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## **PALISADES CENTER TO HOST JULIA ROBINSON MATHEMATICS FESTIVAL**



**West Nyack, NY (August 2021):** Palisades Center, in partnership with Rhea Patel, a rising senior at Horace Mann School in Bronx, New York, will host Rockland County's first **Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival** (JRMF) on Saturday, August 28 from 1:00pm-4:00pm in the East Court on Level One next to H&M.

The Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival was founded by math puzzle enthusiast, Nancy Blachman to inspire joy in mathematics through collaboration, exploration, and discovery. The festivals are intended to serve as an alternate to competitions for getting students – especially girls and underrepresented minority students – and their surrounding communities engaged in mathematics. Blachman named the festival after mathematician Julia Robinson, who helped solve Hilbert’s tenth problem and overcame obstacles to achieve a successful career as a woman in mathematics.

Guests will gather to participate in a variety of mathematic activities, games, and puzzles. The festival is free and accessible to everyone, regardless of skill level. The goal is to inspire, delight and show how much fun math can be.

“I am hosting these festivals because I want to engage young kids in hands on math activities during a time when learning has been virtual,” said **Rhea Patel, Senior at Horace Mann School**. “I want to spread the message that math is fun and collaborative while impacting my local community as much as I can.”

“We welcome Ms. Patel’s entrepreneurial spirit and applaud her for organizing such a fun and interactive festival,” said **Darrin Houseman, General Manager of Palisades Center**. “We are honored she selected Palisades Center as the location to host her event and we look forward to seeing our guests participate in the math activities she has planned.”

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