



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **May 7, 2019**

TITLE: **Recognition of Odyssey of the Mind World Teams 2019**

BACKGROUND:

Amphitheater Public Schools continues to be the top district in participation and achievement in the Arizona Odyssey of the Mind program. Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

Team members apply their creativity to solve one (or more) of five long-term problems involving building mechanical devices, building balsa wood structures designed to hold hundreds of pounds, building vehicles that are used to complete tasks, presenting a theatrical performance solving a dilemma, or presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. In addition, teams are scored on “style,” or the creative way in which they present their solutions. Finally, each team must participate in a spontaneous problem at the competition that is “top secret” until after the end of the day. This portion of the competition prepares students for what we all face in real life, unexpected problems that require teamwork, given limited resources.

This year, nine teams earned the right to compete during World Finals May 22-25, 2019 at Michigan State University. Canyon del Oro High School (CDO) set new school and state-wide high school records with five of the five teams qualifying for the World Finals and four state championships. CDO set additional school and state-wide records with three Ranatra Fusca Awards. This is the highest award that an Odyssey of the Mind team or individual can be awarded, and it is only given for exceptional creativity.

- The CDO Robot team was awarded a team Ranatra Fusca for creative use of materials in unique ways to create an undersea setting for their mermaid robot.
- The CDO Classics team was awarded a Ranatra Fusca for their unique problem-solving approach, which included a functioning model of a lock with visible tumblers, living paintings and inventions, clever dialog and extensive use of coffee filters to create almost everything seen on stage.
- An individual award was presented to CDO Junior, Kaitlyn Hsu for her spectacular and creative art including: living art pieces of the Vitruvian Man, Lady with an Ermine, Unfinished Head of a Woman and the Mona Lisa as well as nail and string art to replicate the artist’s self-portrait in red chalk.

The following students and their coaches are to be commended for their dedication and high level of accomplishment in this academic competition.

School: Coronado K-8
Problem 4: Structure Toss – Balsa Structures Team
Coach: Stacey Sherman
Team Members: Renee Hernandez
Ryan Luke
Wyatt Madson
Diego Robles
Molly Sherman
Madison Bruce
Gabriela Salazar

School: Donaldson Elementary School
Problem 2: Hide In Plain Sight – Robot Team
Coach: Megan Etter
Team Members: Lila Etter
Mackenzie Etter
Rodrigo Ruvacalba
Samuel Hanson
Sofia Hanson
Mia Gallegos

School: Rio Vista Elementary School
Problem 2: Hide In Plain Sight – Robot Team
Coach: Vanessa Hill
Team members: Sebastian Linn
Carlos Armenta
Jacob Fobes
Nevaeh Lopez
Aidyn Cocio
Natalie Valenzuela

School: Amphitheater High School
Problem 2: Hide In Plain Sight – Robot Team
Coach: Carrie Broughton-Bejarano
Team members: Justin Nguyen
Michelle Ramos Hernandez
Sarah Bakhshpour
Patrick Quintero
Kaydee Ripberger

School: Canyon del Oro High School
Problem 1: OMER to the Rescue, Again – Vehicle Team
Coaches: Cymry DeBoucher, John Harlow, Tony Trinh
Team members: Aaron Trinh
Quinn Acquaro
Ria Blackwood
Alex Marion
Dylan Tran
Dylan Kmiec
Andres Velazco

School: Canyon del Oro High School
Problem 2: Hide In Plain Sight – Robot Team
Coaches: Cymry DeBoucher, John Harlow
Team members: KK Boynton
Nikki Basye
Olivia Keating
Fiona Merritt
Kaitlyn Hsu
Alex Velazco
Khai Nguyen

School: Canyon del Oro High School
Problem 3: Leonardo’s Workshop – Classics Team
Coaches: Cymry DeBoucher, Lisa Sheldon
Team members: Kaitlyn Hsu
Alex Velazco
Khai Nguyen
Jessica Sheldon
Ashton Thomas
Carter Hollings
Amelia Gephart

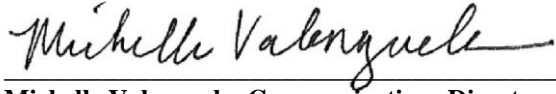
School: Canyon del Oro High School
Problem 4: Structure Toss – Balsa Structure Team
Coaches: Leann Calvin, Leslie Ferre
Team members: Ian Gottlieb
Santiago Espinoza
Shawn Kim
Micaela Wu
Kol Bakken
Kaylynn Calvin

School: Canyon del Oro High School
Problem 5: Opposites Distract – Theatrical Team
Coaches: Lisa DaDeppo, Leslie Ferre
Team members: Addison DaDeppo
Liam DaDeppo
Quinlan Benavidez
Sydney Enos
Hannah Haskins
Josh Jaeger
Owen Secrest

RECOMMENDATION:

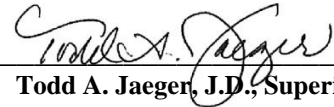
This item is for the Governing Board's information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: April 29, 2019



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