



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM  
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

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**DATE OF MEETING:** April 22, 2025

**TITLE:** Recognition of 2025 Odyssey of the Mind World Teams

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**BACKGROUND:**

Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Amphitheater Public Schools continues to be the top district in participation and achievement in the Arizona Odyssey of the Mind program.

Team members apply their creativity to solve long term problems. They spend months preparing and 8 minutes presenting and they also compete in a “spontaneous” competition where they are given the problem right before they present their solution.

This year, 11 teams earned the right to compete during World Finals being held at Michigan State University, May 21-24, 2025. The following students and their coaches are to be commended for their dedication and high level of accomplishment in this academic competition.

**Elementary Schools**

**Innovation Academy Coordinators:** Colin Cordell and Patricia Patchin

**Innovation Academy Vehicle  
Team**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Jessica Wheatley  
and Andrea Pershing

**Team:**

Brandon Fork  
Zophia Pershing  
Quinn Peterson  
Carmen Schlappi  
Jocelyn Shattuck  
Owen Wheatley

**Innovation Academy  
Performance Team**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Tara Barrera  
and Biancha Infante

**Team:**

Gabriella Barrera  
Asher Brown  
Ella Hollen  
Sophia Hollen  
Antonio Infante  
Brooklynn Schlappi  
Gemma Sottosanti

**Painted Sky Elementary School Coordinator:** Nina Brown

**Painted Sky Elementary School Structure Team**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Ann Branders and Heidi Quill

**Team:**

Mats Branders	Ben Martinez
Sepp Branders	Luke Quill
Caleb Koch	Grace Shutey
Joshua Koch	

## Middle School

**Cross Middle School Coordinator:** Amanda Campion

### **Cross Vehicle Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 2

**Coaches:** Scott Weiler and Robert Wacker

**Team:**

Evelyn Cocuzza

Kai Doyle

Avery Grembowski-Wacker

Lola Grembowski-Wacker

Ashton Kruger

Emilien Preciado Marcoux

Sophie Weiler

### **Cross Classics Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 2

**Coaches:** Cori Friezen and Heather Poyas

**Team:**

Morgan Friezen

Natalie Jacobs

Lilly Poyas

Tatum Schattuck

Lauren Wheatley

### **Cross Structure Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 2

**Coach:** Amanda Campion

**Team:**

Brandon Campion

Grace Campion

Benjamin Chen

Vaan Manchester

Mason Pecharich

Emilien Preciado Marcoux

Stella Webb

### **Cross Performance Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 2

**Coach:** Tara Bulleigh

**Team:**

Cassandra Bradford

Kalliope Bradford

Cooper Bulleigh-Wilson

Owen George

Joe Herman

Emmy King

Zeke Mellinger

## High School

**Canyon del Oro Coordinator:** Lisa DaDeppo

### **Canyon del Oro High School**

#### **Technical Team**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Division 3

**Coaches:** Lisa DaDeppo, Robyn Yewell, and Atty Smith

**Team:**

Bennett Curran

Carter DaDeppo

Cal Hipps

Jady Kraus

Taylor Rayl

Kyndel Smith

Gavin Yewell

### **Canyon del Oro High School**

#### **Classics Team**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Division 3

**Coaches:** Lisa DaDeppo, Leann Calvin, Amanda

Campion

**Team:**

Siria Martinez

Owen McCauley

Justin Miserendino

Eli Mosher

Norah Mosher

Parker Paterson

Kate Schollmeyer

### **Canyon del Oro High School**

#### **Structure Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 3

**Coach:** Leann Calvin

**Team:**

Bryana Castillo

Austin Christian

Hailey Collins

Andrew Garza

Sam Weiler

**Canyon del Oro High School Performance Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 3

**Coach:** Leann Calvin

**Team:**

Lewis Calvin

Eneri Barraza Rocha

Lewis Calvin

Seth Champion

Caysea Cordell

Allison Landin

Jessica Lassiter

Pennilyn Richards

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

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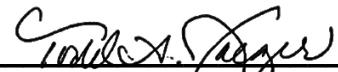
**INITIATED BY:**



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Date: April 14, 2025



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