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CREATIVE MINDS AND SPORTSMANSHIP SHINE AT AWARDS CEREMONY BY BRENDAN DWYER

The Odyssey of the Mind rocked the Breslin Drivers who served the event this week with Center one last time for 2019 last night at the World Finals Awards Ceremony. Alive with lights, raucous with cheers and absolute rocket-fuel energy and enthusiasm, the feverpitch crowd burst at the seams as it awaited results from this year's competition.

Director Odyssey Sammy Micklus addressed the crowd to open the night. "So many creative minds and so much amazing work was done this week," said Micklus. "What

a fantastic competition every team here should be very proud." As Micklus continued and thanked Michigan State, Greater Lansing CVB and all the OotM Moms, Dads, officials and volunteers, the roof almost blew off the Breslin Center when he asked, "What team here thinks they have the best coach?!" It was clear all the teams have great admiration and appreciation for their coaches and the many sacrifices they make for their teams.

Next Odyssey Founder Dr. Sam Micklus was greeted with a standing ovation by the capacity crowd. "Not only was this the biggest World Finals ever, I think it has also been the best," said Dr. Sam. "You can all go back to your hometown feeling proud that you competed with honor and excellence!"

Award presenters Dr. Jim Mourey and Katarina Micklus took the stage to get award presentations kicked off by announcing Honorable Mentions for 6th, 5th, and 4th places in each division for all the problems. They also presented this year's OMER's Awards to the team from Collingwood, New Jersey in Division II for awesome teamwork in the face of crisis, and to the Indian Trails Bus efficiency and friendliness.

Excitement continued as 3rd and 2nd place recipients from all problem divisions received their coveted team trophies and medals. Six teams were then presented with the Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award for displaying oneof-a-kind unique and memorable creativity in their respective categories. Finally, the moment everyone was waiting for arrived when the presenters shared the first-place,



Dr. Jim Mourev and Katarina Micklus had the crowd on the edge of their seats as they awarded all the winning teams to roars of great approval from the warm and receptive crowd.

2019 Odyssey World Champions for each division of "Omer to the Rescue, Again", "Hide in Plain Sight", "Leonardo's Workshop", "Structure Toss" and "Opposites Distract". While only some teams can walk away from the Awards Ceremony in first place in their division, every team now has earned the distinguished honor of competing at the highest level of Odyssey of the Mind. No matter where teams placed this week of competition, the team memories made, and the new friendships ignited will last a lifetime. Congratulations to every Odyssey team and Greater Lansing Michigan will be ready to welcome you back in 2021!

OMER to the Rescue Again Div I

1st THE PRI SCH AT HUST 41963 CH 2nd SHANGHAI EXP SCH 45362 CH

2nd ZESPOL SZKOL FILOMATA 36043 Gliwice, PD

3rd BAOSHAN LUODIAN PRI SCH 34105 CH

4th MURRAY MID SCH 35502 Murray, KY 5th WOODWARD NORTH ACADEMY 28072 Johns Creek, GA

6th JOHNSON ELE SCH 27136 Southlake,

6th BARRINGER ACADEMIC CENTER 13267 Charlotte, NC

OMER to the Rescue Again Div II

1st WARWICK VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 13158 Warwick, NY

2nd THE PAIDEIA SCH 42096 Atlanta, GA 3rd CANDEO PEORIA SCH 44278 Peoria, AZ

4th KARIYA INV CLUB FOR BOYS/GIRLS 34374 Kariya, Aichi, JP

4th STOWARZYSZENIE KALINOWA 5 46057 Bialystok, PD

5th QINGDAO UNIV MID SCH 43681 CH

6th KNOX JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 44271 Johnstown, NY

OMER to the Rescue Again Div III

1st CORUNNA H S 5736 Morrice, MI

2nd GENESEO CENTRAL SCH 3253 Le Roy, NY

3rd POCAHONTAS H S 3506 Pocahontas, AR

4th OSRODEK PSYCHOEDUKACJI DAMB 22311 Gdansk, PD

5th TAMARAC SECONDARY SCH 31149 Troy, NY

6th CRESTWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL 3331 Mountain Top, PA

Hide In Plain Sight Div I

1st GLENWOOD SCH 35162 Short Hills, NJ 2nd FRENCH CREEK ELE SCH 31531 Pottstown, PA

RANATRA FUSCA AWARDS

Fateledora, Seocho-gu, South Korea

Hide in Plain Sight, Division, III Spontaneous

This team designed a gravity-defying solution supported between two tables. They used toothpicks, a spoon, and other items to make a cutting device to cut a pool noodle in half. They used the pool noodle halves, amazingly supported by only one side of each table, and added materials to the middle for higher score. Showing amazing teamwork, this team talked to each other, had amazing synergy, were like "one brain" while they focused on solving the problem. All four judges were amazed at this unique solution.

Corbin HS, Corbin, KY

Leonardo's Workshop, Division III

This team's use of materials was as creative and varied as the DaVinci works they recreated. The judges were blown away by both the variety and execution of nontraditional materials used in six remastered paintings, fashioned from soap shavings, curls, paste, and slivers, as well as zip ties and used chewing gum. From a distance, the artworks appeared to be painted, but on closer inspection the judges were amazed to discover a plethora of interesting materials used in unexpected ways to create a beautifully coherent set.

Geneseo Central School, Le Roy, NY Leonardo's Workshop, Division III

There are many ways to create a set, prop, or a costume change, but this team brought it to a completely new level. It used math to solve a Classics problem. This team transformed an unassuming 2x4 wooden frame into a perspective sculpture, hanging several hundred wax cylinders from the top of this cube. The placement of each cylinder within the 3-D plane was carefully calculated and mapped to transform the original structure of DaVinci's Vitruvian Man into a bee when the frame was rotated 90 degrees.

Verna, Kristen, Carolyn from Manhattan Beach Middle School, Manhattan Beach, SO CAL Structure Toss Division II, Spontaneous

This team used many materials in a creative way while trying to solve our WACKY problem. One of the most creative solutions

was a device that applied principals of physics which amazed even the judges. They spontaneously created a "fishing- pole" type device that had a rubber band pendulum that held and released a ball at the correct time. This unique and very risky solution awed the judges, even though they had seen many other creative solutions over the three days.

Belmont Ridge Middle School, Leesberg, VA Opposites Distract, Division II

This team's use of cardboard in its engineering of the representation of the Sneaky Character was an innovative use of the material. The character was a broken and then functioning mantel clock made of connecting cardboard gears. The Mantel Clock wanted to stop time for everyone because she could no longer go forward in time. When she was outed as the Sneaky Character, the Past and the Future came together to replace her missing cardboard gear. They also presented her with new ideas in the form of cardboard light bulbs with metal bases that when connected caused her metal hat made from a decorated tent to light up and spin at increasing speeds with each new idea.

Delaware Valley HS, Milford, PA

Opposites Distract, Division III

This team showed exceptional creativity by taking the judges behind-the-scenes and into its creative process during a skit-withina-skit unfolding in real time that brought the audience on the roller coaster that all Odyssev teams experience. An interconnected cube system that was reconfigured into a variety of shapes served as the blank canvas upon which the team's intricate scenery would come to life. As the skit began, two members drew freehand simplistic line drawings on two different settings. As the scenery changed, the lines flawlessly connected to create an entirely new illustration, rendering the judges speechless. The evolution of ideas seen through the ever-changing scenery mirrored the progression of an Odyssey team working towards a solution. This team exemplified the very essence of Odyssey through creativity, risk-taking and ingenuity.

3rd WOODLANDS ELE SCH 2221 Longwood, FL

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3rd SHANGHAI H S INTL DIV 44602

4th GLEBE ELE SCH A 44068 Arlington, VA

5th LINCOLN CHARTER SCH A 38766 Denver. NC

6th CHESTERBROOK ELE SCH 30092 McLean, VA

Hide In Plain Sight Div II

1st WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY 37942 Flowery Branch, GA

2nd NANYANG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL 31228 SG

3rd BUDDHIST WONG WAN TIN COLLEGE 36351 Hong Kong, HK

COLLEGE 36351 Hong Kong, HK 4th RANDALL MID SCH 45174 Lithia, FL

5th MONROE-WOODBURY MID SCH 1946 Central Valley, NY

5th WEST PINE MIDDLE SCHOOL 42187 Pinehurst, NC

6th GENESEO CENTRAL SCH 3253 Le Roy, NY

Hide In Plain Sight Div III

1st LOUDOUN VALLEY H S A 32415 Purcellville, VA

2nd MILFORD SCHS 2217 Milford, DE

3rd LABORATORIUM PRYZMAT GDANSK 43552 Gdansk, PD

4th BROADALBIN-PERTH H S 12167 Broadalbin, NY

5th WOODSTOWN H S 1896 Woodstown, NJ

6th NOTRE DAME ACADEMY 37198
Duluth, GA

32th and Ranatra Fusca FATALEDORA 45564 Seocho-gu, KR

Hide In Plain Sight Div IV

1st SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIV 25196 CH

2nd SHANGHAI UNIV OF MED AND HEALT 43676 CH

3rd PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY 38699 State College, PA

4th FREE 2 LUV 45165 Maple Valley, WA

Classics... Leonardo's Workshop Div I

1st SHANGHAI DANING INTL ELE SCH 36403 CH

1st SZKOLA PODSTAWOWA NR 89 GDANSK 38576 Gdansk, PD

2nd SANTA ROSA ACCELERATED CHARTER 46426 Santa Rosa, NCA

3rd CHARLTON HEIGHTS ELE SCH 5462 Ballston Lake, NY

4th VALLEY FORGE MID SCH 42317 Berwyn, PA

COACHES & OFFICIALS COMPETITION WINNERS

1st: Girls on Fire/Brainstorming Smarties

2nd: Lakes Ele Sch Coaches

3rd & Giant Leap Winner: Quest Alumni

D WORLD FINALS RESULTS

- 5th TOW PRZYJACIOL UCZNIA HORYZONT 46064 Sierakowice, PD
- 6th CHANGZHOU JIEFANG ROAD PRI SCH 9054 CH

Classics... Leonardo's Workshop Div II

- 1st STOW ISKIERKI WYOBRAZNI 42771 Warszawa, PD
- 2nd RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH 31230 Singapore, SG
- 3rd WILLIAMSPORT AREA MID SCH 18726 Williamsport, PA
- 4th ORADELL PUBLIC SCH 37981 Oradell, NJ
- 5th SZKOLY GEDANENSIS GDANSK 32815 Gdansk, PD
- 5th HARMONY MIDDLE SCHOOL A 39959 Round Hill, VA
- 6th CHINO VALLEY ADVOGATE F 44087 Chino, SCA

Classics... Leonardo's Workshop Div III

- 1st STOWARZYSZENIE KREOTEAM POZNAN 39447 Poznan, PD
- 2nd TOW PRZYJACIOL UCZNIA HORYZONT 46064 Sierakowice, PD
- 3rd NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL 44241 Grand Rapids, MI
- 4th GWINNETT ONLINE CAMPUS 43103 Lawrenceville, GA
- 5th and Ranatra Fusca CORBIN H S 38611 Corbin , KY
- 6th EAGLE MUSIC OUTREACH 45091 Cary, NC
- 6th ARTIOS ACADEMIES 43991 Lilburn, GA
- 11th and Ranatra Fusca GENESEO CENTRAL SCH 3253 Le Roy, NY

Classics... Leonardo's Workshop Div IV

- 1st AKADEMICKIE CENTRUM KULTURY UG 47082 Gdansk, PD
- 2nd SHANGHAI OCEAN UNIVERSITY 43677 CH
- 2nd CORBIN MUSIC ALUMNI ASSOC 32797 lexington, KY
- 3rd THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 32579 Columbus, OH
- 4th SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIV 25196 CH
- 5th LANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY 47379 Lansdale, PA
- 6th UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG 45815 Montvale, VA

Structure Toss Div I

- 1st WALNUT BEND ELEMENTARY SCH 40818 Houston, TX
- 2nd E J RUSSELL ELE SCH 4636 Circleville, NY
- 3rd CORNWALL ELE SCH 28075 Lebanon, PA

FESTIVAL BOOTH AWARDS

MOST POPULAR: Oklahoma Chasing Tornadoes

MOST CREATIVE: Delaware

Escape Room

- 4th CENTRAL WOODLANDS 5/6 SCH 28109 Grand Rapids, MI
- 5th ORINDA ROTARY 42350 orinda, NCA 6th CHESTERBROOK ACADEMY 45719 Cary, NC

Structure Toss Div II

- 1st COOPER MID SCH 32330 McLean, VA
- 1st QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCH 34852 Roswell, GA
- 2nd and Ranatra Fusca MANHATTAN BEACH MID SCH 38001 Manhattan Beach, SCA
- 3rd RIVERWATCH MID SCH A 34846 Suwanee, GA
- 4th POQUOSON MIDDLE SCHOOL 1594 Poquoson, VA
- 4th BOYS & GIRLS INV CLUB TOYOTA 416 Toyota Aichi, JP
- 5th COASTLINE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS 39229 Alameda, NCA
- 6th ROWLETT ACADEMY FAMILY ASSOC 35490 Bradenton, FL

Structure Toss Div III

- 1st SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL 15515 Sanford, FL
- 1st SCHOLARS ACADEMY 26430 Thomasville, GA
- 2nd CEDAR CREST H S 22063 Lebanon, PA
- 3rd SONGJIANG NO 1 H S 43630 CH
- 4th J P STEVENS H S A 3473 Edison, NJ
- 5th GENESEO CENTRAL SCH 3253 Le Roy, NY
- 6th MOT CHARTER SCHOOL 43973 Middletown, DE

Structure Toss Div IV

- 1st UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA 32872 Norman, OK
- 2nd SHANGHAI UNIV OF ENG SCIENCE 42028 CH
- 3rd OKLAHOMA STATE UNIV HONORS COL 41679 Stillwater, OK
- 4th POL JAP AKADEMIA TECHNIK KOMP 46068 Gdansk, PD
- 5th PELLISSIPPI STATE COMM COLLEGE 47380 Knoxville, TN

Opposites Distract Div I

- 1st WUHAN YUCAI PRI SCH 41965 CH
- 2nd PLK SIU HON SUM PRIMARY SCHOOL 44506 Hong Kong, HK
- 3rd SP ARK 45523 Seocho-gu, KR
- 4th SWEETWATER EPISCOPAL ACADEMY 43819 Longwood, FL
- 5th BARBERS HILL ELE SCH SOUTH 42261 Mont Belvieu, TX
- 6th VENTANA VISTA ELE SCH A 22256 Tucson. AZ

Opposites Distract Div II

1st BAILEY MID SCH 37307 Cornelius, NC 2nd GENESEO CENTRAL SCH 3253 Le Roy, NY

WAYNE KEHRLI SCHOLARSHIP

Katie Harr

attending Drexel University

- 3rd NANYANG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL 31228 SG
- 4th PINCKNEYVILLE MID SCH 16559 Peachtree Corners, GA
- 5th RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH 31230 Singapore, SG
- 6th ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY SCH 37204 Kendall Park, NJ
- 20th and Ranatra Fusca BELMONT RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL 34221 Leesburg, VA

Opposites Distract Div III

- 1st ANGLO CHINESE SCH INDEPENDENT 31225 Singapore , SG
- 2nd FLOWERY BRANCH H S 38952 Flowery Branch, GA
- 3rd CHARTER SCH OF WILMINGTON A 970 Wilmington, DE
- 4th V LO GDANSK 27946 Gdansk, PD
- 5th THORNAPPLE KELLOGG H S 17660 Middleville, MI
- 5th BROADALBIN-PERTH H S 12167 Broadalbin, NY
- 6th FAMILY PIANO ACADEMY 43937 Raleigh, NC
- 6th KIWANIS CLUB OF NAPLES GULF 37464 Naples, FL
- 10th and Ranatra Fusca DELAWARE VALLEY H S 3887 Milford, PA
- Opposites Distract Div IV
 - 1st DONGHUA UNIV 42026 CH
 - 2nd E CHINA UNI OF POL SCI AND LAW 45374 CH
 - 3rd AKADEMICKIE CENTRUM KULTURY UG 47082 Gdansk, PD
 - 4th VIRGINIA TECH 17357 Ashburn, VA

OMER'S AWARD

Bus drivers from Indian Trails

The Indian Trails bus drivers went above and beyond to make Odyssey teams and supporters feel at home while on MSU campus. Their cheerful willingness to help others showed true Odyssey spirit. They made kids from all over the world feel welcome in a new place and helped ease the stress of travel and competing. They weren't just drivers with passengers; they became tour guides, cheerleaders, and friends. Thank you Indian Trails!

Collingswood Rec Navy, Collingswood, NJ

Omer to the Rescue, Again, Division: II

This team arrived at its venue an hour before its performance to find that its vehicle was missing. Someone must have thrown it away! After the initial panic, the team decided to treat the dilemma as a spontaneous problem. Using teamwork and items donated to them by other teams that finished competing, team members incorporated their newly created vehicle into a humorous, entertaining, engaging solution. The Staging Area Judges were impressed by their positive can-do attitude throughout the day, a true demonstration of the Odyssey problem-solving spirit.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL BUILDS BRIDGES BY AMY PIPER



Daniel Ortiz, Bruno Sanchez, and Coaches of Mexico



Hong Kong Team from Chinese YMCA College



Miracle Step-by-Step Shining Team from Shanghai, China



Divyansh Verma from Delhi (right) at the India Booth

aniel Ortiz and Bruno Sanchez, from Monterrey, Mexico, visited the Switzerland booth and scored some Swiss chocolate bars and some pins. Bruno advised, "My Dad says Swiss chocolate is the best." They brought pins and ranch dolls to represent Mexico in a trade. One passerby was anxious to see if they would trade their sombreros, but they were holding out for a Hong Kong jacket.

Checking in with the Hong Kong booth, those jackets were a hot commodity. The team from Chinese YMCA College had 50 Hong Kong jackets, and they sold out in five minutes. The team also sold postcards and small fan cut-outs where the team would write your name in Chinese.

At the German booth, Sophie Lehmann, a ninth grader, from Leonardo Da Vinci Campus in Nauen, Germany said, "I was at World Finals in 2017, and I'm having an even better time this year. It was more exciting this time because we had more experience, and there were so many moments to be happy." Before WF, her team visited Chicago's Navy Pier and Millennium Park. On their way home, they plan to visit New York City.

Nathaniel Smith purchased two pins at the German booth. One for himself and one for his friend who is part German.

At the India booth, Divyansh Verma from Delhi says the hottest selling item at his booth is the henna, which the parents and coaches are using to make henna tattoos for their customers. It's his first time in the United States, and he feels good about it. After Odyssey, he's going to Disney World and wants to explore Orlando.

The Miracle Step-by-Step Shining

Nathaniel Smith Buys Pins at the German Booth

team from Shanghai, China are first-time visitors to the United States too. Before heading to East Lansing, they had an opportunity to take an architectural boat tour in Chicago.

Justin Sossou is a judge from Togo. They have been coming to WF since 2009. While they couldn't bring a team this year, they are selling items from Togo to raise funds to bring a team next year.

EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

6am-noon Team Check-out

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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has been even greater over the course of a world stage. the year. Take a moment to look back at individual and as a team. You can see much growth in knowledge and skills of all sorts of things - from building and creating, to thinking and innovating, to speaking in public and sharing your opinions effectively and kindly.

From this growth you will continue to do great things. Each year we leave confident in our future as we see such skilled thinkers entering our future workforce ready to solve any problems that arise. You are now part of a global community — from Switzerland, India, Poland, China, Qatar, and beyond. While you come from different cultures and backgrounds, you have Odyssey of the Mind in common. This commonality bridges continents!

As Dr. Sam told our graduates, "Keep thinking!" Sometimes new and creative ideas scare others, but persevere in expressing

¶hile the journey over the past few your creative thoughts and be confident in days has been great for everyone, it your skills - they've already brought you to

Of course, all of this isn't possible without how much you have accomplished - as an our dedicated volunteers, coaches, and parents. Your work facilitates our future innovators. We are also proud of all the alumni that have come back as adults to volunteer. How wonderful to see generations of OMers! We know you will help keep the program growing so we can continue with our mission.

> NASA deserves recognition as well, for continuing to offer fun discussions and challenges for all at its Science Talks and Classroom Activities.

> Creative Competitions, Inc. is honored to be part of such a wonderful global family. Thank you all! To be able to witness such talented students and inspiring coaches is amazing. Best wishes to everyone - and here's hoping you have another year filled with creativity and fun! Be sure to check out next year's problems!

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