



CVUSD Odyssey of the Mind team takes first at State Championships; eligible for World Finals

An Odyssey of the Mind team from Rhodes Elementary School has qualified for the 2017 World Finals of the creative challenge competition, to be held May 24-27 at Michigan State University.

The team – comprised of fourth-graders Nicholas Meksavanh, Sophie Miller, Colin Kawakami, Audrey Tjandra, Cheryl Chung, Kiran Wong, and Austin Liu – came in first in the “Ready, Set, Balsa, Build” Division 2 contest at the State Finals of the Odyssey of the Mind, held March 25 in Brentwood in Northern California. Their coach is Jackie Meksavanh.

Seven other Chino Valley Unified School District also competed in the State Finals, but will not advance to the World Finals. The teams and their coach are, by problem and division:

“Catch Us If You Can,” Division 2

Team C -- Rhodes Elementary School sixth-graders Vikram Senthilkumar, William Sahagun, Jayden Churchill, Analiese Miller, Jerry Brown, and Matthew Chang; coach David Miller.

“It’s Time, OMER,” Division 1

Team B -- Country Springs Elementary fourth-grader Somya Amin, and fifth-graders Isabella Liang, Clarisse Nikaido, Rachel Sitanggang, Natanielle Redublo, Chloe Kubeldis, and Sahana Desai; coach Jean Wu.

Team C -- Oak Ridge Elementary School fifth-graders Coleson Cunningham, Austin Sells, Jackson Hanson, Madison Lardizabal, Colin Mulqueen, Abigail Lin, and Anson Ng; coach Lori Cunningham.

“It’s Time, OMER,” Division 2

Team A -- Canyon Hills Junior High seventh-graders Jaytin Sampat, Estevan Martinez, Rohan Patel, Lyle Tiu, Braylon Ervin, and Ruben Barbero; coach Michelle Sampat.

“A Superhero Cliffhanger,” Division 1

Team A -- Oak Ridge Elementary School third-graders Ayushka Chethan and Zoe Hsieh, and fourth-graders Drew Stadler, Ian Ting, Jacob Tan, Karly Welsh, and Vivian Phan; coach Flory Welsh.

“A Superhero Cliffhanger,” Division 2

Team C -- Rhodes Elementary School fifth-grader Elena Rossen, Canyon Hills Junior High seventh-graders Holly Kong, David Rossen, Kyler Wong, Risha Trivedi, Meera Devine, and Aaron Venogopal; coach Danny Kong.

Team F -- Eagle Canyon Elementary School fourth-grader Austin Elder, and sixth-graders Mia Saenz, Joshua Wong, Aidan Elder, Austin Elder, Samuel Jeyapaul, and Russell Ng; coach Karla Saenz.

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