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The 30th World Finals began with a touching Opening Ceremony and the spirit of camaraderie and friendship continued for the following three days of competition, fun, and exploration. To commemorate the 30th anniversary of World Finals, Dr. Sam shared some special memories of past competitions. He started by saying, “I feel like a proud grandparent talking to my grandchildren.” Dr. Sam’s own grandchildren joined him on stage for helping to create one of this year’s problems, making it the first time that three generations of the founding Micklus family took the stage at World Finals. There were many more memorable moments throughout the 30th World Finals held at Iowa State University in Ames.

Odyssey’s generous volunteers showed up in full force this year, with an astounding 450-member team to keep World Finals running. There were 34 U.S. states represented along with 13 other countries including: Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, China, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Cuba, Germany, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea and Department of Defense Schools — 787 teams in total!

Out of all of the varying associations represented this year New York and Pennsylvania had the most championship teams with three each. Georgia, Singapore, and Virginia had the second most with two. Connecticut, Florida, Korea, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Vermont all had one championship team. Regardless of the number of trophies received, everyone that traveled to Iowa and presented their solution was a winner.

Aside from the teams and volunteers, there is another important part of World Finals — NASA. For the 9th time NASA representatives were in attendance to entertain and inform audiences at Opening Ceremonies and throughout the competition with E-theater presentations and fun activities and hand-outs at the Creativity Festival.

The energy-filled awards ceremony left everyone ready to undertake a new year in hopes of having another great World Finals experience. Not only was it a celebration of the past 30 years of creative problems-solving, but it showed the promise of a bright future for all. Dr. Sam’s advice to this year’s graduates applies to everyone involved with Odyssey of the Mind, “Keep in mind who you are, you are not just another person. You are the best. Set your goals high. Be all you can be and you can’t miss.”



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Congratulations 2009 Award Winners!

Earth Trek

Division I

1st WEST VINCENT ELE SCH Spring City, PA
 2nd SHANGHAI FOR LANG PR SCH CH
 3rd AFTON ELE SCH Yardley, PA
 4th GREENLAWN ELE SCH Bainbridge, NY
 5th HORIZON ELE SCH Johnston, IA
 6th J Y JOYNER ELE SCH Raleigh, NC
 6th SANFORDVILLE ELE SCH Warwick, NY

Division II

1st PENN SOUTH MID SCH Green Lane, PA
 2nd MAGNOLIA SCH TM B Grass Valley, CA
 3rd and **Ranatra Fusca Winner** CORUNNA MID SCH Corunna, MI
 4th HO FUNG COLLEGE Kowloon, HK
 4th and **Ranatra Fusca Winner** FORMUS Monterrey, MX
 5th ABINGTON HEIGHTS MID SCH TM A Clarks Summit, PA
 6th GEORGIA MILITARY COLL PREP SCH Milledgeville, GA
 6th HALSTEAD MID SCH Halstead, KS
 6th NORTHERN LAKES COMM CHURCH Traverse City, MI

Division III

1st and **Ranatra Fusca Winner** HAYES FOUNDATION Castleton, VT
 2nd ST JOHN NEUMANN HS Williamsport, PA
 3rd CORUNNA HS Corunna, MI
 4th ABINGTON HEIGHTS H S TM A Clarks Summit, PA
 5th TEMPE PREP ACADEMY TM A Tempe, AZ
 5th IRONDEQUOIT HS Rochester, NY
 6th BEAR RIVER HS Grass Valley, CA

Division IV

1st DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY-LETTINGA Chesaning, MI
 2nd UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA Athens, GA
 3rd PENN STATE UNIVERSITY Pittsburgh, PA



Teach Yer Creature

Division I

1st CRESTVIEW ELE SCH Greer, SC
 2nd CHARLES ELLIS SCH Savannah, GA
 3rd HIGHLAND SCH Highland, WI
 4th JENKS EAST INT SCH Jenks, OK
 5th CAOQUANGBIAO PRIMARY SCH Shanghai, CH
 6th RANCHO ROMERO SCH TM A Alamo, CA

Division II

1st WILLIAM PENN MID SCH Yardley, PA
 2nd MAGNOLIA SCH TM B Grass Valley, CA
 3rd CHARLOTTE LATIN SCH TM A Charlotte, NC
 4th BOYS & GIRLS CLUB-SILOAM SPR A Siloam Springs, AR
 4th BARKER ROAD MID SCH Pittsford, NY
 5th SANFORD MID SCH TM A Sanford, FL
 6th COLLEGIATE ACADEMY Littleton, CO
 6th OWEN J ROBERTS MID SCH Douglassville, PA

Division III

1st THOMAS JEFFERSON HSST TM A Great Falls, VA
 2nd and **Ranatra Fusca Winner** PORT ST JOE HS Port St Joe, FL
 2nd OSRODEK PSYCHOEDUKACJI DAMB Gdansk, PD
 3rd TRINITY HS TM A Washington, PA
 4th RICHMOND HILL HS Richmond Hill, GA
 5th CORUNNA HS Corunna, MI
 6th LAKE NORMAN CHARTER SCH Huntersville, NC

The Lost Labor of Heracles

Division I

1st PUBLIC SCHOOL 115 Brooklyn, NY
 2nd RIVER OAKS ELE SCH TM B Houston, TX
 3rd STEPHEN S WISE TEMPLE ELE SCH Los Angeles, CA
 3rd NORTH COVENTRY ELE SCH Pottstown, PA
 4th HAPPY VALLEY SCH Lafayette, CA
 5th COOL SPRING ELE SCH TM A Leesburg, VA
 6th VALLEY VIEW ELE SCH TM B Rockford, MI

Division II

1st SOUTH CHARLOTTE MID SCH TM B Charlotte, NC
 2nd LOYALSOCK MID SCH TM A Williamsport, PA
 3rd VOORHEESVILLE SCHS Voorheesville, NY
 4th ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL SCH Tyler, TX
 5th DIPLOMAT MID SCH Cape Coral, FL
 6th STILLWATER MID SCH Stillwater, OK

Division III

1st ANGLO CHINESE SCH Singapore
 2nd BEAR RIVER HS Grass Valley, CA
 3rd SAN RAMON VALLEY HS Alamo, CA
 4th PEACHTREE RIDGE HS Suwanee, GA
 5th J W MITCHELL HS Land O Lakes, FL
 6th BEECHWOOD SCH Ft Mitchell, KY

Ranatra Fusca Winner FOREST HILLS CENTRAL HS Grand Rapids, MI

Division IV

1st UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT Cheshire, CT
 2nd MT PLEASANT LION'S CLUB ORANGE Midland, NC
 3rd WOODSTOWN MAPSA ALUMNI Woodstown, NJ
 4th UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA Athens, GA
 5th PENN STATE UNIVERSITY Pittsburgh, PA
 6th YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE York, ME
 6th UNIWERSYTET WROCLAWSKI Wroclaw, PD

Shock Waves

Division I

1st YORK CENTRAL SCH Le Roy, NY
 2nd CRYSTAL SPRING ELE SCH Roanoke, VA
 3rd WOODWARD NORTH ACADEMY TM A Duluth, GA
 4th BANGI ELE SCH Gyeongnam, KR
 5th MOREHEAD ELE SCH AT CAMP GLEN Morehead City, NC
 6th LONGMONT CHRISTIAN SCH Longmont, CO
 6th COLVIN RUN ELE SCH TM A Great Falls, VA

Division II

1st WOODWARD NORTH ACADEMY TM A Duluth, GA
 2nd JAMES MADISON MID SCH Roanoke, VA
 3rd AFFILIATED HS OF JIN YUAN CH
 4th OWEN J ROBERTS MID SCH Douglassville, PA
 5th VALLEY SPRINGS MID SCH Arden, NC
 6th C W DAVIS MID SCH Flowery Branch, GA

Division III

1st SOUTHEAST HS Bradenton, FL
 2nd THOMAS JEFFERSON HSST TM A Great Falls, VA
 3rd RIVER RIDGE HS Land O Lakes, FL
 4th BRIDGEWATER RARITAN HS Bridgewater, NJ
 5th UNITED YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Durham, CT
 6th J P STEVENS HS TM C Edison, NJ

Ranatra Fusca Winner REVERE HS Ovid, CO

Division IV

1st VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg, VA
 2nd UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA Athens, GA
 3rd UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Urbana, IL
 4th IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Linden, IA
 5th PENN STATE UNIVERSITY Pittsburgh, PA

Superstition

Division I

1st GYESUNG ELE SCH Gyeongnam, KR
 2nd NORTH MAIN ELE SCH Harriman, NY
 3rd POLO RIDGE ELE SCH Charlotte, NC
 4th RIVER OAKS ELE SCH TM C Houston, TX
 5th ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Kowloon, HK
 6th PINE RIDGE CHRISTIAN SCH Holland, MI

Division II

1st ANGLO CHINESE SCH Singapore
 2nd NORTH ROCKFORD MID SCH Rockford, MI
 3rd CHARLOTTE LATIN SCH TM B Charlotte, NC
 4th DR W J CREEL ELE SCH Melbourne, FL
 5th TRAVERSE CITY EAST MIDDLE SCH Traverse City, MI
 5th JAMESTOWN MID SCH Greensboro, NC
 6th HUMBOLDT-GYMNASIUM Potsdam, GM

Division III

1st GOSHEN HS Goshen, NY
 2nd MYERS PARK HS WHITE Charlotte, NC
 3rd NEW FAIRFIELD HS New Fairfield, CT
 4th ANGLO CHINESE SCH Singapore
 5th SAVANNAH ARTS ACADEMY Savannah, GA
 6th POCAHONTAS HIGH SCH Pocahontas, AR
 6th AVERILL PARK H S TM A Averill Park, NY
Ranatra Fusca Winner SPOLECZNE GIMNAZJUM DEBINKA Poznan, PD

Division IV

1st UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA Athens, GA
 2nd STOWARZYSZENIE WIGGOR Wroclaw, PD
 3rd PENN STATE UNIVERSITY Pittsburgh, PA
 4th UNIV OF WISCONSIN STEVENS PT Stevens Point, WI
 5th NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIV Raleigh, NC
 6th FRANKLIN COLLEGE Palm Springs, CA
 6th UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR Windsor, ON
 6th STATE SPORT ACADEMY St Petersburg, RU



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND®

2009-10 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Questions? Email info@odysseyofthemind.com or call 856.256.2797.

For new memberships or renewals, complete this form and return it with a check, purchase order, or credit card information (see below).
Or register online at www.odysseyofthemind.com.

Check one:

Divisions I, II and III:

- _____ **Individual school:** Must register in the school name. May enter one team per problem per division in competition.
- _____ **Two or more schools:** Must share the same principal to be under the same membership. Use school district name on application. May enter one team per problem per division in competition.
- _____ **Home-schooled students:** Must include at least four home-schooled students. May also include up to three members from **one** school. May enter one team per problem in competition.
- _____ **Community Group:** May enter one team per problem in competition. May not be an organization established solely for the purpose of participating in Odyssey of the Mind. Please submit by-laws if this is a new membership.

Division IV: _____ All team members must be high school graduates and registered for at least one class at a college or university. They do not have to attend the same institution. May enter one team per problem and may proceed directly to World Finals.

Membership name _____ Membership number (for renewal, if known) _____

Grades covered by membership _____ School district _____ County _____

Contact person (may be a coach) _____

Mailing address (for newsletter delivery and correspondence) _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Daytime phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

**Each individual membership costs \$135, but you will receive discounts if you purchase more than one membership. For each membership purchased, you get five competitive long-term problems, one primary problem, one copy of the Program Guide, Odyssey of the Mind curriculum activities, one newsletter subscription, and more!*

- _____ Individual 2009-2010 Odyssey of the Mind membership @ \$135
- _____ Additional membership(s) for the same school or community group @ \$100
- _____ 6-10 memberships for the same school district (registered at the same time) @ \$120
- _____ 11 or more memberships from the same school district (registered at the same time) @ \$100

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND SUPPORT MATERIALS

- _____ ****Lots of Problems...And Tips to Make You More Creative @ \$19** Problems with creativity tips.....
- _____ **A Creative Experience @ \$9.95** Odyssey of the Mind promotional DVD.....
- _____ ****Creative Interaction @ \$19** Discusses the importance of interaction between students
- _____ ****Applying Your Creativity @ \$18** Discusses different types of human creativity.....
- _____ ****Creativity + Teamwork = Solutions! @ \$18** Includes tips on building effective teams.
- _____ **Spontaneous Problem Competitions @ \$7.50** Booklet of problems and tips
- _____ **Updated Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide @ \$7.50** (one is included with membership).....
- _____ **Coaches Training Video @ \$20** Tips and techniques for coaches.....
- _____ packs of **Balsa Wood** (premium grade AAA 36" x 1/8" x 1/8") @ \$25 per 100 pieces.....

* Spend \$40 or more and get free Shipping & Handling. Orders under \$40, add \$7.50 Shipping & Handling
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***There are no shipping & handling charges for membership packets**

**These books are a collection of long-term and spontaneous problems from past competition years

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 - **U.S. Mail:** Send this form along with a check, money order or purchase order, **payable to CCI**, or with your credit card info to:
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Back to School Order Form

- _____ OotM TriFold Padfolio @ \$6.00 (red).....
- _____ OotM TriFold Padfolio @ \$6.00 (blue).....
- _____ OotM TriFold Padfolio @ \$6.00 (black).....
- _____ OotM Computer Skinz @ \$3.00.....
- _____ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (royal blue).....
- _____ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (navy blue).....
- _____ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (orange).....
- _____ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (red).....
- _____ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (green).....
- _____ OotM Timer @ \$6.00.....
- _____ Odyssey Backpack @ \$15.00 (red).....
- _____ Odyssey Backpack @ \$15.00 (blue).....
- _____ Odyssey Lunch Bag @ \$6.00 (red).....
- _____ Odyssey Lunch Bag @ \$6.00 (black).....
- _____ Odyssey Lunch Bag @ \$6.00 (apple green).....
- _____ OotM Calculator @\$5.00 (red).....
- _____ OotM Calculator @\$5.00 (green).....
- _____ OotM Calculator @\$5.00 (orange).....
- _____ Academic Planner @ \$7.00 (navy).....
- _____ Academic Planner @ \$7.00 (burgundy).....
- _____ Academic Planner @ \$7.00 (black).....
- _____ Odyssey Pens @ \$5.00 for a 5-pack (mix of colors).....
- _____ Pencil 2-Pack @ \$1.00 (green).....
- _____ Pencil 2-Pack @ \$1.00 (blue).....
- _____ OotM Carabineer Highlighter @ \$2.00 (blue).....
- _____ OotM Carabineer Highlighter @ \$2.00 (green).....
- _____ OotM Carabineer Highlighter @ \$2.00 (orange).....
- _____ OotM Carabineer Highlighter @ \$2.00 (yellow).....

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Acct. no. _____ Exp. _____

Signature of cardholder _____ CVB _____

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 Address _____

 City _____ State/Prov _____
 Zip _____ Country _____

Is this a residence?
 _____ yes _____ no

Back to School Sale

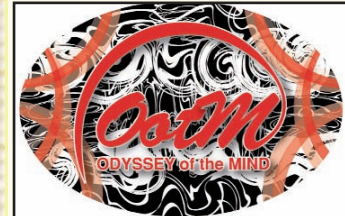
OotM TRIFOLD PADFOLIO — Stylish and convenient, the trifold folder makes organizing easy. Keep papers, a notebook, and anything else secure throughout the year in this durable padfolio. It has a fun Odyssey logo and comes in an assortment of red, blue, and black.

Price: \$6.00



OotM COMPUTER SKINZ — ****New**** computer skinz for any PC, Mac, or laptop will make your computer stand out with this great OotM design. Its dimension is 4" x 6" so you can stick it anywhere on your computer. If you ever want to remove it, just peel off and re-stick someplace new. Will not leave a residue.

Price: \$3.00



ODYSSEY MINI MP3/CAMERA CASE — is made with heavy material, a belt Loop attachment and two zippered compartments for money, cell phone, camera, MP3 players, etc. Keep those important items from being lost or damaged in this stylish, dependable Mini Case. Comes in choice of 5 colors.

Price: \$6.00



OotM TIMER — "Too much creativity, too little time!" is printed on the front of this handy timer. Keep your performance time or upcoming school speeches exact with this Odyssey of the Mind timer that counts up and down for 99 minutes.

Price: \$6.00



ODYSSEY BACKPACK — made of heavy polycanvas with zippered main compartment, mesh pocket on the front, elastic rope, and adjustable backpack straps. Perfect for carrying around all of your books and school supplies.

Price: \$15.00



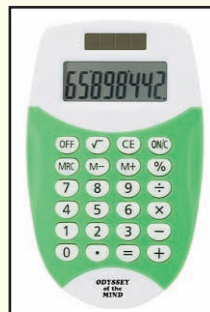
ODYSSEY LUNCH BAG — ****New**** Odyssey Lunch Bags come in red, black, or apple green. Designed by "Koozie," these insulated bags with a flexible body keeps lunches cool all day. Its handle makes it easy to carry all of your lunch necessities.

Price: \$6.00



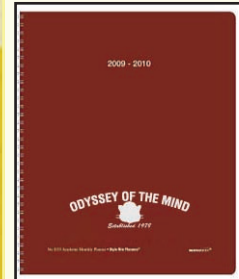
OotM CALCULATOR — ****New**** Odyssey of the Mind Solar Calculators come in a choice of three eye-catching colors: red, green, or orange and feature the OotM logo in black. They are an essential and useful back to school item.

Price: \$5.00



ACADEMIC PLANNER — Get your 2009-2010 year in order with this academic planner. The cover is made of standard leatherette material and comes in black, burgundy, or navy. *Odyssey of the Mind* and picture of OMER is imprinted on the front in a decorative metallic silver foil print.

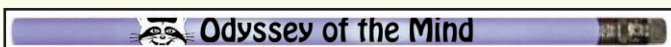
Price: \$7.00



ODYSSEY PENS — come in a variety of bright colors with Odyssey of the Mind imprinted along the side in white. **Price: Pack of 5 - \$5.00**



OotM "MOOD" PENCILS — Odyssey of the Mind Mood pencils change colors from the heat of your hand, from green to light green or the other from blue to light blue. They come in sets of 2. **Price: \$1.00**



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Hey Teams,

It was another fun-filled year at Iowa State University — a great place to celebrate our 30th anniversary of WF. See you next year in Michigan!

Your friend,

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The Odyssey of the Mind 2009 Spirit Award Recipient is Wayne Otte

for embodying Odyssey's spirit of teamwork and his zeal for volunteerism. Wayne selflessly helps in many capacities within OotM — from filling many roles in NYSOMA to helping with long-term problems and much more.

The 2009 Creativity Award Goes to Canstruction— for successfully combining charity work with creative problem-solving, design, and art. Its structure-building competition helps feed millions of hungry people while helping feed people's need to express their creativity. President Cheri Melillo (Pictured left) accepted the award on behalf of Canstruction.



OMER's Award Recipients

- **Charles Ellis Sch**, Savannah, Ga. — for displaying exceptional theatrical talent and elaborate props
- **Carolina Perez**, Richmond Hills, Va. — for showing amazing artistic talent, especially a hand-crafted harp made out of found materials.
- **Emily Shafer**, Roanoke, Va. — for courageously competing by herself and for turning a solution meant for seven into a great one-woman show.
- **Manton Schools Team A**, Manton, Mich. — for helping a fellow competitor — demonstrating the cooperative spirit true to OotM.
- **Colegio Mirasierra**, Monterrey, Mexico — for showing exceptional artistic skill in its detailed costumes.
- **Emily Long, Emma Timmel, & Sophia Salas**, Orlando, Fla. — for their exceptionally unselfish actions when helping a competing team.
- **Nathaniel Stewart**, S.C. — for being extremely energetic, enthusiastic, and helpful at South Carolina's Creativity Festival booth.

Float Finalists

Arizona
Colorado
Delaware
Georgia
Iowa
Maine
Massachusetts
Mexico
New York
Pennsylvania

Banner Finalists

British Columbia
Florida
Kentucky
Maryland
New Jersey
Oklahoma
Ontario
South Carolina
Virginia
West Virginia



In the News...

Odyssey of the Mind will be featured in an upcoming broadcast by *21st Century Business*, the award-winning television series that airs on CNBC and FOX Business Network. OotM Program Director Sammy Micklus will be discussing how Odyssey of the Mind is helping the present and the future workforce through Odyssey's methods of teaching creative problem-solving and emphasizing teamwork. Check our home page soon for more information, air dates, and links to the eventual online video of the show. www.odysseyofthemind.com