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Ashwaubenon Destination Imagination Teams – Global Achievers

Ashwaubenon, WI – June 3, 2014 – A stellar six Ashwaubenon School District Destination Imagination (DI) teams qualified for and competed at the annual Destination Imagination (DI) Global Tournament, which took place in Knoxville, TN from May 20-25. Over 125,000 students participated in the DI program this school year from the U.S. and 15 other countries, and the top 6% of all teams worldwide earned the opportunity to compete at the Global Tournament by placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at their State tournaments. Nearly 1,500 teams competed at Globals this year. One Ashwaubenon team received a spectacular 2nd place overall trophy and 1st place special achievement medals at the closing ceremony, and all six teams finished in the top half of their field of competition, which is in the top 3% of all teams worldwide!

The closing ceremonies housed over 20,000 spectators in the Thompson-Boling Arena on the University of Tennessee Knoxville campus. In addition to assigned seating for all teams, the third tier of the arena was available to family supporters and team fans. As per common Ashwaubenon practice, several family supporters were in tow to cheer on the teams and show their enthusiasm from the nosebleed section.

The tournament scores 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.

Global Results and Key Achievements by team:

2nd place overall finish and 1st place in *Instant Challenge* - trophy & medals (out of 75) in the "Going to Extremes" Science Challenge - AHS "The ParoDI:" Katherine Enderby, Anna Zoellner, Cole Roberg, Lauren Lucius, & John Deckert - managed by Ms. Mary Deckert & Mr. Paul Crum

10th place overall (out of 63) in the "Dig In" Technical Challenge, AHS "Too Hot to Hoot:" Zach Egan, Dylan Diaz, Leah Witt, Bradley Koch, Nicole Servais, Megan Belongia, April Park – managed by Ms. Joy and Mr. Dan Egan

12th place overall (out of 63) in the "Tension Builds!" Construction Challenge - AHS

"UnDIined:" Andrew Luebke, Alex Hansen, Jeffrey Larson, Maria LaPlant, Connor Blazek, Miranda Adamczak, and Ashley Trondson - managed by Mr. Bob Luebke

13th place overall (out of 88) in the "Tension Builds!" Construction Challenge - Parkview
"ICE:" Caden Wery, Laney LeMere, Conner Hakenjos, Nolan Reese, Emily DeLaurelle, Tyler Brodhagen, and Benjamin DeLaurelle - managed by Ms. Tracy Hakenjos

27th place overall (out of 69) in the "Pitch 'n Play" Community Service Challenge, Valley View Elementary "Shimmering Shining Stars:" Madeline Martin, Aruiritha Sunderapandayan, Gianna Bachmeier, Eyelyn Srubas, Mia Miner, Brynn Schintgen, and Madelyn Baeten - managed by Mrs. Joy Martin

29th place overall (out of 68) in the "Laugh Art Loud" Fine Arts Challenge - AHS Team
"Element:" Claire Allard, Ali Carlson, Renee Pajkos, Nicole Lucius, Ashley Hern – managed by Ms. Karen Allard

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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