

New Mexico Special DI Awards 2009

Spirit of DI

For exceptional Spirit, Teamwork, Volunteerism and Sportsmanship

Challenge C: ViDIo Lit Hits

Madison Middle School – Team AWESOME

This team was nominated because they worked together, utilizing each team member's talents in the performance. They also did a team cheer before they started.

Instant Challenge

Ojo Armillo Tigers 132-93684

These children were charged with creating food puppets out of a variety of materials.

This team showed stellar teamwork and spirit in their approach to this challenge.

Teamwork was visibly inherent in their relationship with one another rather than superimposed by the requirements of the competition. They chose to work in close physical proximity, elbow to elbow – without jostling and almost silently devised an elegant solution to their problem. While other teams engaged in discussions and intense debates, the Tigers used their faces and handiwork to exchange ideas to create puppets that were very beautiful and highly coherent in design. The pleasure they took in their craftsmanship appeared to be more important to them than their desire to win.

DaVinci Award

For Outstanding Creativity

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Clovis Galaxy Travelers

This team was nominated for creativity because their backdrop was a book that had pages. They turned to show the various scenes of the story.

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Los Lunas Flapdoodles

This team was nominated because they wrote their own melody to go along with their lyrics.

Challenge D: Private DI

Madison Middle School: The Oprhanage

This team had a well polished performance that flowed nicely. They also used their bodies as props, which was very creative.

Renaissance Award

For outstanding design, engineering or performance

Challenge D: Private DI

Portales Junior High School

The design of their sling shot was extremely well done.

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Zuni Thinking Tigers

These children worked together as an enthusiastic team. The performance was entertaining. The team was well-prepared and innovative. The sets were unique and obviously student engineered.

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Portales Bookworms

This team was nominated because they understood the challenge the best in the way they treated it as a complete music video. The song lasted the duration of their performance and they incorporated the story and dancing into the song.