

Statement on the Passing of Professor James Simons

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Dear friends,

I am deeply saddened to inform you that Professor James Simons, the mathematician and philanthropist, has passed away.

He lived to 86 and accomplished a great many things, especially with his hedge fund, Renaissance Technologies, the Centers for Geometry and Physics he established around the world, and through his philanthropy.

He was a friend of our Center. He spoke at our Gala at Leonard's as the Chief Guest in 2015. Our Center was one of the beneficiaries of his giving— Stony Brook University selected our Center as one of the candidates to compete for the challenge grant he made: our \$5 million endowment was made possible by \$2.5 million from this challenge grant matching the \$2.5 that we raised from the Indian American community.

As a grateful community, we remember him with admiration and appreciation. We convey our condolences to his wife Marilyn and the Simons family.

S.N. Sridhar
Director