

Superintendent Report

June 27, 2017

Magee Middle School Odyssey of the Mind

All five of Magee Middle School's Odyssey of the Mind teams triumphed at State Finals on Saturday, April 1st, and all headed to World Finals in May. Top teams from across the State competed, and only the top two finishers in each age division can advance to the world's largest creativity competition with students from around the world, Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

Magee is the only school in the state to send more than one or two teams to World Finals.

Two of Magee Middle School's Odyssey of the Mind teams received trophies for finishing in third place at World Finals held at Michigan State University May 24-27. The closing night Awards Ceremony drew 18,000 competitors and supporters to celebrate the teams with the highest scores.

Magee sent five teams after winning State Finals competition in April, and Magee students were also part of the team from Sabino High School, the only other Tucson Unified school at the World Finals. In all 30 teams represented Arizona at the competition which featured 833 championship teams from around the United States and the world including Canada, China, South Korea, India, Japan, Russia, Poland, Germany, Singapore, Slovakia, Switzerland, Italy, and Mexico.

Here's a look at how the team prepared for Worlds: [VIDEO](#)

Ms. Marjorie Letson is the Head Coach/Sponsor, **James Edwards**, **Nick Letson**, **Karla Zamora**, and **Matt Zamora** are parents who volunteer as coaches. Thank you so much for all you do!

Please come on up! Ms. Letson can you help me with the certificates for the students?

Problem 3, Classics – finished 3rd in World, Classics Div. II (highest Spontaneous score at World)

Elizabeth Biggs
Alexis Byrnes
Haeleigh Chipman
Hailey Hartshorn
Ella McNaughton
Brooklyn Mercurio
Alyssa North

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Problem 5, Drama – finished 3rd in World, Drama Div. II (second highest Spontaneous at World, competing against 72 teams in their division)

Mia Goldberg
Sebastian Gray
Sydney Harrington
Brooklyn Mercurio
Ashli North
Samson Schneider

Problem 1, Vehicle – finished 21st in World, Vehicle Div. II

Angelina Cruz
Gavin Dee
Mia Goldberg
Robert Watkins
Kyle Yarger
Alyssa Zachareas
Karly Zamora

Problem 2, Tech – finished 20th in World, Tech Div. II

Nevaeh Conrad
Mia Goldberg
Cailan Pugliese
Abril Valdez
Kyle Yarger
Karly Zamora

Problem 4, Structure – finished 22nd in World, Structure Div. II (held 529 pounds)

Madison Byrnes
Charlie Espinoza
MaryEllen Fitzpatrick
Danielle Hartshorn
Elizabeth Kiburz
Launa Sigars
Carly Swansen

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In addition, several Magee students are on the Sabino High School team that finished 17th in Structure, Div. III (held 529 pounds): Alexis Byrnes, Sebastian Gray, Alyssa North and Alyssa Zachareas, plus former Magee students at Sabino High School **Sara Edwards** and **Sophia Schneider**. This team also had the world's second-highest scores in Spontaneous competition for their division.

Congratulations to this award winning team and their fantastic coaches.

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We have another recognition tonight, **Mr. Darryl Hawkins** serves as the GM/Director of Operations for Comcast Cable. Over the past two years he has provided support through Comcast's charitable arm. Mr. Hawkins and the Comcast family partnered with TUSD to sponsor the Multicultural Symposium in 2016, The IMPACT Tucson Forum in April 2017 and the Legacy of Excellence College Scholarship Banquet over the past 4 years. Tonight we'd like to thank Mr. Hawkins and **Ms. Deneiva Knight**, another Comcast staff member who has helped to provide support to the district. Unfortunately they are both unable to be here tonight but we have **Jeanetta Nickelson** here to accept on their behalf. Thank you!

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