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Two Yukon teams at Destination Imagination Global Finals in Tennessee

WHITEHORSE—Thirteen Yukon students are showcasing their problem-solving skills at the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee, from May 25 to 28.

"The Department of Education is proud to support this innovative and creative program which helps students gain confidence and teamwork skills," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "I wish these students all the best in Tennessee and know that they will make their schools and Yukon proud."

The two teams, Purple Rain from Vanier Catholic Secondary and the Northern Fiddlesticks from Hidden Valley Elementary, participated in the Yukon Regional Tournament on April 2. In the Global Finals, both teams will compete in the Fine Arts Challenge and the Instant Challenge, where each team must think on their feet to solve a problem in five to eight minutes.

Both teams fundraised for their travel with events including a Mother's Day tea, house concert, spaghetti dinner, garage sale and a bottle drive. The Department of Education, Yukon Destination Imagination Society and corporate sponsors also made contributions to assist with the teams' travel.

"We are pleased to have two Yukon Destination Imagination teams going to the Global Finals this year," Yukon Destination Imagination Society affiliate director Johanne Koser said. "We wish these students all the best and hope they inspire more of their peers to get involved in the fun, engaging learning experience this program provides."

Destination Imagination is a non-profit education organization run by volunteers whose mission is to inspire students to lead and innovate through their skills and creativity. Students of all ages are eligible to participate on teams of up to seven participants with an adult team manager.

Learn more: Destination Imagination Global Finals

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