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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Ashwaubenon Schools Advance Record Seven Teams To Global Destination Imagination Competition**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – April 18, 2012** - Ashwaubenon schools qualified seven Destination ImagiNation (DI) teams to compete at the Global Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee on May 24-26. Fifteen Ashwaubenon teams competed at DI's State Tournament in Stevens Point on April 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the seven teams advancing to Globals, two Ashwaubenon teams earned special recognition awards. Seven teams marks the most Ashwaubenon has ever advanced to Globals.

Teams placing first, second or third in the State Tournament advance to Globals where they will compete against teams from across the U.S. and more than forty countries worldwide. Prior to the State Tournament, Ashwaubenon entered thirty teams in the Green Bay Area Regional tournament which took place in March at Ashwaubenon High School.

Destination Imagination is the world's largest competitive, creative problem solving co-curricular. It helps build students' skills in creative problem solving, teamwork, leadership, critical thinking, research and inquiry, innovation, technical design, construction, presentation and playwriting. Each season and competition consists of Team Challenge, which is worked on over several months, and an Instant Challenge, which is an impromptu problem assigned and worked on at the tournaments.

The seven Ashwaubenon teams advancing to Globals are:

In the "Structural: Hold It!" Building Challenge – ***Ashwaubenon High School "Inferno" – 1<sup>st</sup> Place*** - Tom Jauquet, Hannah Wikum, Brian Lauscher, Connor Knoll, Phoebe Dantoin, Laura Wierschke Ethan Larsen - managed by Mrs. Jennie Frelich.

In the "Assembly Required" Technical Challenge – ***Ashwaubenon High School "DI Joes" – 1<sup>st</sup> Place*** - Zach Egan, Cole Roberg, Cody Mier, Bradley Koch, Nicole Servais, Megan Belongia, Crystal Morinelli – managed by Ms. Francine Roberg.

In the "Coming Attractions!" Performance and Play writing Challenge - ***Ashwaubenon High School "The Pink Panthers" – 1<sup>st</sup> Place*** - Olivia Crum, Morgan Tomasko, Lauren Bodager, Elise Ziesmer, Erin O'Connor, Ethan Larsen – managed by Mr. Paul Crum & Ms. Patty Tomasko.

In the "News To Me!" Improvisational Performance Challenge - ***Ashwaubenon High School "The Tempest" – 1<sup>st</sup> Place*** - Anna Witt, Cristina Phinney, Bailey Jaworski, Everette Berchmans, Emanuel Corpus, Thomas Phinney, Ric Zoellner – managed by Ms. Lissa Marth.

In the “Hold It!” Structural Challenge - *Ashwaubenon High School “Undefined”* – **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Andrew Luebke, Alex Hansen, Ryan LaPlant, Jeffrey Larson, Maria LaPlant, Miranda Adamczak, Ashley Trondson – managed by Mr. Bob Luebke.

In the “Solar Stage” Science Challenge – *Ashwaubenon High School “The Dinkums”* – **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Catherine Enderby, Anna Zoellner, Mackenzie Vanlanen, Alicia McCole, Lauren Lucius, and John Deckert - managed by Ms. Mary Deckert.

In the “Solar Stage” Science Challenge – *Valley View Elementary School* – **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Brennah Staidl, Sean Jordan, Amanda Pearson, Reece Maccaux, Caden Wery, Hailey Dahlmann – managed by Ms. Kathy Maccaux and Mr. David Pearson.

The two Ashwaubenon teams earning special recognition awards were:

**Davinci Award** for Outstanding Creativity, Technical Design, and Performance in the Central Challenge – **AHS Pink Panthers**: Olivia Crum, Elise Ziesmer, Lauren Bodager, Erin O’Connor, and Morgan Tomasko.

**Torch Award** for addressing a much needed and sensitive cause in suicide prevention in the “Project Outreach” Community Service Challenge – **AHS Team Hope**: Quentin Kuehl, Samantha LeSage, Brody Vander Perren, Phoenix Vanlannen, Micah Brault, and Bryce VanVreede.

Other Ashwaubenon teams competing at the State Tournament were:

“Assembly Required” Challenge: Engineering, Innovation & Design Process, Technical Design & Construction, Experimentation, Mathematics, Communication, Theater Arts, and Teamwork.

*Valley View Elementary Team “The Grade A Builders”*: Madeline Miner, Brynn Schintgen, Gracie Meyer, Hannah Swan, Sarah Swan, Madeline Martin, Joseph Bachmeier – managed by Mr. Justin Miner.

*Valley View Elementary Team “High Energy”*: Maddy Lisse, Savannah Ruhnke, Shawn Wescott Jr., Nate LeMere, Sam Stanko, Aiden, Knaus, Tyler Brodhagen – managed by Ms. Gail Lisse.

“The Solar Stage” Challenge: Solar Energy Science Research, Lighting Research and Design, Technical Design and Construction, Theater Arts, Teamwork.

*Pioneer Elementary “The Pioneers”*: Makenna Frisque, Miles Lasee, Naveen Balu, Justin Leuck, Alex Lukens - managed by Ms. Jamie Lasee and Ms. Krissy Lukens.

“News to Me!” Challenge: Improvisational Acting, Story Development, Theater Arts, Team Work, Human Scenery Creation, News Research, Creative Cause and Effect Relationships.

*Valley View Elementary “7 Angry Bananas”*: Jamira Olson, Payton Ducat, Victoria Schamber, Paige Barry, Amirah Collins, Sophia Perkovich – managed by Mrs. Diane Meinel.

*Valley View Elementary “Ice Cream Sundaes”*: Enola Vue, June Srubas, Autumn Campbell, Lucky Vue, Ariana Wynn, Noah Coppens, Jacob Kullis – managed by Ms. Nancy Dahlin.

“Structural: Hold It!” Challenge: Structural Engineering, Materials Science, Research, Innovation and Design Process, Mathematics, Theater Arts, Teamwork.

*Valley View Elementary “Super Seven”*: Sarah Gregory, Tyler Davidson, Seth Muscavitch, Breanna Adamczak, Michaela Blume, Joe Carlson, Alana Adamczak – managed by Mrs. Bonnie Luebke and Mrs. Denise Adamczak.

*Parkview Middle School Team*: William Baeten, Laney LeMere, Conner Hakenjos, Nolan Reese, Madissen Keys, Benjamin DeLaurelle – managed by Ms. Tracy Hakenjos.

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