

This Party was DI-no-mite!

Opening Ceremony of Destination ImagiNation, Inc. Global Finals 2004 was filled with excitement, music, spotlights, outrageous hats and thousands of creative kids! And although teams might be from different states and countries, on Wednesday night we were united for the celebration of creativity and imagination.

Team "Capital X" from Parkway Middle School, San Diego, California, led this year's Parade of Teams and presented Destination ImagiNation President Bob Purifico with a penguin painting from the Knoxville Zoo to commemorate the 100,000th visitors to Global Finals in Knoxville. (See related story in this edition.)

During the ceremony, Mr. Purifico congratulated each individual for being at the 2004 competition. "It's a compliment to you that you made it to Global Finals," he said. "It makes no difference if you get an award Saturday night. What makes a difference in your life is that you made it here."

If Opening Ceremony is any indication of what is to come, d2k.4 will be one wild party! Good luck and HAVE FUN!

"The only promise I ask of you: Make the life of but one person better."

Bob Purifico, President
Destination ImagiNation, Inc.

d2k.4 Breaks Attendance Record!

The results are in, and you did it! This year's Global Finals total team attendance breaks a five-year-old record. We have 829 (and counting) teams at d2k.4...the old record was 825 in 1999! Way to go!

