Fe Wraps up 2018 Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival**

STEM Santa Fe, under the leadership of Lina Germann and in collaboration with Santa Fe Community College, wraps up the 2018 STEM Santa Fe Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival for the second year in a row with great success. On Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Santa Fe Community College, STEM Santa Fe hosted 142 middle school students (63% girls!) from Gonzales Community School, Ortiz Middle School, Taos Charter School, Anansi Charter School, The Academy for Technology and the Classics (ATC), and Milagro Middle School. Students engaged in experiential math activities with scientists, mathematicians, and engineers, went on tours of the Santa Fe Community College and its sustainable technologies on campus, and enjoyed a presentation on Science on Sphere and “Music and Math”. The highlight of the experience for many students was a large room filled with 15 math centers and games to explore and experience. Based on survey results, students’ attitudes toward math improved by over 20%!

The festival honors the memory of Julia Robinson, a mathematics professor at University of California, Berkeley. She is recognized for her work in solving Hilbert’s tenth problem. The Julia Robinson Mathematics Festivals began in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2007 to honor her legacy and encourage more students to pursue mathematics, and festivals have since expanded to other cities around the world. STEM Santa Fe brought this festival to New Mexico for the first time in 2017. Lina Germann, Founder and CEO of STEM Santa Fe commented: “We are fortunate to be able to bring this experience to our youth, thanks to our sponsors, donors and volunteers. The festival activities are challenging, yet non-competitive, inspiring students to be curious about math.”

A detailed summary report and video of the festival are available on STEM Santa Fe website. To continue to offer compelling STEM activities, and to grow STEM Santa Fe’s impact on New Mexico students, we need community support! To volunteer or make a donation, visit <http://www.stemsantafe.org> or contact Lina at 505-570-5402.

*STEM Santa Fe advocates for, develops, and provides STEM programming, mentoring, and resources for all youth, especially under-presented groups in STEM, to realize their potential and expand their opportunities in a dynamic world.*

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