ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2018 WORLD FINALS | IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

BRINGING HOME THE GOLD



Odyssey of the Mind participants cheer for their team in Hilton Coliseum before the start of the awards ceremony on May 26. PHOTO BY MIKINNA KERNS/IOWA STATE DAILY

Tickets held high in hands, students and coaches packed into Hilton Coliseum Saturday night for the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Awards Ceremony. Beach balls were flown high through the air, exciting the crowd.

The audience cheered as they enjoyed a laser show equipped with pyrotechnic special effects to kick off the

The audience was a light show of their own, as students sported fedoras, glasses and other accessories, all of which flashed a multitude of colors.

The majority of teams wore matching t-shirts emblemed with their school names. Others wore squid and flying pig hats, Statue of Liberty hats and flashing necklaces.

The categories in which teams participated included "Triathlon Travels," "Emojis, Speak for Yourself," "Mockumentary," "Animal House" and "A Stellar Hangout."

"When there is a tie between teams, what do we say?"

said award presenter Dr. Jim Mourey.

"A what!" the audience answered back.

Poland and China won many awards. When winners were announced, teams stood proudly and cheered loudly, some waving their country's respective flags.

Even as other teams didn't receive the highest honors, Coach Marcy Selig reminded her students from Pocahontas, Arkansas, they should hold their heads high.

"We should be proud though," Selig said. "Did you ever think we would get here?"

Selig's students smiled and shook their heads.

"We're from a little town of about 3,600 people in Arkansas," Selig said. "While Arkansas has a big Odyssey following, this is our first year competing."

The 2019 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals will be held at Michigan State University.



Odyssey of the mind participant taking a moment to admire his metal in Hilton Coliseum during the awards ceremony on May 26.

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World Finals Results:

TRIATHLON TRAVELS DIV I

1st SHANGHAI EXP SCH 45362 CH
2nd BAOSHAN LUODIAN CTRL PRI SCH 34105 CH
3rd EUBANKS INT SCH 38373 Southlake, TX
4th WOODWARD NORTH ACADEMY 28072 Johns Creek, GA
4th QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCH 34852 Roswell, GA
5th WESTFIELD WILSON SCHOOL 44046 Westfield, NJ
6th EMMONS LAKE EAGLE FEATHERS PTO 31001
Caledonia, MI

TRIATHLON TRAVELS DIV II

1st SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL 37478 Johnston, IA
2nd and Ranatra Fusca LABORATORIUM PRYZMAT GDANSK
43552 Gdansk, PD
3rd SHANGHAI H S INTL DIV 44602 CH
4th KARIYA INV CLUB FOR BOYS/GIRLS 34374 Kariya,
Aichi, JP
5th GRACE FOR ALL 45116 Atlanta, GA
6th CHARLOTTE COUNTRY DAY SCH A 2412 Charlotte, NC

TRIATHLON TRAVELS DIV III

1st OSRODEK PSYCHOEDUKACJI DAMB 22311 Gdansk, PD 2nd GENESEO CENTRAL SCH 3253 Le Roy, NY 3rd POCAHONTAS H S A 3506 Pocahontas, AR 4th CORUNNA H S 5736 Morrice, MI 5th ARDREY KELL H S B 43347 Charlotte, NC 6th EVERGREEN COMMUNITY CENTER 40817 San Jose, CA 6th ORADELL KIDS FOUNDATION 44267 Oradell, NJ 25th and Ranatra Fusca PRINCETON H S A 42616 Princeton, NJ

TRIATHLON TRAVELS DIV IV

1st UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE 23159 Newark, DE 2nd NANJING POLYTECHNIC INST 45416 CH 3rd SHANGHAI UNIV OF ENG SCIENCE 42028 CH 4th SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIV 25196 CH

EMOJI, SPEAK FOR YOURSELF DIV I

1st SZKOLA PODSTAWOWA NR 199 LODZ 40429 Lodz, PD
2nd WASHINGTON SCHOOL WHITE 45282 Millburn, NJ
3rd ZHONGYUAN YIHE RD PRI SCH 44550 CH
3rd SZKOLA PODSTAWOWA 2 TRZEBNICA 36127
Trzebnica, PD
4th WUHAN HONGGANGCHENG PRI SCH 45504 CH
5th SZKOLA ZOO SRODA WLKP 44740 Sroda
Wielkopolska, PD
6th MCGRAW ELE SCH 15883 Fort Collins, CO

EMOJI. SPEAK FOR VOURSELF DIV I

1st CHINO VALLEY ADVOGATE F 44087 Chino, CA
2nd BUDDHIST WONG WAN TIN COLLEGE 36351 HK
3rd WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY 37942
Flowery Branch, GA
4th ZSS NR 7 STO W KRAKOWIE 41879 Krakow, PD
5th LABORATORIUM PRYZMAT GDANSK 43552 Gdansk, PD
6th CARTERET MID SCH 37303 Oradell, NJ
6th WINKLER MIDDLE SCHOOL 45316 Concord, NC

EMOJI, SPEAK FOR YOURSELF DIV III

1st FLOWERY BRANCH H S 38952 Flowery Branch, GA
2nd DBLAWARE VALLEY H S 3887 Milford, PA
2nd NOTRE DAME ACADEMY 37198 Duluth, GA
3rd LABORATORIUM PRYZMAT GDANSK 43552 Gdansk, PD
4th POCAHONTAS H S A 3506 Pocahontas, AR
5th POK OI HOSP CHAN KAI MEM COLLE 30949
Hong Kong, HK
5th H S AT SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIV 43654 CH
6th LOYALSOCK H S 9744 Williamsport. PA

CLASSICS... MOCKUMENTARY! SERIOUSLY? DIV I

1st WUHAN YUCAI PRI SCH 41965 CH
2nd WOODLAND HEIGHTS ELE SCH B 44908
Mooresville, NC
3rd CHANGZHOU JIEFANG RD PRI SCH 36434 CH
4th WILSON ELE SCH 37182 Sanford, FL
5th GLENWOOD SCH 35162 Short Hills, NJ
6th STOW KULTURY I EDUKACJI 36302 Warsaw, PD
6th ABINGTON HEIGHTS MID SCH A 28547
Clarks Summit, PA

CLASSICS... MOCKUMENTARY! SERIOUSLY? DIV II 1st HOMESCHOOLERS OF COLLIER CO 42993

Bonita Springs, FL
2nd and Ranatra Fusca LABORATORIUM PRYZMAT GDANSK
43552 Gdansk, PD
2nd RONALD REAGAN MID SCH 42170 Haymarket, VA
3rd GERMANTOWN CENTRAL UPPER SCH 42263
Germantown, NY
3rd BLACK MOUNTAIN MID SCH A 43210 San Diego, CA
3rd CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL 3137 Grand Rapids, MI
4th NANYANG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL 31228 SG
5th OSRODEK PSYCHOEDUKACJI DAMB 22311 Gdansk, PD
6th PS DUPONT MID SCH 34312 Wilmington, DE
6th WELLS RECREATION 17135 Wells. ME

CLASSICS... MOCKUMENTARY! SERIOUSLY? DIV

1st SP NR 2 SIERAKOWICE 46064 Sierakowice, PD 2nd GENESEO CENTRAL SCH 3253 Le Roy, NY 3rd ANGLO CHINESE SCH INDEPENDENT 31225

Singapore, SG

3rd VESTAL SR H S 7395 Vestal, NY
3rd III LICEUM GDANSK TOPOLOWKA 33677 Gdansk, PD
4th RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH 31230 Singapore, SG
4th CORBIN H S 38611 Corbin, KY
4th MYERS PARK H S WHITE 12306 Charlotte, NC
5th LYMAN H S 9295 Longwood, FL
5th NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL 44241 Grand Rapids, MI
6th ST PAULS CO ED COLLEGE 34714 Hong Kong, HK

CLASSICS... MOCKUMENTARY! SERIOUSLY? DIV

1st MONTVALE LIBRARY 45815 Montvale, VA 2nd SHANGHAI OCEAN UNIVERSITY 43677 CH 3rd UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 32797 Lexington, KY 4th E CHINA UNV OF POL SCI AND LAW 44598 CH

ANIMAL HOUSE DIV I

1st SHANGHAI DANING INTL ELE SCH 36403 CH
2nd WALNUT BEND SCH OF ENV SCI 40818 Houston, TX
3rd ROWLETT ACADEMY FAMILY ASSOC 35490
Bradenton, FL
4th WOODWARD NORTH ACADEMY 28072 Johns Creek, GA
4th VINCENT ELE SCH 14138 Spring City, PA
5th BLYTHEVILLE ELE SCH 8147 Blytheville, AR
5th GOWAN SCIENCE ACADEMY 43364 Yuma, AZ
6th DEERFIELD-WINDSOR LOWER SCHOOL 45324
Albany, GA

ANIMAL HOUSE DIV II

1st SENECA RIDGE MID SCH 26367 Sterling, VA 2nd JIADING NANYUAN MID SCH 40347 CH 3rd BOYS & GIRLS INV CLUB TOYOTA 416 Toyota, Aichi, JP 4th CHANGZHOU ZHENGHENG MID SCH 45417 CH 5th C W DAVIS MID SCH 36216 Flowery Branch, GA 6th LABORATORIUM PRYZMAT GDANSK 43552 Gdansk, PD

ANIMAL HOUSE DIV III

1st J P STEVENS H S A 3473 Edison, NJ 2nd NINGBO LONGSAI H S 44615 Shanghai, CH 3rd SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY 37181 Sarasota, FL 4th MYERS PARK H S WHITE 12306 Charlotte, NC 5th POQUOSON HIGH SCHOOL 1595 Poquoson, VA 5th GENESEO CENTRAL SCH 3253 Le Roy, NY 6th RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH 31230 Singapore, SG

ANIMAL HOUSE DIV IV

1st UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA 32872 Longmont, OK 2nd NORMAL UNIV TIANHUA COLLEGE 41994 CH 3rd POL JAP AKADEMIA TECH KOMP 46068 Gdansk, PD

A STELLAR HANGOUT DIV I

1st SIMPSON ELE SCH 23052 Peachtree Corners, GA
2nd ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL 31659 Endicott, NY
3rd SHANGHAI WORLD FOR LANG PRI SC 40553 CH
4th KENSINGTON ELE SCH 35561 Waxhaw, NC
4th OLDHAM 34691 Singapore, SG
5th SZKOLA PODST NR 267 WARSZAWA 40397
Warszawa, PD
6th MINHANG PINNAN PRI SCH 42879 CH
6th TREDYFFRIN EASTTOWN YOUTH 42317 Wayne, PA

A STELLAR HANGOUT DIV II

1st OSRODEK PSYCHOEDUKACJI DAMB 22311 Gdansk, PD 2nd MAGEE MID SCH 11901 Tucson, AZ 3rd SEVEN SPRINGS MID SCH A 26001 Wesley Chapel, FL 3rd BAILEY MID SCH 37307 Cornelius, NC 4th KIDDOVATE 44495 Rockville, MD 4th LA JOYA MID SCH 19594 Visalia, CA 5th MCGINNIS MID SCH 20480 Buena Vista, CO 6th MONROE-WOODBURY MID SCH 1946 Central Valley, NY 6th NANYANG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL 31228 SG 6th SP NR 4 BOGATYNIA 46069 Bogatynia, PD

A STELLAR HANGOUT DIV III

1st and Ranatra Fusca SOUTH MECKLENBURG H S 2012 Charlotte, NC 2nd ANGLO CHINESE SCH INDEPENDENT 31225 Singapore , SG 3rd V LICEUM OGOLNOKSZTALCACE 27946 Gdansk, PD 4th RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH 31230 Singapore , SG 5th BROADALBIN-PERTH H S 12167 Broadalbin, NY 6th SCHOLARS ACADEMY 26430 Thomasville, GA

A STELLAR HANGOUT DIV IV

1st OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 32579 Columbus, OH 2nd LABORATORIUM PRYZMAT GDANSK 43552 Gdansk, PD 3rd FREE 2 LUV 45165 Maple Valley, WA

Ranatra Fusca Award Recipients

he Ranatra Fusca Award, named for the water strider insect, promotes and recognizes creativity. This award represents the essence of the Odyssey of the Mind program. The Ranatra Fusca Award is given to teams or individuals who display tremendous creativity at competitions. This award serves as an incentive for risk takers and creative thinkers among Odyssey of the Mind participants.

Laboratorium Pryzmat Gdansk, Triathlon Travels, Div II Gdansk, Poland

This team combined drama and engineering in its Broadwayworthy performance full of contrast: black and white, good and evil, minimalism and sophistication. To elaborate on the theme, the team used a sophisticated quilling technique to illustrate racial tensions displayed via the vehicle's license plate. Aside from its creative performance and style, the vehicle combined 66 wheels, 10 motors, & over 100 meters of electrical wiring to create a machine that moved in every direction with automated grace and precision.

Princeton H S A, Triathlon Travels, Div III, Princeton, NJ

This team showed exceptional creativity and risk-taking in the creation of their vehicle's propulsion system and design. The vehicle used a system of handmade wooden gears that was powered by a riveted rowing-machine style of propulsion. The driver of the vehicle used his feet and legs to engage the propulsion system. The gears could be easily changed to switch from forward to reverse motion, similar to a motorcycle clutch. The vertical sawing motion had to engage three different sized saw tooth gears. When one of the straps broke, the driver kept the vehicle going using only one leg in spite of how difficult it was to propel the vehicle in this way. The judging team believes this team is worthy of a Ranatra Fusca award due to the extreme risk-taking nature and exceptional creativity of the team's propulsion system and vehicle design.

Laboratorium Pryzmat Gdansk, Mockumentary! Seriously?, Division II, Gdansk, Poland

Humor was requested, but in a risky measure, the team departed from the overtly humorous intent of the problem in an avant-garde performance worthy of a professional modern theater troupe. With a larger than life abstract mask, the team members appeared as the eyes of the mask and used the eyes as a portal between aging and youth. Pictures in the eyes of the mask brought back memories of youthfulness. The team had the mask

experience many emotions as one would as they gain wisdom with age. The design and engineering of the mask was a puzzle that showed the different elements that shape you throughout life. Hanging in suspense, Peter Pan literally flew through his interview via an engineering feat.

South Mecklenburg High School, A Stellar Hangout, Division III, Charlotte, NC

A versatile masterpiece, Desyre radiated unique artistic quality and original, risk-taking engineering. This large device conveyed the illusion of a live exotic bird to the audience. The team meticulously synchronized the multiple mechanisms, which allowed the puppet to perform coordinated and fluid movements just as if she were a real bird. Wings from the structure of an umbrella connected with a sinuous neck of dryer ducting, allowing every motion to convey her flirtatious and sassy personality. The feathers from hand-painted seashells created a natural iridescence. The artistry involved in the design of both the mechanics and the appearance of Desyre the Bird exemplified the creative spirit involved in repurposing ordinary, discarded items to create something absolutely extraordinary.

OMER's Award Recipients

MER's Award is given to teams that demonstrate outstanding performance in areas other than creativity. Teams and team members who are honored show great artistic ability and demonstrate good sportsmanship and teamwork. The award

also acknowledges individuals, coaches, team members, parents, officials and others involved in competition who serve as outstanding examples or role models through their words and actions.

Pinecrest High School Triathlon Travels, Division III Southern Pines, NC

The team spent time between competitions clipping clothespins with inspirational messages written on them onto unsuspecting World Finalists. The team decorated the pins with color, sequins, paint, etc. and included messages like "Good Luck" and "Thank your coach" and "You can do it!" It was so thoughtful of the team to encourage other competitors and anonymously recognize everyone's creativity. Pinecrest High School, thank you for performing this Random Act of Kindness!

Chino Valley Advogate F, Emoji, Speak for Yourself, Division II, Chino Hills, California

In the movies, a powerful story has beautiful music behind it to guide our emotions. We saw Hollywood-level story-telling today. We experienced a man's life from childhood to adulthood. Throughout it all, the original music performed live mirrored the emotion of the story and brought it to new levels. The child had light-hearted music. The man had a more mature sound, which darkened and grew with his burdens. The link between the performance and the music was flawless. The combined effect had our hearts aching with the story and brought tears to our eyes.

Geneseo Central School Mocumentary! Seriously? Division III, Geneseo, NY

The judges had never seen such an innovative backdrop. Charlotte the spider looked like a rock-star rock climber on a tension system backdrop held together by the tension of a web. This set was large enough to support the weight of a team member and a robotic fly who witnessed this wonderful weaving. The structure included three ladders with

interwoven tie-down straps and was collapsible. Her team members dubbed Charlotte "humbly radiant!"

Orinda Rotary, Animal House, Division I, Orinda, CA

In this problem, teams are required to support three food items with their structure before they can start placing weights. While this team was attaching food to their structure's balsa narwhal horn, the horn suddenly snapped off. Because weight placement cannot begin until all three food items are attached, the pressure was on. This team, however, didn't miss a beat. The team members rallied to find a solution on the fly, fashioning improvised hooks and finding new attachment points. The team's poise, teamwork, and creativity astounded the judging crew. The solution worked wonderfully, and the team went on to hold hundreds of pounds of weight (480 lbs).

Rylie from M.D. Williams Elementary School Stellar Hangout, Division I, Pocahontas, Arizona

This unique musician wowed the judges with her audacious display of "arm-blarting". The speed and melody of her blarts showcased a musical mastery that left the judges and audience impressed and in hysterics. After tuning up her instrument backstage with the seriousness of a concert musician, she stepped up to deliver her performance. Rylie's instrument is not only unique, but her skill allowed her to deliver musical notes with the aplomb of a virtuoso. She displayed exceptional and professional skill that truly brightened the performance.

Caroline Morris from Ohio State University A Stellar Hangout, Columbus, Ohio

Caroline Morris has earned this award for her amazing heart, $\,$

Wayne R. Kehrli Scholarship Winner

Desiderio Pilla

Coaches Competition Winners

1ST PLACE AND STYLE WINNER:

Twin Peaks Charter Academy from Colorado with a structure that was 10' 8"

2ND PLACE: Glebe Elementary School from Virginia with a structure that was 9' 8"

3RD PLACE: Uno Zizumbo from Illinois with a structure that was 8' 10"

Creativity Festival Booths

MOST CREATIVE: Florida MOST POPULAR: New York

endurance, and commitment to Odyssey of the Mind. Caroline was diagnosed with a severe kidney infection in April and spent weeks in the hospital. She continued to be part of her team from her hospital room by FaceTime and by writing the script. She had a kidney stent placed 2 weeks ago, which worked great... until arriving in Ames. Caroline went to the hospital in Ames on Thursday with a problem with her stent. Instead of flying home, she was committed to participating with her team, insisting she could make it for 8 minutes despite being in incredible pain. She did make it through the 8 minutes, and immediately had to return to the hospital. Talk about dedication! Caroline maintains such an uplifting and positive attitude towards all and exemplifies what it means to be an OMer.

CCI offers its thanks for another great year!

hile the journey over the past few days has been great for everyone, it has been even greater over the course of the year. Take a moment to look back at how much you have changed – as a person and as a team. In just one year 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 in an effective and kind manner.

From this growth you will continue to do great things. Each year we leave confident in our future as we see such wonderful and skill–ful youth preparing to enter our future workforce ready to solve any problems that arise. You are now part of a global community — from Switzerland, India, Poland, China 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 likes to say, you have the greatest minds in the world, so be proud of your ideas! Sometimes new and creative ideas scare others, but persevere in expressing your creative thoughts and be con-fident in your skills – they've already brought

you this far.

Of course, all of this isn't possible without our dedicated volun¬teers, coaches, and parents. Your work facilitates our future innova¬tors. 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.

A special nod also goes out to the Odyssey Angels program and this year's group, Big Cypress Elementary School, you have shown the world how to use your Odyssey skills to help others in your community! 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 won-derful family. Thank you all! To be able to witness such talented stu-dents 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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Important phone numbers for the 2018 World Finals

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(fire, police, ambulance) 911 The local area code for Ames is 515

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ISU/AMES INFORMATION CENTER:

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TION: (515) 294-3750

PROP STORAGE INFORMATION:

(515) 294-3778

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CENTER: (515) 294-5801

MCFARLAND AFTER HOURS CARE

CLINIC: (515) 956-4044

MARY GREELEY MEDICAL CENTER

(NON-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS): (515) 239-2011

Odyssey World Finals Schedule

Sunday, May 27, 2018

6 a.m. to Noon: Housing Check-out

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Odyssey Alumni Group

ivision III and Division IV Odyssey of the Mind team members who are graduating from competition this year are invited to join the Odyssey Alumni Group.

The Odyssey Alumni Association exists in order to keep alumni of the Odyssey program informed, connected, and involved with Odyssey and its affiliated local, national, and international associations.

The group also provides opportunities for OotM alumni to continue their participation in future Odyssey activities.

Alumni have a unique knowledge of the program that make them perfect candidates for coaches, judges, and other types of volunteers. Often these roles are filled by family members or teachers of participants, but there is always a

For more information, visit the Odyssey of the Mind Alumni Association website at www.odysseyalumni.org.

OMER Dining News

Your wristband is good for entry into the dining centers and special events.

CONVERSATIONS DINING (OAK-ELM): Pink 1. Pink 2

UNION DRIVE MARKETPLACE:

Orange 1, Orange 2 **MEMORIAL UNION FOOD COURT:**

SEASONS MARKETPLACE: Red 1, Red 2, Yellow 2, Blue

Sunday, May 27

BREAKFAST: 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. **LUNCH**:** 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (Seasons Marketplace Only)

DINNER:** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Seasons Marketplace Only)

Monday, May 28

BREAKFAST** AT ESM: 5 a.m. - 9 a.m. (East Side Market)

** Only for those with a post-conference package

Access to the all-you-care-to-eat dining facilities are limited to participants wearing wristbands and their guests purchasing meals.