



## Waterford Students Place At Global Destination Imagination Finals

**May 30, 2003, Waterford, Mich.** - They are the leaders of tomorrow and they are honing their critical thinking skills and learning to work together in teams and - most importantly - developing the confidence they need to be original thinkers. They are more than 200,000 children around the world who are participating in Destination ImagiNation, the world's largest creativity and problem solving program.

More than 8000 of these children were in Knoxville, TN, (May 21-25) for Global Finals, demonstrating their solutions to the Destination ImagiNation "Team Challenges" that range from technical or mechanical to historical and theatrical. Teams from across the United States, and around the world including the first-ever Israeli teams, spent four days in tournaments demonstrating their solutions to challenges and participating in improvisational challenges.

The Waterford School District was represented by two teams at Global Finals. **Waterford Mott High School** competed in the "Theater Smarts" category, finishing in **9th place** out of 64 teams from around the world. Team members are Zachary Belsky, Adam Dittman, Gabrielle Grimaldi, Meg Grossnickle, Ted Grossnickle, Garrett Lipar and Allison Young. Their team manager is Betsy Grossnickle. Their program revolved around a "live" theatrical performance of "That Surfin' Show", set in the 1950's, with the cast and scenery entirely in a black & white theme.

**Waterford Kettering High School** participated in the "A Change in Direction" category, and finished in **14th place**. Team members are Stacy Ahern, Alysse Cohen, Mark Gener, Elizabeth McGregor, and Christine Wlosinski. Their team manager is Robin McGregor. Their performance involved a technical device that had to change direction and complete multiple tasks.

Destination ImagiNation is a program of Destination ImagiNation Inc., a non-profit corporation, which facilitates the program in 47 states and 15 countries and Canadian

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Provinces worldwide. Destination ImagiNation celebrates its fourth year of programming under the Destination ImagiNation brand and 20 years' experience providing creative and enriching programs for children around the world.

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