

District Recognitions

August 30, 2018

Our recognition tonight is the Magee Middle School Odyssey of the Minds World teams. The program has been offered at Magee for 15 years, it has grown to become one of the most successful in the world! Ms. Marjorie Letson coached all five of Magee's Odyssey teams who won Arizona State championships and went to World Finals at Iowa State University. All five teams finished in the top 20 in their individual categories against championship teams from all over the United States and the world. Here's a bit of info on each of the teams:

- The Vehicle team rode their team-created 'chess piece' car through a triathlon jousting event.
- The Tech team communicated without words, telling the story of their forgotten emoji while engineering a new way to represent texting.
- The Classics team debated the classic tale of Peter Pan in a mockumentary, with behind-the-scene interviews with Peter Pan's shadow.
- The Structure team retold a Mayan folktale, while their team-built, lightweight balsa wood structure held 730 pounds before breaking.
- The Drama team, in a quest for space treasure, created a Zoo Habitat of breakfast-cereal space creatures who demonstrated human teenage interactions to help aliens repopulate their planet.

The Drama team took 2nd Place at World Finals, finishing just behind the top team from Poland. The team's 2nd place trophy was Magee's fourth top-three trophy in the past three years.

Congratulations to this amazing group of students and their coaches! Please come on up when you hear your name. *(Some students are on multiple teams.)

Vehicle Team

Haeleigh Chipman
Sally Kamper
Jeronimo Ojeda
Maximus Silverman
Robert Watkins
Karly Zamora
Ryan Zwierlein

Tech and Classics Teams

Haeleigh Chipman
Danielle Hartshorn
Hailey Hartshorn
Izzabel Kamper
Ella McNaughton
Karly Zamora

Structure Team

Michael Davis
Charlie Espinoza
Cailan Pugliese
Lauren Reed
Morgan Riddle
Abril Valdez
Joseph Zwierlein

Drama Team

Madison Byrnes
Christian Figueroa
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick
Hailey Hartshorn
Ashli North
Samson Schneider
Robert Watkins

Coaches

Marjorie Letson, head coach, sponsor – all teams
Matt Zamora, parent/coach/Raytheon engineer – Vehicle team
Karla Zamora, parent/coach/Raytheon engineer – Vehicle/Tech teams
Jim Edwards, coach/Raytheon engineer – Structure team
Marc Watkins, parent/coach – Drama team
Nick Letson, coach – Drama Team

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