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## **Museum of Discovery and Science Named Finalist for 2022 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#) announced today that the [Museum of Discovery and Science \(MODS\)](#) is among 30 finalists for the 2022 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. MODS is one of two institutions in Florida to be selected as a finalist for this award. The Miami-Dade Public Library System also is a finalist.

“From cradle through career, MODS connects people to inspiring science. The Museum is a dynamic hub for STEM education and innovation for all individuals, providing a sustainable and equitable future through outreach, events and accessibility programs,” said **Joseph P. Cox, president and CEO of MODS**. “To be recognized by our peers with an IMLS nomination is a privilege and a magnificent tribute to our dedicated leadership, outstanding staff, devoted volunteers, generous supporters and visionary founders.”

The National Medal is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries that demonstrate significant impact in their communities. For more than 25 years, the award has honored institutions that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities.

“So many museums, so many libraries have done such good work over the last two very difficult years. We are proud to present the 30 finalists for the IMLS National Medal,” said **IMLS Director Crosby Kemper**. “Their work is emblematic of the response of the library and museum worlds to simultaneously fulfilling their mission and serving their communities.”

To celebrate this honor, IMLS is encouraging MODS’ community members to share stories, memories, pictures and videos on social media using the #ShareYourStory and #IMLSmedals hashtags, and engage with IMLS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For more information, please visit the [IMLS website](#).

National Medal winners will be announced in early June. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions during a virtual National Medal Ceremony this summer.

To see the full list of finalists and learn more about the National Medal, visit the [IMLS website](#).

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**ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE (MODS):**

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. MODS connects people to inspiring science. The Museum encompasses more than 150,000 square feet of interactive exhibits. This includes all of our permanent and traveling exhibits, as well as our outdoor Science Park. Families can enjoy super science shows and demonstrations, wild Creature Feature animal encounters, private experiences, mind-blowing Makerspace labs, cool camps, unforgettable birthday parties, engaging field trips and STEM curricula, professional development workshops for educators, distinguished speakers, and more. In addition to daily hours, MODS' STEMobile delivers STEM education on location across South Florida! A STEMobile experience ranges from one-hour to full-day with programming for pre-kindergarten through adult and is available for schools, community centers, corporate team building and special events! All programs can be customized for time, group size and age group. Book a STEMobile visit today. Free programs and scholarships are available!

The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit [mods.org](http://mods.org) or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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