



**The Museum of Discovery & Science to Open Two New Traveling Exhibits –
Turtle Travels and *Attack of the Bloodsuckers!***

*Official Ribbon Cutting will take place on Friday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m.
The exhibits run from September 14, 2019, through January 5, 2020*

Fort Lauderdale, FL (September 10, 2019) – The Museum of Discovery & Science (MODS) is proud to announce the opening of two new traveling exhibits, ***Turtle Travels*** presented by Florida Atlantic University (FAU), and ***Attack of the Blood Suckers!*** presented by SWAT Mosquito Systems. The official ribbon cutting will be held **Friday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m.** with **Joe Cox**, president & CEO of MODS, and presenting sponsors.

“Our newest traveling exhibits are highly relevant to our local community and aligned with the Museum’s goal to connect people to interesting and inspiring science,” said Cox. “*Turtle Travels* is a complement to MODS’ many turtle inhabitants and sea turtle release program, while *Attack of the Bloodsuckers!* highlights the importance of the pesky parasites that bug us here in south Florida!”

Turtle Travels is a hands-on exhibit that allows visitors of all ages to discover fascinating facts about what it’s like to be a turtle — how turtle bodies adapt themselves to many different habitats, why turtles need shells, the kinds of hazards they encounter in the wild and why turtles have been important to many different cultures.

“We are excited the Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College of Science is a part of the journey for those exploring the MODS’ *Turtle Travels* exhibition this fall,” said Ata Sarajedini PhD, professor and dean of FAU Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. “Dr. Jeanette Wyneken’s sea turtle conservation research featured in the exhibit is focused on sea turtles right here on our local beaches. It is important to recognize the critical work performed by our scientists, such as Dr. Wyneken, whose novel findings help save endangered sea turtles not only in Florida, but around the world.”

Attack of the Bloodsuckers! is a kid-friendly exhibit that explores the science of the what, why, when and how of mosquitoes, fleas, ticks, leeches and other parasites. This interactive experience is an opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of blood-feeding parasites, learn why bloodsuckers are important to the ecosystem and how to keep them out of your system.

“We are truly excited to be partnering with MODS on *Attack of the Blood Suckers!*,” said Steve Jenkins, president of SWAT Mosquito Systems. “This exhibit is a resource to help educate visitors on the parasites that can affect us in south Florida.”

The exhibits will be open from Saturday, September 14, 2019, through Sunday, January 5, 2020.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY & SCIENCE

The mission of MODS is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the nonprofit facility serves approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous support by Leadership Guild members including Citrix, Jet Blue, JM Family Enterprises, Inc. and Wells Fargo.

The Museum of Discovery and Science is open every day of the year including Thanksgiving and Christmas except for one-day in the fall for its annual Gala on October 26, 2019, and one day in the spring for its annual Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on March 13, 2020. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The Museum is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, visitors should call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit mods.org.

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ABOUT FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Florida Atlantic University (FAU), established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU’s world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of critical areas that form the basis of its strategic plan: Healthy aging, biotech, coastal and marine issues, neuroscience, regenerative medicine, informatics, lifespan and the environment. These areas provide

opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU's existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit fau.edu.

ABOUT SWAT MOSQUITO SYSTEMS

SWAT Mosquito Systems is a locally owned South Florida company that specializes in mosquito mist system installations and service. SWAT can be reached at 866.900.SWAT (7928) or visit swatmosquitosystems.com.

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