



Odyssey of the Mind

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## 15th Annual World Finals Celebration

The 1994 World Finals proved to be our best event ever! With 14 countries represented and a record 710 teams competing, participants were mesmerized by the innovative solutions and dazzled by the sights and sounds of the evening festivities.

Opening ceremonies unfolded on Wednesday evening with a parade of representatives from the 14 attending countries. After several speakers welcomed OMers to the big event, Dr. Micklus set the tone for this year's anniversary competition. His remarks focused on what the participants achieved this year when he said, "There are many team members here, who, when given this year's competition problems, asked each other, 'Where do we begin?' Some tried out ideas that didn't work. There may have even been tears of disappointment. You accepted things that went wrong and tried again and again. Some of you came up with solutions only to say, 'It's not good enough. Let's start over and make it better.' Boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, this is what champions are made of."

Following Dr. Micklus' remarks, the crowd engaged in a recitation of the OM pledge. The finale for the opening ceremonies included a confetti shoot, indoor fireworks and a dramatic balloon drop. Each balloon contained the name and address of a team member, giving each participant a pen pal from this World Finals event.

The following day, the traditional Hat, Float and Banner Contest was held. For the first time, associations could register an entry in *each one* of the events. Fashion appeared to reign as this year's theme. The crowd watched a five-person team t-shirt, a two-

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## Creativity Festival – A Competition All Its Own!

The 15th annual OM World Finals was peppered with interesting and innovative activities for all participants, regardless of age or level of participation. Among the more unusual events was the Creativity Festival, held at the Recreation Center on the campus of Iowa State University. Here, ingenuity reigned not only inside the creative booths that housed the various activities, but outside as well, where the barkers' pleas lured onlookers into the action.

For the festival, each OM chartered association was invited to design an activity that involved a creative game or presentation. In turn, each team was given a bag full of tokens. These tokens were used by team members as payment for the festival activities.

There were many varied and creative games to challenge the spirited and the adventurous. For example, Arkansas had

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## New Weight-Held Record Set In 1994!

In 1992, World Finals championship teams in the structure problem set records—in each division—that broke the existing mark of 978 lbs. The existing record that teams shattered had been unmovable since 1983. The new records set exceeded the old by a substantial amount: Division I held 1025 lbs; Division II, 1150 lbs; and Division III, 1145 lbs. There was speculation that these new records would remain stable for some time. The following year, however, that theory proved to be untrue. The record weights held in 1992 were shattered in 1993—in all divisions—via the problem, WHICH END IS UP? A Division III team held 1210 lbs, an incredible number to beat.

The problem specs changed in '93-94. Weights held were "increased" by bonus points. However, that did not stop teams from setting new records for actual weight held, without factoring the effect of bonus points. In Division I, the highest weight held, sans bonus points, was 1080 lbs. In Division II, the highest weight held was 1195 lbs. And, in Division III, the team from Wylie Grove HS, in Beverly Hills, MI, held an incredible 1465 lbs, breaking all previous records. Will there be a "new twist" on record breaking in '94-95? Only time will tell...



## Creativity Festival *(continued from page 1)*

two different activities going on simultaneously. In this booth, treasure-seekers with a quick eye or a quick hand could either sift through sand for Arkansas (crystal) diamonds or skillfully “flip” OMER into a bucket. British Columbia supplied both tennis and velcro balls and challenged participants to aim at a totem pole and either move the balls through a hoop or adhere them directly to the pole. Florida orchestrated a wet-sponge throw for amusement. Human faces popped out of handmade cardboard cut-outs of alligators and flamingos. The object, was—you guessed it—to hit your “favorite critter’s face” with a wet sponge. “Walking on peaches”—until the music stopped—gave some of the big spenders at the festival a prized Georgia peach pin. Japan tested participants’s agility to pick up glass balls—with chopsticks—in a 30-second time frame. Michigan invited the more mobile to “drive” a car (Matchbox variety) into one of four cites in Michigan and “park” it in a garage.

Participants checking out the Midwest consortium’s booth had many activities from which to choose. “Create a critter” used rubber stamps depicting various animal parts to entice participants to devise a new breed of animal. “Make a mask” gave aspiring designers the opportunity to fashion a glitter and confetti mask suitable for Mardi Gras. Panning for Iowa gold in a pool of corn helped lucky winners cash in on a special prize.


Finally, for those who dared to undergo an electrifying experience, The Science Center of Iowa demonstrated the Vandergraf generator, leaving participants at this booth with their hair standing on end—literally. New Hampshire featured a token toss, Oklahoma offered “miniature” golf, and Oregon’s jackpot spinner ensured that everyone walked away with a prize. Tennessee challenged participants to demonstrate their wind power, while honorary Texas “cowboys” showed their brawn by knocking



*Washington OM's Wild Olympic Salmon*

down well-known Texans such as Ross Perot and Troy Akerman. Pins, candy and other awards were given by some booth personnel to those who displayed the required skills.

Perhaps the most intriguing display came from Norland, Washington. A 25-foot fiberglass Salmon invited participants to walk inside the fish to view a display of the habitat of the Olympic peninsula.

The festival ran from Thursday, June 2 through Saturday, June 4. Cash prizes were awarded to Texas, Arkansas and Georgia for the entries garnering the largest number of tokens. 

## REFLECTIONS—FROM BOTH SIDES NOW

By Amy Katz,  
*a perpetual OMer*

Take a scene from the *Odyssey* and make it funny. That was my first OM problem in 1982. At that time, I was involved with what was then called Olympics of the Mind.

Take a scene from the *Iliad* and a scene from 20th-century history and incorporate a piece of artwork. That was my latest OM problem, in 1994.

The first problem was mine, as an OM participant at Sayreville Junior High School, in Sayreville, NJ. The last problem was my team’s, an elementary school team from North Oaks Elementary School in Austin, TX. Obviously, I chose the *Iliad* problem for sentimental reasons of Homeric proportion. (What is OM without puns?)

For our *Odyssey* problem, we made Cyclops into Pac-Man. We didn’t make it past locals. The second year, we were part of the Mousemobile relays. Our mousetrap cars didn’t move an inch, but we did get perfect scores on Style and in spontaneous. We still didn’t make it past locals.

OM certainly taught me how to fail.

The third year, with *Music Maestro, Please*, we won the World Finals. Our piece, about Adam taking the apple and

destroying the world, made the judges cry. How often does that happen with OM?

Then I moved to a mega-school district in Houston and I cried because it became *OM, who?*

As an adult I consider OM to be the best experience in my 17 years in public schools, and I want the kids to get the same kind of experiences that I’ve had. I have learned to fail, to make a fool of myself, to think creatively, to brainstorm, to tolerate unusual ideas and to work as a team—and to sew, cut, paste, glitter and dance.

After leading my team to personal victory, but not to OM victory, I volunteered at Texas association finals. I think I was probably the only one there without a child or a teaching certificate. I am also on the board of the Capital-Area OM Region. I have many other volunteer commitments, but I knew I could never forgive myself if I didn’t get as involved in OM as I could.

Regionals for me this year was somewhat sad. I was there as a coach, not as a kid. It wasn’t my turn any more. But as long as I can give others the opportunities I’ve had, it isn’t so bad.

**Long live OM!**



## OM Notes

\* **Jacqueline Otis**, a 1989 OM scholarship winner and 1989 OM World Finalist, graduated from the Air Force Academy this year. After witnessing Jacqueline's graduation from the Academy, her mom, dad and sister attended the OM World Finals in Ames, IA. They arrived on Friday, in time to celebrate **Jamiee Otis's** graduation from high school—OM Style. Jamiee and her six teammates missed the commencement held that same night at their alma mater, Indian Creek High School in Wintersville, Ohio. The team, coached by proud parent/coaches Dana and Carol Otis, competed in the Classics problem, Division III.

*Editor's note: Indian Creek High School finished fifth this year, in The Iliad, Division III.*

\* Graduation ceremonies were squeezed into many World Finals schedules as **Christy Coons** can attest. She graduated summa cum laude from James Madison University in VA, and moved right into her judging commitment at World Finals the following week. Christy was joined in Iowa by mom and dad, Becky and Terry, who also served as World Finals officials this year. **Becky Coons** serves as a regional director for Maryland OM.

\* Another commencement narrative comes from New Martinsville, WV. It seems **Tom Myslinsky**, Magnolia High School's Division III, *Set it Free* team coach, had more than one commitment to honor during the OM World Finals this year. To sandwich it all in, Tom's team traveled by car to World Finals and competed on Thursday. The following day, Tom flew back to West Virginia for his next big event, graduation with his son. Then Tom commuted back to ISU on Saturday to witness closing ceremonies with his team!

\* West Virginia's second notable story centers around the town of Fairmont. This year, that town sent eight teams to participate in the 1994 OM World Finals. Six of these teams hailed from East Dale Elementary School. The other teams represented East Fairmont Junior High and East Fairmont High School.

East Dale began participation in the 1986-87 membership year. That first year one team captured first place in the association finals. It went on to World Finals and finished last among the competitors there. However, the trip proved to be a valuable experience and sparked interest among other potential OM participants. As you might imagine, the schools have been fielding more and more OM teams each year.

*Editor's Note: East Dale finished second this year, in The Iliad, Division II.*

\* **Kendale Lakes School**, in Miami, FL, brought three Division I teams to the 1994 OM World Finals. Those teams finished first in *OM-Believable Music*, Division I; fourth in *The Iliad*, Division I; and first in *Furs, Fins and Feathers*, Division I. In each instance the Kendale Lakes team held the highest Style score of the problem, division. One of the teams also garnered an Outstanding OMER Award. Coach Rhea Berger wrote to tell us that in the 11 years the school has participated in OM, fourth at Worlds was the highest place any Kendale Lakes team has ever captured. Getting two additional first-place awards was quite a feat. "It just proves," says Rhea, "that if you continue to try, work hard and have a goal, you can do it!"

\* **AW Cox School Team A** from Guilford, CT, placed fourth in *Set it Free*, Division I. The team also won a Ranatra Fusca Award. To add more accolades, team member **Daniel Rubin** won an individual Outstanding OMER Award.

\* Coach **Ginny Sprague** from St. Francis de Sales Elementary School, Muskegon, MI, reports that her school celebrates the OM experience with an OM banquet and OMIE Awards. A potluck dinner is given for OMers, their parents, and the judges they bring to the regional competition. At the conclusion of the meal, each coach presents the OMIE awards for his/her team.

The OMIE awards are written by each coach about his/her team members. (This is the coach's opportunity to be creative.) These awards recognize each child's accomplishments.

\* Many schools see OM participation as an ongoing part of an extracurricular program as more and more students choose to participate over the course of their four years in high school. As a result, junior and varsity letters are often awarded by the school. School requirements for an OM letter vary. For example, a student may receive a letter if she or he logs a certain number of hours of time in team participation in a given year. Often, there are other contingencies, such as moving up the ladder of competition.

### OM VIDEOS WIN TWO AWARDS

A "Telly" and a "Cindy" plaque are now new additions to the OM video trophy case. These are two of the most respected awards given to cite the accomplishments of non-broadcast television production. For the thousands of companies that produce corporate videos, Cindys and Tellys are the equivalent of broadcast emmys.

The Telly Award was awarded to OM Association, Inc. for "the OM signature animation." The 45-second animation, which introduces *Odyssey of the Mind* in a quick, creative story, appears at the beginning of all OM "instructional" videos. Dr. C. Samuel Micklus, Founder of *Odyssey of the Mind*, and Carole Micklus, Executive Director of OM Association, Inc., conceived the idea for the animation. It was produced by Ned Eckhardt, OM's video consultant. This is the second award Ned has received for the signature animation. The first, a silver plaque from the Chicago International Film and Video Festival, was awarded in 1992.

This year the 14-year-old Telly Awards received over 7900 video entries in various categories. Only 5 percent of these entries were named winners.

The Cindy Award recognized the *1993 OM World Finals Video Yearbook*. As you may know, each year OM Association produces a one-hour documentary of the World Finals event. This "video yearbook" captures the spirit, excitement, pageantry, competition and sometimes offbeat antics of the 15,000 OMers who enjoy the event. Co-hosts of the video are Jennifer Devine and our best friend, OMER. OM has two professional crews that shoot all of the video footage under the direction of Ned Eckhardt.

RAC Productions, a production company headed by honorary OMers Pete Sanford and Bob Christensen, coordinates the video field crews and produces all the arena events at the World Finals sites. Ned writes the script for and edits the World Finals tape each summer for an annual October release.

The international Cindy awards are 35 years old and are recognized for their dedication to honoring excellence in all forms of video production. The non-profit Cindy organization gives awards to 15 percent of all the entrants.



## RANATRA FUSCA AWARDS

### MTV, Division II, Long-Term Team Award Norfolk Junior High School, Norfolk, NE

Coach: Deb Gronau

Team members: Scott Engel, Ross Gronau, Jason Muehlmeier, Nicole Stanley, Kate Surber, Andrew Uher

*Exceptional creativity was shown in this team's ability to use humor effectively and in the manner in which it integrated all the other elements—theme, skit, scenery, music and costumes into the overall performance.*

### MTV, Division III, Long-Term Team Award Galway Central High School, Galway, NY

Coach: Mike Stahl

Team members: John Freer, Allison Roy, Alex Chesko, Mary McKay, Mark Bombard

*Exceptional creativity was shown in this team's remote vehicle release system. It was a very risky system, involving a tower of power with a commutator switch to start each of the vehicles automatically. The system required additional vehicle design to fully coordinate actions. It was truly a unique, creative solution.*

### OM-Believable Music, Division I, Long-Term Team Award Henkle Middle School, White Salmon, WA

Team members: Caleb Connelly, Scott Head, Osha Johnson, Andy Jones, Josh Lind, Jesse Norconk, Matt Siemens

*Exceptional creativity was shown in the way that this team took a risk and produced a quiet, thoughtful and unique problem solution that reflected the Native American culture indigenous to their area of the country.*

### OM-Believable Music, Division II, Spontaneous Team Award Landstuhl Ele/Mid School, DoDDS, Germany

Coach: Terry Miller

Team members: Kenny Adkins, Melissa Crosby, Alyssa Gross, Chad Harshman, Christopher King, John King, Anne Miller

*Exceptional creativity was shown in this team's ability to capture the spirit of the problem and present it in a super-humorous way. This team was highly animated and quick to use puns or words uniquely.*

### OM-Believable Music, Division II, Long-Term Team Award Tricktum Mid School, Lilburn, GA

Coach: David Ramsey

Team members: Matthew Brown, Kristi Dosh, Katy Morrow, Karen Nash, Julie Orlemanski, Cindy Post, Stewart Scott

*Exceptional creativity was shown in this team's ability to create a unique musical instrument. This instrument was based on the opinion that bubbles rising in an aquarium make an interesting sound. The device is constructed from six tubes tuned with different levels of water. Air was blown in from the bottom with an aquarium pump. The sound that was created is totally unique and melodic. The device was nominated because it is very unlike any existing instrument.*

### OM-Believable Music, Division III, Long-Term Team Award Rex Putman HS, Milwaukie, OR

Coach: Sherri Magdlen

Team members: Don Courtney, Brian Dickman, Dave Garner, Dave Hoyt, Staci Magdlen, Kristen Palkki, Scott Rosenkranz

*Exceptional creativity was shown in the technical development of the musical instruments, the conceptualization of the original music, and the highly unusual costumes, masks, makeup and magic!*

### Iliad, Division III, Long-Term Team Award Kingwood High School, Humble TX

Coach: Mary Lobrecht

Team members: Julie Lobrecht, Melissa Moynier, Ahi Butler, Andrew Pirie, Charlie Bloch, Keith Nobbs

*Exceptional creativity was shown in every cubist inch of this team's performance, evidenced by the high level of thought that produced an exceptionally solid, unique solution. The geometrical progression unfolded in operatic song, dance, modern art, puppetry and costuming. The rapidity of creativity left the judges breathless.*

### Iliad, Division IV, Long-Term Team Award Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Coach: Jake Willis

Team members: Rachel Allen, Jim Barker, Stefoni Bavin, Michelle Heimburger, Jessica Roach, Jake Willis

*Exceptional creativity was shown in the team's work of art, a tile mosaic. In the 20th century scene, the mosaic represented a risky investment for stockholders. This investment independently and explosively collapsed, representing the stock market crash of 1929.*

### Set it Free, Division I, Long-Term Team Award A. W. Cox School, Team A, Guilford, CT

Coach: Stephen Bessee

Team members: David Ellis, Brian Mordecai, Jennifer Paulson, Daniel Rubin, J P Smyth, Megan Yuhas

*Exceptional creativity was shown in the unique and creative way the team integrated the different elements of its performance. Each element of the presentation—set-up, design, style and teamwork—was well-coordinated with smooth transitions from one phase to the next. They took a risk in building a larger-than-life structure and breaking it, which set free an over-sized ping-pong ball that contained a fragile airplane. The actions of all five members were interdependent and critical to the solution. They captured the audience's attention and they had fun!*

### Set it Free, Division II, Long-Term Team Award Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Edison, NJ

Coach: Rosemary Kijowski

Team members: Steven Chen, Steven Elwood, Matthew La Bouvie, Derrick Meinhold, Helen Saltesz, Timothy Sun

*Exceptional creativity was shown in the design of the structure. It was the most outstanding of the 53 devices tested. The ping-pong ball was released when the structure broke by snapping two long balsa wood pieces that unhooked a gate under tension and catapulted the ball.*

## Outstanding OMER Awards

### **Furs, Fins & Feathers, Division II, Long-Term Team Award St. Michaels HS, Santa Fe, NM**

Coach: Cathy Miller

Team members: Laurel Brothers, Mark Heyman, Kristina Martinez, Joy Miller, Ingela Onstad, Simon Pineda

*Exceptional creativity was shown because the team took great risk by using no props or scenery other than the team members themselves. They transformed one sheet of blue material into a waving ocean while team members became willowy seaweed. Velcroed material transformed them from seaweed to tree bark to snowflakes. The passage of time was simply portrayed by the members' voices chanting, "tick-tock." In the true spirit of OM, this team creatively presented their solution without elaborate scenery and creatively dramatized their problem.*

### **MTV, Division III, Individual Award Mike Sherman, Fenton HS, Bensenville, IL**

*Through skill and determination, Mike put together a construction crane system that lowered a second vehicle into the water. This was designed to overcome the effect of dropping the vehicle directly into the water.*

### **OM-Believable Music, Division I, Team Award Kendale Lakes Ele Sch, Miami, FL**

Coach: Rhea Berger

Team members: Zachery Cardone, Jonathan Gabison, Kristen Nicholson, Adriana Rauseo, Brian Sims, Jessica Verde, Jeffrey Yeatman

*The team received an award in recognition for the spectacular color and energy it displayed. The candy-oriented puns made this one of the hottest solutions the judges ever witnessed. (The judges had to dry their tears before they were able to interview the team.) The solution incorporated a highly entertaining and self-contained musical play.*

### **OM-Believable Music, Division II, Team Award Unity School, Delray Beach, FL**

Coach: Kathy Olivella

Team members: Crissi Alivella, Joann Barber, Heather Cohen, Eric Rosenzwei, Eric Talasko, Molly Tidwell, Taylor Yadron

*The team displayed outstanding teamwork to present an impressive and informative presentation of the war of 1812 in Russia. Their thorough research was evident in their costumes, acting ability, and incredible props. They shot a babushka doll from a cannon, made a colorful Faberge egg and even sculpted Chekhov's daughter on a swing in a cherry tree.*

### **OM-Believable Music, Division II, Team Award North Olmsted Program A, North Olmsted, OH**

Coach: Tim Bruening

Team members: Andy Bruening, Kate Bruening, Phil Ezolt, Matt Mejia, Rich Merwarth, Christy Sherman, Heather Sponseller

*The team from Milwaukie, OR, nominated this team for its willingness to share tools, to find needed items and for its general good sportsmanship.*

### **Iliad, Division I, Team Award Stuart-Hobson Mid School, Washington, DC**

Coach: Diedre Neal

Team members: Natusha Czarniewy, Eugene Foster, Evan Jones, Kareema McCloud, Najiy Munir, Emily Perry, Jason Snell

*A feeling of joy was imparted to the audience through this team's vivacious, upbeat and perfectly timed performance. The spirit of OM was displayed by teamwork and a "drugs kill" message that was imparted in a humorous fashion on a colorful set without a hint of preaching. Teamwork flowed off the stage and continued down the halls and out of the building. A truly remarkable team!*

### **Set it Free, Division I, Individual Award Daniel Rubin, A. W. Cox School, Team A, Guilford, CT**

*Daniel is a young man with exceptional talent who tackled a stack of tasks about as big as he is. He was a one-person music machine, whistling while his team set up, and later playing the keyboard, the cello and the kazoo at the same time. We all felt that all he needed was a set of toe cymbals! His playing included theme and variations on all instruments except the kazoo. His proficiency allowed him to perform additional tasks only to return to pick up the cello and continue to play without losing a beat. His music maintained the theme throughout the performance.*

### **Set it Free, Division III, Individual Award Russell Smith, Overland, HS, Aurora, CO**

*Russell captivated the audience with his energetic comedy routine that made eight minutes seem like one.*

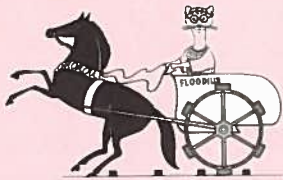
### **Furs, Fins & Feathers, Division I, Individual Award Cindy Andrews, Official, TX**

*Cindy gave each team a lucky OM penny. Her enthusiasm was contagious.*

### **Furs, Fins & Feathers, Division II, Individual Award Lauren Kaufman, Alderwood Middle School, Lynnwood, WA**

*Lauren's portrayal of "Katherine Katz" was outstanding. She looked like a cat, sounded like a cat and stayed in cat character as she showed her feline emotions. She was the cat's meow!*





## MTV, Division II

*First Place:* NORFOLK JHS, Norfolk, NE  
Coach: Deb Gronau

**Team members:**

Scott Engel      Ross Gronau  
Jason Muehlmeier      Nicole Stanley  
Kate Surber      Andrew Uher

*Second Place (tie):* WILSON MID SCH TM A, Plano, TX  
Coach: Danny Dantzler

**Team members:**

Ryan Bryson      Nathan Carrington  
Drake Dantzler      Lauren Ford  
Jennifer Ma'hurin      Amy Rorie

*Second Place (tie):* CHAPEL HILL HOMESCHOOLER, Chapel Hill, NC  
Coach: Sharon Merrill

**Team members:**

Nataly Bevell      Michael Carmon  
Paul Carmon      Aaron Kiefer  
Mark Merrill      Cara Rousseau

*Third Place:* FOREST HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL TM C, Grand Rapids, MI  
Coach: Mimi Bernard

**Team members:**

Jason Bernard      Melanie Bernard  
Amy Dribin      Erica Mittner  
Dan Russell      Jill Sahajdack

*Fourth Place:* MOSCOW JHS, Moscow, ID  
Coach: Kathy Dawes

**Team members:**

Michael Danahy      Andrew Dawes  
Jeremy Guy      Justin Horn  
Miriam Seegmiller      Brian Vandegrift  
Jeremy Wolff

*Fifth Place (tie):* COLE MS/DENVER SCH OF ARTS TM A, Denver, CO  
Coach: Bruce Bowler

**Team members:**

Mary Bowler      Denny Colley  
Jay Lemons      Jesse Schultz  
Clarissa Stranske      John Stranske

*Fifth Place (tie):* JEFFERSON MS, Madison, WI  
Coach: John Valley

**Team members:**

Jason Brown      David Bugge  
Justin Frank      Mark Humblin  
Andrew Landsman      Eric Thomasgard  
Matthew Valley

*Sixth Place (tie):* CAMPUS 1-IRMO MS, Columbia, SC  
Coach: Kay Reardon

**Team members:**

Bryan Ayer      Katie Brock  
Emily Moore      Joseph Reardon  
Runga Swlarshan      Asher Yap

*Sixth Place (tie):* CAVE SPRING JHS TM A, Roanoke, VA  
Coach: Bob Garrett

**Team members:**

Nicholas Beazley      Matthew Garrett  
Jonathan McCann      Jason Trompeter  
David Wilson

## MTV, Division III

*First Place:* CENTERVILLE HS, Centerville, OH  
Coach: Joe Servaites

**Team members:**

Janet Clements      Todd Dyer  
Emily Hughes      Niki Rafana  
Jamie Servaites      Todd Stockert  
Shelly Uehara

*Second Place:* GUANG MING MS, Shanghai, CH  
Coach: Lu Long Sheng

**Team members:**

Fan Ji Hui      Song Ji-Wei  
Gong Qing      Dai Wei  
Li Xian-Wei      Xia Yan Yun  
Cai Zhi Zhong

*Third Place:* BOONVILLE HS, Boonville, IN  
Coach: Elizabeth Rudolph

**Team members:**

Alison Baum      Charlie Dill  
Ryan Reynolds      Peter Rudolph  
Angela Smith      Bobby Wilson

*Fourth Place:* LOYALSOCK HS TM A, Williamsport, PA  
Coach: Jack Preston

**Team members:**

John Cost      Kris De Remer  
Brian Freed      Matt Given  
Elysia Preston      Eain Pursell

*Fifth Place:* CHIPPEWA VALLEY HS TM A, Clinton Twp, MI  
Coach: Char Wojtaszek

**Team members:**

Sydney Ashcraft      Nate Burnett  
Brian Jaeger      Dan Mordan  
Mark Phillips      Brian Woods  
Kevin Woztaszek

*Sixth Place:* ST ANDREW'S HS, Charleston, SC  
Coach: Courtney Burns

**Team members:**

Emily Boyd      Jessica Burns  
Kaya Carter      Justin Evanview  
William Home      Brian Mock  
Chris O'Driscoll

## MTV, Division IV

*First Place:* GMI ENGINEERING & MGMNT INSTIT, Flint, MI  
Coach: Richard Lundstrom

**Team members:**

Marcus Christensen      Kurt Droese  
Tom Hamilton      Ryan Lothian  
Chris Lyman      Brad Ring  
Braden Robison

*Second Place:* PURDUE UNIVERSITY, Indianapolis, IN  
Coach: James Leech

**Team members:**

Jim Bob Leech      Mark Lambirth  
Brian Norris

*Third Place:* VIRGINIA TECH, Blacksburg, VA

Coach: Camille Chapman

**Team members:**

Kimberly Beatty      David Bradley  
Camille Chapman      Dale Chenault  
Kevin Cropper      Robert Mc Namee  
Timothy Wiczorek

*Fourth Place:* UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO/DENVER, Denver, CO

**Team members:**

Bruce Mengas      John Tytus  
Arlyn Whitchurch

*Fifth Place:* SIERRA NEVADA COLLEGE, Incline Village, NV  
Coach: Steve Ellsworth

**Team members:**

Amber Davidson      Greg Guscio  
Vinnie Lombardi      Colleen O'Brien  
Paula Wilson

*Sixth Place:* GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, Statesboro, GA  
Coach: Amanda Wilkerson

**Team members:**

Charles Beetschen      Christopher Drett  
Scott Mulkey      Shannon Waite  
Amanda Wilkerson



## OM-BELIEVABLE MUSIC, Division I

*First Place:* KENDALE LAKES ELE SCH, Miami, FL  
Coach: Rhea Berger

**Team members:**

Zachery Cardone      Jonathan Gabison  
Kristen Nicholson      Adriana Rauseo  
Brian Sims      Jessica Verde  
Jeffrey Yeatman

*Second Place (tie):* SHAFFER ELE SCH, Littleton, CO  
Coach: Tom Walton

**Team members:**

Stephanie Farman      Sarah Henry  
Forrest Lundstrom      Kyle Nottingham  
Krissey Oster      Tyson Smith  
Robert Walton

*Second Place (tie):* HENKLE MID SCH, White Salmon, WA

**Team members:**

Caleb Connelly      Scott Head  
Osha Johnson      Andy Jones  
Josh Lind      Jesse Norconk  
Matt Siemens

*Third Place:* MINISINK INTERMEDIATE SCH, Slate Hill, NY

Coach: Diane Trinkaus

**Team members:**

Craig Buying      Thena Foote  
Kristen Lawler      Alex Scher  
Marc Simons      Erica Smith  
Alicia Zubikowski

*Fourth Place:* SAVANNAH NORTH ELE SCH TM A, Savannah, TN

Coach: Debbie Campbell

**Team members:**

Kristen Brooks      Emma Campbell  
Tommy Campbell      Sarah Ann Carroll  
Samuel Davidson      Enoch Edmiston  
Andy Gean

*Fifth Place:* MARION INTERMEDIATE SCH, Marion, VA  
Coach: Jim Mc Dowell

**Team members:**

Brett Kiser      Jim Mc Dowell  
Susan Mc Dowell      Adam Spanger  
Amber Staley      Nathan Staley  
Ashley Tate

*Sixth Place (tie):* GORDON BIBB ELE SCH, Decatur, AL  
Coach: Susan Jolly

**Team members:**

Michelle Craig      Mohammed Elayan  
Matthew Golden      John Hull  
John David Rose      Jessica Wheeler  
Amanda Whitmire

*Sixth Place (tie):* WEST BARNSTABLE ELE SCH, Hyannis, MA  
Coach: Shirley Smith

**Team members:**

Jordan Anquist      Phoebe Kosman  
Michael Mc Kinstry      Jane Mederios  
Timothy Smith      Caroline Stephenson

## OM-BELIEVABLE MUSIC, Division II

*First Place:* CAPSHAW MID SCH, Santa Fe, NM  
Coach: Donna Rosingana

**Team members:**

Carolyn Albers      Laura Bennett  
Aaron Harrington      Kate Joyce  
Kinsey Miller      Daniel Rieke  
Cara Rosingana

*Second Place:* LEXINGTON MID SCH, Lexington, SC  
Coach: Vicki Hudson

**Team members:**

Megan Avinger      Ken Byrd  
Megan Capobianco      Jennifer Gordon  
Shaun Hudson      Brittany Kyzer  
Carlos Smith

*Third Place:* MELROSE MID SCH, Melrose, MA  
Coach: Bert Spector

**Team members:**

Lindsey Anton      Colleen Crowley  
Mark Drauschke      Zack Gurard-Levin  
Kaitlin Hennessy      Kate Spector  
Rachel Wasdyke

*Fifth Place (tie):* UNITY SCH, Delray Beach, FL  
Coach: Kathy Olivella

**Team members:**

Crisi Alivella      Joann Barber  
Heather Cohen      Eric Rosenzweig  
Eric Talasko      Molly Tidwell  
Taylor Yadron

*Fifth Place (tie):* MONOCACY MID SCH, Frederick, MD  
Coach: Laura Ulmer

**Team members:**

Lee Du Bose Sarah Meinertzhagen  
 Emmy Noel Michelle Raymond  
 Emily Udvardy Jennifer Ulmer  
 Ellie Van Der Schalie

*Fifth Place (tie):* MANALAPAN-ENGLISHTWN MID SCH A, Englishtown, NJ

Coach: Linda Truskowski

**Team members:**

Jason Chu Jonathan Goldberg  
 Chris Matthias Jon Matthias  
 Evelyn Protano Stuart Stauber  
 Laura Yorke

*Sixth Place:* ORCHARD PARK MID SCH, Orchard Park, NY

Coach: Cynthia Weis

**Team members:**

John Bevilacqua Julie Bodziak  
 Mark Gorski Sarah Lathrop  
 Matt Sabuda Dawn Tierney  
 Jackie Youngs

**OM-BELIEVABLE MUSIC, Division III**

*First Place:* LOVEJOY HS, Lovejoy, GA  
 Coach: Scott Warren

**Team members:**

Justin Belew Brandi Blount  
 David Hall Timothy Hill  
 Steven Mazur Steven Valez

*Second Place:* N OLMSTED ENRICHMENT PROG A, N Olmsted, OH

Coach: Tim Bruening

**Team members:**

Andy Bruening Kate Bruening  
 Phil Ezolt Matt Mejia  
 Rich Merwarth Christy Sherman  
 Heather Sponseller

*Third Place (tie):* CHATFIELD SENIOR HS, Littleton, CO

Coach: Sheila Swanson

**Team members:**

Amy Barnett Anne Chang  
 Lisa Dunn Kris Nease  
 Ben Reed Ian Swanson  
 Cecily Yeager

*Third Place (tie):* REX PUTNAM HS, Milwaukee, OR

Coach: Sherri Magdlen

**Team members:**

Don Courtney Brian Dickman  
 Dave Garner Dave Hoyt  
 Staci Magdlen Kristen Palkki  
 Scott Rosenkranz

*Fourth Place:* STONE JHS TM A, Melbourne, FL

Coach: David Bell

**Team members:**

Kristofer Warren Deanne Bell  
 Rebecca Hall Starr Moore  
 Jenny Prentice Kim Reese  
 James Verceles

*Fifth Place (tie):* SHI SI MIDDLE SCHOOL, Shanghai, CH

Coach: Hu Fu-Gen

**Team members:**

Shan Fei Hong Feng  
 Qian Hui Deng Jun  
 Xin Lu-Yue Xu Xue Zheng  
 Yao Zheng

*Fifth Place (tie):* LOYALSOCK HS TM A, Williamsport, PA

Coach: Joy Walls

**Team members:**

Jeaniene Hart Rick Hoffman  
 Shannon Mc Cafferty Delmar Sauder  
 Adam Walker Keith Weiser  
 Arron Wheeler

*Sixth Place (tie):* CONNEAUT VALLEY HS, Conneautville, PA

Coach: Jeane Shelhamer

**Team members:**

Joseph Banura Trevor Bechtel  
 Andy Miehl Michael Miehl  
 Michael Neiswonger Tory Payne  
 Roswell Shelhamer

*Sixth Place (tie):* COLLEGE PARK HS TM A, Pleasant Hill, CA

Coach: Mike Bledsoe

**Team members:**

Ben Bledsoe Lara Bledsoe  
 Nichole Hamblin Sarah Jeon  
 Jessica Lyons Jim Whitaker  
 Jeremy Yee

**THE ILIAD, Division I**

*First Place:* MURFEE ELE SCH, Lubbock, TX

Coach: Mitch Hankins

**Team members:**

Molly Burkhalter Cecily Chitwood  
 Andrea Davis Katie Hankins  
 Mia Martin March Neie  
 Nick Rhode

*Second Place:* ANDOVER ELE SCH, Andover, MN

Coach: Bill Levine

**Team members:**

Sara Adkins Alicia Cleveland  
 Katie Jensen Lindsay La Mere  
 Natalie Ryno Noah Smith  
 Cassie Yunt

*Third Place:* STUART-HOBSON MID SCH, Washington, DC

Coach: Diedre Neal

**Team members:**

Natusha Czarniewy Eugene Foster  
 Evan Jones Kareema Mc Cloud  
 Najiy Munir Emily Perry  
 Jason Snell

*Fourth Place:* KENDALE LAKES ELE SCH, Miami, FL

Coach: Rhea Berger

**Team members:**

Javier Campanini Valeri Dicembrino  
 Gabrielle Fink Kevin Kendall  
 Allison Levine Adam Roberts  
 Jenna Silver

*Fifth Place:* SWANSON ELE SCH, Omaha, NE

Coach: Dr. Liz Kaines

**Team members:**

Catlin Connors Cory Epstein  
 Kara Karnes Jessica Richling  
 Nathan Smith Tim Wilkening  
 Jordan Williams

*Sixth Place:* ALFRATA ELE SCH TM A, Huntingdon, PA

Coach: Jeff Coppes

**Team members:**

Shannon Barclay Krista Grove  
 Nick Miller Natalie Perrin  
 Emily Sowell Erin Weller

**THE ILIAD, Division II**

*First Place:* HUTCHISON SCH, Memphis, TN

Coach: Ruth Bowlin

**Team members:**

Bliss Bowlin Elizabeth Brakebill  
 Caroline Hurley Cecile Shoemaker  
 Louise Stanton Robin Watson  
 Elizabeth Wilson

*Second Place:* EAST DALE ELE SCH, Fairmont, WV

Coach: Nathy Crescenzi

**Team members:**

Kiley Berry Conner Boram  
 Tom Devine Nicole Janes  
 Jared Kabulski Ryan Schiftbauer  
 Johanna Steele

*Third Place:* FRED MOORE JHS, Anoka, MN

Coach: Carolyn Lakenen

**Team members:**

Andrea Good Becky Hansen  
 Amy Krochalk Kira Lace  
 Brett Lakanen Aaron Robertson

*Fourth Place:* INDIAN CREEK JHS TM A, Mingo Jct, OH

Coach: Bob Burns

**Team members:**

Ashley Babaryk Rachel Burns  
 Nicholas Dondzila Julie Ellsworth  
 Justin Gosney Justin Pratt  
 Jeremy Stacy

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*Fifth Place:* MENASHA WHITE PROG, Menasha, WI

Coach: Ruth Friedman

**Team members:**

Debbie Asherbrenner Katie Collentine  
 David Groh Sahar Jamal  
 Brian Sshotsky Jody Schmid  
 Megan Wasserman

*Sixth Place (tie):* PIERCE MID SCH TM A, Grosse Pointe Park, MI

Coach: Dale Johnson

**Team members:**

Corrine Camero Mairin Chapman  
 Chris Gauss Craig Gauss  
 Corey Johnson Carin Mackinnon  
 Maria Simon

*Sixth Place (tie):* CALLANAN MID SCH TM I, Des Moines, IA

Coach: Anita Canney

**Team members:**

David Adelman Ashley Canney  
 Liz Grace Katelin Reilly  
 Jenny Smith Erin Will

**THE ILIAD, Division III**

*First Place:* GEORGE WASHINGTON HS TM A, Denver, CO

Coach: Becky Muggli

**Team members:**

Adam Lawson Elizabeth Libero  
 Seth Magle Lindsay Martin  
 Michele Muggli

*Second Place:* CAPE HENRY COLLEGIATE SCH, Virginia Beach, VA

Coach: Susan Fisher

**Team members:**

Sarah Balcom Stacie Crain  
 Ed Denton Katie Fisher  
 Ned Miles Brian Walker

*Third Place:* KINGWOOD HS, Humble, TX

Coach: Merry Lobrecht

**Team members:**

Charlie Bloch Abi Butler  
 Julie Lobrecht Melissa Moynier  
 Keith Nobbs Andrew Pirie  
 Beth Rosenbalm

*Fourth Place:* BEAVERTON HS, Portland, OR

Coach: Mick Nichols

**Team members:**

Josh Horton Jin Yun Kim  
 Adrienne Leverette Kevin Matulef  
 Erin Minear Jeff Nichols  
 Ari Shapiro

*Fifth Place:* INDIAN CREEK HS TEAM A, Wintersville, OH

Coach: Dana Otis

**Team members:**

Tricia Daily Stacy Mayhew  
 Liz Noble Jaimee Otis  
 Brad Saylor Mano Sergakis  
 Brett Stuller

*Sixth Place:* LAKE HAMILTON HS, Percy, AR

Coach: Kathy Lease

**Team members:**

Shaun Bauer Andy Baxter  
 Robin Dunkle Joe Goffeney  
 Joe Lease Regi Ott  
 Ben Strawn

**THE ILIAD, Division IV**

*First Place:* UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, Boulder, CO

Coach: Daniel Burry

**Team members:**

Matthew Candelaria William Cruz  
 David Dye Eddie James  
 Justin James Lynda Nguyen  
 Maria Sanchez

*Second Place:* DISCOVERY LAB: WV UNIVERSITY, Morgantown, WV

Coach: Debbie Busch

**Team members:**

Mark Brantner Jacquelyn Jordan  
 Brian Rodrigue Justine Swaney  
 Steve Weber

*Third Place:* BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY, Bowling Green, OH

Coach: Jake Willis

**Team members:**

Rachel Allen Jim Barker  
 Stefoni Bavin Michelle Heimburger  
 Jessica Roach Jake Willis

**Fourth Place:** UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, Denver, CO  
**Coach:** Nancy Sampson  
**Team members:**  
 Dale Algrim Jeff Donaldson  
 Bill Leary Julie Olson  
 Marci Reaksecker Amy Wiggins



## SET IT FREE, Division I

**First Place:** TALLMADGE OM PROG D, Tallmadge, OH  
**Coach:** Roger Lyons  
**Team members:**  
 Regis Duffy Paul Henderson  
 Jay Hill Brian Kamerer  
 Matt Lyons Lauren Shaffer  
 Jessica Vardon

**Second Place:** POQUOSON ELE SCH, Poquoson, VA  
**Coach:** Patricia McClendon  
**Team members:**  
 Kelsey Boitnott Bryan DeZern  
 Chris McClendon Melissa Murphy  
 Ronnie Parikh Brian Parker  
 Joel Sanderson

**Third Place:** BELL OAKS SCH TEAM A, Bellmawr, NJ  
**Coach:** Kurt Skibbe  
**Team members:**  
 Amy DeMarco Shanna Green  
 Tara Hudson Philip Midiri  
 Jessica Rutter Mike Weiss

**Fourth Place:** A W COX SCH TM A, Guilford, CT  
**Coach:** Stephen Besse  
**Team members:**  
 Seth Besse David Ellis  
 Brian Mordecai Jennifer Paulson  
 Daniel Rubin J P Smyth  
 Megan Yuhas

**Fifth Place:** ADA ELE SCH TM WHITE, Grand Rapids, MI  
**Coach:** Christina Messing  
**Team members:**  
 Paul Betka Joani Gritter  
 Josh Kaufman Leslie Richards  
 Brian Small Mike Vuja  
 Natalie Wolter

**Sixth Place:** DELAWARE VALLEY ELE SCH, Milford, PA  
**Coach:** Gloria White  
**Team members:**  
 Rick Batista Adam Corcoran  
 Daisy De Marco Ryan Foss  
 Brian Mc Nally Katharine Merow  
 Erik Riggs

## SET IT FREE, Division II

**First Place:** BARTON MID SCH, El Dorado, AR  
**Coach:** Carol Daugherty

**Team members:**  
 Carrie Daugherty Cara Graham  
 Guy Green Jason Horn  
 Ted Partridge Bryan Reibe  
 Chris Wagnon

**Second Place:** WHISCONIER SCH BLUE, Brookfield Center, CT  
**Coach:** Pam Rogalin  
**Team members:**  
 Paul Blanchfield Mike Fraclas  
 Erin Luizzi Sarah Miracle  
 Rebecca Moore Matt Roginski  
 Steve Schatteman

**Third Place (tie):** TOWER HEIGHTS MID SCH, Centerville, OH  
**Coach:** Katie Mechler  
**Team members:**  
 Scott Dyer Kevin Keeler  
 Maggie Mechlin Julie Park  
 Jeff Servaites Dave Setchell  
 Katherine Tzou

**Third Place (tie):** SHREWSBURY MID SCH, Team A, Shrewsbury, MA  
**Coach:** Ann Haas  
**Team members:**  
 Michael Barrell Brian Beaupre  
 Brian Haas Derek Haas  
 Steven Hmura Ryan Middlesworth  
 Kevin Noller

**Fourth Place:** CHIEF JOSEPH MID SCH, Bozeman, MT  
**Coach:** Karen Hanson  
**Team members:**  
 Kurt Hanson Kelly Holland  
 Catherine Jessop Sarah Mc Kenna  
 Brad Nyquist Tim Oakberg  
 Scott Raymond

**Fifth Place:** MAPLE GROVE JHS TM A, Maple Grove, MN  
**Coach:** Karen Hanson  
**Team members:**  
 Robi Bhattacharyya Tim Connoy  
 Lauren Denneson Tom Hartung  
 Emily Hestness Kyla Kingery  
 Marissa Martinson

**Sixth Place:** NASH CENTRAL JHS, Nashville, NC  
**Coach:** Michael Stafford  
**Team members:**  
 Amy Belflower Chris Clement  
 Mili Lal Will O' Neal  
 Amanda Price Jonathan Stafford  
 Allison Thurkill

## SET IT FREE, Division III

**First Place:** STURGEON BAY HS, Sturgeon Bay, WI  
**Coach:** Lucille Kirkegaard  
**Team members:**  
 Chris Hall Dirk Jacobson  
 Jason Samonds Dan Scieszinski  
 Jason Valentine Zachary Zenefski

**Second Place:** N OLMSTED ENRICHMENT PROG A, N Olmsted, OH  
**Coach:** Jim Bognar  
**Team members:**  
 Sarah Cook Laura Duran  
 Elizabeth Kolojek Megan Krause  
 Greg Plantner Rich Thrush

**Third Place:** WYLIE E. GROVES HS, Beverly Hills, MI  
**Coach:** Maggie Van Camp  
**Team members:**  
 Brian Alexander Nate De Ronne  
 Tanya Drosis Micah Heilbrun  
 Alison Van Camp Katie Warburton

**Fourth Place (tie):** CRESCENT VALLEY HS, Corvallis, OR  
**Coach:** Marshall Anderson  
**Team members:**  
 Mark Anderson Michael Anderson  
 Ben Brownell Jeff Gore  
 Chris Graham Marcus Rampton

**Fourth Place (tie):** SHREWSBURY HS, Shrewsbury, MA  
**Coach:** Jenny Koeneche  
**Team members:**  
 Mark Ethier Kevin Fisher  
 Jeff Koeneche Lubu Mishra  
 Jason Perrault Chet Reshamwala

**Fourth Place (tie):** MASUK HS TM A, Monroe, CT  
**Coach:** Dan Ryan  
**Team members:**  
 David Calise Nina Das  
 Adam Kalinowski Jayson Karlins  
 Paul Lee Brad Mc Gowan

**Fifth Place:** POQUOSON HS, Poquoson, VA  
**Coach:** Richard Boitnott  
**Team members:**  
 Josh Boitnott Charlie French  
 Anna Parker Katy Rosensteel  
 Dean Shannon Ronnie Singleton  
 Valerie Sledd

**Sixth Place:** GREENVILLE HS, Greenville, TX  
**Coach:** Marsha Fincher  
**Team members:**  
 Jamie Cameron Greg Hackney  
 Heather Mc New Tim Morrison  
 Kim Plamore Jamie Schneider

## SET IT FREE, Division IV

**First Place:** CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY, Newport News, VA  
**Team members:**  
 John Martin Eric Pesola  
 Rob Purdue Christy Singleton  
 Josh Webb Darren Loomis

**Second Place:** UNIV OF CALIF, IRVINE, Irvine, CA  
**Coach:** Mark Hamamura  
**Team members:**  
 Tom Armacost Mark Hamamura  
 Ashish Kalthia Imran Mynuddin  
 Shaleen Parekh

## FURS, FINS & FEATHERS, Division I

**First Place:** KENDALE LAKES ELE SCH, Miami FL  
**Coach:** Kenneth Westlake  
**Team members:**  
 Eric Anderson Maria Arroyaue  
 Kim Bobson Matt Byrne  
 Jennifer Levine Daniel Sabag  
 Ellie Thomas

**Second Place:** ALFRATA ELE SCH TM A, Huntingdon PA  
**Coach:** Sharon Bookhamer  
**Team members:**  
 Jared Bookhamer Allison Buza  
 Beth Chislock John McIlroy  
 Heather Mentzer Julie Thompson  
 Rachael Williamson



**Third Place:** BANTAM RIDGE ELE SCH, Wintersville, OH  
**Coach:** Kathie Burns  
**Team members:**  
 Michael Burns Joey Danyluk  
 Todd Edwards Jennifer Herron  
 Kristen Murdock Todd Taliani

**Fourth Place:** CAL-MUM ELE SCH, Caledonia, NY  
**Coach:** Sylvia Kelly  
**Team members:**  
 Christopher Benedict Chloe D'angelo  
 Deanne Day Victoria Parnell  
 Erin Sherwood Kate Skivington  
 Jennifer Trojanski

**Fifth Place:** WALKER-GRANT MID SCH TM B, Fredericksburg, VA  
**Coach:** Tina Seanor  
**Team members:**  
 Monet Keeve Paula Mc Nairn  
 Cortney Seanor Alice Sharp  
 Maggie Sheffield Garnet Straley

**Sixth Place:** SEVEN OAKS ELE SCH, Baltimore, MD  
**Coach:** Janet Plum  
**Team members:**  
 Darby Burke Reenee Gangopadhyay  
 Melissa Haut Michael Holzer  
 Megan Mc Donald Lara Morrell  
 Sara Murphy

## FURS, FINS & FEATHERS, Division II

**First Place:** WINDHAM MID SCH, Windham NH  
**Coach:** Kathy Hubbard  
**Team members:**  
 Jason Alosky Matt Crowley  
 Mara D' Angelo Kara Hubbard  
 Anne Mc Court Greg Tullo  
 Christine Webster

**Second Place:** GRASS JHS, Mendota Hts, MN  
**Coach:** Kathy Nadler  
**Team members:**  
 Laura Chasman Kevin Elder  
 Laura Fischer Scott Nadler  
 Bill Skar Krissy Skar  
 Elizabeth Sovinski



**Third Place MAHARISHI SCH**

(MSAE), Fairfield, IA

Coach: Mark Headlee

**Team members:**

Ben Foster Jeff Harris  
Jonathan Lynch David Murphy  
Andrew Runkle Elizabeth Schoppman  
Zac Sluser

**Fourth Place: ANTIOCH MID SCH,**

Kansas City, MO

Coach: Rhonda Gregory

**Team members:**

Jared Gregory Bryce Henderson  
Andy O'Brien Carrie Roll  
Scott Smemo Lauren Tischer  
Jasen Tower

**Fifth Place: HOLY FAMILY SCH,**

Lindsay, NE

Coach: Cindi Backes

**Team members:**

Jessica Backes Jennifer Davison  
Jesse Luetkenhaus Ryan Luetkenhaus  
Tammy Mc Phillips Mandy Niensber

**Sixth Place: ORCHARD PARK MID**

SCH, Orchard Park, NY

Coach: Cynthia Weis

**Team members:**

Allison Bean Kristin Bergantz  
Laura Day Jonathan Lorentz  
Caitlin Murray Ryan Orser  
Mary Kate Walders

## COMmencement at the 1994 World Finals

For some OM team members, the opportunity to attend the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals forced a once-in-a-lifetime choice. Choosing World Finals meant missing the traditional pomp and circumstance that accompanies the receipt of a well-deserved diploma. For those who bypassed the school's commencement ceremony for the love of competition, OM offered its own brand of cOMmencement exercises. The event was held at Hilton Coliseum on Friday, June 3. All participants were encouraged to wear their traditional caps and gowns (that were rented long before the first OM competition was held). Dr. James Pallante and Mr. Robert Purifico accompanied Dr. Sam Micklus as speakers, awarding each graduate a special Odyssey of the Mind diploma. In all, there were 38 participants, representing 11 schools.

### 1994 OM Graduates

**North Olmsted HS****North Olmsted, OH:**

Heather Sponseller  
Phillip Ezolt  
Andy Bruening  
Matt Mejia  
Christina Sherman  
Richard Merwarth  
Sarah Adele Cook  
Laura M. Duran  
Gregory James Plantner  
Richard A. Thrush

**Science Hill HS:**

Jessica Arbogast  
Marc Helm  
Matt Sims

**8th grade, Charles Wright  
Academy****Tacoma, WA:**

Eric Fox  
Ton Munson  
Travis Scholtens  
Miwa Divens-Cogez

**D.W. Daniel HS****Central, SC:**

Keigh Hayasaka

**T.C. Roberson HS****Asheville, NC:**

Eric Walsh Swinehart

**Noblesville MS (8th grade)****Noblesville, IN:**

Zachary Wendling  
David Schick  
Richard Rich  
Aaron Massey  
Joshua Clark

**Valedictorian**

Lyra Cressey

**8th grade, Viking School****Gurnee, IL:**

Katie Martindale  
Kristen Pichler

**Indian Creek High School****Wintersville, OH:**

Jaimee Otis  
Liz Noble  
Tricia Daily  
Stacy Mayhew  
Emmanuel G. Sergakis  
Brad Christopher Saylor  
Brett J. Stuller

**ITESM Campus Queretaro  
(HS)****Queretaro, QRO, Mexico:**

Glenn MacGregor  
Carmen Huerta  
Ada de la Torre

**Master of Education****Simon Fraser University****New Westminster, BC****Canada:**

Gitte Jorgensen

## CONTEST WINNERS

**HAT CONTEST WINNERS**

1ST: Vermont

2ND: Maine

3RD: Ohio

**SEMIFINALISTS:**

Idaho  
Louisiana  
Maryland  
Mississippi  
Montana  
New Jersey  
DoDDS, Scotland

**BANNER CONTEST WINNERS**

1ST: Ohio

2ND: Arkansas

3RD: Wisconsin

**SEMIFINALISTS:**

Georgia  
Kansas  
Michigan  
Montana  
Nevada  
New Hampshire  
North Carolina

**FLOAT CONTEST WINNERS**

1ST: South Dakota

2ND: Oklahoma

3RD: Montana

**SEMIFINALISTS:**

Florida  
Indiana  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
Tennessee  
Texas



## Briefly Speaking

The Board of Directors met on May 8, 1994, at which time the minutes of the January 16, 1994, meeting were approved. Highlights of the January meeting follow:

- \* The membership report indicated a total of 11,054 members as of January 11, 1994. The Board expressed a desire for future membership reports to include more statistical data.
- \* Nancy Wingenbach, president of the OM Association Directors Advisory Board (OMADAB), presented a report to the Board on the "Evolution of OMADAB."
- \* The Scholarship Committee noted that it completed its long-range objectives.
- \* The Management Committee reported completion of all but three objectives.
- \* The Awards Committee recommended that all the applications for the Spirit of OM Award be kept on file for a period of two years and that a nominee for one year be considered for the following year.
- \* The Finance Committee reported that work on its final two objectives is proceeding.
- \* The Research Committee approved two questions that will be the basis for a doctoral dissertation competition award and program.
- \* The Programs Committee is planning two OM-sponsored conferences for the future. In addition, the World Initiative on Life-Long Learning (WILL) Conference will take place November 30-December 2, 1994, in Rome, Italy. OM Association, Inc. is a partner in this endeavor.
- \* The Community Pilot was reported to be in place at sites in VA and DC.
- \* The Programs Committee recommended that the Odyssey of the Mind School Program divisions be delineated by age. This was approved by the Board.



## Community Pilot Expansion Planned for '95

In 1994, OM Association, Inc. piloted a new community program initiative. This program's purpose is to expand our Odyssey of the Mind program beyond the school setting by providing additional opportunities for children to participate in the Odyssey of the Mind activities. It is our hope that children from areas that are not presently active in the school-based program can find an alternative forum of community sponsorship. Possible target groups for the pilot include, but are not limited to: Children's and Science Museums, Community Service Programs, Community Organizations and Youth Organizations.

Groups interested in participating in the next phase of the pilot, slated to begin September of the 1994-95 year, are encouraged to contact Janet D'Alessandro at OM headquarters for more information. Additional sites will be selected for the expanded program.



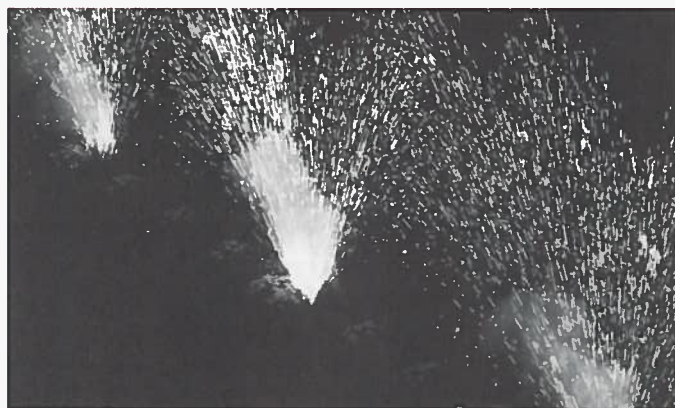
## In Memoriam

James A. Bognar, coach of the North Olmsted, Ohio, structure team, passed away on Monday, May 16, 1994. Mr. Bognar had been involved with Odyssey of the Mind for the past 11 years. A local newspaper quoted Mr. Bognar as saying, "Odyssey of the Mind is a place where you can make a difference in future generations by instilling today's kids with confidence to try their own unique ideas, giving them the confidence they need to build new things in their adult world."

This year, despite an illness that eventually claimed his life, Mr. Bognar coached his *Set it Free* team—a world-class team bound for World Finals—through the middle of May. Jim Bognar will be remembered for many things. Among them is his ability to meet life's toughest challenges.



## The 1994 OM World Finals – at a glance



## Poetry Corner

### I'LL REMEMBER YOU! THE TEAM

by Alexis Saarela  
Edina HS, Edina, MN

Once there was a team,  
made up of different people,  
They chose a problem,  
that suited them well,  
They wrote a script,  
filled with humor and fun,  
They built a set,  
tall and sturdy,  
They designed costumes,  
sewed with gentle care,  
They practiced spontaneous,  
with lightening speed,  
They fought a little,  
but made up after,  
They laughed a lot,  
and they had fun,  
They supported each other  
in all that they did,  
They cheered and celebrated  
when success was found,  
They held each other,  
when something went wrong,  
They went to state,  
excited as can be,  
They came in fourth,  
were disappointed,  
But they made a promise,  
to try again,  
So even though they lost,  
they won!  
Once there was a team.



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by David Donnelly  
Ft. Mitchell, KY

Creativity opens the mind,  
Everyone has some as you may find.  
Look a little closer.  
Here there are no limits;  
Reach a little further;  
Take that extra step.  
Determination may do the trick,  
(Or is it that last-minute instinct that gives it that kick?)  
"Things that are green" flashes through your thoughts.  
You think of Greenland, creative or not.  
You wait anxiously to find out your scores.  
On your way to perform,  
Should you have said, "Clinton's face on the health care reform?"  
Your coach reminds you,  
Don't worry about what happened before,  
Remember to look ahead,  
For what's in store.  
Before you know it, here comes the awards.  
No matter the results you always make an accord.  
The truth is always a surprise.  
When first place is called you stand up and rise.  
Where it all pays off when dreams come true—OM!

### AN ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

by Mark Potvin, Grade 10

The room is filled with kids who have performed  
For judges all day long and now they wait.  
For several weeks their minds have gone away  
To take a trip to distant lands today.  
Their trip was called an odyssey,  
An odyssey of the mind.  
These kids have worked for weeks on end  
To make their skit the best there'd ever been  
And through their creativity and style  
This time they spent may all have been worthwhile.  
Their trip was called an odyssey,  
An odyssey of the mind.  
And now they sit and wait, their thoughts are wild  
With many dreams that may, they hope, come true.  
They'll hear results that send them to state,  
Or maybe they will just fulfill their fate,  
And be sent home again.  
Their trip was called an odyssey,  
An odyssey of the mind.  
Throughout this wait, their hearts pound more and more,  
Anxiety ripping through their bodies.  
And then, the gracious host gets up to speak,  
Preparing to announce the winning teams.  
Their trip was called an odyssey,  
An odyssey of the mind.  
The journey now has ended for a few,  
But those who won will now continue on  
To greater things that only can be found  
Within their minds and hearts that are their own.



### TO THE OMERS

By Sherryl Osgatharp and Patti Russel,  
OM mothers of the Otwell ES team, Otwell, IN

You're on your way to OM  
And we're so proud of you.  
Just knowing that we're behind you  
No matter what you do.  
Keep believing in each other  
As the entire school has done.  
And remember when you get there  
We think you're number 1!

### 15th Annual World Finals *(continued from page 1)*

story witch's hat and Texas-size cowboy boots parade by.

Friday's activities were more serious as we conducted graduation for those who missed the traditional ceremony at home. All too soon the final day of competition loomed before us. On Saturday evening, when the awards were announced, first-, second- and third-place champions hailed from 28 U.S. states and China. Another nine states were announced with an honorable mention of fourth through sixth place. All the winners—more than 7000 of them—left Iowa with memories that will last a lifetime.





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## OMer Remembers Iowa

Indoor fireworks,  
Waving flags,  
Balloons and streamers...  
I'll remember Iowa.

Wrap-around lines,  
Gigantic floats,  
Hats and banners...  
I'll remember Iowa.

MTV obstacles,  
Stalled cars,  
A "doll" named Peach..  
I'll remember Iowa.

OM-BELIEVABLE MUSIC,  
Unbelievable sounds,  
Unforgettable stories...  
I'll remember Iowa.

ILIAD art,  
Past to present,  
Greeks on parade...  
I'll remember Iowa.

Ideas SET FREE,  
Crushing weights,  
Records broken...  
I'll remember Iowa.

FURry animals,  
FINny tales,  
FEATHERy friends...  
I'll remember Iowa.

Scattered showers  
Golf carts rides  
With new friend Shane...  
I'll remember Iowa.

OMergraphs  
Pins with parts,  
Cameras clicking...  
I'll remember Iowa.

But, most of all...  
When I open my memory book  
To remember Iowa...

