



Odyssey of the Mind

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15 States Capture First—China Wins

First-place champions in the fourteenth annual OM World Finals hailed from 16 different US states, provinces or countries. Winners represented the following areas: Shanghai, China, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

This is the second consecutive year that a team outside North America captured first place. This year, the winning Shanghai team performed a solution to the problem, *Dinosaurs* (in Division II). Last year, the team from Budapest, Hungary, took first place in Division III, Classics...*Alice in OMerland*.

Teams Shatter World Finals Structure Records—Three Times—For The Second Consecutive Year

Last year, at the 13th Annual World Finals, ten teams shattered the existing structure record of 978 pounds, which had remained intact since 1983. Winning teams in structure—Divisions I, II, and III—held 1025, 1150 and 1145 pounds respectively in 1992.

While the specifications changed dramatically for this year's balsa wood structure, the 18-gram structures built in 1993 by the top three Division III teams broke only **after** shattering last year's records. The first three finishers in *Which End is Up?*, Division III each crushed the existing record of 1145. The first-place team, Poquoson HS, Poquoson, VA, held 1210 pounds. The second-place team, Wylie E. Groves HS, Beverly Hills, MI, held 1180 pounds, followed by Thomas Stone HS, Waldorff, MD, holding 1185 pounds.

Editor's note: In last year's World Finals competition, Wylie E. Groves placed first in Atlas, Division III with a weight held of 1145 pounds. The membership was the co-record holder for weight held, sharing this distinction with Greenville HS, Greenville, TX, until this year.

President Clinton Congratulates World Finals Participants

President Bill Clinton sent a letter of greetings and congratulations to everyone gathered at the University of Maryland for the 1993 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. His letter was read by Carole Micklus to a cheering crowd at the Awards Ceremony. In true OM spirit, he offered this advice: "Life itself is an odyssey...a series of travels... Never let the ever-present obstacles divert you along your journey, and never stop striving to reach new goals."



Pit Stop III team from Myers Park High School, Charlotte, NC

NBC Nightly News Features 1993 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals — In Two News Broadcasts

The Friday, June 4, 1993, edition of *NBC Nightly News* (with Jane Pauly sitting in for Tom Brokaw) featured a closing piece on the Fourteenth Annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition held in College Park, MD. Several participating teams were prominently featured. Sara James explained as we watched a scene from the Opening Ceremony, "They hail from across the country and around the world, and if these kids look like gold medal winners, they are..." The camera then cut to a scene showing a team's solution to the problem *Pit Stop*, with the reporter commenting that OM cars "run on pieces, parts and imagination." She added, "Knowing a little physics never hurts."

Sara James went on to report, "But Odyssey [of the Mind] is not an IQ test. It's about creativity, teamwork... How much weight can a tiny balsa wood tower hold? For these West Virginia fifth-graders...." Her voice trailing, she showed some footage, complete with sound, of the first performing team on Thursday in the problem, *Which End is Up?*, Division I. The team from Vienna Elementary School in Vienna, West Virginia,* performed at 12:00 noon. Did they realize, as they held over 550 pounds (clearly announced on national television), that this feat would be seen by millions of television viewers all over the country?

That same day the NBC camera crew captured Overland High School,** a Division III team from

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SPOTLIGHT



Spotlight on Karen Karbo, Minnesota OM Association Director


This issue focuses the OM spotlight on Karen Karbo, who begins her fifth year as Minnesota OM's Association Director. During her first two years as director, she shared the responsibility with Jane Holmberg, whom Karen describes as her "OM mentor and friend." For the past two years, Karen has been MN OM's sole director.

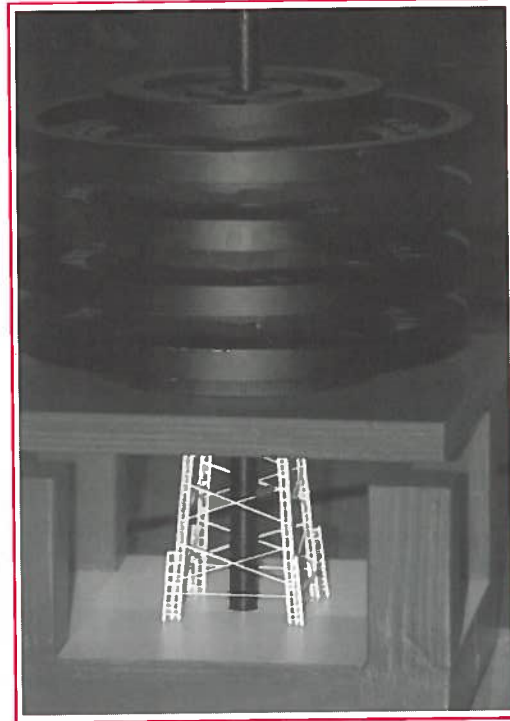
Prior to Karen's position as association director, she was quite involved with many aspects of OM. For instance, she directed Minnesota's first OM tournament in 1983-84. As a gifted education specialist in a suburban Minneapolis school, Karen organized and ran that first competition with 11 teams from the district. She was also instrumental in forming an OM association in Minnesota the following year, when Jane Holmberg assumed the MN OM director position.

In the time period that Karen has been at the helm, MN OM has grown. There are now nine regions instead of six. These regions respond to the needs of 368 MN OM memberships. "There is a cohesive team of Regional Directors, state Problem Captains and Advisory Committee Members who drive the philosophy of the OM organization in Minnesota," says Karen. "I think of them as creators of possibilities. Their commitment to the ethical and creative development of Minnesota's kids is exemplary. They operate within a double vision framework—they look back so as not to lose sight of what has made our program strong, and they proactively look ahead to project how OM can help influence Minnesota's kids as they prepare for change in today's information age."

With an MA in Curriculum and Instructional Systems from the University of Minnesota, Karen's employer is Intermediate District 287. She is employed as a gifted education consultant. However, much of her time is devoted to fulfilling the role as MN OM Association Director. In addition to those charges, Karen is also Affective Project Coordinator for the district. This position involves generating newsletters—on such topics as emotional wellness of gifted children—coordinating conferences and facilitating affective programs for thirteen Minneapolis school districts.

Married, she describes her husband Skip as "an aggressive promoter" of OM. "He has also served in many OM capacities—fundraiser, tournament emcee, technology advisor and prop transporter. He would love to see more of OM's concepts of creative thinking and problem solving expanded into the corporate sector," says Karen.

Thanks, Karen Karbo, for all your OM work. We at OM headquarters look forward to seeing continued growth of MN OM. 



Structure
"courtesy of"
Orange
Grove
Elementary
School,
Tampa, FL

A Tribute to Fred "Crusher" Bradley

From Jersey's shore across this land
the OM spirit spread
And one who lead the OMer charge,
a special man named Fred.

He's been a charter member of
the OM central team
Which enabled tens of thousands
to pursue a noble dream.

His role's been somewhat structured
but that never held him down.
He's probably more creative
than anyone in town.

If you should doubt that latest claim
you've never been on hand
When at a coaches' meeting, Fred
conducts his one-night stand.

He always has an outline set
a really awesome task
Producing every question known
that any coach can ask.

As members of his judging team
like those throughout the years
We know what effort he puts forth
to spare us any tears.

We've come from many different states
to join Fred's OM team
He's just that kind of leader who
fits everybody's dream.

Editor's Note: This is excerpted from a poem written for Fred Bradley, retiring "structure" problem captain, as a tribute from his 1993 Division I judging team. As you may know, Fred had been the problem captain for problem 4 since the inception of problem captains in 1983.

Gateway to Creativity: OM and CBS

by Ned Eckhardt, OM Video Producer

OMers in NY, PA and WV got an added bonus when four local CBS television stations covered their OM association finals and created "TV SPECIALS" on the competitions. All of the stations are owned by Gateway Communications of Cherry Hill, NJ, a company committed to creative television programming. OM video producer, Ned Eckhardt, worked with Bob Patterson, the Program Director at WLYH-TV in Harrisburg, PA, and Lewis Klein, the President of Gateway Communications. At a national convention in January, 1993, the three of them decided to join forces to produce TV specials that would cover the OM association finals in the Gateway stations' home states. The results were fantastic!

Two Gateway stations in PA—WLYH-TV and WTAJ-TV—covered the association finals for their local audiences. WLYH-TV, Channel 15, in the Harrisburg-York-Lancaster-Lebanon market, produced a half-hour, prime time special. Jennifer Devine, OM's World Finals host, teamed up with the station to anchor a fast-moving look at over 3,500 OMers competing for excellence at beautiful Altoona HS. The special aired on May 28 and 31. The show was produced by Diedre Treacy and Bob Patterson.

WTAJ-TV in Altoona also covered the event. The producers were Frank Heath and Lowell Sollenberger. The program took an "Action News for Kids" approach. There was definitely action—accompanied by commentary from the kids "reporting" the scene. The special aired in prime time on May 31 and again on June 13.

In WV, WOWK-TV, Channel 13 in Charleston/Huntington, WV, covered its state finals at Fairmont State College in Fairmont, WV. The station used 15-year-old Laura Gurash, a co-anchor of their weekly children's show, to host the special. Over 70 teams competed and Laura had her hands full covering the entire competition! Leo MacCourtney and Chuck Metzker produced the program that aired twice in June.

Channel 12, WBNG-TV in Binghamton, NY, began its involvement in OM by covering some regional competitions. It then created a television special on the NY OM finals held at the SUNY Binghamton campus. The station took a *Special Events* coverage approach by pairing up two station news anchors with two teenage OM color commentators. The program was produced by Mark Prutisto and Jennifer Bachman.

OM thanks Gateway Communications and the four CBS stations whose dedicated television production staffs worked so hard to bring OM association finals to its viewers. 🐾

Editors Note: If your region or state association contacts a local TV station with the intent of creating a program or program segment about OM, the OM headquarters in NJ can supply the TV station with the following program elements: (1) 15 minutes of original OM music, (2) 45 seconds of OM animation, (3) four different OM backgrounds, (4) a script outline for covering a regional or state competition, (5) interview footage of C. Samuel Micklus, OM founder.



Dinosaurs III team from Canyon Del Oro High School, Tucson, AZ

Winners of the 1993 World Finals Coaches' Competition

Coaches, Purist Division:

First Place: Ed Peart, Arden, NC

Second Place: Joe Sevaites, Centerville, OH

Third Place: Zhu Jin Chun, Shanghai, China

Coaches, Poetic License Division:

First Place: Rick Rand, Somers, NY

Second Place: Suzanne Young and Lorraine Dandeneau, Pickens, SC

Third Place: Richard Breinlinger, Hanstead, NH

Officials Division:

First Place: Pat Everett, Rochester, NY

Second Place: David Valentine, Sturgeon Bay, WI

Third Place: Mollie Bollinger, Pittsburgh, PA

NBC Nightly News...(continued from page 1)

Aurora, Colorado, placing enough weight on its structure to hold 900 pounds. Later, Josh Anhalt, a team member from Lake Forest, IL—a *Dinosaurs*, Division II participant—talked about the team's dinosaur creation and his pending patent.

In the wrapup, the anchorwoman teased the audience, promising a follow-up report by Stone Phillips that would feature more information on the winners. While the telecast on Monday, June 7 was much shorter and less informative than Friday's feature, it did present highlights of the Awards Ceremony and mentioned that *Odyssey of the Mind* is where "imagination is exercised." Footage showed winning smiles on the faces of team members from Georgia and Ohio for their *Folk Tales* awards, Shanghai, China, for its feat in *Dinosaurs* and Indiana for winning *Pit Stop*. 🐾

Editor's Note: *This team finished in a four-way tie for 13th place in the 14th Annual OM World Finals. Highest weight held in Division I was 790 pounds; fourteen teams held over 550 pounds. ** Overland High School placed sixth overall in *Which End is Up?*, Division III.

Synopses of the 1993-94 Long-Term Problems

MTV (Mini Terrain Vehicles) (Divisions II, III and IV)

The team's problem is to design, build, and run a minimum of three vehicles to accomplish specific tasks. The vehicles will be run for accuracy. At each segment of the course, a vehicle will attempt to overcome an obstacle or encounter a difficulty, reach its finish line and break a balloon target. Each team will face eight course segments of which the seven highest scores will count. At the World Finals, two of the obstacles will be different from two of those in other levels of competition. In addition, your team must create and present a theme for its solution. The time limit for this nonlinguistic problem is 8 minutes. The materials used cannot exceed a \$90 (U.S.) value.

OM-believable Music (Divisions I, II and III)

The team's problem is to design and construct a minimum of three devices that, when combined, will play a tune. The tune will first be presented to the judges and audience in any way the team chooses; e.g., using a cassette, instrument(s), voice(s), etc. Later in the performance there will be a recital in which the tune will be played by the team's devices. During this recital, team-made illustrations complementing the tune will appear. A conductor will also be included. The time limit is 8 minutes. The materials used cannot exceed a \$90 (U.S.) value.

Classics . . . The Iliad (Divisions I, II, III and IV)

The team's problem is to create and present a performance of one scene chosen from a given list of scenes from the *Iliad*. The team will also present an historical scene that took place during the twentieth century that will include one or more gods and goddesses from the *Iliad* scene. The team must either present a transition between the scenes from the *Iliad* and the twentieth-century scene, or show some connection or relationship between the two. The team will also create one work of art that will be included in both scenes. The time limit is 8 minutes. The materials used cannot exceed an \$80 (U.S.) value.


Set It Free (Divisions I, II, III and IV)

The team's problem is to design and build a structure of balsa wood and glue. The structure's design must allow a ping-pong ball to be placed inside the structure after it has been weighed in at the competition. The structure will be tested by balancing and supporting as much weight as possible while protecting the ping-pong ball and releasing it when the structure breaks. When the structure breaks, the ping-pong ball will be released. If it comes to rest on the tester, or beyond the tester, the team will receive bonus points. This is a non-linguistic problem for Division I and a linguistic problem for all other divisions. The time limit is 8 minutes. The materials used to solve this problem cannot exceed a \$50 (U.S.) value.

Furs, Fins & Feathers (Divisions I and II)

The team's problem is to create and present a humorous performance depicting the life of an animal from the animal's perspective. The performance will include the animal and an interaction between it and one or more human beings. During the performance the animal will display four feelings or emotions from a given list. The time limit is 8 minutes. The materials used cannot exceed a \$75 (U.S.) value.

Masquerade Party (Primary)

The team's problem is to create a performance about a masquerade party. During the performance the team members will each dress in a costume. They will represent real people, fictional people, animals, objects, etc., and must tell or show the audience and judges why each character/object was selected and the good the character/object did for society. At least some portion of the performance must be humorous. The time limit is 8 minutes. The materials used cannot exceed a \$50 (U.S.) value. This problem is **not** to be used in competition. 

Champions

by Lynn Kulpa,

Oak Harbor, WA, team member,
Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division I


Shocked, I stumbled over a tangle of arms and legs. The crowd chanted, "Broadview! Broadview!" When the trophy was given to us, my throat let out an astonished squeal. We were the champions!

This all took place at the Laventure Elementary School in Mt. Vernon. It was the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Awards Ceremony. We were Division I.

My bare legs quivered as the beaming judge handed my teammates and me each a richly colored, blue ribbon. The gold lettering sparkled in the dim, fluorescent lighting.

A wave of warmth washed over my tingling body, leaving a sense of joy and pride. Patches of mist dotted my view. Soon, I scrambled back to the audience while friends congratulated us and begged to see the prizes. Then I decided to cool off outside.

Our team, performing a solution to "The Old Man and the Sea Analogy," made a very good impression. The seven members on our team became close to one another, almost like family. We met almost every Saturday, every first recess, and in the morning twice a week.

Our team wouldn't have made it to state without the special talents of each and every person. I also think that the person who donated so many hours of free time deserves as much or more credit than any of us: our coach. We had eight beautiful talents! 



Dinosaurus II team from Mahaffey Middle School, Ft. Campbell, KY

Winners of the UMD's Scavenger Hunt and Safety Poem Contest:

Matt Wright, NCScavenger Hunt
Betsy Weebs, VTSafety Poem

1993 World Finals Ranatra Fusca Winners

This award cites OMers with exceptional creativity. It is Odyssey of the Mind's most prestigious award.

Pit Stop, Division III

Central Valley HS, Veradale, WA

Team: Kjell Anderson, Bill Durbin, Gabe Greiner, Michael Pottratz, Kathy Pottratz, Paul Stelle and James Trefry.

Citation: Exceptional creativity was shown in the design of the propulsion system. In addition to its creativity, it showed the team's willingness to take a risk. The vehicle walked.

Southwest JHS, Palm Beach, FL (spontaneous)

Individual: Melissa Williams

Citation: Melissa's ability to create and embellish original thoughts showed exceptional creativity. She dramatically enhanced her team's thematic presentation by assuming the role of the characters she portrayed in the story.

Dinosaurs, Division III

G. Holmes Braddock Senior HS, Miami, FL

Individual: Jasper Pollard

Citation: Exceptional creativity was shown in the design and engineering of all devices used during the presentation. In particular, the expanding "chia pet-asaurus" blossoms.

The Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division I

Hutchinson School, Memphis, TN (spontaneous)

Team: Bliss Bowlin, Elizabeth Brakebill, Caroline Hurley, Cecile Shoemaker, Louise Stanton, Robin Watson and Elizabeth Wilson.

Citation: The quality of the responses made by these team members set them apart from their competitors. The answers they gave included references to history, current events, ecology and literature, including Stephen King, Lewis Carroll, Arthur Ashe, Somalia, Marie Antoinette, Dr. Kevorkian, and even public parks. Their answers were upbeat, positive, and humorous throughout.

The Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division II

A.C. Reynolds Middle School, Asheville, NC

Team: Elise Agrella, Veronica Colvard, Heather Franklin, Jade Heller, Marie Hnatow, Beth Miller and Joanna Pruden.

Citation: This team showed exceptional creativity in risking the acceptance of its highly stylized and dramatic portrayal of the status of womankind.



The Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division III

ISTEM Campus Querretaro, Mexico

Team: Ada de la Tore, Carmen Huerta, Guadalupe Lever, Glenn McGregor and Paloma Orona.

Citation: Exceptional creativity was shown in the correlation of the background scenery with use of paint and costumes. Very imaginative.

Which End is Up?, Division II

Oak Hill Middle School, Lower Lake, CA

Team: Cody Bellon, Matt Hill, Emily Kuykendall, Desirae Rogers, John Spriet, Sarah Spriet and Timmy Spriet.

Citation: The team demonstrated exceptional creativity by its unique use of structures of marionettes demonstrating human qualities. The simplistic but realistic costumes portrayed endearing characters and were appropriately "scaled" to their interesting glittered background.

Folk Tales, Division I

Dexter Elementary School, Ft Benning, GA


Team: Danielle Carrillo, Colleen Curasi, Jason Gardner, Amber Kastrup, Joanna Malott, Ryan Swihart and Frank Walsh.

Citation: The team members exhibited exceptional creativity throughout their presentation. They made a computer come to life through original music, set design and humor.

Folk Tales, Division II

Brooklyn Junior High School, Brooklyn Park, MN

Team: Teresa Campbell, Katie English, Jenny Lindemann, Jenny Rubenstein and Adrienne Voorhees.

Citation: Exceptional creativity was shown in the imagination of the musical voices (i.e., each character was a specific voice—staccato, piano, etc.). The team wrote and performed the theme music. 

Outstanding OMER Winners— 1993 OM World Finals

This award recognizes those OMerS—individual or teams—that exemplify the spirit and philosophy of the Odyssey of the Mind school-based program. The recipients—by their actions, words, or deeds—demonstrated exceptional character traits, skill or teamwork. The names of the school and the team or individual are listed below with the citation.

Dinosaurs, Division II

Stevensville HS, Stevensville, MT

Individual: Patrick Callum

Citation: When the "Fossilizer" did not work as planned, Patrick performed an alternate solution and continued his monologue with a spontaneously humorous comment.

Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division I

Alfarata Elementary School, Team A, Huntington, PA

Team: BJ Bratton, Nathan Couch, Krista Grove, Heather Mentzer, Nick Miller, Natalie Perrin and Erin Weller.

Citation: This team exemplified OM sportsmanship when one of the team members (a piece of lint) forgot her lines. The other members were very supportive both during and after her crisis.

Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division III

Castle HS, Newburgh, IN

Individual: Lisa Vanada

Citation: For the soft sculpture design used in the background.

Child Guidance Clinic, Gdansk, Poland

Team: Pawel Bartusch, Agneiszka Gostowska, Anna Marciszewska, Pawel Metuch, Michal Motyka, Michal Poczestniak and Domromila Starczewska.

Citation: For the emotional response the performance evoked.

Which End is Up?, Division I

Wren Middle School, Piedmont, SC

Team: Seth Cameron, David Holmes, Rosemary McCauley, Reid Messiah, Julie Peeler, Kim Satterfield and Matt Simpson.

Citation: Team toured Washington, DC, and expressed concern over the homeless. When their parents over-prepared supper one evening, the team members insisted on sharing it with the needy.

Tess Corners Elementary School, Muskego, WI

Team: Lori Duklas, Lisa Hukkanen, Matt Hunt, Jon McCoy, Nicole Rasmussen, Chris Reitz and Brian Sprague.

Citation: Members of this team performed flawlessly in a very creative skit. The individual talents of the team members meshed together for an outstanding overall performance.

Folk Tales, Division I

Vienna Elementary School, Vienna, WV

Team: Seth Avery, Hannah Cole, Elliot Mylott, Bradley Schneider, Adrienne Sommers and Matthew Wallan.

Citation: For the very supportive team spirit exhibited by every member of the team.

Folk Tales, Division II

Merewether HS, New South Wales, Australia

Team: Mary Bates, Renee Boundy, Jane Brownette, Salley Brownette, Susan Finlay, Noni Jacobsen and Sally Williamson.

Citation: The items on the team's cost form were donated. The team established a monetary value for each item. Then, they collected money among themselves for the value of each item. This money went to charity—the International Red Cross.


Spontaneous

Judge: Lois Whiteman

Citation: Even though Lois awoke violently ill Saturday morning, she came to continue to judge with her spontaneous judging team. Her spirit of OM inspired everyone—and we applaud Lois for her dedication to the children and OM.

Nomination by Sam Micklus for an Outstanding OMER Award:

Individual: Michele Montgomery

Citation: Nicole James, from West Virginia, lost her five-year-old pin collection. Michele found the pins and returned the collection to its owner. 



Dinosaurs II from Callanan Middle School, Des Moines, IA

1993 OM WORLD FINALS CHAMPIONS



Pit Stop, Division II

First Place (tie): Washington Sch TM A,
Peoria, IL

Coaches: Judy Gross & Lois Kellog
Team: Abram Bicksler Brett Havens
Melissa Gilomen Kendra Morgan
Joshua Gross Bill Paine

First Place (tie): Somers Mid Sch,
Somers, NY

Coaches: Lucille & Rick Rand
Team: Phillip Guerci Barry Rand
Christopher Kern Darren Rand
Regina Pontbriand Jonah Safris

Second Place: Jemtegaard Mid Sch,
Washoula, WA

Coaches: Dave Burham & Martin Martin
Team: Levi Barnett Scott McCollough
Ben Cole Luke Schoen
Nick Cotton Holly Wysaske
Danielle Johnson

Third Place (tie): Tallmadge OM Prog A,
Tallmadge, OH

Coaches: Rich & Kathy Eyre
Team: Angela Eyre Michele Lattimer
Rich Eyre Kerri Merriman
Elissa Halter Erika Sanders

Third Place (tie): Northern Mid Sch,
Hagerstown, MD

Coaches: Jan Cirincione & Bob Barth
Team: Rachel Barth Peter Hamilton
Rob Cirincione Andrew Miller
Megan Clark Kathryn Palmer
Kristin Fisher

Fourth Place: Parker Mid Sch,
Rocky Mount, NC

Coaches: Brenda Ellis, Suzanne Buchanan
& Lyn Brown
Team: Brad Buchanan Michael Cooke
Wes Brown Natalie O'Connor
Chritine Coggins Emily Townley
Tim Ellis

Fifth Place: Elkton Sch,
Elkton, SD

Coaches: Lois Stuefen & Kathie Tuntland
Team: Jenanette Brodersen Lori Schoeneman
Chris Kinner Matt Short
Peter McMahon Paul Stein
Tina Moss

Sixth Place: St Mary's Sch,
Ridgeway, PA

Coaches: Nancy Gerber & David Kneidel
Team: Sarah Blasek Carl Raccadonna
Adam Freeburg Dan Sorg
Kathy Keller Jennifer Yavorsky
Matt Kneidel

Pit Stop, Division III

First Place: Boonville HS, TM A,
Boonville, IN

Coaches: Elizabeth & Glenn Rudolph
Team: Alison Baum Peter Rudolph
Charlie Dill Angie Smith
Ryan Reynolds Bobby Wilson

Second Place: Barnwell HS,
Barnwell, SC

Coaches: Anne Atkins, Richard Hunter
& Melinda Price
Team: Kim Atkins Tray Hunter
Hans Bhargava Abb Salkowski
Brandi Creech Ellen Witherspoon
Phillip Flynn

Third Place (tie): Thomas Jefferson HS TM A,
Alexandria, VA

Coaches: Darrell Hoffman & Lisa Love
Team: Andrew Aamot Chris Love
Matt Bono Chris Schuetz
Kerri Hoffman Kathryn Walters

Third Place (tie): St Andrews HS,
Charleston SC

Coaches: Courtney & Duncan Burns
Team: Jessica Burns Brian Mock
Kaya Carter Chris O' Driscoll
Willia Home Christi Pinsen
Ray Lewis

Fourth Place: Holy Family Sch,
Lindsay, NE

Coaches: Sister Paulus Maresch
& Frances Korh
Team: Brian Fisher Robb Pfeifer
Leigh Formanek Jesse Preuss
Jeremy Kopecky Alan Reichmuth
Joson Korh

Fifth Place: N Olmsted Enrichment Prog A, N
Olmsted, OH

Coaches: Robert & Lois Parry & Larry Willis
Team: Daniel Cook Mathew Tessman
Jason Parry Rich Thrush
Jonathan Parry Rebekah Willis

Sixth Place: Central Valley HS,
Veradale, WA

Coach: George Lebre
Team: Kjell Anderson Kathy Potratz
Bill Durbin Paul Stelle
Gabe Greiner James Trefy
Michael Potratz

Pit Stop, Division IV

First Place: University of Minnesota,
Plymouth, MN

Coach: John DeHaven
Team: Bob DeHaven Sara Ostroy
John Hegstrand Kate Stimson
Lindsay Gannott

Second Place: University of Denver,
Denver, CO

Coaches: Craig Whitehead, Nancy Sampson
& Scot Carson
Team: Scot Carson Jason Monroe
Daniel Griebenaw Tina Oberle
Wendy Heath

Third Place: Iowa State University,
Ames, IA

Coach: Franklin Voorhees
Team: Randy Brown Franklin Voorhees
Kenneth Home Amy Wegner
T. Sophia Throll

Fourth Place: Sierra Nevada College,
Incline Village, NV

Coach: George Brooks
Team: Melissa Collins Dan Morgan
Jeff Dodd Patricia Simonet
Greg Guscio Christ Thompson

Fifth Place: Pacific Lutheran University,
Tacoma, WA

Team: Mark Rothwell Hans Meyer
John Oakley

Sixth Place: University of Maryland,
Princess Anne, MD

Coach: Dr. Kaen Verbeke
Team: Russ Boardman Sherri Johnson
Chris Dudley Karl McElwain
Chris Ferrante Holly Swam
Jennifer Gabby



Dinosaurs, Division I

First Place: East Dale Ele Sch,
Fairmont, WV

Coaches: Debbie Johnson & Donna Peduto
Team: Elliott Born Natalie Offutt
Conner Boram Caitlin Rexrode
Jeff Channell Ryan Stam
Jason Galloway

Second Place (tie): Harrington Ele Sch,
Plano TX

Coaches: Donia See & Terri Atkinson
Team: Jason Atkinson Joey Nelson
Sarah Greenberg Jeff See
Shelley Hiam

Second Place (tie): Potter-Dix Mid Sch,
Dix NE

Coaches: Tom & Glynis Mueller
Team: Stacy Bemis Haley Slama
Barbara Hoesly Marc Sprenger
Shane Maas Lehi Walters
Ashley Mueller

Third Place: Bradford Central Ele Sch,
Bradford OH

Coaches: Beverly & Dennis Cain
Team: Nicole Carine Nathan Miller
Adam Faire Ben Shaltry
Lindsay McClure Nathan Smith
Chad Landis

Fourth Place: The Independence Sch,
Newark DE

Coaches: Barbara & Caryn Bettler
Team: Jake Czerwin Andrew Schmalz
Jenny Klein Melissa Smith
Christina Larocco Betsy Weinig
Shane McKay

Fifth Place: Winnemucca Grammar Sch,
Winnemucca, NV

Coaches: Jane Davidson & Susan Putnam
Team: Edith Diaz Anna Henson
Aaron Griggs Michelle Piccinini
Tenille Hall Katie Tipton
Tyrell Hanzlik

Sixth Place: CA Lindbergh Mid Sch TM A,
Peoria, IL

Coaches: WA & Margaret Grgurich & Bryan
& Debbie Allen
Team: Jason Allen Jessica Penca
Dan Driscoll Justin Rao
Richard Grgurich Abigail Rose
Jill Morite

Dinosaurs, Division II

First Place: Shi Bei Mid Sch,
Shanghai, China

Coach: Zhu Jinchun
Team: Xu Lei Gu Yijun
He Junling Li Sunxin
Chen Jun Ni Jue
Wang Chaoyong

Second Place: Woodrow Wilson Mid Sch
TM A, Edison, NJ

Coaches: Dan Semenza & Rosemary Kijowski
Team: Andrea Burke Mina Kim
Joyce Chen Caroline Lee
Stephanie Kirsch Zoe Robbins

Third Place: LE Wilson Mid Sch,
Sheffield, AL

Coaches: Teresa Casiday & Vicky Howard
Team: Kyle Atkins Julie Howard
Nichlos Casiday Aubrey Kirsch
Craig Casiday Mollie McCoy
Michael Horton

Fourth Place: Shrewsbury Mid Sch TM A,
Shrewsbury, MA

Coaches: Jean & Tom Josie
Team: Kristin Corapi TJ Josie
Karin Eckberg Heather Kraus
Tom Grosso Jason Sanvage
Valarie Johnson

Fifth Place: Lexington Mid Sch,
Lexington, SC

Coaches: Lori Goldie, Richie Day
& Jeannie Gordon
Team: Richie Day Julie New
Jason Goldie Kyle Sox
Jennifer Gordon Martha Wright

Sixth Place: Cherokee Ele Sch,
Paradise Valley, AZ

Coach: Irma Shamos
Team: Dana Finkey Richard Shamos
Chloe Knight Carter Unger
Ryan Roop Sam Yusuf

Dinosaurs, Division III

First Place: G Holmes Braddock Sr HS,
Miami, FL

Coaches: Joy Hellard & Dale Lambert
Team: Anna Agrawal Jasper Pollard
Andrew Bereszszasi Kevin Rivera
Michael Cardenas Norma Torava
Christopher DeFonseca

Second Place: N Olmsted Enrichment
Prog B, N Olmsted, OH

Coach: Rhea Gaunt
Team: Christine Cook Megan Newcomer
Melanie McLaughlin Mike Ubadi
Cory Newcomer

Third Place (tie): Lake Hamilton HS,
Pearcy, AR

Coaches: Kathy Lease & Wanda Carrouth
Team: David Carrouth
Enn Davis Regi Ott
Joe Lease Heather Rowe
Scott Miller Becca Strawn

Third Place (tie): Chatfield Sr HS,
Littleton, CO

Coaches: Sheila & Frank Swanson
Team: Melissa Beach Ben Reed
Anne Chang Ian Swanson
Lisa Dunn Cecily Yeager
Kris Neese

Fourth Place: Norco HS,
Norco, CA

Coaches: Dr. L. Pomeroy, J.H. Van
Nimwegen
& Tammy Brown
Team: Robby Crist Kim Oswald
Shaw-Ree Chen Jurgen Prins
Nick Koranda Michael Volbeda
Roy Kwak

Fifth Place: Lake Forest HS,
Lake Forest, IL

Coach: Melanie Masura & Marilyn Zeller
Team: John Anhalt Dana Mikrut
Lauren Christopher Courtney Paulson
Tom Harris Sidd Shah
Karle Meeghan

Sixth Place: Sayreville HS,
Parlin, NJ
Coach: Carla Sutherland
Team: Kimberly Aleski
Rachael Sloitis
Gregory Braun
Mary Huguenin
Suchan Vodoor
Danisa Vrankovic

The Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division I

First Place: Hutchinson Sch,
Memphis, TN
Coaches: Ruth Bowlin, Mimi Hurley,
Jane Watson
Team: Bliss Bowlin Louise Stanton
Elizabeth Brakebill Robin Watson
Caroline Hurley Elizabeth Wilson
Cecile Shoemaker

Second Place: Hughston Ele Sch,
Plano, TX
Coaches: Mary Ann Fego & Linda Bryson
Team: Stephan Blackman Tyler Morganthaler
Amy Bryson Andrea Weber
Christine Fego Ruth Woodling
Jocelyn Knochel

Third Place: Roy Allen Ele Sch,
Melbourne, FL
Coaches: Sharmaine Schenck & Laird Parsons
Team: Christina Burleson Megan Richardson
Anna Parsons Jessica Weber
Michelle Parten Alexis Wolanin

Fourth Place: Crooked Lake Ele Sch,
Andover, MN
Coach: Carolyn Lakanen
Team: Stephanie Atwell Amy Krochalk
Becky Hansen Brett Lakanen
Lorelle Harris Aaron Robertson
Rachel Jacobson-Larson

Fifth Place: Northridge Ele Sch,
Highlands Ranch, CO
Coaches: David & Angie Murphy
Team: Nick Asher Abby Olson
Andy Humberon David Theurer
Shannon Morken Kelly Windes
Megan Murphy

Sixth Place: Kingsville Ele Sch,
Kingsville, MD
Coach: Amy P. DeNike
Team: Lindsey Dye Megan Sohasky
Daba Fernkas Ana Velaetis
Nick Florian Andy Wasmer
John Morrow

The Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division II

First Place: Schimelpfenig Mid Sch, TMB,
Plano, TX
Coaches: Neil Sutcliffe & Eileen Cunningham
Team: James Cunningham Chris Mewett
Kelly Edwards Bryan Sutcliffe
Mary Ellen Gebhardt Carissa Varnell
Jill Gentry

Second Place: AC Reynolds Mid Sch,
Asheville, NC
Coaches: Barbara Campbell & Jerry Miller
Team: Elise Agrella Marie Hnatow
Veronica Colvard Beth Miller
Heather Franklin Joanna Pruden
Jade Heller

Third Place (tie): Loyalsock Mid Sch,
Williamsport, PA
Coach: Bette Reynolds
Team: Adrienne Ciuccio Karen Ganjamie
Robbi Dressler Alison Hodrick
Sunny Feresnteh Dewaynia Wilson
Chrity Freed

Third Place (tie): Chippewa Falls Mid Sch,
Chippewa Falls, WI
Coaches: Cheryl Schoonover
Team: Phil Cook Phillip Majorins
Jenny Layer Michelle McLean
Kelly Layer Nicole Salow
John Look

Fourth Place: Deveaux JHS,
Toledo OH
Coaches: Chris & John Tumbaugh,
Steve Avina & Joni Bishop
Team: Jesse Avina Daniel Lane
Lindsay Bishop Jenny Tolson
Andrew Braun Hugh Tumbaugh
AnnaMarie Campbell

Fifth Place: Hammocks Mid Sch,
Miami FL
Coach: Robin Ciporkin
Team: Jennifer Broussard Healey Gabison
Evan Ciporkin Flora Parhiezear
Ryan Ciporkin Sushma Sheth
Lauren Feldman

Sixth Place (tie): Shrewsbury Mid Sch,
Shrewsbury, MA
Coaches: Lisa Lepieszka & Bill McKenna
Team: Julianne Baril Chris Lepieszka
Eileen Dunhamel Jessica Lusignea
Allison Gittert Kim McKenna
Tim LaBua

Sixth Place (tie): Telstar Mid Sch,
Bethel, ME
Coaches: Donna Richard & Jean Bass
Team: Caitlin Bass Martha Grover
Teri Chadbourne Michelle McInnis
Katie Chapman Laurie Young

The Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division III

First Place: Loyalsock HS,
Williamsport, PA
Coach: Connie Staggs
Team: Eric Cowden Keyy Kerans
John Danneker Jessica Moyer
Umanga DeSilva Amanda Staggs
Jessica Dressler

Second Place: Whitford Intermediate Sch,
Beaverton, OR
Coaches: Mike Nichols & Cathy Leverette
Team: Josh Horton Erin Mineat
Andy Leverette Jeff Nichols
Kevin Matulef Ari Shapiro

Third Place: Lakeside HS,
Hot Springs, AR
Coach: Kathy Roberts
Team: Amy Anthony David Punn
Kimberly Clay Rebecca Turner
Jody Hays Tom Wallace
Megan Mansbridge

Fourth Place: North Buncombe HS TMB,
Weaverville, NC
Coaches: Tim Woodard and Zoe Sams
Team: Chris Allison Josh Jensen
Russell Dalton Chris Sams
Aimee Herrick Garrett Shreffler
Donna Hester

Fifth Place: Minnetonka Secondary
OM Prog B, Deephaven, MN
Coaches: Julie Kotte and Connie Hartshorn
Team: Lindsay Berdan Maren Kirkegaard
Steve Fallat Jennifer Mickleberg
Laura Fisher Erin E Walsh
Nathan Hartshorn

Sixth Place: Eastern HS,
Sardinia, OH
Coaches: Jim & Debbie Shelton
& Elizabeth Odland

Team: Matt Am Flavius Lilly
Nathan Dutton Dylan Shelton
Michael Guillermin Karie Shelton
Philip Kelch

The Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division IV

First Place: University of Colorado,
Boulder, CO
Coach: Sean McCaffery and Tom Haro
Team: Bill Cruz Khanh Nguyen
Daid Dye Phan Nguyen
Eddie James Mohammad Pourteymour
Justin James

Second Place: Midwestern State University,
Wichita Falls, TX
Coach: Tom Devenport
Team: Chris Burney Michael McMullen
Eric Chandler Rakee Patel
Tom Devenport

Third Place: Discovery Lab, WV University,
Morgantown WV
Coach: Debbie Busch
Team: Brad Belotte Brian Rodrigue
David Bruce Justine Swaney
Jacque Jordan

Fourth Place: Georgia Southern University,
Statesboro, GA
Coach: Amanda Wilkerson
Team: Anissa Anthony Rob Graham
Gerry Baygentis Melissa Pye
Cory Butler Amanda Wilkerson
Jason Gardiner



Which End is Up?, Division I

First Place: Wren Mid Sch,
Piedmont, SC
Coaches: Barbara & Mike Holmes; Steve
& Judy Simpson
Team: Seth Cameron Julie Peeler
David Holmes Kim Satterfield
Jeremy McCauley Matt Simpson
Reid Messiah

Second Place: Pomo Ele Sch,
Lower Lake, CA
Coach: Jim Heffington
Team: Chrystal Chris Stacey McArthur
Shauna Downing Ernie Pulido
Joey Gustafson Travi Sullivan
Angela Mantele

Third Place: South Prairie Sch,
Tillamook, OR
Coaches: Larry Kaiser and Debbie Hendrickson
Team: Andrea Hendrickson Peter Kaiser
Kellen Hendrickson Daniel Lusby
Drew Iwaniew Spencer Miles

Fourth Place: Tubbs Ele Sch,
Lubbock, TX
Coaches: Sherry & Alan Sancibrian,
Donna Morris & Kandi Williamson
Team: Katherine Barker Amanda Morris
Leah Coiwell Kevin Sancibrian
Heather Green Lindsay Williamson
Steven Kirkpatrick

Fifth Place: Salem G/T Prog A,
Salem, VA
Coach: Donna Pate
Team: Patrick Alcoke Loyd Padgett
Jeanie Bennett Meris Powers
Matthew McLeod Andy Tate

Sixth Place: Tallmadge OM Prog B,
Tallmadge, OH
Coaches: Sue & Roger Lyons
Team: Regis Duffy Matt Lyons
Paul Henderson Laura Shaffer
Jay Hill Jessica Vardon
Brian Kamerer

Which End is Up?, Division II

First Place: Berkshire Mid Sch,
Birmingham, MI
Coaches: Sandra Prysby and Kathy Deronne
Team: Melanie Adie Anand Patil
Kelly Bertioa Andy Patil
Jordan Bushmohle Andrew Prysby
Sheryl DeRonne Angela Yu

Second Place: Woodrow Wilson Mid Sch
TM B, Edison, NJ
Coaches: Dan Semenza and Bob Cusack
Team: Daniel Babich Mina Kim
Marc Berenbach Stephanie Kirsch
Joyce Chen Matthew Semel
Brian Cusack

Third Place: Abraham Baldwin Mid Sch,
Guilford, CT
Coaches: Stephan Besse & Joan Schoemann
Team: Beth Amendola Chris Marshall
Whitney Besse Roxy Pickering
Teague Lyons Alex Shoemann

Fourth Place: Barton Mid Sch,
El Dorado, AR
Coaches: Karen Greer, Linda Partridge
& Carol Daugherty
Team: Carme Daugherty Ted Partridge
Guy Green Bryan Reibe
Kristen Greer Chris Wagnon
Jason Horn

Fifth Place: Horizon Mid Sch,
Aurora, CO
Coach: Jeffrey E. Keefe
Team: Melissa Bronder Angela Munger
Katie Debiac Kelly Ronat
T Michael Duncan Patrick Vogelsong
Danielle Mozeika

Sixth Place: Guinyard Butler Mid Sch,
Barwell, SC
Coaches: Jim Easterling Ellen Fitzenrider
and Abbey Easter
Team: Rohini Bhargava Meg Pait
Katie Coleman Starr Patterson
Neal Easterling Jana Thomas
Corbett Norwood

Which End is Up?, Division III

First Place: Poquoson HS,
Poquoson, VA
Coaches: Richard & Vonnie Boitnott
Team: Josh Boitnott Eric Pesola
Anna Parker John Martin
Tabitha Perdue Chris Smith

Second Place: Wylie E. Groves HS,
Beverly Hills, MI
Coaches: Maggie & Garrett Van Camp
Team: Brian Alexander Janna Drotos
Christopher DeRonne Micah Heilbrun
Tanya Drosis Alison Van Camp

Third Place: Thomas Stone HS,
Waldorf, MD
Coaches: Gayle & Randy Crowder
Team: Shawn Barreto Michael Moore
Robyn Bridge James Reddan
Kimberly Crowder Michael Quigley

Fourth Place: Richland HS,
Richland, WA
Coaches: Wendell Amtzen & Christina Chin
Team: Alec Amtzen Dan Johnston
Ryan Braby Neil Landeen
Melanie Chin Carolyn Nguyen
Matt Feeney

Fifth Place: Sturgeon Bay HS,
Sturgeon Bay, WI
Coaches: David Valentine & Lucille Kirkegaard
Team: Dirk Jacobson Jason Valentine
Jason Samonds Mary White
Dan Sceiszinski Zac Zenelski

Sixth Place: Overland HS,
Aurora, CO
Coaches: Tom & Kathy Keefe
Team: Rebecca Dang David Powers
Don Marucutt Elizabeth Walsh
Jessica Pezzella

Folk Tales, Division I

First Place: Dexter Ele Sch,
Ft Benning, GA
Coach: Mrs. Van Horn
Team: Danielle Carrillo Joanna Malott
Colleen Curasi Ryan Swihart
Jason Gardner Frank Walsh
Amber Kastrop

Second Place: Preston Smith Ele Sch,
Lubbock, TX
Coaches: Mary Ann and Robert Rogers
and Debbie Stroud
Team: Ashley Guy Cheyenne Nixon
Aaron Rogers Peyton Stroud
Roshie Mansouri Mike Thorvilson
Sarah Rothwell

Third Place: Lewis Ele Sch,
Temple Terrace, FL
Coaches: Agusta Rodriguez, Michelle Carmen
and Bobbi Haiman
Team: Laura Carmen Linette Capitano
Kristen Carpenter Michille Rodriguez
Kelly Duncan Michael Smith
Ashley Jacobson

Fourth Place: Westminster Day/Mid Sch TM C,
Oklahoma City, OK
Coach: Susan Major and Cathy Russell
Team: Andrew Cook Eric Price
Camden Dunning Kate Richard
Melissa Major Cara Russell
Matt Murphy

Fifth Place (tie): Edison Ele Sch,
Denver, CO
Coaches: Debbie Vigil & Leann Lucerno
Team: Jerard Bell Katherine Reed
Michael Galvez Meg Riedel
Alvimeo Garcia Anamuel Woldegorogis
Brookr Mazotti

Fifth Place (tie): Glen Cove Ele Sch,
Roanoke, VA
Coaches: Sue Bostic & George Seymour
Team: Ian Conner Richard Hardy
Ryan Curfiss Kimberly Light
Tara Clarke Jamie Shawn
Brian Conlan

Sixth Place: Wintersville Ele Sch TM A,
Wintersville, OH
Coaches: Kathie Burns & Bruce Dondzila
Team: Michael Burns Ashley Ellsworth
Joey Danyluk Della Drive
Chad Dondzilz Mindy Nash
Todd Edwards

Folk Tales, Division II

First Place: N Olmsted Enrichment Prog A, N
Olmsted, OH
Coach: Betsy Bruening
Team: Adam Bradfield Chris Kasick
Maggie Bruening Bonnie Spalding
Megan Crow Jenny Wang
Dave Dusik

Second Place: Faith School,
Ft Benning, GA
Coaches: Givens & Kurnier
Team: Jerry Edwards Jeff Quick
LaKisha Ladson Jennifer Swihart
Carrie Parker Amy Wilson

Third Place: James Monroe HS TM A,
Fredericksburg, VA
Coach: Nora Hooper
Team: Adam Atwell Roger Hall
Brian Ennis Joseph Hooper
Jeffrey Grimmer

Fourth Place: Fairfield Woods Mid Sch,
Fairfield CT
Coaches: Adele Joscovitz, Carol Hochberg
& Carol Geilling
Team: Jill Boncek Doris Josovitz
Patrick Francis Katherine Simses
Craig Geilling Allison Sullivan
Amy Hochberg

Fifth Place: Ponderosa JHS,
Klamath Falls, OR
Coaches: Sandy Kurth and Becky Johnson
Team: Joel Kenney Lesley Sario
Becky McNamara Jordan Sonerholm
Mark Novak Robin Thomas
Kim Ragan

Sixth Place: Brooklyn JHS TM B,
Brooklyn Park, MN
Coaches: Rich Erling, Marilyn Troth
& Mark Gable
Team: Teresa Campbell Jenny Rubenstein
Katie English Adrienne Voorhees
Jenny Lindemann

1993 World Finals Graduates

Elementary

Ellisville Elementary (5th grade)
Ellisville, MO
Justin Herman
Adam Kruse
Nathan Reinhardt
Kristen Schmitte
Brian Scudieri
Erin Tilley
Erin Wedemeier

York Elementary (5th grade)
Raleigh, NC
Douglas Chamberlain
Lida Purdue
Casey Taker
Ramsey Yehia

Middle School

Urbandale Middle School
Urbandale, IA
Paul Ceaser
Steven Green
Jeffrey Hansen
Robert Schneider
Christopher Strohmaier

Viking Junior High
Gurnee, IL
Andy Delassus
Julie Freeman
Andrew Kurth
Traci Pichler

Rockwood Valley Mid. Sch (8th)
Ballwin, MO
Marisa Grobert

Havre Middle School
Havre, MT
Christopher Durward
Grey Fowles
Grant Olson
Jennifer Rygg
Joann Rygg
Kristen Sluiter

High School

Russellville High School
Russellville, AR
Chase Harding
Shelly Warren

McNair Sr. Sec. School
Richmond, BC
Deanna Baker
Heidi Evelyn
Jennifer Wong

Choctawhatchee High School
Fort Walton Beach, FL
Jennifer Blazer
Sean Sanders

Miami Sunset Senior High
Miami, FL
Martina Banovac

Holmes High School
(12th/Academic Engineering Degree)
Covington, KY
Richard Brian Sullivan

Fort Campbell High School
Fort Campbell, KY
Sky Vanessa King
Deborah Adele McFadden

Medford High School
Medford, MA
Tony Da Silva
John Lanzerotta
Joseph Peppe
Anna Lisa Villano

North Olmsted High School
North Olmsted, OH
James E. Bognar
Daniel Cook
Jason Parry
Jonathan Parry
Matthew Tessma
Rebekah Willis

Eastern High School
Sardinia, OH
Matt Arn
Nathan Dotson
Michael Guillermin
Flavius Lilly
Dylan Shelton

Linesville High School
Linesville, PA
Brian Michael Crum
John Mark Evans

Barnwell High School
Barnwell, SC
Deanna Danese Corell
Dana Ann Davis

Summerville High School
Summerville, SC
Angela Hancock
Lawrence Mitchell
Caroline Piram
Stephanie Rock

Hillcrest High School
Dallas, TX
Tony Orchard

6th Level

ITESM CQ
Queretaro, Quo. Mexico
Juan Concha del Rio
Inaki Urien Larracochea
Jose Javier Saenz Gallegos
Gustavo Lara Ordaz

OM NOTES

* Sharon Stuart, Regional Director in Maine, wrote to remind us just how small our world really is. This past year, she held the largest-ever Southern Maine Regional Competition with over 700 students participating. Over 3,000 people attended the closing ceremony in a room designed to hold 1,500. Needless to say, it was time to find a new site for the 1994 regionals. She contacted officials at the University of Southern Maine, who agreed to host the competition. Knowing that she needed to recruit some helpers on campus, Sharon went to the Phi Sigma Pi honors fraternity to present "OM." After her remarks, to her surprise, one candidate for entrance into the fraternity told her that he had been in OM and felt it was an excellent program. Why was Sharon surprised? The student who spoke about his OM experience was from the People's Republic of China!

* Joyce McHenry, Iowa OM's Association Director, passed along an observation made by coach Cindy Glopper in Orange City, Iowa. Her team members noted that "spontaneous waiting area" is almost an oxymoron!!!

* Cozy Dorton, Regional Director in South Dakota, sent OM headquarters a copy of a press release from LeTourneau University in Texas.

A university mechanical engineering team, which included a former OMer, took third place in an international impromptu design contest held in April at Southern Methodist University. One of the members of this third-place team was Michael Kessler, a freshman mechanical engineering major hailing from Custer, SD. An OM scholarship winner in 1992, Mike credits OM with enhancing his ability to help his teammates.

The challenge posed by this design contest, in Mike's eyes, was similar to an OM spontaneous problem. Each team was handed paper, tape, scissors and several crayons. Using only those tools given to them, the team members had to create a paper device that would fly through the air and land in a small target 40 feet away.


Mike's approach to solving this problem was OM-style. While most teams created a version of a paper airplane, the innovative LeTourneau team noted that since the rules did **not** specifically say that you could not use the tools themselves to develop the device, Mike and his teammates carefully rolled the paper around the crayons, taped it tightly and created a missile. "Other projects flew farther, but ours was extremely accurate," he said.

The design contest was won by a team from Mexico.

* Marilyn Limberg, Regional Director from Seymour, Wisconsin, recently received a scholarship for Future Teachers in the amount of \$1200. Marilyn has returned to school and will graduate certified to teach special

education. She said OM positively influenced her decision to return to school. Pat Schoonover, Association Director for WI OM, tells us that Marilyn is well respected by her peers for her steadiness and her realistic approach to education.


* A MO OM NW Regional Director reports on the successful, first-ever Bake Walk she held at the regional competition on March 20. She solicited a baked item from each participant in the competition. Some teams really took on the OM spirit and had each team member bake something. One membership in the region, Messiah Lutheran School of Independence, coordinated and ran the Bake Walk, which became a rallying point throughout the day for teams and friends, and raised several hundred dollars for the region. In addition, that amount was almost matched by a donation by the Missouri Lutheran Brotherhood Branch. The money was divided among and distributed to the six NW regional teams that placed first in the association finals. The money was to be used to offset team expenses for the trip to World Finals. "As a region we've wanted to help our winning teams go on to World. This was a fun way to do it and we're grateful for the matching funds, which brought an extra bonus," said Lois Domsch, tournament director.

* AMTRAC, on its Washington, DC, run, made a special stop on June 1. It stopped in Eutaw, AL, a town not on its regular schedule. The exception was made to pick up the team from Green County Enrichment Program – so that the team members could compete in the structure problem at the 14th Annual OM World Finals in College Park, MD. 

Briefly Speaking

The OM Board of Directors met on Sunday, June 6, 1993. At that meeting, minutes from the March 21, 1993, meeting were approved. Highlights of the March 21, 1993, meeting follow:

- The OM membership report was reviewed indicating that as of March 17, 1993, there were 11,500 members (which included 23 Division IV memberships).
- Chuck Francis was selected as the 1993 Creativity Award winner.
- A motion passed that the OM name, logo and characters be reserved and used only by OM-sponsored activities.

The next board meeting was scheduled to be held at the World Finals at the University of Maryland. 

♥ Poetry Corner ♥

The following poem comes from Marty Mater, OM coordinator in Ovid-Elsie Schools in Elsie, Michigan. She wrote this to thank all those who were involved with OM this year in her district.



The OM Stock Exchange

Investment makes us think of getting a good return.
If we don't get what we hoped, we hope we at least can learn.
OM is like the stock market, which depends on its investors.
But unlike Wall Street's instant profit, life skills are its testers.
All investments can be classified as treasure, talent or time.
And those trading OM stock are included in this rhyme.
Parents invest their love in their children whom they believe
Will benefit from this investment of attention they receive.
Children invest their time in learning something new.
And return is sometimes weighed by what they now can do.
Coaches invest their patience in amounts too large to measure.
For a return that's hard to see, but in lives of children, a treasure.
Investing in creativity, whether you've lost or won,
Results in many dividends both of learning and of fun.
So if I'm sort of like a broker, I'll share with you this tip-
Investing in your children will always be blue chip.

*This next poem is by Marie Guerriero, a coach from Melrose, Massachusetts, Discovery Program. Her team worked on the **Folk Tales** problem this year.*



The Tale of Me and You

And so today, I tell my tale
about a team, all seven of you!
Of two coaches, tried and true,
one who is old,
one who is new.
Of the times we have spent
working and at play...
Hopes and dreams of competition day.
And as our time together draws to
a close,
I'll cherish every memory in sweet repose.
The laughter, the debate,
the brainstorming too!
The cardboard, the paint,
and even the glue!
The feeling of relief when all your work
is done,
For it doesn't matter whether you have
lost or won!
For in my eyes, you see,
you all are winners to me!
Good luck in the future whatever
you do!

*This last poem was written by Sarita Dotson, a member of the **WV, Division I, Which End is Up?** team. On her way home from World Finals, Sarita was inspired to write this poem about trading pins...*



Ode To Pins

Montana fish,
Wisconsin cows,
West Virginia butterflies,
and Dinosaurs.
Arkansas Razorbacks,
Virginia's tall ships,
Canadian maple leaves
and Pennsylvania's kiss.
New Hampshire's gnome
with his prominent nose,
Washington's red apples
and the Texas rose.
Luscious New York grapes,
Florida's grinning gator,
Illinois sunbursts
and old friend OMER.
The Chinese panda
was quite a steal.
"Hi. Will you trade
your blue tarheel?"
There was quite a rush
for the Nevada flush,
Mexican Pesos and Kangaroos.
The Missouri arch was on the march,
and the Iowa pigs came in twos.
The Belle and the Peach
were quite out of reach.
You could negotiate if you dare.
Three-way deals would sometimes net
a beautiful diamond from Delaware.
But the best of the show,
were the lovely dolls called Kachina.
They helped us meet four wonderful friends
from the great state of Arizona.

Call for Articles...

If you wish to submit any articles for future newsletter issues, please send them to the Newsletter Editor, c/o OM Association, PO Box 547, Glassboro, NJ 08028. We also request that you forward to OM any news articles about your team that recently appeared in your local papers!



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Quick Facts About the 1993 World Finals Competition

- 706 teams competed in the 14th Annual OM World Finals.
- Participating teams came from 18 different countries—Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Curacao, England, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Scotland, and the United States.
- There were ties for first (one—*Pit Stop, Division II*); second, (one—*Dinosaurs, Division I*); and third (four—*Pit Stop, Divisions II and III, Dinosaurs, Division III*, and *The Old Man and the Sea Analogy, Division II*).
- First-place champion teams were from 16 different US states, provinces or countries. These champions were from Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Shanghai, China.
- Nine Ranatra Fusca winners emerged in this year's World Finals. Of these nine, four also received a first-place, second-place, or third-place medal.
- There were ten Outstanding OMer citations announced at the Awards Ceremony. One recognized a spontaneous judge; another's good work was recognized by Dr. Sam Micklus. 

WINNERS OF THE 1993 HAT/FLOAT CONTEST

Semi-finalists:

Florida
Kentucky
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Ohio
Texas
West Virginia
Wisconsin

Finalists:

1st Place: Florida
2nd Place: Massachusetts
3rd Place (tie): Michigan & West Virginia

WINNERS OF THE 1993 BANNER CONTEST

Semi-finalists:

British Columbia
Delaware
Japan
Massachusetts
Mississippi
Montana
New Jersey
Oklahoma
West Virginia
Wisconsin

Finalists:

1st Place: West Virginia
2nd Place: New Jersey
3rd Place: Montana