

# Dialogue

Hot Destination ImagiNation News from Dee Urban, Affiliate Director  
Global Finals Message  
2 June 2008

Hi DI-NYers!

What a wonderful 2007-2008 season has just come to a close!

I wish you all could have been at Global Finals to see our fantastic NY-DI team in action! How proud we are of each and every one of the team members! Our NY-DI team did extraordinarily well as you will be able to see when you check the rankings of our teams on our website at <http://www.nydi.org/2008GlobalRANK.pdf> , but more importantly I wanted



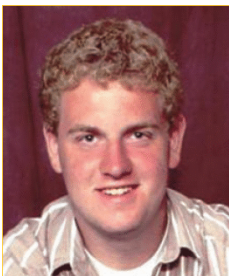
everyone to know that Team NY supported one another cheering for one another and attending as many performances as possible. I heard many wonderful comments about our teams solutions and performances, but wanted you to know that our Team NY comported itself with grace, camaraderie and good sportsmanship. I could not have been prouder to be your Affiliate Director!

Please check our NY-DI website at <http://nydi.org> for links to the complete 2008 Global Finals scores, rankings of all NY teams at Global Finals, the sneak peeks for the 2008-2009 Challenges <http://www.nydi.org/2009SneakPeeks.htm> , a link to the Global Finals website <http://www.global-finals.org/> where you can see video of opening ceremonies, pictures from all the events all week long, and read each day of the Global Finals newspaper!



I would also ask that at this time you download and begin to process your 2008-2009 Membership Application <http://www.nydi.org/2009MemberApp.pdf> which can also be found on our website. Western Region teams can download the Western Region Membership application and take advantage of the 'early bird discount' available for those who join and pay before 9/1/2008 (<http://www.nydi.org/2009WregionFORM.pdf> )

## So much to celebrate!



**Kyle Druding** was named the 2008 DI Valedictorian! You can read the full content of his valedictory address at [http://www.global-finals.org/newspaper/DInews\\_Saturday\\_08.pdf](http://www.global-finals.org/newspaper/DInews_Saturday_08.pdf)

**Madeline Turner** was named one of only five DI Scholars for 2008. You can read some of the 'tips for teams' that Maddy shared in the Global Finals News at [http://www.global-finals.org/newspaper/DInews\\_Saturday\\_08.pdf](http://www.global-finals.org/newspaper/DInews_Saturday_08.pdf)



I want to thank **Janice Friedman** for all of the hard work involved in creating the "2008 Global Finals Cast Book" for 'Team NY' - it really helped us all to get to know one another and is now a valued keepsake of this event!

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## Global Finals Champions!



**Haldane Central School** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Middle Level Obstacles, Of Course!



**Clarkson University** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
University Level, Obstacles, Of Course!



**Dobbs Ferry**  
Secondary Level  
Chorific!  
Renaissance Award

*Citation: The Lascaux caves and other parts of France truly came to life through the effective use of human scenery by this team. Using multiple team members in assorted permutations, they transformed into animals in cave paintings, into a briefcase, into a mountain range and into an underground stream. Who needs props when you have a team like this!*



### **Frontier HS – Hobosaurus**

Dairy Power Cube Challenges - Team Award \$1000

For more information about the Dairy Power Cube Challenges please go to  
[http://www.global-finals.org/albums/ndc\\_close/Webpages/gallery-01.html](http://www.global-finals.org/albums/ndc_close/Webpages/gallery-01.html)

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## More to Celebrate!

1,038 teams from around the world came to compete and make new friends at the 2008 Global Finals! Of those 34 teams came from New York! "Team NY" had 10 teams finish in the Top 10 and 20 teams in the Top 20 in their Level and Challenge! Our teams were remarkable! The old song lyrics from "New York, New York" – *if I can make it there, I'll make it anywhere* – are certainly true in the world of Destination ImagiNation!

The Dobbs Ferry HS Chorific team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 30 second DI promotional video contest! You can see their wonderful claymation video at [http://WWW.globalfinals.org/video\\_contest.htm](http://WWW.globalfinals.org/video_contest.htm)

## One more special event to celebrate!



Our Affiliate Co-Challenge Master for Challenge B, **Molly Turner** (daughter of our Affiliate Co-Challenge Master for Challenge A, **Roy Turner**, and Affiliate Board member **Lorry Turner**) was married on May 31<sup>st</sup> to a wonderful NY-DI Appraiser, Greg Gawura. We wish them a lifetime of love, laughter and of course, creativity!



Please talk to friends and relatives around our state regarding joining us as we prepare to celebrate another upcoming DI season. ***I challenge each of you to help NY-DI bring in one new team for 2008-2009!*** If we can accomplish that goal we can double the size of our membership and provide our wonderful process program to twice as many NY children this coming year! Remember.... In 2008-09 there are **six** Challenges including the **Project Outreach** challenge that will help students reach community service learning requirements in most school districts!

If there is any way in which I can be of assistance to you please just let me know..... You can always reach me by e-mail at [deurban@roadrunner.com](mailto:deurban@roadrunner.com) or by telephone at 716-675-7566.

On behalf of the NY-DI Board of Trustees I wish you and yours a most creative and peaceful summer.....



Cre8ively Yours,  
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