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THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE HOSTED A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEWEST TRAVELING EXHIBIT, *EXPEDITION: DINOSAUR*

The traveling exhibit, which is presented by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, will run from now through May 25

Fort Lauderdale, FLA. (February 3, 2020)- The Mesozoic Era came to life at the **Museum of Discovery & Science (MODS)**! The Museum held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its newest traveling exhibit ***Expedition: Dinosaur*** presented by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital on Monday, January 27.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was held with **Joseph P. Cox**, president & CEO of MODS, and **Caitlin Stella**, CEO of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

"Fascination with prehistoric life never goes extinct. *Expedition: Dinosaur* provides the opportunity to explore and connect with fossilized creatures from the past through today's technology and modern STEM applications found right here at the Museum. This exhibit allows visitors to discover its relevance to today's world and to truly examine evidence from the past," said **Cox**. "Our planet's history is written and recorded in rocks, bones, fossils and minerals. Understanding what came before is key to unlocking how the planet works right now and how it is changing for the future. With *Expedition: Dinosaur*, we can explore the causes and repercussions of a changing climate, investigate the parallels and differences between prehistoric climate events and human-triggered warming today, and how we can all take action to make an impact."

The traveling exhibit includes engaging and educational interactive experiences that explain dinosaur movement, digestion and evolution, and showcase the life and methods of dinosaur fossil hunters from the 1800s to today. Other highlights of the exhibit include a digital sandbox, paleontologist camp and an interactive robot that allow visitors to manipulate dinosaur eggs.

Stella stated, "Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital combines advanced technology and the expertise of the largest, most diverse group of board-certified pediatric specialists in the region. Through this exciting partnership with MODS, we are thrilled to come together through technology to engage, educate and support the growth and development of children of all ages."

The animatronic dinosaurs on display include Albertosaurus, Young Amargasaurus, Carnotaurus, Dilophosaurus, Iguanodon, Pachycephalosaurus, Velociraptor, Stegasaurus and Triceratops. Interactive activities will include Pangea Puzzle, 5-Finger Robot Egg Incubator, Dinosaur Egg Scanner, Interactive Fossil Viewing Boxes, Dinosaur Dig, Dino Operation Game and more.

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P1. Joseph P. Cox, president & CEO of MODS, and Caitlin Stella, CEO of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

P2. Meredith Feder, deputy director, strategic initiatives of MODS, Joseph P. Cox, president & CEO of MODS; MODS Dino Keeper; and Caitlin Stella, CEO of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

P3. Animatronic dinosaurs at The Museum of Discovery and Science.

P4. Interactive exhibit at The Museum of Discovery and Science.

ABOUT MODS:

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today MODS is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. The Museum showcases more than 300 interactive exhibits, immersive films and experiential programs. With a designated STEM Center and new aviation-themed makerspace, The Leighton Family Hangar, MODS is committed to engaging, enriching and inspiring tomorrow's workforce - today. The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes more than 400,000 visitors annually from all walks of life. MODS is open every day of the year, except Thanksgiving, one day in the spring for its Annual Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration (March 13, 2020) and one day in the fall for the Annual Gala (October 24, 2020). Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit mods.org.

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ABOUT JOE DIMAGGIO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL: Established in 1992, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital combines advanced technology and the expertise of the largest, most diverse group of board-certified pediatric specialists in the region. With its summer 2011 expansion, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital now has 226 beds and is South Florida's newest freestanding children's hospital. Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is part of Memorial Healthcare System, one of the largest public healthcare systems in the country. It has pediatric specialty practices serving Hollywood, Boca Raton, Coral Springs, Miramar, and Weston, along with the latest addition of the Joe DiMaggio Children's Health Specialty Center in Wellington. For more information about Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, visit jdch.com.

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