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Ashwaubenon Destination Imagination Team Places 3rd in the World, Others in Top Two Percent

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 29, 2013 – An Ashwaubenon High School Destination Imagination (DI) team placed 3rd worldwide at last week's DI Global Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee. Three other Ashwaubenon School District teams, two from AHS and one from Parkview Middle School, also qualified for and competed at the annual tournament. They all placed in the top 2% of the world with one of the teams earning 1st place in the *Instant Challenge* portion of the competition.

Placing 3rd in the world was the AHS team named 'The ParoDI' who competed against 66 other teams in the Wind Energy category. Team members are students Katherine Enderby, Anna Zoellner, Cole Roberg, Alicia McCole, Lauren Lucius, Anna Witt, and John Deckert. The team is managed by Ms. Mary Deckert and Mr. Paul Crum.

AHS' Team Hope earned 1st place in the Instant Challenge event against 50 other teams in the Project Outreach Community Service category. That team finished 19th overall and consists of students Quentin Kuehl, Christopher Kuehl, Micah Brault, Rachel Campbell, and Samantha LeSage. Ms. Faye Kuehl is the team manager.

The Sun Bears, an AHS team competing in the Fine Arts category, placed 18th overall against 65 other teams. The team includes students Claire Allard, Erica Ebert, Alvaro Brusi, Ali Carlson, and Emanuel Corpus and is managed by Ms. Karen Allard and Mr. Scott Phinney.

Parkview Middle School's ICE team placed 25th against 73 other teams in the Construction Challenge category. ICE team member are Caden Wery, Laney LeMere, Conner Hakenjos, Nolan Reese, Emily DeLaurelle, Tyler Brodhagen, and Benjamin DeLaurelle. Ms. Tracy Hakenjos is their manager.

The closing ceremonies housed over 20,000 spectators in the Thompson-Boling Arena. In addition to all the participants, family supporters and team fans were able to attend. As per common Ashwaubenon practice, several family supporters were in tow to cheer on the teams and show their enthusiasm. Their cheers filled the arena.

The Global Tournament took place from May 21-26 on the University of Tennessee campus. Of the 125,000 students participating in the DI program this school year from the U.S.A. and 15 other countries, the top 6% of all teams earn the opportunity to compete at the Global Tournament by placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at their State tournaments. This resulted in nearly 1,300 teams competing at Globals.

Tournament scores are comprised of challenge solutions exhibited in the *Central Challenge*, which the students work on over the course of several months, and the *Instant Challenge*, which must be completed "on the spot" in under 8 minutes at the tournament. The *Central Challenge* is worth 75% of a team's overall score, and the *Instant Challenge* is worth 25%. Both scores are scaled relative to solutions presented by all the other teams competing

in the same challenge at the same age level.

Destination Imagination is the world's largest competitive, creative problem solving co-curricular program. 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.

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Photo Attached: ASD-HSPV-DIglobals-ParoDI trophy.jpg

Caption: Ashwaubenon High School's Destination Imagination Team 'ParoDI' who placed 3rd in the world at the Global Competition. Left-to-right, Front row - Katherine Enderby, Anna Witt, Alicia McCole. Back row - Lauren Lucius, John Deckert, Anna Zoellner, Cole Roberg.

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