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The 1997 OM World Finals: Opens With Sparkle, Closes With Anticipation

The 1997 OM World Finals kicked off on Wednesday, June 4, 1997, with OMER leading the University of Maryland's marching band into the Cole Arena for Opening Ceremonies. Here, World Finals participants from 17 countries (including England and Scotland representing the UK) converged to celebrate the start of an event that is now 18 years old.

Representatives from each association and country followed OMER and the band, waving flags and banners that represented their country. Participants in the stands greeted the marchers with symbols that depicted their respective state, region or country. This resulted in a wave of icons ranging from saxophones to cheese heads to pink flamingos to ten gallon hats...and it went on and on until the lights dimmed for the laser show and fireworks grand finale.

The mood was festive for the entire event, allowing participants to forget about any obstacles that they overcame — natural disasters like floods in North Dakota, unforeseen occurrences like vandalized or damaged props, and the memories of the fanciful, frantic fund raising that took place just one month before.

After three days of competition and comradery, the awards ceremony's masters of ceremony announced the champions while 16,000 OMERs and their supporters cheered. After 730 teams competed, awards went to 112 teams — including six champions that hailed from countries outside the U.S.: China, Curacao, Ontario, Japan, Poland and Russia. Ohio OM garnered ten places — including honorable mentions; three AR OM teams jubilantly carried home trophies for first, second and third place; and two *Double Trouble* structure teams from VA and SC held more than an amazing 700 pounds! We also remember welcoming Panama and Peru as first-time World Finals participants.

And, after the last OMER was homeward bound, we were left to ponder next year's problems (see the synopses on page 2) and to look forward to the 1998 OM World Finals at the WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort, May 27-May 30, 1998. See you there!



"So Now You're On An OM Team!"

This new video makes learning about OM exciting and fun!

Flashback! It's your first OM meeting. "Who are these people? They're speaking a language I don't understand. What's up with that T-shirt that has a picture of a raccoon on it? Panic! And who belongs to all these funky clothes and props? Why are those kids over there pointing a glue gun at me? And what do "spontaneous" and "brainstorming" mean, anyway? What am I getting myself into? Maybe I should bolt!"

That first OM meeting can sometimes be intimidating for newcomers to the OM experience. We all know it takes a while to discover our creativity, experience the dynamics of teamwork, and learn new problem-solving skills. That's why the crack OM script writers and video producers have put together a brand new videotape called, "So Now You're On An OM Team!"

This 25-minute journey through the OM program begins when Brittany Conway, a twelve-year-old OMER from Atlanta, Georgia, has a close encounter with one of her neighbors the day before her first OM meeting.

Brittany's mind flies through all the doubts and questions most OMERs experience when they sign up for OM. Her neighbor, Mrs. Long, an expert on OM, decides to give Brittany a look inside the "official" OM Command Center. Before you know it, through the miracle of videotape, OMERs from all over the world are telling Brittany why they joined OM and how much they have enjoyed the "OM experience." Several coaches also explain OM from their viewpoint.

All of the nuts and bolts of belonging to an OM team are presented, too. Snippets of long-term and spontaneous problems are shown and explained, along with discussions and demonstrations of Style, brainstorming, creative problem solving and OM competitions. References to support materials from the OM home office, special video effects and weird music are all there for you, too.

The important roles that OM coaches and parents play are explained to Brittany (and the viewer) so everyone can clearly understand how a team functions in relationship to its supporting adults. Hey, Brittany even gets a quick look into an Imagination Factory, where a rookie recruit is learning the OM way of being creative!

So now you — as a coach, a parent or an official — have help in presenting OM to rookie OMERs. Let Brittany and a cast of thousands reassure those first-time OMERs that being on an OM team is going to be one of the great experiences of their lives.

This video was sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Company.



Synopses of the 1997-98 Long-Term Problems



NATIONAL DAIRY COUNCIL®
AMERICA'S DAIRY FARMERS

Got your "got milk?®" T-shirt?

The National Dairy Council (NDC), a proud sponsor of OM, created excitement at the recent OM World Finals in College Park, Maryland, by rewarding the accomplishments of over 6,000 participants with a **got milk?®** T-shirt. Many OMers recognized the popular ad slogan made famous by the "Aaron Burr" spot, just one in a series of **got milk?®** commercials. The spot ranked eleventh in the "50 Greatest Commercials of All Time" by *Entertainment Weekly* magazine, beating out such notables as Nike, McDonalds and Diet Pepsi.

All World Finals participants were eligible to receive a **got milk?®** T-shirt by completing a form with these three simple, open-ended statements:

- Top reason I drink milk:
- My favorite breakfast is:
- My favorite "Get Moving" activity is:

"We used the T-shirts to capture the OMers' attention to discuss breakfast, an important part of learning and peak performance," says Tab Forgac, M.S., R.D., L.D., Vice-President of Nutrition Education for NDC. Forgac goes on to state that she hopes the T-shirts serve as an ongoing reminder to OMers that a quick, easy and nutritious breakfast gives students a mental advantage.

A recent survey commissioned by NDC of 600 8- to 13-year-olds confirms the responses received of OMers at the World Finals. Students prefer the breakfast basics. The survey found that cereal remains the top choice, with over 55% mentioning it as the item eaten the last time they had breakfast. Other prominent breakfast items include milk (38%), toast/bread/bagels (19%) and pancakes/waffles (10%).

Another interesting finding of the NDC survey is that 50% of students fix their own breakfast. "It stands to reason," Forgac points out, "that without guidance, students may not be making the best breakfast choices. For example, only half of the older students choose calcium-rich milk as their morning beverage." As a coach of these performing students, you have an opportunity to reinforce the breakfast learning connection by encouraging students to eat a balanced breakfast.

For breakfast facts and great recipe ideas send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 25¢ to: National Dairy Council, c/o "Smart Starts: Breakfast Adventures for Kids," 10255 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 900, Rosemont, IL 60018.

National Dairy Council was founded in 1915 and conducts nutrition education and nutrition research programs through national, state and regional Dairy Council organizations, on behalf of America's dairy farmers.

Pageant Wagon (Divisions I, II, III and IV)

The team's problem is to design and build a Tow Vehicle and a Pageant Wagon, and to present a festive performance that includes a Grand Finale. The Tow Vehicle will be powered and driven by a team member(s) and will tow or push the Pageant Wagon around a course. The Tow Vehicle and the Pageant Wagon will carry all of the team's props. The Pageant Wagon will be used as part of the set for the performance. During the performance, the Tow Vehicle will travel the course and show off to attract interest in the Pageant Wagon. In addition, the Pageant Wagon will perform a task during the Grand Finale. The time limit is 8 minutes. Materials used cannot exceed a \$100 (U.S.) value.

Morph Magic (Divisions II, III and IV)

The team is to create and present a humorous performance that includes a character who undergoes a morph from human to animal. In animal form, the character will find some plight of an animal that it will help or learn something to help it solve a human plight. The performance must also include a team-made device that will morph from its original appearance into something else. All of the team's props must fit inside a limited space. The time limit is 8 minutes. Materials used cannot exceed a \$100 (U.S.) value.

Classics ... **Marvelous Mentor** (Divisions I, II, III and IV)

The team is to create and present a humorous performance about an advertising agency that has been commissioned to make a television commercial about a nutritional product. The agency has the good fortune to have an acclaimed individual as a mentor for the project. The performance will include the commercial, original music, a team-created package for the product, and a discussion of the product's nutritional benefits. All of the team's props must fit inside a limited space. The time limit is 8 minutes. Materials used cannot exceed a \$100 (U.S.) value.

Camouflaged Creation (Divisions I, II, III and IV)

The team will design and build a Camouflaged Structure made of balsa wood and glue. This may be stained and/or painted and will be camouflaged as part of a Larger Creation. During the performance the team will remove the Camouflaged Structure from the Larger Creation, then test it by having it support weights. The team must create and present a theme for the performance, and all of the team's props must fit inside a limited space. The time limit is 8 minutes. Materials used cannot exceed a \$100 (U.S.) value.

Create & Animate (Divisions I and II)

The team will create and present a humorous performance where an inanimate object comes to life. The performance will include a team-created poem or song and original music. In addition, all of the team's props must fit within a limited space. The time limit is 8 minutes. Materials used cannot exceed a \$90 (U.S.) value.

Dream Vacation (Primary)

The team is to create and perform a skit about a Dream Vacation, which must include two sights and an experience at each sight. The performance will also include a Main Character and a team-created song. The time limit is 8 minutes. Materials used cannot exceed a \$50 (U.S.) value.



1997 OM World Finals Champions

BALLOONACY CARS Division II

First Place: AUBURN VILLAGE SCH

Auburn, NH
Coach: Robin Perrin

Team Members:

Jason Barry	Sean Canedy
Justin Hanlon	Brian Hashem
Devon Mercer	Scott Perrin
Caitlin Trainor	

Second Place: EDISON JHS TM A
Pekin, IL

Coach: Michael Tibbs

Team Members:

Amanda Dial	Elizabeth Lange
Megan Marshall	Ashley Psinas
Carol Sorenson	Anja Suendsen
Candy Tibbs	

Third Place: C E WILLIAMS MID SCH

Charleston, SC

Coach: Courtney Burns

Sixth Place: WORTHINGTON EPP
PROG TM III

Worthington, OH

Coach: Thomas O' Brien

Team Members:

Matthew Bahorek	Aaron Friedman
Scott Hainer	Eric O' Brien
Chris Wilfong	

BALLOONACY CARS Division III

First Place: CENTERVILLE H S
Centerville, OH

Coach: Joe Servaites

Team Members:

Namita Bafana	George Creech
Lisa Hutchinson	Jonathan Lageman
Jon Maffie	Jeff Servaites
Andy Wheeler	

Second Place: JOHNSTON H S
Johnston, IA

Coach: Rick Mc Ghay

Fifth Place (Tie): CAL-MUM H S
Mt Morris, NY

Coach: Sylvia Kelly

Team Members:

Leigh Adamson	Danielle Hauck
Autumn Hoag	Troy Mc Kay
Mark Roll	Carl Vogt Jr
Tricia Wright	

Fifth Place (Tie): J F KENNEDY H S
Sacramento, CA

Coach: Carlin Naify

Team Members:

Jennifer Kincaid	Heather Louie
Christina Naify	Candace Oto
Alina Tan	Emily Tan
Jennifer Uyeda	

Fifth Place (Tie): PARAMUS H S
Paramus, NJ

Coach: Salvatore Rotolo

Team Members:

David Enrico	Grace Kim
Jessica Lee	Grant Mc Cloud
James Mc Quade	Jonathan Rotolo
Robert Wuertz	

Sixth Place: CHAPEL HILL
HOMESCHOOLERS TM B

Chapel Hill, NC

Coach: David Kiefer

Team Members:

Nataly Bevill	Aaron Kiefer
Matthew Kiefer	Stephen Norton
Matt Suffern	Leslie Tricky

BALLOONACY CARS Division IV

First Place: IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY

Ames, IA

Coach: Leanne Manuell

Team Members:

Nick Bofferding	Andrea Manuell
Leanne Manuell	Scott Murphy
Scott Petersen	Joshua S Wallace
Brian Witte	

Second Place: UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Austin, TX

Coach: James Flannigan

Team Members:

Joseph Bailey	James Flannigan
Riley Grane	Doug Houston
Trygue Ristroph	Randy Voelkle

Third Place: WILLIAMS COLLEGE
Williamstown, MA

Coach: Joan Walling

Team Members:

Elizabeth Collier	Alex Eaton-Salners
Geoff Hutchison	Erryn Leinbaugh
Dawn Nelson	Joan Walling

Fourth Place: UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND

College Park, MD

Coach: Brian Timberlake

Team Members:

John Contreras	Anthony Jacobs
Curtis Lacy	Adrianna Moore
Darryn Potosky	Nicholas Schaub
Brian Timberlake	

OMERDROID Division I

First Place: CAOGUANBIAO
PRIMARY SCH

Shanghai 200085, CH

Coach: Jin Jianzhong

Team Members:

Li Cenyao	Bai Heyun
Ma Huihua	Xu Meiyang
Zhang Sign	Ma Wenhao
Wu Xiaolin	

Second Place: HARLOE ELE SCH
TM B

Arroyo Grande, CA

Coach: Robyn Metchik

Team Members:

Benjamin Fahlgren	Andrew Hansen
Shane Hunter	Asher Metchik
Jacob Nichols	

Third Place: BADGER MOUNTAIN
ELE SCH

Richland, WA

Coach: Randy Ni

Team Members:

Elizabeth Cleary	Paul Crawford
Keena Keaton	Mike Ni
Jason Painter	Mayble Vallejo

Fourth Place (Tie): SOUTH
LEBANON ELE SCH

Lebanon, PA

Coach: Frank Repanshek

Team Members:

Caitlin Latshaw	Angela Matula
Rachel Repanshek	Scott Sees
Katey Sheffey	Eric Watts
Alex Wilcox	

Fourth Place (Tie): SMITH MID SCH
Vandalia, OH

Coach: Tim Theis

Team Members:

Lindsey Engelbert	Matt Lawson
Kinsey Oganowski	Kristen Patton
Jeremy Rex	Sara Schenck
Geoff Theis	

Fifth Place: CHEROKEE ELE SCH
Paradise Valley, AZ

Coach: Cynthia Case

Team Members:

Stephanie Case	Krystie Dillingham
Kelly Geloneck	Sandra Jovanovic
Nicole Melde	Laura Morgan

Sixth Place (Tie): CITY PARK SCH
Dalton, GA

Coach: Melody Johnson

Team Members:

Andrea Coots	Ashley Gallman
Katherine Johnson	Emily Jones
Candice Person	Robin Steele
Madison Townsend	

Sixth Place (Tie): JOHN B DEY ELE
SCH

Virginia Beach, VA

Coach: Vicki Naughton

Team Members:

Adam Buran	Kathryn Byrne
Ryan Naughton	Abbey Salter
Bobby Spears	Chris Takacs
Sarah Wallace	



Team Members:

Chris Bolton	Marcie Burn
Duncan Burns Jr	Andrea Heming
Shalee Karrick	Ryon Maree
Lindsay Walker	

Fourth Place: WAVERLY EAST INT
SCH

Lansing, MI

Coach: Al Christian

Team Members:

Matt Christian	Danijela Cvrjevic
Brianna Fedewa	Chris Pike
Curtis Stuble	Elizabeth Wandtke
Yong Yun	

Fifth Place: PETERSON MID SCH
Kerrville, TX

Coach: Patrick Wilson

Team Members:

Barrett Baskin	Matt Brown
Jorie Mosty	Stefanie Muskie
Chris Schneider	Rosa Shelton
Kyle Yates	

Team Members:

Chad Anderson	Tim Boesenberg
Reid Davis	J D Marvin
Andy Mc Ghay	Patrick Miotlying
Dusty Peterson	

Third Place: PEKIN COMMUNITY
H S

Pekin, IL

Coach: Michael Tibbs

Team Members:

Justin Emery	Andy Gray
Jarrett Harris	Jason Kreiling
Josh Robertson	Greg Sorenson
Eric Tibbs	

Fourth Place: MEDFIELD H S

Medfield, MA

Coach: Ihor Mykyta

Team Members:

Shannon Hunt	Chris Maglio
Alex Markle	Nick Mormann
Andy Mykyta	Michael Short
Sarah Strimaitis	

OMERDROID Division II

First Place: DALTON JHS

Dalton, GA
Coach: Mike Norton

Team Members:
Amanda Michaels Chase Norton
Kelly Norton John Prater
Charlie Taylor Conner Taylor

Second Place: LAKESIDE JHS

Hot Springs, AR
Coach: Mike Hiers

Team Members:
Will Crow Laura Haynie
Emily Hiers Sara Hudson
Daniel Karz Wagman Hunter Sanders
Melanie Smith

Third Place: MAGNOLIA SCHOOL
TEAM B

Grass Valley, CA
Coach: Michelle Uppman

Team Members:
Jessica Carney Ryan Cummings
C J Fowler Emily Hanson
Jeff La Barge April Lantz
Lyndsey Tyrna

Team Members:

Matt Black Annie Hilty
Marik Hughes Maggie Tapia
Adam Townsend Jamie Wallace

OMERDROID Division III

First Place: GROSSE POINTE
SOUTH H S

Grosse Pointe Park, MI
Coach: Dale Johnson

Team Members:
Daniel Clark Christopher Goldsby
Corey Johnson Seth Lloyd
Julie Mondro Lindsay Pettitt
Nicholas Tapazoglou

Second Place: GREENVILLE H S

Greenville, TX
Coach: Sue Shanks

Team Members:
Kelly Gilkinson Andrea Gilmore
Joseph Kailukairis Nick Kongamnach
Patrick Pratumrat John Taylor
Tanisha Thrash

Third Place (Tie): ATLANTIC H S

Boynton Beach, FL
Coach: Kathy Olivella

Sixth Place: LEXINGTON H S

Lexington, SC
Coach: Deborah Wright

Team Members:
Jason Carson Matt Chavis
Austin Hicks Meghan Lammie
Erin Smith Josh Weiss
Martha Wright

OMERDROID Division IV

First Place: SCHOOL OF YOUNG
TECHNICIANS

456601 Kopeisk, UR
Coach: Valery Muhortov

Team Members:
Sergei Dolotov Pavel Ledovsky
Ivan Markov Mihail Mihaipov
Alexander Nechaev Nadezhda Troshina

Second Place: PORTERVILLE
COLLEGE

Porterville, CA
Coach: Todd (Hoss) Mc Nutt

Team Members:
Andrew Chrispens Shawn Henn
Daniel Leyva Adam Weston

Third Place: GMI ENGINEERING &
MGMNT INSTITUTE

Flint, MI
Coach: Brenda Henderson

Team Members:
Zack Ball Kevin Hess
Eric Mayes David Neufeglise
Andrea Novac Braden Robison
Joe Titlow

Fourth Place: SIERRA NEVADA
COLLEGE

Incline Village, NV
Coach: Patricia Simonet

Team Members:
Brad Barton Matt Biscarret
Dawn Grabowski Crosbie Ronning
La Monte La Moureux Lisa Smith

Classics... CAN YOU DIG IT? Division I

First Place: SOUTH ELE SCH

Andover, MA
Coach: Maryellen Abreu

Team Members:
Allison Abreu Laura Marie Cancro
Alexandra Earmley Jeanne Lothrop
Jennifer Mason Katherine Ting
Lea Ventura

Second Place: KINGSVILLE ELE
SCH

Kingsville, MD
Coach: Amy De Nike

Team Members:
Kevin Culotta Stephen Draper
Alison Grasso Rachel Greaver
Lizzy Kilduff Devon Minarik
Brooke Rieder

Third Place (Tie): HUTCHISON
SCH I

Memphis, TN
Coach: Antoinette Good

Team Members:
Sophie Good Elizabeth Heard
Elizabeth Hunt Jordan Pidgeon
Brokke Simpson Alicia Watley

Third Place (Tie): OSRODEK
TWORCZEGO ROZWOJU

Gdansk, PD
Coach: Alicja Rusiecki

Team Members:

Malgorzata Illuk Marcin Korn
Janusz Melaniuk Agata Rusakiewicz
Bartosz Rusiecki Malgorzata Skotarczak
Filip Wolski

Fourth Place: ADA ELE SCH TM
GREEN

Grand Rapids, MI
Coach: Nancy Early

Team Members:
Katie Bennett Amanda Carpenter
Stacy Early Cory Hoerner
Sarah Kaufman David Miller
Dan Treul

Fifth Place: YOUTH'S BENEFIT
ELE SCH

Fallston, MD
Coach: Sandy Gorrell

Team Members:
Kyle Bodt David Caperna
Catherine Connelly Kristen Gunther
Trevor Hennings Laura Shaffner
Kimberly Ziegler

Sixth Place (Tie): PETERBOROUGH
ELE SCH

Peterborough, NH
Coach: Eline Ruediger

Team Members:
Kaitlynn Carter David Donaway
Katrina Ingraham
Kelsey Meuse-Hassinger
Rosie Parker
Erik Ruediger
Lauren Walter

Sixth Place (Tie): ROBERT WILSON
ELE SCH

Corpus Christi, TX
Coach: Kathy Botelho

Team Members:
Andrew Botelho Alyse Deller
Elise Dellinger Sierra Garbe
Grace Stafford Jonathan Thompson
Katie Wallace

Classics... CAN YOU DIG IT? Division II

First Place: SHADYSIDE JR/SR H S

Shadyside, OH
Coach: Lori Runyon

Team Members:
Laura Kaluger Megan Landerholm
Jessica Melanko Natasha Minwer
Mary Ostrander Dane Runyon

Second Place: FAIRFIELD
WOODS MID SCH

Fairfield, CT
Coach: Ellen Kovar

Team Members:
Kara Burritt Joel Edinberg
Margaret Haskell Bobby Hodgson
Rachel Kovar Allison Naughton
Michael Pollock

Third Place: STUART-HOBSON
MID SCH

Washington, DC
Coach: Diedre Nealne

Team Members:
Natasha Czarniewy Eugene Foster
Evan Jones Kareama Mc Cloud
Mark Parker Emily Perry
Julia Serfass

Fourth Place: PETER KIEWIT MID
SCH

Omaha, NE
Coach: Nancy Shields



Fourth Place (Tie): MARION MID
SCH

Marion, VA
Coach: Liz Galliot Graham

Team Members:
Preston Brown Josh Hash
Brett Kiser Susan Mc Dowell
Nathan Staley Chris Teigve
Andrew Vogle Wedl

Fourth Place (Tie): SOUTH MID
SCH

Liberal, KS
Coach: Richard Baker

Team Members:

Andrea Beaver Kris Elston
Sherri Lanning Aaron Martinez
Dominique Myers Kristen Sadler
Stephanie Swanson

Fifth Place: JEFFERSON MID SCH
TM A

Madison, WI
Coach: Linda Mahlberg

Team Members:
Paul Dorfman Erik Foltz
Elese Hanson Nathaniel Mahlberg
Kristen Mueller John Perry

Sixth Place: INDIAN CREEK JHS
TM A

Wintersville, OH
Coach: Linda Hilty

Team Members:

Tara Anderson Heather Cohen
Loren Levinson Cristina Olivella
Angela Olivella Jennifer Olivella
Brooke Rosenzweig

Third Place (Tie): CLASSEN SCH
ADVNCED STUDIES

Oklahoma City, OK
Coach: Pam Kinser

Team Members:
Nathan Anderson Kaydee Bridges
Greg Hallman Kristen Keim
Jacob Kellert Ryan Kinser
Anne Palmer

Fourth Place: ORCAS ISLAND
SECONDARY SCHS

Eastsound, WA
Coach: Amy Russell

Team Members:
Sam Culliton Kyle Graham
Brett Hickman Cara Russell
Matt Russell Gretchen Stone

Fifth Place: JASPER H S

Ireland, IN
Coach: Donna Heinz

Team Members:
Nathan Heinz Audrey Huther
Leslie Krodel Phil Mueller
Lindsay Obermeier Derrick Young
Katie Sermersheim

Team Members:

Traci Christensen Eric Jenson
Ryan Loneman Krystal Overmyer
Brooke Pecoraro Corinne Shields
Ashley Smith

Fifth Place: CAMELS HUMP MID SCH TM A

Richmond, VT
Coach: Susan Mc Evoy

Team Members:

Tucker Andrews Jennifer Basiliere
Sarah Curtis Emily Howland
Chelsea Martin Kara Mc Evoy
Alex Mc Gowan

Sixth Place (Tie): JUDKINS MID SCH

Pismo Beach, CA
Coach: Mike Liebo

Team Members:

Jenny Dennison Jessie Gaskell
Jackie Hatfield Nicholas Sine
Todd Vansteenwyk Kristen Wengeler

**Sixth Place (Tie):** LINCOLN MID SCH TM B

Portland, ME
Coach: Kathy Beirne

Team Members:

Erin Beirne Liv Carlson
Erica Greenberg Mark Howison
Sam Klugman Sam Koenigsberg
Megan Nelson

*Classics...***CAN YOU DIG IT?****Division III****First Place:** HUTCHISON SCH I

Memphis, TN
Coach: Ruth Bowlin

Team Members:

Bliss Bowlin Elizabeth Brakehill
Caroline Hurley Cecile Shoemaker
Louise Stanton Robin Watson
Elizabeth Wilson

Second Place: N OLMSTED

ENRICHMENT PROG A
N Olmsted, OH

Coach: Betsy Bruening

Team Members:

Adam Bradford Maggie Bruening
Megan Crow Dan Hammer
Chris Kasick Carol Petricevic
Bonnie Spalding

Third Place: KINGWOOD H S

Kingwood, TX
Coach: Barbara Moynier

Team Members:

Charles Bloch Sarah Cloots
Andrew Pirie Kelly Smith
Joseph Varca Nita Vivatrat
Janson Woodlee

Fourth Place: URBANDALE H S TM A

Urbandale, IA
Coach: Alan Strohmaier

Team Members:

Paul Ceaser Jeff Hansen
Bob Schneider Kyle Sellner
Christopher Strohmaier

Fifth Place: WEST GREENE H S

Waynesburg, PA
Coach: Linda Winegar

Team Members:

Jordann Foreman Elise Galbraith
Ryan Golembiewski Simon Huntley
Sarah Smith Kristin Szarell
Amanda Winegar

Sixth Place: CURACAO AMERICAN PREP SCH

Netherlands Antilles, CU
Coach: Thom Budish

Team Members:

Emmeline Buddingh
Ian Budish Kelly Goff
Inga Budish Stephany Richardson
Wendy Gras
Rishi Vasandani

*Classics...***CAN YOU DIG IT?****Division IV****First Place:** WILMINGTON

COLLEGE
Wilmington, OH

Coach: Ron Rembert

Team Members:

Dana Day Damon Hatten
Philip Kelch Aireka Newham
Dylan Shelton Karie Shelton

Second Place: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

Richardson, TX

Coach: Kim Winkler

Team Members:

Tim Haynes Amy Hutchison
Matt James Casey Mc Cullar
Jeff Mc Laughlin Julia Mills
Courtney Peese

Fourth Place: KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Manhattan, KS

Coach: Tom Roberts

Team Members:

Keith Johnson Lucas Peterson
Brett Randall Emily Roario
Amiee Rosario

Sixth Place: CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Ithaca, NY
Coach: Judy Olson

Team Members:

Brady Bailo Nicole Florence
Jennifer Greene John Olney
Melanie Olson Colleen Vogt
Amanda Waack

**DOUBLE TROUBLE
Division I****First Place:** ASHLEY ACADEMY

Johnson City, TN
Coach: Boyd Smith

Team Members:

Trevor Balough Nathalie Basile
Erica Dengler Katie Mc Kinnis
Spencer Mc Nab Jessica Mc Nutt
Sean Pickel

Second Place: WELLS JHS

Wells, ME
Coach: Mary Dube

Team Members:

Zackary Boston Michelle Dube
Clare Fortune-Agan Melanie Gilman
Zachary Moulton Ryan Peters

Third Place: SHEPARD ELE SCH

Plano, TX
Coach: Steve Bryson

Team Members:

David Breeding Chris Bryson
Mark Henderson Jason Hergenrader
Thomas Jeng Kevin Martin
Micah Smith

Fourth Place: CRYSTAL SPRING

ELE SCH TM A
Roanoke, VA

Coach: Michele McLeod

Team Members:

Elizabeth Baar J B Bradshaw
Becky Hedrick Jessica Howe
Allison Longwood Heather Wilson
Christopher Wirt

Fifth Place: LT JOB LANE ELE SCH

Bedford, MA
Coach: Victor Tom

Team Members:

Alexia Bililes Ana Chambers-Maher
Daniel Jimenez Peter Sheppard
Corina Tom Laura Townsend
Jenny Waldron

Sixth Place: PARKSIDE ELE SCH

Columbus, IN
Coach: Ken Morgan

Team Members:

Matthew Baker Darrin Ferry
Bryan Hires Jared Martin
Ken Morgan Jr Frank Zhu

**DOUBLE TROUBLE
Division II****First Place:** POQUOSON MID SCH

Poquoson, VA
Coach: Richard Boitnott

Team Members:

Kelsey Boitnott Bryan Dezern

Kevin Garris Elizabeth Mc Clendon

Ronnie Parikh Zepher Potrafika
Joel Sanderson

Second Place: PINE VALLEY SCH

San Ramon, CA
Coach: Bob Pearson

Team Members:

Patty Allen Kyle Anixter
Ewen Chao Grant Cole
Katie Donovan Matthew Pearson
Melody Thompson

Third Place: E B STANLEY MID SCH

Abingdon, VA
Coach: Jesus Abeleda

Team Members:

Desiree Marie Abeleda Ingrid Marie Abeleda
Elizabeth Burns Tobi Fields
Chris Perry Michael Smith
Samantha Sweeney

Fourth Place: VALLEY SPRINGS MID SCH

Arden, NC
Coach: George Manning

Team Members:

Michael Colvard Nikkie Gray
Alyssa Hall Christopher Hart
Lee Ponder Sarah Schmidt
Michael Sutton

Fifth Place: BOYS & GIRLS INV CLUB, TOYOTA

Toyota City 471, JP
Coach: Shigehiro Nozue

Team Members:

Noboru Hagiwara Yuki Kojima
Hisashi Mitsuguchi Ryuta Nishiyama
Tomoko Osawa Kouichi Takami
Miki Yashiro

Sixth Place: DIMMITT MID SCH

Dimmitt, TX
Coach: Wayne Proffitt

Team Members:

Joshua Handweek Cherie Norman
Alexis Proffitt Daniel Proffitt
Loni Schulte Kylie Webb
Kelsey Welch

**DOUBLE TROUBLE
Division III****First Place:** GAFFNEY H S

Gaffney, SC
Coach: Cindy Byars

Team Members:

Michael Byars Jennifer Clary
Dusty Head Chase Martin
Nick Mason Jennifer Simpson
Brooke Whelchel

Second Place: LAFAYETTE SR H S

Ballwin, MO
Coach: Chris Groberg

Team Members:

Mitchelle Dupree James Groberg
Marisa Groberg Emily Kropp
Brian Mc Daniels Ben Ronck
Christy Spofford

Third Place: NEW HORIZONS GOVERNOR'S SCH

Hampton, VA
Coach: Danny Peters

Team Members:

Margaret Becker Josh Cothran
Jeff Hartline Mike Kenworthy
Michele Montandon Jon Parker
Amy Reighard

Fourth Place: ANOKA H S
Anoka, MN
Coach: C Kurdziel S Jensen
Team Members:
Erin Adler Molly Fischer
Mike Jensen Jason Kurdziel
Sarah Kurdziel Adriana Taborda

Team Members:
Tricia Eureth Aaron Godfrey
Ron Goulin Jason Mc Kibbin
Ross Mc Kibbin Andrew Quick
Scott Stevenson

Team Members:
Amanda Allen Natalie Grimaldi
Kelsie Hooverman Sarah Poiniski
Sara Prulhiere Tiffany Tilenni
Laura Young

Team Members:
Michael Burns Teresa Kuruc
Joey Danyluk Kristin Murdoch
Todd Edwards Todd Taliani
Jennifer Herron

Fifth Place: SEVASTOPOL SCHOOL
Sturgeon Bay, WI
Coach: Jerry Borkovetz
Team Members:
Amanda Birnschein Kristi Borkovetz
Amanda Dorneden Tanner Fritschka
Joseph Haen Nicholas Mc Cartney
Meghan Smith

Fifth Place: KANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY
Manhattan, KS
Coach:
Team Members:
Kirk Blonien Amir Hajdar
Sarah Henry Lance Parker
Lucas Peterson Aimee Rosario
Brayden Wilbeck

Fifth Place: GLENWOOD ELE SCH
Lake Stevens, WA
Coach: Lois Summers
Team Members:
Caitlin Craggs Hillary Mace
Kurt Schreiber Mikaela Shotwell
Ryan Sobotka Jake Summers

Third Place: SHILOH MID SCH
Lithonia, GA
Coach: Linda Abufaris
Team Members:
Christina Abufaris Brittany Conway
Anderea Dock Leslie Elliott
Adam Jansen Britt Oxford
Phillip Pickens

Sixth Place (Tie): CENTRAL SCH
So Berwick, ME
Coach: Kim Walker-Lewis
Team Members:
Johanna Breed Brad Jones
Emily Marshall Theresa Mc Donnell
Andy Shea Michael St Hilaire
Julia Walker-Lewis

Fourth Place: HORIZONS PROG E
Sheboygan, WI
Coach: Sharon Wallander
Team Members:
Abigail Holbrook Sarah Pittner
Lindsay Regan Brian Schaning
Amy Senkbeil Shawn Wallander
Melanie Wick

Sixth Place (Tie): NATHANIEL
ALEXANDER ELE SCH
Charlotte, NC
Coach: Kathi Norman
Team Members:
Evelyn Ageenko Wayne Arrington
Acey Boyce Jerry Carter
Allia Jamil Meredith Norman
Nicholas Whitfield

Fifth Place: FALCON RIDGE MID
SCH
Apple Valley, MN
Coach: Anne Gant
Team Members:
Heather Cross Michael Gant
Sarah Gant Mitch Meyer
Jenna Sachs

**HEROIC PROPORTIONS
Division II**

First Place: CHARLES D OWEN
MID SCH
Swannanoa, NC
Coach: Jackie Davis

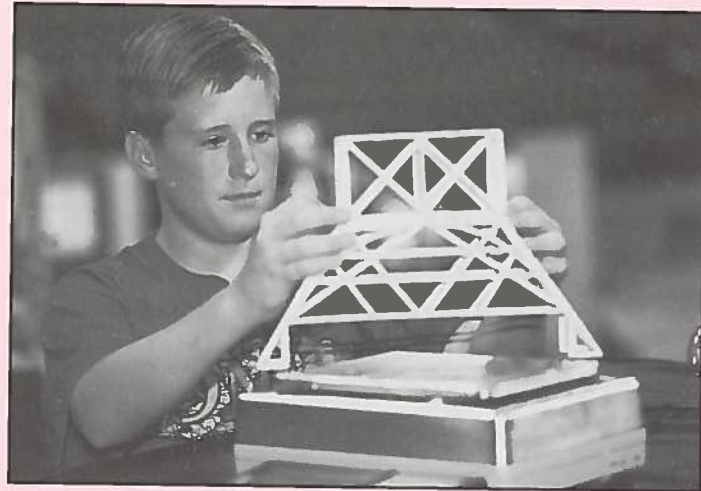
Sixth Place (Tie): JEFFERSON JHS
Washington, DC
Coach: Susan Sprenke
Team Members:
Arthur Abrams Delonte Briggs
Ashley Gordon Mauricia Holman
Jeanny Lee Najiy Munir



Team Members:
Kristen Bartlett Dustin Brank
Alex Davis Adam Franklin
Amanda Mc Ginnis Adam Wilson

Sixth Place (Tie): CARL JUNCTION
SR HIGH
Carl Junction, MO
Coaches: Lori Good and D Elbrader
Team Members:
Stacy Henderson Russell Hosp
Levi Jones Bill Kramme
Johathan Olds Shelly Olson
Yurik Paroubek

Second Place: INDIAN CREEK JHS
TM A
Wintersville, OH
Coach: Kathie Burns



Sixth Place: WINDHAM MID SCH
Windham, NH
Coach: Edmund Chase
Team Members:
Samantha Chase Fred Dickie III
Michael Huxley Thomas Parsons
Brian Walsh Michael Walsh

**HEROIC PROPORTIONS
Division I**

First Place: GREENLEAF ELE SCH
TM A
Apple Valley, MN
Coach: Karen Jacobson/ Anne Gant
Team Members:
Laura Deyo Michael Fangmeier
Christopher Gant Ali Jacobson
Zach Jaggard Megan Mc Hugh
Aly Tenpas

Second Place: SAGE PROG C
Kansas City, MO
Coach: Linda Early
Team Members:
Jordan Baehr Daniel Brandt
D L Gleason Adam Harrold
Rachel Kraft Matt Lowery

Third Place (Tie): LAKESIDE INT
SCH
Hot Springs, AR
Coach: Candy Quast
Team Members:
Grant Harrison Sarah Longtin
Katie Quast Natalie Sanders
Chris Schwillig Carli Waxler
Ben Williams

Third Place (Tie): WESTMINSTER
SCH TM A
Oklahoma City, OK
Coach: Janet Cook
Team Members:
Richie Alfson Halley Brunsteter
Brandon Cook Mackenzie Harms
Brandon Hunt Lauren Ottaway
Adam Price

Fourth Place: TALLMADGE OM
PROG A
Tallmadge, OH
Coach: Mark Hooverman

**DOUBLE TROUBLE
Division IV**

First Place: UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS
Fayetteville, AR
Coach: Roger Koepp
Team Members:
Lucas Banks Chris Doty
Meredith Hendricks Julia Koepp
Aaron Leyendecker Brook Thomas

Second Place: UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
College Park, MD
Coach: Brian Timberlake
Team Members:
Jeremy Ang John Contreras
Anthony Jacobs Curtis Lacy
Adarsh Reddy Aaron Rosenbaum
Brian Timberlake

Third Place: CLARKSON
UNIVERSITY
Ogdensburg, NY
Coach: Matthew Allen/ Dallas Sutton
Team Members:
Matthew Allen Chris Copeland
Mike Harrington Chad Mc Millin
Dallas Sutton Robert Truslow

Fourth Place: UNIVERSITY OF
WINDSOR
Maidstone, ON
Coach: Ross Mc Kibbin

1997 OM WORLD FINALS RANATRA FUSCA AWARD RECIPIENTS

BALLOONACY CARS, Division III

Long-Term Team Award: NOBLESVILLE SR H S
Noblesville, IN

The team presented a unique approach to solving the problem. Their setup and plan were risky and so different that the judges had to double check the rules. The final results were less than the team envisioned, but the attempt was truly creative.

BALLOONACY CARS, Division III

Long-Term Individual Award: CORBETT GRIFFITH of
PARKVIEW H S TM A
Lilburn, GA

Exceptional creativity was shown in the design of a unique steering control system. This utilized a "piano roll" style paper tape which ran over a set of photo cells. These sensed the holes and operated the vehicle's steering mechanism to guide it around the course. Although this device broke down, the team continued their performance.

OMERDROID, Division I

Long-Term Team Award: SOUTH LEBANON ELE SCH
Lebanon, PA

This *OMerdroid* solution was built around an incredibly creative set that almost provided more information than the judges could absorb. The entire set was built into a single package that utilized video, mechanical scrolls, spring driven shelf units, and a spectacular presentation of the robot.

OMERDROID, Division II

Long-Term Team Award: LAKESIDE JHS
Hot Springs, AR

This team which consisted of five actors, four humans and one droid, portrayed a tennis match between sophisticated British Royalty and Arkansas Country Folk. It was most convincing by the exceptional choice to use: only one speaking actor; the back and forth action of an invisible ball; the instruction of the "stadium wave" to the British Royalty; the discovery of using a cell phone to play "Dueling Banjo's;" and the exciting "slo-mo" finish to the fast-paced performance.

Classics ...CAN YOU DIG IT?, Division I

Long-Term Team Award: KATHERINE FINCHY ELE SCH
Palm Springs, CA

The team made a unique construction of scrolling scenery with anti-friction wheels and original circuitry. This enhanced the lighting of a living statue that rose above the stage by way of an inclined lever with a balancing platform. Such technical creativity is outstanding in a performance problem.

Classics ...CAN YOU DIG IT?, Division I

Long-Term Team Award: SOUTH ELE SCH
Andover, MA

The team displayed critical and creative thinking, a willingness to take a risk, and worked together as a team. This led them to the most unique solution to the problem.

Classics ...CAN YOU DIG IT?, Division III

Long-Term Team Award: CURACAO AMERICAN PREP SCH
Netherlands Antilles, CU

This team produced a performance entirely colored by natural pigments. All sets, costumes and props were complex and detailed, yet were painted with team-made paints composed of substances such as cabbage and oatmeal.

DOUBLE TROUBLE, Division II

Long-Term Team Award: PINE VALLEY SCH
San Ramon, CA

The team designed a technique to expand the costume of a character in it's performance. This allowed the costumes mid-section to increase dramatically. The device added an element of mystery to the team's solution. The method involved taking a great risk as any number of problems could have occurred, making the device inoperable.

HEROIC PROPORTIONS, Division I

Spontaneous Team Award: PLANTATION KEY SCH
Tavernier, FL

The team made exceptional use of puns and double entendres in their verbal responses. They incorporated the Spirit of OM and its key elements in relating to the visual presentation of the problem. They demonstrated a superb use of their thought processes in the imagination of their responses.

HEROIC PROPORTIONS, Division II

Long-Term Team Award: INDIAN CREEK JHS TM A
Wintersville, OH

Exceptional creativity was shown in the team's portrayal of the effects of "dancing fire" and "billowing smoke." Together with the makeup, costumes and actions, the team's unique presentation brought the "Chicago Fire" to life.



An OM official inspects a structure.

1997 OM WORLD FINALS OUTSTANDING OMER AWARD RECIPIENTS

OM would like to commend all those outstanding OMers who turned in pin collections, cameras, wallets, and other valuable items in the true spirit of OM.

BALLOONACY CARS, Division III
CHRIS PETROVIC of MASTRICOLA MID SCH, Merrimack, NH
A Balloonacy Cars, Division II team from Sundance, WY, had a power screwdriver that would not charge correctly. After hearing of their problem, Chris lent the team a power screwdriver. Although he didn't know the team members, he still trusted that they would return it

OMERDROID, Division I
ELLEN MOORE of HANAFORD ELE SCH TM A, East Greenwich, RI
This coach overheard the distress of the team that followed hers and she immediately offered an electrical cord to them. This team could then go on with their performance.

OMERDROID, Division III
COACH CARL from BALLSTON SPA H S, Saratoga Springs, NY
The Sierra Vista, AZ, *Double Trouble*, Division III team had a last-minute problem dealing with props being stuck at a FedEx store two towns away. Coach Carl volunteered to drive the team in his truck and braved "Maryland Drivers" to retrieve this team's props.

Classics ... CAN YOU DIG IT?, Division I
COLEGIO JUVENAL RENDON, Matamotos, MX
Mexico's Ancient Act's theme of the Aztec Corn Ritual was very solemn. The costumes and props along with the elements of sound, movement, rhythm and lighting created a mood in which everyone felt welcomed into their culture and tradition.

Classics ... CAN YOU DIG IT?, Division III
DEREK HARLEY from Custer SCHS, Custer, SD
Derek traded a pin with another OMER. However, instead of asking for a pin in exchange, Derek asked for a promise of a random act of kindness. The person who subsequently fulfilled this promise that Derek requested learned that OM was paved and built by people like Derek who sacrifice their efforts for the happiness of others. If all people could live by this code the world would be a much better place.

DOUBLE TROUBLE, Division I
DIMMITT H S, Dimmitt, TX
This OUTSTANDING OMER goes to the coach as well as the team. This team and coach exemplified the Spirit of OM by remaining composed despite difficulties with crushing of their structure, donating a roll of duct tape, assisting with post-competition clean up, and graciously helping the judges by dumpster-driving to retrieve materials.

DOUBLE TROUBLE, Division II
MANZANO VISTA MID SCH, Los Lunas, NM
This team's props were lost in shipment to Maryland. However, the team showed the true Spirit of OM when they retrieved discarded OM items. They then improvised and successfully presented their problem solution.

HEROIC PROPORTIONS, Division II
DR KNOX MID SCH, Kelowna, BC
This team's set was most complicated and required tremendous teamwork and support. The task was most difficult and ultimately caused a time penalty, but the final product worked effectively in the problem solution.

HEROIC PROPORTIONS, Division II
GEOFFREY STIRLING of WELLINGTON LANDINGS MID SCH, West Palm Beach, FL
Geoff went above and beyond making the team happy. He gave one of his teammates his mattress while he slept on two chairs. He further demonstrated generosity by trading away almost all of his pins to help his teammates collect the pins they wanted.



Alumni News

The OM Alumni Association had its second annual meeting during the 1997 World Finals at College Park in Maryland. I was excited and encouraged to meet so many dedicated and creative former OMers who are involved in the program. Alumni are judging, coaching, participating on Division IV teams, acting as advisors for teams and associations and we are proud to have one alumni who is Association Director of Nebraska OM.

The OM Alumni Association is focused on growing the number of active alumni in the program. The future of the OM program is dependent on the former participants returning to provide assistance for the program that shaped our lives.

The past year has seen assistance throughout the associations provided in a manner of different ways. Alumni have created official association web pages, recruited judges for competitions, designed association T-shirts and pins, sought out association sponsorship, assisted at competitions and much, much more. The only limits on assistance are the unasked requests for support. The alumni are looking for places to use their energy for the good of the program.

The future is very bright and the positive rewards of alumni efforts are starting to evolve. I appreciate all the suggestions already received and encourage people to stay in contact with myself and the other executive officers.

We can be reached through the OM web page: <http://www.odyssey.org/> or send correspondence to: OM, Association, Inc., P. O. Box 547, Glassboro, NJ 08028.

Lyn Henderson
Alumni President



1996-97 OM World Finals Graduates

Jeremy Adkins	Joe Elia	Scott Morrow
Patty Allen	Molly Lynne Ford	Seth Oberlander
Kyle Anixter	C J Fowler	Marie Olsen
Jamie Lee Arnold	John Giudicessi	Matthew Pearson
Michael Daniel Bailey	Dustin Graef	Carol Petricevic
Peter Ballou	Charles Grimm	Brandi Pocs
Andrea Barrett	Marisa Groberg	Michael Reinert
Jason Bartos	Lisa Gulya	Wendy Roberson
James Lee Beckman	Sarah Hall	Melvin Rosario
Christina Benton	Dan Hammer	Eddie Rowe
Chris Bolton	Jeffrey Hansen	Robert Schneider
Kevin Borer	Emily Foster Hanson	Lori Ann Schoeneman
William Jason Bozarth	Joseph Hernandez	Kyle Sellner
Adam Bradford	John Hsu	Greg Shealy
Jeanette Ann Brodersen	Sidney Wayne Hoff II	Matthew Robert Short
Maggie Bruening	Aaron Hurd	Robin Silk
Jonas Buckner	Colin Hurst	Bryan Snell
Marcie Burn	Adam Jansen	Jennifer Solms
Duncan Burns, Jr	Amanda Johnson	Carole Sossaman
Marcy Card	Allison Johnson	Carrie Sossaman
Paul Andrew Ceaser	Chris Kasick	Bonnie Spalding
Ewen Chao	Christopher Kinner	Paul Douglas Stein
Andrew Reid Clark	Stephanie Kinney	Christopher Strohmaier
Grant Cole	Mark Krotzer	Ryan Strom
Kristy Colgan	Jeff LaBarge	Matthew Suffern
Jeremy Collins	April Lantz	Laura Taylor
Stephanie Collins	Rebecca Lee	Melody Thompson
Brittany Conway	Nina Lee	Andrew Thoreson
Deanna Danese Corell	Kevin Lehn	Lyndsey Tyrna
Megan Crow	Hannah Maas	Justin Urbigkit
Carrie Disch	Katie Massie	Walter Voit
Travis Doboszanski	Matthew McCroskey	Lindsay Walker
Joshua Doboze	Peter Micheal McMahon	Nichole Ward
Katie Donovan	Paul Melo	Jacie Whitney
Melanie Dorsey	Patrick Methuin	Mali Yahnke
Paul Dyer	Jody Moody	

OMers Shine at NAESP Conference



In April, 1998, the annual National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Conference was held at the Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. In addition to exhibiting at this Conference, Janet D'Alessandro, Assistant Director of OM Association, Inc., presented a program session about OM that featured the performances of local OM teams. Texas teams from Hopkins Elementary School and Olympia Elementary School each presented long-term solutions to the 1996-97 OM problems.

Hopkin's team members Michael Bradley, Megan Brown, Wesley Elders, Linda Khounnorath, Kimberly Nkemakolam and Scott Southwell led by coaches Michelle Carlton and Candy Barnhardt, presented a solution to the problem, *Heroic Proportions*. Olympia was represented by team members Andrew Guerry, Brian Omiel, Amanda Rose, Rachael Spradin, Michelle Tindell and Layne Weniger. They performed their solution to *OMerdroid* in front of proud coaches Patricia Billingsly and Barbara Lutz.



Hopkins Elementary School's Heroic Proportions Team.

Audience members had the opportunity not only to see the performances but also to chat with the teams, coaches and supportive principals, Joseph Hopkins and Kathy Strait. Parents of the team members (ever-present prop haulers and OM supporters) also offered insights from their perspective.

The opportunity to see and hear from these very special guests was coordinated by Lynda Mabrito, Regional Director of the Central Region in Texas. Other Texas OMers who lent a hand to man the OM booth included Georgia Hall, Central Region Tournament Director and Micky Mayer, TX OM Association Director.



Winners of the 1997 OM World Finals Coaches' Competition

Purist Division

First Place:

Rick Rand, NY

Second Place:

David Valentine, WI

Third Place:

David Greene, FL

Poetic Division

First Place (tie):

William Kultzow, NY

Alice & Dan Churella, Bob Ledoux, Pam Thomas, Victor Tom and Doug Townsend, MA

Second Place:

Wayne Weise, IN

Third Place:

Ben Cundiff and Toni Gardner, KY

Finalists in the 1997 OM World Finals Float and Banner Event

Float

Connecticut
Japan
Florida

Delaware
California
Kentucky
Colorado
Montana
Arkansas
Georgia



Connecticut's Entry

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New Jersey's Entry

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