An Exciting Session at the Math Conference! One of many!

# **MONOPOLY**<sup>®</sup> is Coming to the

Orange County T<sup>3</sup> Mathematics Conference Saturday, March 28, 2009

Tim Vandenberg presents: MONOPOLY-zing Your Math Instruction with Matt McNally-Reigning US Monopoly Champion, Phil Orbanes-President of Winning Moves, former VP of Research & Development for Parker Brothers, Filming by Kevin Tostado-Producing & Directing Under the Boardwalk for Tostie Productions



### **Tim Vandenberg**

Tim Vandenberg has taught grades 5-12 for the past 14 years in both public and private schools. He is currently the 6th Grade Lead Teacher at Carmel Elementary in Hesperia, CA. He earned his Master of Arts in Teaching from Chapman University ('03) and B.A. from UCLA ('96), and he loves any and all sorts of games (especially MONOPOLY®). His 6th grade students, under tournament conditions, have defeated both a former MONOPOLY® World Champion and a reigning MONOPOLY® U.S. Champion, attesting to the effectiveness of his strategies in teaching math through games. MONOPOLY® allows him to provide social, manipulative, and contextually motivated learning of key math concepts such as experimental and theoretical probability, expected value, independent and dependent events, fractions, decimals, percents, estimation, permutations, and more. In addition, his students learn about positive social skills and sportsmanship, collective bargaining, and how to just have a great time playing, win or lose.

## **Phil Orbanes**

Phil serves as President of the specialty games company Winning Moves. Phil is a former Senior Vice President of Research and Development for Parker Brothers and is widely regarded as the leading expert on the game of MONOPOLY®. Phil has published two books about the all-time best selling board game: The Monopoly Companion & Monopoly: The World's Most Famous Game and How it Got that Way, as well as a book about the history of Parker Brothers titled The Game Makers. Phil also serves as a historical consultant for Hasbro Games, current owners of Parker Brothers, and as chief judge at the United States, Canada, and World MONOPOLY® Championships.

## **Matt McNally**

Matt McNally is the reigning US Monopoly Champion since earning the title in October of 2003 at the age of 24. He started playing MONOPOLY® as a young child and later mastered the game by studying mathematical probabilities, techniques of argumentation and persuasion, non-verbal communication, and playing countless games of MONOPOLY® which prepared him for the national event. He has participated in hundreds of interviews on the topic, spanning across the US and as far as New Zealand, Israel, Japan and the UK for radio, television, and print. He has appeared on local television stations in addition to CNN and ESPN. Matt works within his community by donating portions of his national winnings to charities in an effort to get the game into the hands of children who otherwise wouldn't be exposed to it. He also donates his time as a motivational speaker at youth assemblies in local schools. Matt is an Eagle Scout and holds a Masters of Fine Arts degree in Theatrical Stage Management from the University of California, Irvine. He now works in Las Vegas as a Stage Manager for a prominent theatrical production and as a substitute teacher for the Clark County School District of Nevada. Matt will return to the national MONOPOLY® event in April 2009 to defend his title.

## **Kevin Tostado**

Kevin is the founder of Tostie Productions, a high definition film and video production company based in San Diego, California. Kevin is currently producing and directing Under the Boardwalk, a documentary about the game of MONOPOLY® and the people who play it. This film will feature interviews and profiles of some of the top competitors from around the world, insight from published Monopoly expert Phil Orbanes, MONOPOLY® fanatics and collectors worldwide, and explore how MONOPOLY® has become a worldwide phenomenon over the last 75 years. Kevin will be filming Mr. Vandenberg's presentation for inclusion in the documentary, which should be in theaters in 2010. For more information on the documentary and to watch a trailer, please visit http://www.MonopolyDocumentary.com