

California Destination Imagination Silicon Valley Regional Tournament 2019 Special Awards

Spirit of Discovery and Imagination

From its very beginning, Destination Imagination® has been a community. The recipients of this award are the ones who go out of their way to help others, making sacrifices not for themselves, but to give something to someone else. We recognize and applaud these members of our community who demonstrate outstanding and extraordinary levels of sportsmanship, volunteerism and spirit, be they Team Managers, Team Members, Officials, or other helpful DI friends and volunteers.

The Spirit of Discovery and Imagination Award is given in recognition of those who act as superior role models in the areas of spirit, sportsmanship, and volunteerism.

Recipients:

**Elizabeth Mogin
DI Team Manager & Leadership Teacher
Crittenden Middle School Teams**

Elizabeth Mogin's vision of providing the Destination Imagination (DI) program experience to as many students as possible at Crittenden Middle School became a reality this year when she took on the management of 18 DI teams. Crittenden students were able to choose DI as their Elective for the first time. Liz's extraordinary commitment enabled her students to learn real life skills and apply the skills and knowledge they learn in the classroom to solve DI Team Challenges. In addition to managing 18 teams solving Team Challenges in all six categories, she organized her Leadership ASB students to support multiple training sessions and the SVDI Regional Tournament. Liz and her group of Leadership students helped with pre-event set-up, signage, clean-up, served as demonstration teams and provided extreme hospitality. Our Beacon of Light at Crittenden Middle School always goes above and beyond expectations with a genuine smile on her face. She is the definition of Outstanding Volunteer!

**The Bombers
Sunnyvale Christian School
Improvisational: *Heads Up* Team Challenge
Elementary Team #105-23270**

From puffer fish to the spoon that ran away, this team showed the true spirit of DI with their teamwork, positivity, and ability to bring a smile to everyone's face. They showed an amazing example of teamwork. Although they added a younger member to the team, they were able to have great interaction, positive attitude, and keep the entire room in stitches. This team demonstrated the true Spirit of DI!

Exploding Warriors & The Bombers
Sunnyvale Christian School
Project Outreach Service Learning: *Escape Artists* Team Challenge
Improvisational: *Heads Up* Team Challenge
Elementary Team #105-43282 & Team #105-23270

These team members could not be deterred from their goal of participating in the Silicon Valley Destination Imagination Regional Tournament this year. Their school was burglarized five times. All the electronic equipment the teams were using for their Team Challenge solutions was stolen and the school did not have the funds to replace it. Even though it was late in the DI season (end of January), the team members chose not to give up. Instead, they regrouped, chose different Team Challenges and created new solutions that they presented at the Silicon Valley Regional Tournament today. These team members demonstrated exceptional teamwork and outstanding spirit by shifting to Challenges where the burglars could not touch them!

Renaissance Award

On our journey we sometimes encounter exceptional travelers who entertain and enlighten us along the way. The Renaissance Award recognizes those among us who demonstrate extraordinary amounts of effort and preparation in their solutions or outstanding skill in engineering, design or performance. While the destination is creativity, these fellow travelers make the journey itself memorable.

The Renaissance Award is given for outstanding skill in the areas of engineering, design, or performance.

Recipients:

Creative Fluffy Pandas
Latimer Elementary
Engineering: *Monster Effects* Team Challenge
Elementary Level Team #105-89710

This team's automatic triggering Special Effect design was exceptional! The team showed an advanced understanding of engineering principles that wowed the Appraisers with the use of an ingenious rubber banded trigger. This incredible design stands on its own as a singular expression of engineering ingenuity.

Douglas Crone
Fly High – Crittenden Middle School
Technical: *On Target* Team Challenge
Middle Level Team Member of Team #105-61700

This solution showcased a fully custom design (not a kit) based on individually selected component including 3-D custom printed parts. The Payload Drop design was very simple but extremely effective. All of this contributed to the reliable, repeatable execution of flight and drop.

DaVinci Award

The paths we follow on our journeys were once uncharted and unknown – until someone took a bold step in a new direction and paved a way for us to follow. To solve our Challenges, imagination, creativity, originality and courage are required. We honor these individuals and teams who most clearly demonstrate that spirit of adventurous risk in their solutions – those who most creatively traveled to reach truly new and unique destinations. The DaVinci Award is named to honor one of humanity's greatest creative thinkers, Leonardo DaVinci.

The DaVinci Award is given for having a unique approach to a solution, for risk taking, and/or for outstanding creativity, not skill or talent.

The solution need not be successful to qualify for this award.

Recipients:

**Ineffable Orenda
Crittenden Middle School
Engineering: *Monster Effects* Team Challenge
Middle Level Team #105-03100**

We were impressed by this team's creativity. They used an original song (lyrics and music) that one team member sang while others played guitars. They asked for low lighting so they could show their monster as shadows. They had a creative way of interpreting what their monster was, not a real thing – but more of an emotional monster. We loved the emotional story shown through song and a book paralleling the motions of weight placement and removal.

Rising Stars!® Award

This award recognizes the courageous, curious and joyous first steps in the journey of life-long learning.

This award is given to all Rising Stars! teams who demonstrate a solution at the Tournament.

**Country Lane Elementary: *Eagle Team*
Cupertino 2nd Graders: *Rosa Dog Man*
Foster City Elementary: *Special Friendship Birthstones*
Latimer Elementary: *Ninja Unicat Friendship Team*
Parents: *Rocking Stars*
Payne Elementary: *Circles and Stars*
Payne Elementary (Oasis 1): *Go Golden Stars***