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ASHWAUBENON QUALIFIES FOUR TEAMS FOR DI GLOBAL COMPETITION

Ashwaubenon, WI – April 21, 2010 – The Ashwaubenon School District qualified four Destination ImagiNation (DI) teams to compete at the Global tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee. This marks the second year in a row the school district has qualified this record number of teams for the international competition, which takes place May 26th-29th.

Teams placing first or second in the State tournament, held on April 17th at UW - Stevens Point, advance to Globals. Ashwaubenon sent eighteen teams to the State tournament. Prior to that, Ashwaubenon entered twenty-four teams in the Green Bay Area Regional tournament which took place on March 20th at Ashwaubenon High School.

The Ashwaubenon teams advancing to Globals, where they will compete against teams from across the nation and forty-five other countries, are:

“The Pink Panthers” of Ashwaubenon High School finished as State Champions in the “You’re Gonna Flip!” category. The team is comprised of Olivia Crum, Morgan Tomasko, Lauren Bodager, Elise Ziesmer, Erin O’Connor and, is managed by Mr. Paul Crum & Mrs. Patty Tomasko.

“Organized Chaos” of Ashwaubenon High School finished as State Champions in the “Do or DI!” category. Team members are Jason Kraus, Alex Phinney, Alyssa Helgren, Erika Pliner, Jessilyn Marth, Becky Del Rosso, Mariah Smith and, they are managed by Mrs. Lissa Marth.

“BanDIts” of Ashwaubenon High School earned Outstanding Designation in the new “Project Outreach” Community Service category. The “BanDIts” are Austin Depner, Hayley Bertrand, Claire Clabots, Quentin Kuehl, Garrett Carlson, and Sami LeSage and, are managed by Mrs. Faye Kuehl.

“Diva Girls” of Parkview Middle School placed as State Runners Up in the “Do or DI!” category. This team consists of Katherine Enderby, Anna Zoellner, Mackenzie Vanlanen, Nicole Servais, Lauren Lucius, and Alicia McCole and, is managed by Mrs. Janet Servais.

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.

Fundraising efforts to send the four teams to Tennessee are underway. If interested, or for more information, please contact Lissa Marth, Ashwaubenon's Middle and High School Destination Imagination Advisor, at 920-366-7242 or lissa.marth@gmail.com.

Other Ashwaubenon teams competing at the State tournament were (listed by category):

Direct Deposit Category

"Ducks" of Valley View Elementary: Zach Huguet, Remy Rickert, Connor Trempe, Maggie Sengstock, Kyra Schamber, Kenneth Lee, Michaela Blume. Managed by Mr. Brad Sengstock and Mrs. Pam Sengstock.

DI-Bot Category

"Robotics" of Valley View Elementary: Andrew Martinosyn, Olivia Nelson, Madissen Keys, Brett Powers, Vincent Vandeleest, Amber Carriveau, Joe Carlson. Managed by Mrs. Jennifer Nelson.

"Miss Robotos" of Parkview Middle School: Andrea Kraus, Megan Belongia, Abby Lukkens, Heather Heyrman, Sierra Berg, Renee Pajkos, and Macie Monihan. Managed by Ms. Jamie Leist and Mrs. Nanette Belongia.

Ashwaubenon High School Team: Samantha Kraus, Courtney Carlson, Laura Wierschke, Alicia Mier, Brian Lauscher, Tyler Holstead. Managed by Mrs. Kim Carlson

You're Gonna Flip Category

"Academy 6" of Pioneer Elementary: Tori Gantz, Alexa Blasczyk, Emily Allen, Madeline Leisgang, Ella Meinhardt, and Ashton Herbst. Managed by Mrs. Pamela Gantz and Mrs. Susie Blasczyk.

"Book Battlers" of Valley View Elementary: Alayna Powers, Summer Vu, Trent Williams, Breanna Adamczak, Cassandra Kinzhuma, Daniel Peterson, Sarah Gregory. Managed by Mrs. Denise Williams and Mrs. Denise Adamczak.

"Dynamic DooDads" of Parkview Middle School: Cassidy Lindow, Zoe Zeitler, Brad Tschoeke, Tiffany Haines, Tatiana Micoley, and Adrianna Ronsman. Managed by Mrs. Jessica Zeitler.

Do or DI Category

"Super 7" of Valley View Elementary: Nicolas Christensen, McKenzie Maccaux, Kaitlyn Martin, Tyler Moore, Skye Vandeleest, Carlos Ayala, Devin Stichmann. Managed by Mr. Mark Moore.

Breaking DI News Category

“Medalists” of Valley View Elementary: Ben DeLaurelle, Michaela Hansen, Camden Wheeler, Ben Wendorf, Mackenzie Meyer, Connor Hackenjoes, Emily DeLaurelle. Managed by Mr. Wally Hecker and Mrs. Leanne Snell.

“Skittles” of Valley View Elementary: Jonathan Lee, Shelby Michaels, Matthew Hawkins, Devin Tyler, Namratha Mohan, Sela Kreiling, Mabel Kirst. Managed by Mr. Bob Luebke and Mrs. Bonnie Luebke.

“Unidentified Flying Teens” of Parkview Middle School: Andrew Luebke, Maria LaPlant, Ashley Trondson, Miranda Adamczak, Jeff Larson, Allie Potts, Alex Hansen. Managed by Mr. Bob Luebke and Mrs. Bonnie Luebke.

“DInamic Dynasty” of Ashwaubenon High School: Amber Smits, Katie Stankevitz, Aaron Thomas, Jacob Belongia, Olivia Charlier. Managed by Mr. Bob Luebke.

Project Outreach Community Service Category

“Impact” of Parkview Middle School, who was awarded The DaVinci Award for outstanding creativity: Allie Carlson, Claire Allard, Abby Rottier, Brad Koch, Daniel Eland, Emily Sengstock, and Brian Bottei.

“The Breakfast Club of Parkview Middle School: Emily Vanlaanen, Dylan Diaz, Beth Koch, Nate Amundsen, Brandon Noll, Ashley Hern, and Cody Mier.

Pictures attached:

ASD-DI-State-Chaos.jpg showing Ashwaubenon High School “Organized Chaos” team.

ASD-DI-State-Diva.jpg showing Parkview Middle School “Diva Girls” team.

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