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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ASHWAUBENON ADVANCES TEAM TO DESTINATION IMAGINATION GLOBALS**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – April 25, 2016** – An Ashwaubenon Destination Imagination (DI) team has earned the right to advance to the Global Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee. At the State Tourney, held April 16<sup>th</sup> on the UW-Stevens Point campus, Ashwaubenon School had 16 teams compete. All first, second and third place finishers at State qualify for the Global Tournament which is held on the University of Tennessee campus from May 24 – 28.

The Ashwaubenon team that's moving on to compete at Globals is ***Parkview Middle School's "The Jelly Beans"***. The team consists of Mason Vinoski, Miles Lasee, Peter Steinhoff, Ally Lukens, Lilly Allen, Yasmyn Collins, and is managed Mrs. Cara Steinhoff and Mrs. Janna Alle. They took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Get A Clue Challenge: featuring artistic media and theater arts, technical design/construction, fine arts, theater arts and visual arts.

For the 2015-2016 season, Ashwaubenon Schools had a total of 36 teams participate in the Destination Imagination program. 25 of those teams were in competitive categories. 16 of the 28 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.

Other Ashwaubenon teams who competed at State were:

***Ashwaubenon High School "Mysterious Force 4.0"*** (4th place): Matthew Hawkins, Sam Spika, Miguel Eygendaal, Simran Armstrong, Teddy Lisse, Quinton Castro– managed by Mr. Bob Hawkins.

**Valley View Elementary “Million Dollar Glitter Team”** (4th place): Haily Atkinson, Carter Bona, Madeline Johnson, Lei Tzu Ly Tong-Pao, Jose Parma, Arya Shankar, Kelly Vyskocil – managed by Mrs. Shana Atkinson.

**Parkview Middle School “Scientists of the New Age”** (18th place): Kadence Silva, Mia Crowell, Lindsey Moore, Sophia Belongea, Aryelle Moder, Elissa Baenen - managed by: Mrs. Lynn Crowell.

**Ashwaubenon High School “DIcaf”** (6th place): Nicole Lucius, Renee Pajkos, Janmesh Patel, Lauren Ponush, Maya Wells, Leah Witt – managed by Mr. Bob Luebke.

**Valley View Elementary “Improving Dream Team”** (6th place): Isabelle Garrigan, Braylie Hoppman, Emily Laedtke, Nadia Schiegg, Madison Seder, Adeline Thomas, Lexi Volk – managed by Mrs. Diane Meinel.

**Valley View Elementary “Emojis”** (15th place):– Aidan Arendt, Yasmin Coleman, Waylon Denny, Jacob Geurts, Chase Manos, Paige Meyer - managed by Ms. Nancy Dahlin.

**Pioneer Elementary “Structural Architects”** (5th place): – Brett Treichel, Alex Smits, Daniel Slusarek, Eason Hurd, Casey Palubiak, Birke Swanson, Andrew Hodek - managed by Mrs. Jennifer Thetreau.

**Valley View Elementary “DI Lightning”** (9th place): Troy Dietzler, Mariana Mandich, Ella Parise, Avery Pagel, Bennett Pagel, Preston Pagel, Brecken Staidl – managed by Ms. Michelle Haapala.

**Parkview Middle School Team “KOW: Kings of Wood”** (11th place): Andrey Boucher, Spencer Schintgen, Lakshman Mallela, Eli Hermann, Charles Ambrosius, Zachary Prevett– managed by Mr. Jamie Boucher.

**Ashwaubenon High School “Masta”** (6th place): Alana Adamczak, Breanna Adamczak, Michaela Blume, Joe Carlson, Tai Crowell, Tyler Davidson, Jaxon Gauthier – managed by Mr. Kevin Adamczak and Mr. Bob Luebke.

**Valley View Elementary “7 Dinomite Gals”** (10th place): Marissa Diaz, Lily Gregg, Teyah Johnson, Madeliene Mandich, Melanie Maurer, Janet Parise, McKenna Todt – managed by Ms. Beth Parise.

**Parkview Middle School Team “Nobody”** (6th place): Brynn Schintgen, Madalyn Baeten, Madeline Martin, Lexie Moran, Kenleigh Krause, Eli Gregg – managed by Mrs. Joy Martin and Mrs. Erica Schintgen.

**Ashwaubenon High School “DI mons in da Ruff”** (4th place): Ryan Kirke, Beth Koch, Sophia Werkheiser, Benjamin Wright – managed by Mr. John Koch and Mrs. Jodi Koch.

**Ashwaubenon High School “The Wallflowers”** (7th place): Erin Burleigh, Ethan Cleary, Alexis Demmith-Wallace, Hailey Dallmann, Lauren Heimerman, Sophie Valle – managed by Mrs. Cheryl Burleigh.

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**Caption:** Parkview Middle School’s “The Jelly Beans” Destination Imagination Team advancing to the Global Competition.

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