

EVENT REPORT

Screening of the movie, "Hidden Figures."

By the Department of Mathematics

On the Occasion of Pi day

Asymptote-The Department of Mathematics at Mata Sundri College for Women orchestrated a memorable celebration on Pi Day, marked by a screening of the poignant movie "Hidden Figures." This event, held in the esteemed Mata Gujri Hall on March 14th, commenced with an atmosphere of eager anticipation, drawing students and faculty together to honor the mathematical constant π and pay homage to the extraordinary achievements of African-American female mathematicians at NASA.

The event commenced with a welcome speech by Dr. Preeti emphasizing the significance of Pi Day and the importance of mathematics in our daily lives. Setting the stage for an evening filled with inspiration and insight. Around 60 students attended the screening. As the lights dimmed and the movie commenced, the audience was immediately captivated by the compelling narrative that unfolded on screen. "Hidden Figures" masterfully depicted the lives of three remarkable black women working at NASA during the tumultuous era of 1961, showcasing their brilliance in mathematics amidst the pervasive racism and discrimination of the time.

Throughout the screening, the audience remained fully immersed, their attention steadfast as they followed the characters' journey of resilience and determination. Each scene, from the intricate mathematical calculations to the moments of triumph in the face of adversity, resonated deeply with the audience, evoking a range of emotions from awe to empathy. One of the most poignant moments of the movie occurred when Katherine Goble, portrayed with unparalleled talent by Taraji P. Henson, confronted the harsh reality of segregation within NASA, symbolized by the colored restroom signs. The palpable tension in the room mirrored the emotional intensity of the scene, as gasps of disbelief and indignation reverberated throughout the hall. After a competitive round of quizzing, three participants emerged as winners, showcasing their aptitude and knowledge. The prize winners were: Prerna (2nd Year), Ritika (1st Year), Nikita (2nd Year). As the event drew to a close, the Department of Mathematics extended heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Harpreet Kaur, the Principal of Mata Sundri College for Women, for her unwavering support in making the event possible. Principal Madam's vision and leadership played a pivotal role in bringing the screening of "Hidden Figures" to fruition, providing students with a transformative experience that underscored the importance of diversity, inclusion, and perseverance in STEM fields and beyond. In conclusion, the screening of "Hidden Figures" was a resounding success, serving as a powerful reminder of the invaluable contributions of African-American women in STEM and inspiring a new generation to break barriers and pursue excellence.

