The 34th World Finals at Michigan State University was a great success. There were 826 teams from across the U.S. and 12 other countries such as Switzerland, Mexico, India, Japan, and more. It was the 3rd time MSU hosted the event and it gave participants a warm welcome back.

Over three days boundless creativity, teamwork, and sportsmanship was shown. While competition was tough, participants proved that World Finals is more than just a competitive event; it’s an opportunity to be inspired by others, strengthen team bonds, and to enjoy cultural exchange.

Not only has World Finals proved that competitors are also friends in OotM, but that they will continue to be important parts of the program for years to come. Out of the 450 volunteer officials, many were former team members. It was exciting to see so many Odyssey alumni returning to the program. In true Odyssey fashion, these individuals are giving back to students just as others did for them!

Also giving back were the Blue Valley Odyssey Angels. This year’s winning group united attendees from around the world to help foster kids in need. The group decided to continue its project of making blankets for foster children at the Creativity Festival. They turned the Odyssey Angels booth into an interactive activity for anyone who wished to help others. Almost 300 blankets that were donated to foster agencies in three different states.

While teams made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime, they also worked extremely hard and competed on a world stage. Congratulations, and good job to all Odyssey teams — hope to see you next year!
This team took a risk by using minimalistic costume and scenery to create an emotionally moving performance. In solution, they told the story of South Korea’s most significant national treasures, pagodas. Using abstract visuals, the team recontextualized historical pieces construct- ing their destruction by these in their restoration. This left judges and the audience in awe.

Pet Project, Div I

This team showed exceptional creativity in creating a song that was transformed into a shape of music that filled everyone’s heart that could actually hear it. The performance was gripping and scales even more complete with total calm.

Pet Project, Div III

This team transformed trash into a special backdrop and ramp. It cut straws into various lengths and one wheel that didn’t even touch the ground. Their innovation is absolutely amazing!

Upper St. Claire High School Upper St. Claire, PA:

This team has created an unusual way to move on land with a scrap of wood, an electric motor, and one wheel that didn’t even touch the ground. Their innovation is absolutely amazing!

Charter School of Wilmington Team A Wilmington, DE

This team used pneumatic, electronic, and detailed mechanics to provide an awe-inspiring engineering spectacular. All three vehicles showcased extraordinary design and risk-taking, including: a giant boat with crashing waves and a moving monsoon costume; a trash heap that when illuminated cast a shadow of a woman; and even a prism-like device that allowed the audience to see a hidden message.

Dawn and Rich Outtrim Tannersville, NY:

Aiden decided to compete for his school, worked together in song, and never stopped smiling. The spontaneous judges enjoyed seeing them buckle down on their project, and the spontaneous judges enjoyed seeing their hard work transformed into an award-winning team.

Port St. Lucie High School Port St. Lucie, FL:

The team asked judges all questions in song, worked together in song, and never stopped smiling. The spontaneous judges enjoyed seeing them buckle down on their project, and the spontaneous judges enjoyed seeing their hard work transformed into an award-winning team.

Airdrie School Elementary School Airdrie, AB:

This song, worked together in song, and never stopped smiling. The spontaneous judges enjoyed seeing them buckle down on their project, and the spontaneous judges enjoyed seeing their hard work transformed into an award-winning team.

Amarillo High School Amarillo, TX:

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Hey Teams,
Here’s to a new year of teamwork, fun, and creativity! Best of luck.
Your friend,
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Spirit & Creativity Awards

Jackie Otte received this year’s Spirit Award for over 30 years of volunteerism within Ootm at the regional, state, and international level. As NY AD, she successfully ran one of the largest Odyssey associations. She has also ensured that Odyssey’s future remains strong with her work in the Shadow Program and the Primary Problem.

The Creativity Award was given to Korczak Zikowski and the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation for utilizing great creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork in helping to protect and preserve the culture of the North American Indians through art, education, and volunteerism. Administrative Vice President Rollie Noem accepted the award on behalf of the foundation at the Opening Ceremonies.

2013 Odyssey Angels

2013 Blue Valley Odyssey Angels with Director Cheryl Micklus showing off their blankets at the popular OA booth. Learn more at: www.odysseyangels.org

Float & Banner Parade

Banner Finalists
- Arkansas
- Connecticut
- Kansas
- Maryland
- Missouri
- North Carolina
- Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Hong Kong
- Japan

Float Finalists
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Maine
- Michigan
- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- India
- Mexico