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### **Ashwaubenon Advances 6 Teams To Destination Imagination Global Tournament**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – April 22, 2014** – Of the 17 Ashwaubenon Destination Imagination (DI) teams that qualified for the State Tournament, 6 are advancing to the Global Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee. At the State Tourney, held April 13<sup>th</sup> on the UW-Stevens Point campus, all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers earn the right to compete in the Global Tournament which is held on the University of Tennessee campus from May 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. The Ashwaubenon High School team UnDIined, who were crowned state champions in their challenge category by earning 1<sup>st</sup> place, also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Instant Challenge competition.

For the 2013-2014 season, Ashwaubenon Schools had a total of 34 teams participate in the Destination Imagination (DI) program. 25 of those teams were in competitive categories. 17 of the 25 advanced to the State Tournament where the top teams from 10 regions across the state showcased their DI challenge solutions in Elementary, Middle, & Secondary levels.

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.

### **Ashwaubenon Teams Qualifying for the Global Tournament**

In the "Tension Builds" construction and engineering challenge, ***Ashwaubenon High School "UnDIined" (1<sup>st</sup> place state champions & 1st place Instant Challenge)***: Andrew Luebke, Maria LaPlant, Ashley Trondson, Miranda Adamczak, Jeff Larson, Alex Hansen, Connor Blazek – managed by Mr. Bob Luebke and Ms. Bonnie Luebke

In the "Going to Extremes" science challenge, *Ashwaubenon High School Team "The ParoDI" (2nd place overall)*: Katherine Enderby, Anna Zoellner, Cole Roberg, Lauren Lucius, and John Deckert - managed by Ms. Mary Deckert & Mr. Paul Crum

In the "Laugh Art Loud" fine arts challenge, *Ashwaubenon High School "Team Element" (3rd place overall)*: Claire Allard, Ali Carlson, Renee Pajkos, Nicole Lucius, Ashley Hern – managed by Ms. Karen Allard

In the "Dig In" technical challenge, *Ashwaubenon High School "Too Hot to Hoot" (3rd place overall)*: Zach Egan, Dylan Diaz, Leah Witt, Bradley Koch, Nicole Servais, Megan Belongia, April Park – managed by Ms. Joy and Mr. Dan Egan

In the "Tension Builds" construction challenge, *Parkview Middle School Team Ice (3rd place overall)*: Caden Wery, Laney LeMere, Conner Hakenjos, Nolan Reese, Emily DeLaurelle, Tyler Brodhagen, Benjamin DeLaurelle – managed by Ms. Tracy Hakenjos

In the "Pitch 'n Play" community service challenge, *Valley View Elementary "Shimmering Shining Stars" (3rd place overall)*: Madeline Martin, Aruiritha Sunderapandayan, Gianna Bachmeier, Eyelyn Srubas, Mia Miner, Brynn Schintgen, and Madelyn Baeten - managed by Mrs. Joy Martin

#### **All Other Ashwaubenon Team Results**

**"Dig In" Challenge**: Engineering, Innovation & Design Process, Technical Design & Construction, Experimentation, Mathematics, Communication, Theater Arts, and Teamwork

*Pioneer Elementary "DIterminators" (12th place)*: Caleb Reed, Jackson Hodek, Jennifer Thetreau, Kevin Johnson, Alex Slusarek, Sophia Albers, Kennedy Warren, Maddie Eliason - managed by: Mrs. Jennifer Thetreau

*Parkview Middle School "We are Allergic to our Coach" (8th place)*: June Ellen Srubas, Joseph Bachmeier, Sam Marto, Madeline Miner, Lauren Fischer, and Emma Fischer - managed by Mr. Justin Minor

**"Going to Extremes" Challenge**: Environmental Research, Technical Design and Construction, Theater Arts, Teamwork

*Valley View Elementary "Ice Queens" (13th place)*: Marissa Diaz, Makayla Mandich, Angeline Remondini, Elissa Baenen, Brynn Wery, Lauryn Wery, and Hailey Hines - managed by Mrs. Brandi Wery

*Parkview Middle School "Mysterious Force 3.0" (5th place)*: Matthew Hawkins, Sam Spika, Miguel Eygendaal, Mabel Kirst, Teddy Lisse, Simran Armstrong– managed by Mr. Bob Hawkins

**"Laugh Art Loud" Challenge**: Comic Strip Research and Design, Technical Design/Construction, Fine Arts, Theater Arts, Visual Arts

*Pioneer Elementary "Dreaming Jellybeans" (5th place)*: – Olivia Shellman, Mason Vinoski, Miles Lasee, Peter Steinhoff, Ally Lukens, Lilly Allen, Yasmyn Collins - managed by: Mrs. Cara Steinhoff & Mrs. Janna Allen

***Parkview Middle School (7th place)***: Mieka Clark, Madalein Lasee, Evelyn Guerts, Gracie Meyer, and Mackenzi Meyer– managed by Mr. Steven Haluska

**“Pandemonium!” Challenge**: Improvisational Acting, Story Development, Theater Arts, Team Work, Human Scenery Creation, and Communication Research

***Valley View Elementary “Chimichanga Geeks” (12th place)***: Jamira Olson, Victoria Schamber, Hannah Bagneski, Cara Korth, Kenleigh Krause, Payton Ducat, and Lexie Moran – managed by Mrs. Diane Meinel

**“The Tension Builds!” Challenge**: Structural Engineering, Materials Science, Research, Innovation and Design Process, Mathematics, Theater Arts, Teamwork.

***Valley View Elementary “The 7 Blazing Builders” (8th place)***: Janet Parise, Makenna Van Eyck, Austin VanDuyse, Mia Voss, Savannah DeGroot, Austin Kiewiz, Andre Boucher - managed by Mr. Eric Voss and Mr. Jamie Boucher

***Parkview Middle School “Barely Legal” (9th place)***: Joe Carlson, Breanna Adamczak, Alana Adamczak, Sarah Gregory, Tyler Davidson, Miachaela Blume, and Alex Hager - managed by Ms. Denise Adamczak and Ms. Bonnie Luebke

**“Pitch ‘n Play” Project Outreach Challenge**: Community service, advertising research and development, communication research, and teamwork

***Valley View Elementary “The British Sombreros” (8th place)***: Teyah Johnson, Melanie Mauer, Carmen VandenElzen, Ryla House, Madina Boucher, Marissa VanEyck, and Sydney Popp - managed by Mrs. Gwen Boucher

***Ashwaubenon High School “Team Hope” (5th place)***: Ben Wright and Erin Burleigh - managed by Ms. Faye Kuehl

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Advancing Team pictures attached:

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