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It's back to Boulder next year for the Odyssey of the Mind 2005 World Finals at the University of Colorado, May 21–24. Hope to see you there! Your friend.

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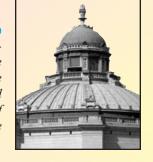
The Odyssey of the Mind 2004 Spirit Award Recipient is Mr. Weixin Chen for establishing China Odyssey of the Mind as



the largest association outside of the U.S. His dedication, persistence and promotion of the program began in 1988 and is still going strong.

Chen Weixin, OMER and Dr. Sam

The 2004 Creativity Award Goes to The Library of Congress for its mission "to make its resources available and useful to the Congress and the American people and to sustain and preserve a universal collection of knowledge and creativity for future generations."



#### **CREATIVITY BOOTH** WINNERS

1st Place: Missour 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: New York 3rd Place: Illinois

17 Associations had booths at the Creativity Festival. Participants used OotM tokens at the booths. The booths that collected the most tokens won a prize.



Kids did crafts for tokens at Florida's creativity booth.

#### FLOAT FINALISTS

Arkansas Connecticut Georgia Maine Missouri New York South Carolina Tennessee

Vermont

*Massachusetts* 

North Carolina Ontario, Canada Pennsylvania

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**BANNER FINALISTS** 

Arizona

Florida

Kansas

Kentucky

Hong Kong

#### **OMER's Award Recipients**

- Judy Roman, Traverse City, MI. Strategy Sphere, Div II For offering transportation and fundraising help to an unknown team, enabling them to attend World Finals.
- AC Pope HS, Marietta, GA. Strategy Sphere, Div III. This team showed exceptional talent by writing a flute composition based on a pentatonic scale with five movements to illustrate five distinct settings.
- John Glenn MS, La Quinta, CA. Balancing Act, Div II. This team had to recreate

their props and backdrops because their materials were lost in shipping, only to have their problem solution ruled illegal. In the end, they accepted the ruling like true winners.

Carson, team member, Wisconsin Hills MS, Brookfield, WI. Featured Creature, Div II. Rarely seen on stage, Carson's contribution was evident throughout. He used different musical styles and themes that reflected the traits of each character.



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### 25 Years of Worldwide **Creativity and Still** Going Strong!

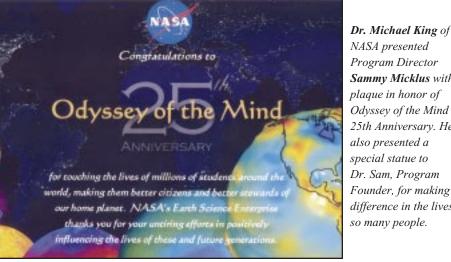
his year's World Finals was monumental—not only because it marked 25 years of worldwide creativity at Odyssey of the Mind, but because it was the largest creative problem-solving competition ever! There was lots of celebrating and reminiscing going on during the four-day event, and the teams' solutions were as creative as ever.

- **765 teams** competed—an all-time World Finals record!
- Teams came from 34 U.S. States and 14 other countries.
- New York had the most World Champion teams with a total of four; Pennsylvania had three; China, Poland, Michigan and Oklahoma each had two; and California, Kansas, Texas and Virginia each had one.
- **Belarus** was represented for the first time.
- Lots of our **friends** joined us in celebrating our 25th World Finals at a special Founder's Dinner and a Reunion Bash.
- Tr. Fritz Hasler of NASA took audiences on a journey from outer space to Earth with 11 **E-theatre presentations**.



set the stage for the next three days o competition. 18,000 people were in the audience, including a record 765 teams. When Dr. Sam said, "Let the games begin," fireworks





NASA presented Program Director Sammy Micklus with a plague in honor of Odyssey of the Mind's 5th Anniversary. He also presented a special statue to Dr. Sam, Program Founder, for making a difference in the lives of so many people.



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# CONGRATULATIONS OOTM 2004 WORLD CHAMPIONS!

## Envirover

#### **Division I**

1st Place: Osrodek Edukacji EWTEL, Otwock, Poland

1st Place: MENDON CENTER ELE SCH TM A. Pittsford, NY

1st Place: SAINT BONIFACE SCH, Williamsport, PA

2nd Place: HALSTEAD MID SCH, Halstead, KS 2nd Place: PINKSTON MID SCH

Mountain Home, AR 3rd Place: THE BRANCH SCH, Houston, TX

4th Place: Greenlawn Ele Sch, Bainbridge, NY

5th Place: Poinciana Ele Sch, Lake Worth, FL

6th Place: NEW HAVEN ELE SCH TM A, Union, KY

#### **Division II**

1st Place: ZHONGGUANCUN MID SCH, Shanghai, China

> 2nd Place: HAZLET MID SCH. Hazlet, NJ

3rd Place: OWEN J ROBERTS MID SCH, Spring City, PA 4th Place: Bainbridge Guilford

MID/HIGH, Bainbridge, NY 4th Place: THE INDEPENDENCE SCH. Newark, DE

4th Place: HARMONY INT SCH, Hamilton, VA

5th Place: CHOWAN MID SCH, Tyner, NC

Vineland, NJ

#### **Division III**

Vineland, NJ

Melbourne, FL

1st Place: KOUNTZE HS, Kountze, TX 2nd Place: OXFORD AREA HS,

Oxford, PA 3rd Place: VINELAND HS TM A,

4th Place: CHENANGO VALLEY MID/HS, Binghamton, NY

5th Place: CHENGDU No 7 MID SCH, Sichuan, China 6th Place: EAU GALLIE HS.

6th Place: LANDIS INT SCH,

#### **Division IV**

1st Place: VIRGINIA TECH: OMER PI, Blacksburg, VA

2nd Place: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, East Lansing, MI



# Classics ... Fantastic Art

#### **Division II**

1st Place: Magnolia Sch Tm A, Grass Valley, CA

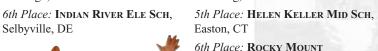
2nd Place: PIPER MID SCH, Kansas City, KS

ACADEMY, Rocky Mount, NC

3rd Place: ANGLO CHINESE SCH, Singapore 4th Place: PINE VALLEY MID SCH,

San Ramon, CA 5th Place: BAY LANE MID SCH, 5th Place: CARVER MID SCH, Leesburg, FL

Muskego, WI



#### **Division III**

1st Place: Owasso Mid/HS. Owasso, OK

2nd Place: CHESHIRE HS. Cheshire, CT

3rd Place: GIMNASIUM #2, BREST. Brest, Belarus 4th Place: THOMAS JEFFERSON

HSST TM A, Falls Church, VA 5th Place: CORNWALL HS. Cornwall, NY

6th Place: Southlake Carroll SCHS A, Southlake, TX

#### **Division IV**

1st Place: University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS

2nd Place: Akademia Pedagogiki

SPECJALNEJ, Warszawa, Poland 3rd Place: University of

Rocky Mount, NC GEORGIA. Athens. GA 4th Place: AFTON ELE SCH. 4th Place: University of Yardley, PA PITTSBURGH, Pittsburgh, PA

> 5th Place: Frank C Martin Ele Sch, Miami, FL

1st Place: Prywatna Szkola

PODSTAWOWA, Pomorskie, Poland

3rd Place: ENGLEWOOD ELE SCH,

2nd Place: MARS ELE SCHS,

**Division I** 

Mars, PA

5th Place: JOHN READ MID SCH TM A, Redding, CT 6th Place: Elizabeth Traditional

ELE SCH, Charlotte, NC

MID SCH, Holland, MI

## **Featured Creature**

1st Place: MARS MID SCH, Mars, PA 2nd Place: ANGLO CHINESE SCH. Singapore

2nd Place: Southern Lehigh Mid SCH, Coopersburg, PA 3rd Place: Peters Twp Mid Sch

TM A. McMurray, PA 4th Place: WEST BRIAR MID SCH, Houston, TX

4th Place: CRESTDALE MID SCH. Matthews, NC

Division II

5th Place: Northwest Mid Sch: KNIGHTS, Kernersville, NC

5th Place: Cane Creek Mid Sch TM A. Fletcher, NC

## **Division III**

1st Place: CHENANGO VALLEY MID/HS, Binghamton, NY 2nd Place: BARRON COLLIER HS.

3rd Place: ANGLO CHINESE SCH, Singapore

4th Place: Vorosmarty Mihaly HS, Budapest, Hungary

Naples, FL

5th Place: SAVANNAH ARTS ACADEMY, Savannah, GA

6th Place: NORTH SHORE HS. Houston, TX



# **Balancing Act**

#### **Division I**

1st Place: Shahe Pri Sch, Shenzhen Guangdong, China 2nd Place: Poouoson Ele Sch

4th Place: Deer Park Ele Sch,

Williamsburg, PA

**Division I** 

Rockford, MI

TM B, Houston, TX

Binghamton, NY

1st Place: Lakes Ele Sch.

3rd Place: SAINT MICHAEL

2nd Place: RIVER OAKS ELE SCH

LUTHERAN SCH. Fort Myers, FL

4th Place: Thomas Jefferson Sch,

1st Place: WEST MS TM A. Binghamton, NY 2nd Place: Poouoson Mid Sch,

Poquoson, VA 3rd Place: OWEN J ROBERTS MID SCH, Spring City, PA

4th Place: BILL REED MID SCH, Loveland, CO

5th Place: Forest Edge Ele Sch TM A, Reston, VA 6th Place: BONAIRE MID SCH,

#### **Division III**

1st Place: JENKS HS, Jenks, OK 2nd Place: SIDNEY HS, Sidney, NY 3rd Place: Spackenkill HS,

Laporte, CO

#### **Division IV**

1st Place: LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, Bethlehem, PA 2nd Place: Tufts University,

Medford, MA 3rd Place: University of GEORGIA, Athens, GA

propelled and steered.

CROSSROADS SCH, Hopewell, NJ Strategy Sphere, Div II. For their launcher design that resulted in a device powered by a chain on a bicycle that a team member rode.

LAKE ELE SCH, Rockford, MI Fantastic Art, Div I. For the use of recycled and new materials in the construction of props.

#### Fantastic Art, Div II. For the lifelike rhinoceros sculpture that walked across the stage.

WASHINGTON ES, Wichita, KS Balancing Act, Div I. For their transportation method of a miniature circus animal riding a unicycle along a tight rope while supporting the structure.

Balancing Act, Div II. The device that transported the structure was a pulley and gear system that reeled in the container, dropped a weight, flipped a switch, trigcontainer into the safety area.

Balancing Act, Div III. For the propulsion system used to transport the team's container that had two pendulums weighted so that

ed a ratchet mechanism that drove the wheels of the structure container's vehicle.

Budapest, HU

Featured Creature, Div III. They transported the audience to a child's dream world on a



# **Strategy Sphere**

1st Place: CAL-MUM CENTRAL SCH, Caledonia, NY

Fremont, CA

4th Place: CORUNNA MID SCH Corunna, MI

5th Place: NORTHAMPTON MID SCH, Northampton, PA

Corunna, MI 2nd Place: LOYALSOCK HS,

3rd Place: LOWER DAUPHIN HS, Harrisburg, PA

4th Place: Deering HS Tm A

Portland, ME 5th Place: TEMPE PREP ACADEMY, Chandler, AZ

6th Place: IRONWOOD RIDGE HS, Tucson, AZ

## **Division II**

2nd Place: Munsang College, North Point, Hong Kong

3rd Place: HOPKINS JHS,

6th Place: GIRDLER ELE SCH. Girdler, KY

#### **Division III**

1st Place: CORUNNA HS,

Williamsport, PA

4th Place: NEW CANAAN HS, New Canaan, CT



## **Division II**

Poquoson, VA 2nd Place: CLEMMONS ELE SCH, Clemmons, NC

3rd Place: Our Lady of Wisdom SCH. Prt Jefferson, NY

3rd Place: Knapp Forest Ele Sch TM A, Grand Rapids, MI

New Port Richey, FL 5th Place: Crystal Spring Ele

SCH TM A, Roanoke, VA 6th Place: WILLIAMSBURG ELE SCH,



Poughkeepsie, NY 3rd Place: CACHE LA POUDRE JHS,

4th Place: BEDFORD HS, Bedford, MA

5th Place: JP STEVENS HS TM B, Edison, NJ 6th Place: Blytheville HS

Blytheville, AR



### Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award • HALSTEAD MS, Halstead, KS Envirover, Div I. For the design of a propulsion mechanism that

**DEL. VALLEY HS**, Milford, PA Envirover, Div III. For their hydraulic propulsion system that used common products in a complex system.

Magnolia Sch, Grass Valley, CA J.P. Stevens HS, Edison, NJ

BONAIRE MID SCH, Bonaire, GA gered a crane, and swiveled the

when they dropped it, it start-

RUSH BARTLETT, Jenks HS, OK Balancing Act, Div III. For designing a structure that got stronger as weight was placed on it.

VOROSMARTY MIHALY HS,

a living backdrop. Three team members formed one creature.

"human" train traveling through