

## May 2016

It doesn't seem possible that the State Celebration has already come and gone. For many of you that means your season is either winding down, or has finished.

First, I would like to say what a great job the teams did this year. The teams I was able to watch were fantastic and are a testament to your hard work.

Second, I would like to thank you for those efforts. I know I have said it before, but I think it bears repeating. The success of your teams and Destination Imagination as a whole are dependent on your efforts and we greatly appreciate them.

Now, before you put all of your DI paraphernalia aside and plan for a long, wonderful summer, there are a few things I would like to bring to your attention.

### Your opinion counts

Over the past few years we have tried to provide more support for Team Managers. We hope that help was apparent and that you received the support you needed. In order to continue providing help that truly matters, we would like your feedback. To that end, you will be receiving an e-mail with a link to a survey. Please take a moment to fill it out.

### Global Finals

This year, 12 of the 15 invited teams will be traveling to Knoxville to participate in Global Finals. The opening ceremony and closing ceremonies will be streamed live at <http://www.globalfinals.org/> on May 25<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Global Finals is an adventure. Suggest to your team that they

check it out or have a team party to watch. Hopefully, it will get them fired up for next year.

### Next Year:

Speaking of next year, the challenge previews are out. The challenges are:

- Show and Tech (Technical)
- Top Secret (Scientific)
- In It Together (Engineering)
- Vanished (Fine Arts)
- 3-Peat (Improvitational)
- Ready Willing & Fable (Service Learning)
- Save the Day (Rising Stars)

You can find out more at

<https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/2016-17-challenge-previews-copy/>

In addition, you can preorder your team packs now at

<http://www.createme.org/index.php/get-involved/start-a-team/>. They will ship at the end of August/beginning of September, but if you have extra money in your budgets from this year, don't let it go to waste. Purchase team packs now and order more in the fall.

### Recruiting during the summer

The season may be coming to a close for Team Managers, but it is ramping up for the CreateMe team. We will be attending three Maker events in the next two months and will be at a three day 4-H event at the end of July. This outreach is important if we want to keep DI thriving in Maine. If you know of anyone who might be interested in having a DI team, please pass their information on to us. We would be happy to speak with them and will be working hard all summer to increase the level of participation across the state.

**If you know of someone who is thinking about DI or if you have any personal contacts at other schools or organizations that could help us spread the word about DI, please let either Chad or Tim know. We want to help make it possible for everyone to experience Maine DI and become a DIMAINIAC!**