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More than 50 students compete at Destination Imagination Yukon

WHITEHORSE—Fifty-two Yukon students were cheered on by parents and friends at F.H. Collins Secondary School on February 28 at Yukon's third annual Destination Imagination tournament.

"The Department of Education is proud to support this inspiring and exciting program, which inspires Yukon's youth to become leaders and innovators," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "Destination Imagination fosters creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking, four areas of focus in Yukon schools' 21st century learning approach."

Destination Imagination is a non-profit education organization run by volunteers. Its mission is to inspire students to use diverse approaches in applying 21st century skills and creativity. Areas of focus for Destination Imagination tournaments include: technical, scientific, fine arts, improvisational, structural and service learning.

Students from Christ the King Elementary School, Golden Horn Elementary School, Hidden Valley School, Vanier Catholic Secondary School, Whitehorse Elementary School and Yukon College demonstrated teamwork and collaborative problem solving skills at the 2015 tournament.

"Congratulations to the participants this year and many thanks to the enthusiastic team managers for their work with the teams throughout the year," Graham added. "Thanks as well to the Destination Imagination Yukon Society board members and the teachers, staff, volunteers and partners behind the scenes who made this event possible."

The awards ceremony recognized the top team from each category:

- Structural: Lose to Win – Joker Dudes & Berries from Christ the King Elementary
- Scientific: Making Waves – K.R.E.B.R. from Vanier Catholic Secondary School
- Fine Arts: Feary Tales – Northern Fiddle Sticks from Hidden Valley School
- Service Learning: Brand Aid – Community Saviour from Christ the King Elementary School

One team from the tournament will be invited by the Destination Imagination Yukon Society to the next round of competition. This team can then fundraise with the support of the society to attend the B.C. provincial tournament or the Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee this May.

"This year's tournament was a big step forward for Destination Imagination in Yukon," affiliate director of Yukon Destination Imagination Johanne Koser said. "One of our goals was to increase participation from students and the community and we will continue toward growing this program to provide a fun and engaging learning experience for students of all ages. We look forward to selecting and assisting a team to represent Yukon at the B.C. regional tournament or the Destination Imagination Global Finals this year."

Learn more: Destination Imagination

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