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PUSD Math Teacher Awarded $25,000 Rosenthal Prize

Oak Valley Middle School math teacher, Traci Jackson, is the winner of the Rosenthal Prize, the National Museum of Mathematics' (MoMath) national contest for Innovation in Math Teaching. Traci's winning lesson, *Creating Color Combos: Visual Modeling of Proportional Relationships,* was chosen as the most innovative, unique, and interesting for students in grades fourth through eighth. The lesson engages students in exploring proportional reasoning by mixing colored solutions, creating different color combinations to visualize ratios.

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 teachers across the country.

"MoMath is thrilled to present Traci Jackson with the Rosenthal Prize for her dedication to mathematics and her creative, engaging, accessible, and innovative lesson," said Cindy Lawrence, MoMath Executive Director and CEO.

Traci traveled to New York to receive her prize at MoMath in Manhattan. She teaches 8th grade math and has been at Oak Valley Middle School for three years. Her principal, Casey Currigan says, "Traci is one of the finest math teachers at Oak Valley. She is constantly working to make sure students understand mathematics and how it's relevant for them in their world."

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