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Four Ashwaubenon Teams Advance to Global Destination Imagination Tournament

Ashwaubenon, WI – April 17, 2013 – For the 2012-13 season, Ashwaubenon Schools had 31 teams participate in the Destination Imagination (DI) program. 24 of those teams were in competitive categories with 16 of them advancing to the State tournament held on April 13th at UW-Stevens Point. Of the 16 Ashwaubenon teams at State, 4 are advancing to the Global Tournament which takes place in Knoxville, Tennessee from May 22nd through 25th.

At the State tournament, the top teams from 10 regions across the state showcased their DI challenge solutions in elementary, middle, & secondary levels. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams earned the right to advance to Globals. In addition to overall place awards, 2 Ashwaubenon High School teams were recipients of the 1st place Instant Challenge award.

Ashwaubenon teams advancing to the Global Tournament are:

In the "Wind Visible" science challenge, ***Ashwaubenon High School Team "The ParoDI" (1st place state champions & 1st place Instant Challenge)***: Katherine Enderby, Anna Zoellner, Cole Roberg, Anna Witt, Alicia McCole, Lauren Lucius, and John Deckert - managed by Ms. Mary Deckert & Mr. Paul Crum.

In the "Twist-o-Rama" construction challenge, ***Parkview Middle School Team (2nd place overall)***: Caden Wery, Laney LeMere, Conner Hakenjos, Nolan Reese, Emily DeLaurelle, Tyler Brodhagen, Benjamin DeLaurelle – managed by Ms. Tracy Hakenjos.

In the "In Disguise" fine arts challenge, ***Ashwaubenon High School "Sun Bears" (3rd place overall)***: Emanuel Corpus, Dat Le, Alvaro Brusi, Claire Allard, Ali Carlson, Natalie Kruse, and Erika Ebert – managed by Ms. Karen Allard and Mr. Scott Phinney.

In the "Reel to Reel" project outreach challenge, ***Ashwaubenon High School "Team Hope" (3rd place overall)***: Quentin Kuehl, Christopher Kuehl, Micah Brualt, Rachel Campbell, and Samantha LeSage - managed by Ms. Faye Kuehl.

Destination Imagination (DI) is the world's largest co-curricular creative problem solving competitive program that builds student participants' skills related to: creative problem solving, teamwork, leadership, critical thinking, research and inquiry, innovation, science, technical design and construction, playwriting, and oral presentation skills.

In each season and competition, teams need to solve two different kinds of challenges. The "Team Challenge" is one of six competitive problems that the teams work on over several months incorporating research, technical design, and character/script/presentation development. The "Instant Challenge" is a challenge teams are asked to solve in a very short period of time at their tournament. Teams present their solutions to both challenges for score. Teams qualify to earn "place" awards and/or special recognition awards.

The results, by Challenge, for all Ashwaubenon teams that competed in the State Tournament are listed below.

"In the Zone" Challenge: Engineering, Innovation & Design Process, Technical Design & Construction, Experimentation, Mathematics, Communication, Theater Arts, and Teamwork.

Ashwaubenon High School – "Too Hot to Hoot" (4th place overall & 1st place Instant Challenge!): Zach Egan, Dylan Diaz, Leah Witt, Bradley Koch, Nicole Servais, Megan Belongia, Crystal Morinelli – managed by Ms. Joy and Mr. Dan Egan.

Parkview Middle School "Ketch-up if you can" (11th place): Mabel Kirst, Mieka Clark, Nathaniel Tate, Russell Coble, Emmaleigh Sachs, and Elizabeth Arvey – managed by Mrs. Tracy Clark.

"Wind Visible" Challenge: Wind Energy Research, Technical Design and Construction, Theater Arts, Teamwork.

Ashwaubenon High School Team "The ParoDI" (1st place overall & 1st place Instant Challenge): Katherine Enderby, Anna Zoellner, Cole Roberg, Anna Witt, Alicia McCole, Lauren Lucius, and John Deckert - managed by Ms. Mary Deckert.

Valley View Elementary "Purple Pandas" (4th place): Alexis Betters, Sean Jordan, Nate LeMere, Reece Maccaux, Amanda Pearson, and Savannah Ruhnke – managed by Mr. David Pearson and Mrs. Kathy Maccaux.

Pioneer Elementary "DI Vincis" (5th place): Alex Lukens, William Shellman, Zachary Rahr, Aiden Jolly, Justin Leuck, Daniel Huhtala - managed by Ms. Krissy Lukens.

"In Disguise" Challenge: Nonverbal Communication, Technical Design/Construction, Fine Arts, Theater Arts, Visual Arts.

Ashwaubenon High School "Sun Bears" (3rd place): Emanuel Corpus, Dat Le, Alvaro Brusi, Claire Allard, Ali Carlson, and Erika Ebert – managed by Ms. Karen Allard and Mr. Scott Phinney.

Pioneer Elementary "DI in Discize" (5th place): Lilly Allen, Yasmyn Collins, Ally Lukens, Mason Vinoski, Olivia Shellman, Peter Steinhoff, Miles Lasee – managed by Ms. Cara Steinhoff & Ms. Janna Allen.

Parkview Middle School (6th place): Skye Vandeleest, Kaitlyn Martin, Kirsten VanDyke, McKenzie Maccaux, Lauren VanDenHeuvel, and Sylvia Griffith - managed by Ms. Kathy Maccaux & Mr. Dave Pearson.

“Change in Reali-tee!” Challenge: Improvisational Acting, Story Development, Theater Arts, Team Work, Human Scenery Creation, and Communications Research.

Valley View Elementary “Magnificent Magical Beans” (5th place): Amirah Collins, Payton Ducat, Cara Korth, Lexie Moran, Jamira Olson, Victoria Schamber, and Taylor Wesolowski – managed by Mrs. Diane Meinel.

Valley View Elementary “7 Exploding Soda Ninjas” (15th place): Autumn Campbell, Morgan Drake, Austin Kiewiz, Nadia Nackers, Brennah Staidl, Enola Vue, and Lucky Vue – managed by Ms. Nancy Dahlin.

Parkview Middle School (11th place): Tyler Moore, Nic Christensen, Nicole Lucius, Manjos Panchalavarupa, and Niraj Panchalavarupa– managed by Mr. Mark Moore.

“Twist-o-rama!” Challenge: Structural Engineering, Materials Science, Research, Innovation and Design Process, Mathematics, Theater Arts, Teamwork.

Parkview Middle School Team (2nd place): Caden Wery, Laney LeMere, Conner Hakenjos, Nolan Reese, Emily DeLaurelle, Tyler Brodhagen, Benjamin DeLaurelle – managed by Ms. Tracy Hakenjos.

Ashwaubenon High School “UnDifined” (4th place): Andrew Luebke, Maria LaPlant, Ashley Trondson, Miranda Adamczak, Jeff Larson, Alex Hansen, Ryan LaPlant – managed by Mr. Bob Luebke and Ms. Bonnie Luebke.

Valley View Elementary “Team Valley View” (8th place): Keeron Bivens-Green, Kaleb Coble, Savannah DeGroot, Caleb Foley, Sam Stanko, and Hannah Swan – managed by Mrs. Tracy Coble.

“Real to Reel” Project Outreach Challenge: community service, film research and development, press conference research, and teamwork.

Ashwaubenon High School “Team Hope” (3rd place): Quentin Kuehl, Christopher Kuehl, Micah Brualt, Rachel Campbell, and Samantha LeSage - managed by Ms. Faye Kuehl.

Valley View Elementary “The Bully Busters” (6th place): Joseph Bachmeier, Emma Fischer, Lauren Fischer, Gracie Meyer, Madeline Miner, June Srubas, and Sarah Swan – managed by Mr. Justin Miner.

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