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### **ASHWAUBENON TEAM TAKES 1ST PLACE WORLDWIDE AT DI GLOBAL TOURNAMENT**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – May 27, 2015** – The Ashwaubenon School District advanced seven teams that qualified for and competed in the annual Destination Imagination (DI) Global Tournament. Out of the 1,500 teams and 125,000 students from the U.S. and 15 other countries, Ashwaubenon High School’s “UnDifined” team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their “Lose to Win” Construction category. This is the first time in more than 20 years that a local team has earned 1<sup>st</sup> place at DI Globals. All seven Ashwaubenon teams finished in the top half of their category, which equates to finishing in the top 3% worldwide.

The worldwide competition took place in Knoxville, TN from May 19-23. The top 6% of teams earned the opportunity to compete at this international tournament by placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at their Affiliate or State tournament. The closing ceremonies housed over 20,000 spectators in the Thompson-Boling Arena on the University of Tennessee Knoxville campus when the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy was presented to the AHS’ “UnDifined” team.

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, science application, oral presentation and playwriting.

Global Results by team:

**1st place overall (out of 62) in the "Lose to Win!" Construction Challenge - Ashwaubenon High School Team "UnDifined:"** Andrew Luebke, Alex Hansen, Jeffrey Larson, Maria LaPlant, Connor Blazek, Miranda Adamczak, and Ashley Trondson - managed by Mr. Bob Luebke.

**5th place overall and 3rd place in Instant Challenge (out of 81) in the “Lose to Win” Construction Challenge - Parkview Middle School "Masta:"** Joe Carlson, Breanna Adamczak, Alana Adamczak, Tai Crowell, Tyler Davidson, Michaela Blume, and Alex Hager - managed by Mr. Kevin Adamczak and Ms. Bonnie Luebke.

**9th place overall and 3rd place in Central Challenge (out of 79) in the "Feary Tales" Fine Arts Challenge - Ashwaubenon High School Team "Element:"** Claire Allard, Ali Carlson, Renee Pajkos, Nicole Lucius, Leah Witt, and Megan Belongia – managed by Ms. Karen Allard and Mr. Tony Allard.

**25th place overall (out of 72) in the "Making Waves" Scientific Challenge, Ashwaubenon High School "The Mysterious Force:"** Matthew Hawkins, Teddy Lisse, Miguel Eygendaal, Quinten Helsted, Simran Armstrong, and Sam Spika – managed by Mr. Bob Hawkins.

**26th place overall (out of 60) in the "Brand Aid" Service Learning Challenge, Ashwaubenon High School "Team Hope :"** Alexis Demith Wallace, Beth Koch, Benjamin Wright, Elizabeth Mathys, Erin Burleigh, Lauren Heimerman, and Taylor Crowell – managed by Ms. Faye Kuehl.

**32th place overall (out of 86) in the "Making Waves" Scientific Challenge, Valley View Elementary "Virtually Awesome DI-CE“:** Angelina Remondini, Nadia Schiegg, Kyra Metoxen, Kennedy VanDenElzen, Kamryn Olson, and Kimberly Munoz – managed by Ms. Diane Meinel.

**40th place overall (out of 77) in the "Brand Aid" Service Learning Challenge, Parkview Middle School "Mocha Chicas :"** Madina Boucher, Sadie Schmitt, Sydney Popp, Victoria Schamber, and Marissa VanEyck – managed by Ms. Gwen Boucher.

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