

## Special Awards Western Maryland Destination Imagination Tournament

**DaVinci Awards:** This award is offered for exceptional creativity (not skill or talent), a unique approach to the problem and/or risk taking.

Challenge: **3-Peat**

Level: Secondary

This award is given to **Linganore Error Does Not Load**

Reason: This team purposefully chose more difficult genres with more constrictions in order to challenge themselves. This team also took a risk in **not** coming prepared with a Box-o-Stuff. Instead, they found and gathered items from other teams, just a few hours prior and used the props very creatively.

Challenge: **Show & Tech**

Level: **Middle**

This award is given to **Oakdale Owls**

Reason: The team did an exceptional job creating 2 “keyboard percussion” instruments out of PVC pipe. The notes were precisely tuned and they played two different songs.

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**Spirit of Discovery & Imagination Award (Spirit of DI):** This award is offered for exceptional Spirit, Teamwork, Volunteerism, and Sportsmanship.

Challenge: **Vanished!**

Level: **Elementary**

This award is given to **Team Buffering**

Reason: This team included a member who suffered from extreme stage fright. During the prep period, it was questionable whether he would be able to participate in the performance. However, his team did not show any anxiety and calmly and kindly assured him he would be fine. “No problem,” and “You’ll be fine” were the watchwords. This young man, who has exceptional math and technical skills, was supported, acknowledged and praised by the whole team after the performance, as well. The team spirit shown by these very young students gives us hope for the future of humanity!

**Renaissance Award:** This award is given for exceptional skill in the areas of engineering, design, or performance.

Challenge: **Vanished!**

Level: **Secondary**

This award is given to **Williamsport HS B5**

Reason: This team's performance rose to a professional quality. Every minor detail – from the split window to the “magical” cauldron, to the handmade sets and professional quality costumes enhanced their performance. They even performed to such detail that while their team-selected color never appeared on stage, its impact on every other secondary color was cleverly apparent. Finally, this team – in their 5<sup>th</sup> year together – was thoughtful enough to cleverly incorporate aspects and mementos of previous year's solutions into their performance. The skill and execution presented by this team truly makes them worthy of a Renaissance Award.