



2016-2017 Season Welcome



Welcome to another exciting year of DI and a new look to the CreateME newsletter. The new newsletter will be an e-mail, just like before, but rather than an attachment, the stories will be in the email with links to take you directly to the createme.org or national DI site. We hope this makes the newsletter a more useful tool. As always, we welcome your comments and feedback so let us know by sending an e-mail to me at growthdirector@createme.org

The New Year

We have spent a great deal of time this spring and summer spreading the word about DI and working to increase participation. We attended numerous events and met with hundreds of kids, parents, and community members. Time will tell if our efforts were successful, but we are excited about the prospects and the coming year. However, our efforts cannot and will not stop. We need to constantly get the word out about DI and its benefits. You can help. When you talk to people about DI, refer them to us, or take their information and we will contact them. We would also like to hold several DI Night events around the state and are looking for hosts. We will do the work that night with activities for kids and information for parents. This would not be just for your school or district, although they are more than welcome to attend, but we would ask that you let your surrounding communities know so they can attend as well. If you are interested, please contact Chad at affiliateddirector@createme.org or Tim at growthdirector@createme.org

This Year's Challenges

The previews of challenges for this year have been out for a couple of months, but we want to make sure you are aware of them all. They are:

Technical - Show and Tech – Present a show with an opening act and headlining act with a stage the acts take place on and move a team member from one location to another and enhance each act with a technical effect.

Scientific - Top Secret – Create a story about a secret mission using methods from cryptography and steganography to reveal secret messages, design and create a gadget that appears to be everyday item and integrate a disguised character into the story

Engineering - In it Together – Design, build and test multiple free-standing structures that work together to hold as much weight as possible and develop a collaborative solution to a global issue.

Fine Arts - Vanished – Research the meanings, roles, and uses of colors and present a story about how the disappearance of a color changes the world. Create a colorful character and use technical methods to create a vanishing act.

Improvisational - 3-Peat – Create three improvisational skits from the same story prompt in three different genres. Portray a different stock character in each skit and enhance each skit with props.

Project Outreach - Ready Willing & Fable – Identify design and carry out a project that addresses a real community need. Create a team created fable that integrates information about the project and include a prop and character that changes appearance.

Rising Stars - Save the Day – Learn about simple and complex machines and use simple machines to create a new invention. Create a play that tells a story about how the new invention helps to save the day.

More information, including videos about each challenge can be found on Destination Imagination's site at <https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/challenge-previews/>

Challenge Costs

This year the cost to purchase challenge materials differ base on the method you prefer. The amounts below include both the national and state fees and cover the costs for Regional Showcases and the State Celebration.

\$225 – Paper copies of the challenge materials

\$205 – Digital copies of the challenge materials

\$75 – Paper copies of Rising Star materials

\$65 – Digital copies of Rising Star materials.

You can find more information about ordering materials on our site at

<http://www.createme.org/index.php/get-involved/start-a-team/>

Destination Imagination's Vision and Mission

Amid all of the fun and creativity it can be easy to forget Destination Imagination's vision and mission. The importance of the vision and mission were the focus of the DI's national Ignite Conference this year. Speakers, including staff from the US Space and Rocket Center, a co-founder of XPRIZE, a retired astronaut, and psychologists who study creativity spoke about the changing world and how the jobs of the future have not yet been created. They asked how we can prepare our students for these jobs if we don't even know what they are. Learning what we already know is no longer enough. The answer, from all of the speakers was that, although skills are important, the ability to creatively problem solve, adapt to new situations, and work with a team is what will be most important to the employers of the future. It is these skills that DI teaches and why DI is so important.

DI's vision and mission echo this message.

Vision - To teach students the creative process and empower them with the skills needed to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Mission - To develop opportunities that inspire the global community of learners to utilize diverse approaches in applying 21st century skills and creativity. The Destination Imagination program is a fun, hands-on system of learning that fosters students' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic Challenges in the fields of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), fine arts and service learning. Our participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process. Teams may showcase their solutions at a tournament.

You can find more information about DI's mission at <https://www.destinationimagination.org/mission-vision/>

Calendar

9/1/16 – Challenges materials can be obtained.

1/20/17 – Registration with CreateME is due.

TBD - Regional Showcases

3/18/17 - State Celebration

