



# Daily News DI magiNings

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Look for a special pull-out poster in Sunday's Farewell Edition!

# Congratulations Destination ImagiNation Class of 2004

Yesterday you walked toward the graduation stage, and today you walk toward your future!

Last night, the Destination ImagiNation Class of 2004 stepped up to the stage, accepted their EleMiDI, high school and college diplomas and took that meaningful walk across the stage.

Class of 2004 you may have missed your school's graduation, but you made your graduation memories DI style at Global Finals! Graduation was wild and creative with uniquely designed mortarboards, gowns and more. This is not your average graduation...nahhh, it's much better!

High school valedictorians Stephanie Rae Simerly and Ian Garrett Wells informed and entertained the audience with a whimsical speech about their addiction... to Destination ImagiNation, of course!

These self-proclaimed DI-addicts began their speech professing their "problem" as the first step on their road to recovery. However, as they reflected on their experiences they soon remembered what an impact DI has had in their lives. And they're right, who would want to consider a world without DI?

"I like knowing that for the rest of my life, I will be able to create anything I can dream up," Stephanie said.

"The world will never look the same when the DI addicted class of 2004 takes it on!" Ian added. "We can make a difference."

You are the future of creativity! So step out of the box! Transform lives! Class of 2004, make a difference!





# Congratulations to Our Graduates!

## Many Earn Scholarships

Wow! More than 50 scholarships were earned by Destination ImagiNation participants! Congratulations to these deserving students:

### VOMBO Scholarship Recipients

Kathryn Konrath	Nicholas A. Cowling
Barbara H. Besal	Torben H. Larsen
Ashley T. Zanca	Stephanie Rae Simerly
Kevin R. Ponziani	Jerry A. Sayers
Hillary L. Zampich-Gibbs	Camerson D. Collins
Tyler A. Brooks	

### Affiliate Organization Scholarship Recipients

**Michigan Creativity Association**  
Elizabeth McGregor  
Sandra Worth

### B.C. Original Minds Association

Amanda Archer  
Brent Andrew Kennedy  
Gina Loog

**Missouri Creative Adventures**  
Julie Brunner  
Bethany Moeckli

### Arkansas Destination ImagiNation

Richard Wells

**Montana Creativity Quest**  
Kisa Kron

### Colorado Extreme Creativity

Leslie Allen  
Andrew Clawson  
Leslie Mowery  
Ronnie Weber

**New Hampshire's Incredible Creativity Connection**  
Ashley Zanca  
Sarah Gunnery

### Maryland Creative Problem Solvers

Melis Anahtar  
Smiti Nathan  
Kathleen Moffat  
Cheryl Badgley

**New Jersey Destination ImagiNation**  
Gene Reda II  
Nina Cook

### Massachusetts Opens Minds

Jessica L. Chao  
Glenn A. Martin  
Kristin E. McGeorge  
Christa M. Milley  
Chryssa R. Rask  
Geoffrey B.G. Shulik  
Christopher A. Spicer  
Kara C. Swan  
Corina Kuo Tom  
Lindsey W. Woodhull

**South Carolina Organization of Problem Solvers**  
Keri E. Lambert

**Texas Creative Problem Solving Organization**  
Alan Lamb  
Dax Underwood  
Richard Thomas  
Kya E. Combs  
William "Bo" Aughtry

**MuDI Waters Consortium**  
Joel Bergeland  
Karen Borchert  
Devin Ellsworth

## Elementary

Kaleb Anderson	Hannah Hankins
Laura Anderson	Linnea Hardin
Danielle Axelson	Nicole Harney
Bobby Barns	Ryan M. Hart
Sarah Grace Beaty	Lauren Harvey
Allie Beckman	Bryant Hayes
Dakota L. Bell	Jordan Haynes
Mychal J. Bierwagen	Andrew Douglas Helser
Jillian Bireny	Dana Kay Hendricks
Bobby Blair	Chloe Hill
A.J. Blankenship	Ian Holman
William Paul Bloder	Taylor Hough
Katie Boehm	Caroline Howerton
Michael Bohnhoff	Cochran
Kaylan Jewel Brickey	Hannah Hulen
Emily Briggs	Haden Johnson
Alexandra Burns	Jake Johnson
Emory Cabaniss	Katrina Jones
Dustin Edward Cannon	Jackson Kennedy
Catherine Cary	Kristofer Kermanshahi
Ian Cascadden	Joshua Kim
Jordan Clearman	Clark Kocourek
Alyssa Clemen	Brittany Koelling
Nick Cobblah	Kelly Koenig
Tessa Coggio	Kristen Kremp
Tiane Cohen	Mariah Kroll
Greg Collette	Whit La Torra
Zakery Williams Comer	Jade Ladd
Christopher Curtis Compton	Amy Larson
Hollie Cooper	Kelly Larson
Mariam Cooper	Tyler Leaf
Gabrielle Crossnoe	Zack LeBrun
Christopher Crowe	Mario Leos
Kaitlin Da Grava	Brittany Lewis
Christina Davis	Mahli Lewis
Sarah Davis	Lauren Lienemann
Elizabeth De Luca	Michael Lites
Andy Densford	Madeline Livergood
Laura Des Marais	Allyson Loper
Harry DiBenedetto	Nathaniel W. Mabe
Kailin Dodson	Morgan MacDonald
Carlea Du Plantis	Abby Martin
Matthew Ducharme	Austin Martin
Anna Ehler	Joshua Martinez
Kyanne Eisenhour	Marlee Massey
Abby Erler	Kerry Mattson
Nathan Sidney Estrada	Carrie McLemore
Summar Fortenberry	Joseph Meyers
Pierce Franklin	Zachary Miles
Catherine Gabel	Caitlin Monesmith
Alexandra Galaviz	Scott Montez
Myriah Garcia	Gil Moore
Charly Gardener	Sophia Moore
Lauren Gardner	Dylan Moring
Candace Gooding	Jane Napier Ramsay
Ashley Goodwin	David Neher
Zach Goss	Jay Nelson
Chelsie Grant	Jon Niel
Morgan Marie Graves	Josh Nielson
Mason Gregory	Kayla Noggle
Bryan Griffith	Rebecca Norani
Allen Gu	Charlie Parsons
Katie Guest	Taylor Parsons
Carina Guevara	Lauren Patras
Shawn Gurwara	Anne M. Petersen
Austin J. Haase	Daniel O. Pfeifle
Marketta Shelia Ann Haga	Amanda Pinto
Morgan Halane	Charissa Plummer
Audrey Hankins	Jessica Poglajen

Luey Ramquist  
Courtney Ray  
Kaleb Reichert  
Cash Reid  
Derek Reihl  
Megan Reiley  
Audrey Reinhardt  
Cody Rhoden  
Jacie Richardson  
Meaghan Riley  
Machell Riske  
Drew Robertson  
Megan Rodriguez  
Sarah Rodriguez  
Megan Roy  
Caleb Ruthven  
Kristina M. Sackmann  
Tom Saloe  
Dominique Schoech  
Julia Schrier  
Eric Schulken  
Ben Seale  
Becca Sivils  
Thad Skinner  
Dylan Skogman  
Matthew Small  
Zander Srodes  
Alice Stears  
Holly Stewart

Ashley Stokes  
Emily Terry  
Jordan Thayer  
Trisha Thornton  
Sarah Grace Thyen  
Omar Tirado  
Travis Tisdale  
Angelina Todaro  
Samantha Tolbert  
Nhu-Nguyen Tran  
Katherine Travalik  
Jon Paul Turner  
Katherine Valdesuso  
Justin van Burems  
Hayley Walters  
Samantha Warford  
Hannah Watson  
Logan Wells  
Amanda Wengler  
Sarah Wheeler  
Britnee Williams  
Mack Willingham  
Caroline Windom  
Christina Woodward  
Kevin Wright  
Kelsey Yoemans  
Karissa Suzanne Young  
Jacob Zimmer  
Kaylee A. Zore

## High School

Matt Allen	Matt Lawton
Bill Anderson	Connie Leverman
Laura Arellano-Weddleton	Luke Lorenz
Kyle Auble	Christie Majkut
Aaron K. Avance	Lizzie Manganiello
Travis A. Avance	Samuel Scott McClendon
Joshua Aznoff	Shannon McKibben
Karen Borchert	Taira McMillan
Jackson Bowler	Katie Moffat
Joy Braband	Melissa Nathan
Andrew Douglas Bryan	Chad Norvell
Justin Carbee	Steffan Nunn
Katherine Carberry	Nicola Onnis
Camerin Dale Collins	Masumi Ozasa
Grace Cunningham	Amy Panko
Jenny Davis	Amanda Prentice
John Dawson	Kenny Quayle
Meaghan Doan	Katherine Rumph
Kayleigh Duffy	Tom Saloe
Leslie Edmonds	Amanda Sasscer
Christopher Kyle Elliott	Alyssa Satas
Joshua Firmin	Lynn Schofield
Sydney Flint	Renata Shypailo
Danny Gilligan	Benjamin Charles Siks
Ian Graves	Stephanie Rae Simerly
Marissa Rae Greuel	Nick Stein
Chip Gross	Patrick Swartz
Graham Hall	Josiah Towne
Jesse Heilman	Robert Turek
Steven John Higgins	Robert Samuel Varney
Amanda Hogan	Brett Warne
Nathan Kinner	Ian Garrett Wells
Hans Kruder	Lindsey Woodhull
Julia Kumpf	Colin Patrick Zinda

## College

Megan Netherton

Brooke Urban

# Forever Creative

Graduation does not mean you are done with creative fun. It does mean a new opportunity for you to keep creating, meeting new people and helping drive the future of Destination ImagiNation, Inc. locally and globally. Okay...it also means wearing a cool gray shirt and having a lot more fun.

You have seen the Destination ImagiNation Alumni (DIA) all around d2k.4 events. They are appraisers, pressroom reporters, college team members, Regional Directors and even Risorgimento winners. As future alum, you have the experience

to do great things with people all over the world by joining the DIA. "You're the one who did all the work. You're the one who stayed up late. You're the one who built everything," says DIA member David Mitchell from Arkansas. "Now you get to turn around and say, 'Look, here's how I did it. Let's improve this,' and you get to manage the team...It's an awesome thing."

**"It's an awesome thing!"**

*Destination ImagiNation Alumnus  
David Mitchell speaking about Forever Creative*

# Risorgimento Award Winner Uses Creativity to Save Lives

They say creativity is a right-brain function, right? Well, this year's Risorgimento Award winner believes creativity affects the entire brain!

This year's Risorgimento Award was presented at Opening Ceremony to Kristen Morahan Jerger, who holds U.S. and European patents for devices including an ultrasonic surgical aspirator that allows surgeons to make it easier to remove brain tumors without damaging nerve bundles or blood vessels. She works for Valleylab in Boulder, Colorado.

The Risorgimento Award is given by Destination ImagiNation every year in recognition of outstanding creativity that transforms the world in which we live.

"Risorgimento" is a word currently in use in English, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese, and means "to rise again, be reborn, or rejuvenated, a risk taker."

In accepting the award Wednesday night, Ms. Jerger encouraged students strong in math and science to explore their creativity, and she also challenged girls in the audience to be comfortable pursuing traditionally male roles in science and technology.

She is both an alumna of creative problem solving and an active volunteer with Denver Public Schools and Destination ImagiNation in Colorado. She is currently serving as State Challenge Master and has volunteered as an Appraiser at Global Finals.

We salute Ms. Jerger's creativity that resulted in these groundbreaking, life-saving technologies!



Destination ImagiNation 2004 Risorgimento Winner Kristen Morahan Jerger gave inspiring remarks during presentations on Friday.

## It's in the Bag with Best Buy 2004 Challenge Sponsor

The Best Buy Children's Foundation is committed to making learning fun – that's why DI and Best Buy are such a great match! The Foundation funds nonprofit organizations that creatively integrate innovative, interactive technology into the K-12 curriculum. National award-winning programs, such as DragonflyTV and the Electronic Field Trip series unite technology and education for millions of students and teachers across the country. This year, Best Buy Children's Foundation is a Challenge Sponsor for *Cartoon Dimensions*.



## Phone Home: Live Webcast of Closing Ceremonies!



Phone home and tell your family, friends and computer-literate pets to watch the Awards Ceremony on Saturday night at our Global Finals web site.



<http://d2k4.dionline.org/>  
Award Ceremonies begin Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. E.D.T.

# What's Happening

## Saturday, May 29

8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	d2k.4 Competition (All Levels)	UT Campus/Coliseum/Convention Center
8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Ray Mears Room,Thompson-Boling Arena
8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	DownUnder	University Center
9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Passageways Travel & Tours	Convention Center Ballroom E
9:00 a.m.- Noon	d2k.4 Sponsor EXPO	Convention Center
10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	The Really Big Duct Tape Thing	University Center Area
11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Karaoke on Stage	World's Fair Park
Noon - 5:00 p.m.	DJ/ Karaoke Entertainment	Aquatics Center
3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.	University Level Meeting	University Center
7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	Thompson-Boling Arena
9:30 p.m.- Midnight	Pre-Teen Party	Aquatics Center Parking Lot
9:30 p.m.- 12:30 a.m.	Teen Party	Thompson-Boling Staff 9 Lot
9:30 p.m.- 12:30 a.m.	University Party	Arena Dining/ Thompson-Boling
9:30 p.m.- 1:00 a.m.	TM&O Recovery Party	Knoxville Civic Coliseum

## Sunday, May 30

3:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Passageways Return Airport Transfers	Neyland Stadium
6:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Housing Check-Out	
8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Lost & Found	Convention Center

### Visit the EXPO!

**Location: The Knoxville Convention Center, at The Cumberland Concourse**

Hours: Saturday 9:00 a.m.- noon

National Dairy Council  
3M  
Velcro USA  
Best Buy



### Souvenir Sales

Make sure you stop by the Knoxville Convention Center, Ballroom E, to pick-up your d2k.4 souvenirs!

**Hours:**

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



### If You Build It...They Will Come!

*You're doing great, and The Really Big Duct Tape Thing is growing! Remember, tomorrow is the last day to help decorate our wall, so come on out and add a sign of your success!*



# are we THERE, YET?

If you thought you'd never arrive in Knoxville for Global Finals, stop and think about the teams who traveled here from locations outside of the U.S.

Some traveled for 20 hours or more.

So, we offer a special nod to these International teams, who tirelessly traveled to compete at d2k.4:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Canada
- Guatemala
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- United Kingdom
- Venezuela

Who do you think traveled the farthest?

## New South African Affiliate Visits d2k.4

We welcome Sara Dinos to Destination ImagiNation as the South Africa Affiliate Director! Ms. Dinos was a special guest at the VIP luncheon today.

South Africa will launch Destination ImagiNation in February as a part of loveLife, a national campaign that teaches positive lifestyle choices for youth in South Africa. Destination ImagiNation will further this goal by teaching youth to create strategies to overcome challenges they will face throughout life. We are excited to welcome our newest Affiliate!

## Special Team VIPs at Luncheon

During today's VIP luncheon, Sulphur Springs Middle School greeted guests and started lunch with a special presentation. These team members are part of the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Although they are from Texas, they represent El Salvador, Mexico, Honduras and Texas. This Spanish-speaking team is competing at Global Finals for the first time ever, and their Team Managers are high school students. How increDIble! We're glad you're here!



## Gettin' Into the Big Orange Spirit!

Folks from around these Tennessee parts certainly do take a shinin' to visitors decking out in the University of Tennessee colors – Big Orange and White. Looks like the Vol spirit is contagious!



# Our DDD is on the Loose!



We sent our Distinguished, Discreet, and Discerning reporter to get the Dish on what you think about our question of the day:

## What is the best Discovery you have made at Global Finals?



"Knowing how fun it was!"  
**Maria Maza**  
*The Plot and the Pendulum*  
 Elementary  
 Winkelman Team C  
 Illinois



"Meeting new and old friends."  
**Marc Karasek**  
*GuessDImate*  
 Middle (Team Manager)  
 "Dr. Cabs"  
 Georgia



"Pin trading!"  
**Darcie Bentz**  
*Cartoon DIMensions*  
 High School  
 E-Town High School  
 Pennsylvania



"Hats can be made of really cool stuff!"  
**Ryan Huber**  
 DI Extreme  
 University  
 "My Personal Favorite"  
 Tennessee



"How funny my team is!"  
**Shauna Myers**  
*Cartoon DIMensions*  
 High School  
 E-Town High School  
 Pennsylvania



"Friendship."  
**Emily Chell**  
*Cartoon DIMensions*  
 Middle  
 Beauty Bunch  
 Maryland



"That so many people can raise enough money to come to Knoxville."  
**Adam Marengo**  
*GuessDImate!*  
 Elementary "Alakazamm"  
 Colorado



"Being as crazy and creative as you want!"  
**Jacki Vandenynden**  
*Cartoon DIMensions*  
 Middle  
 Beauty Bunch  
 Maryland



"How many people are really here."  
**E.J. Malcolm**  
*GuessDImate!*  
 Elementary "Alakazamm"  
 Colorado



"Although you and your friends may fight, when it's time to work together, you forget your problems."  
**Elizabeth Adams**  
*Cartoon DIMensions*  
 Middle  
 New Hope Christian School  
 Mississippi



"The many cow pins."  
**Manoj Kumar**  
*UpBeat Improv*  
 Middle  
 Tuscaloosa Middle School  
 Alabama



"All the different cultures of people."  
**David Wilson**  
*UpBeat Improv*  
 Middle  
 Tuscaloosa Middle School  
 Alabama

# HOT Pins

## They're So Hot... They're on Fire!

Each state and nation comes to Destination ImagiNation Global Finals with pins. Thousands and thousands of pins are traded during the week, and by the end, we find out which have become scorchers! Some souvenirs are hotter than others, as well.

This year we asked you, the experts, which pins and souvenirs are hot. Here's what made the cut:

### Hotter than Hot Pins

- Pegasus pin from Texas
- Glitter Fairy pins from Illinois
- Flip Phone pins from Alabama
- Handcuff pins from Nebraska
- Dragon pins from Texas
- DIVA pins from Virginia
- Duck Duct tape pin from Oregon
- Dream Catcher pins from South Dakota
- UT pins from the University of Tennessee
- Way cool pins from got milk?
- One-of-a-kind doll pins from Guatemala

You also told us that pins with lights or pins that make noise are always a winning trade!

And when it comes to souvenirs of choice, you have overwhelmingly responded that DI playing cards and d2k.4 T-shirts are the hot picks. So stock up on your favorites!



## Heads Up!

# Competition Schedule Changes

135-15574-2  
 Steubenville West, OH  
*GuessDImate!*, Middle  
 Team Challenge – Saturday, 11:00 a.m.

123-91308-1  
 Oak Point Int School, MN  
*DestiNations in Time*, Elementary  
 Instant Challenge – Saturday, 9:12 a.m.



# We are "Udderly" Crazy for Cows

From milk mustaches to bovine ballcaps, you've been showing the world your love for cows. Now, that's what we call moo-ving!



## DIversions

Whether it's playing hide-n-seek from the camera, taking a dip in the pool, or belting out your favorite tune, there's plenty of fun to be had at Global Finals.





# DI Later and TM&O Competitions Rocked the House

## Only at Destination ImagiNation

DI Later and Team Managers and Officials' Competitions would you see fat penguins, giant wild birds and a schizophrenic scientist! Welcome to the world of creativity!

For the first time at Global Finals, DI Later, a program that lets adults get in on the creative competitive fun, featured competition in Cartoon DIMensions. Team "Old DI but Good DI" hammed it up for the "judges" and had a great time!

Next came the ever-popular Team Managers & Officials' Competition. This "just-for-fun" event put in the spotlight the people who usually are behind the scenes helping teams in their performances. These folks held their own during competition to feed the starving penguins, and proved their creativity in costuming!



**Congratulations to the winners of Trivia 3: Super Seven from Independence Elementary, St. Charles, Missouri!**

**Question:** Which sponsor is giving you the chance to "Invent A Taste of Milk?"  
**Answer:** National Dairy Council

*These college students took advantage of the stage at National Dairy Council's "Invent a Taste of Milk" contest to give an impromptu commercial about their new flavor idea. Texas Classic Improv Conglomerate members are Will Gamer, Andy Tang and Dugan Spiering.*

## Three-Day Forecast

\*Three day weather forecast provided by [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com).



**Saturday**  
Sun and some clouds  
High: 86 F Low: 67 F



**Sunday**  
Sun and some clouds  
High: 86 F Low: 68 F



**Monday**  
Cloudy  
High: 85 F Low: 62 F

