



State Tournament 2015 OMer Recipients

Katie Salmon – Monument Academy, Lose Your Marbles Division II

Nomination by Monument Academy, Lose Your Marbles Division II Team

Katie was not on the team 4 days before tournament and we asked her to help. She did even though she did not want to and we were just expecting her to help us put on weights. Katie ended up making a set, rewriting the script, and improved our long term problem solution a lot. She was very enthusiastic and really showed the spirit of Odyssey. We are very lucky to have her on our team.

Colin Johnson & Kathryn Jordan – Avery Parsons, Experiencing Technical Difficulties Division I

Nomination by Long Term Judges

Avery Parsons Elementary School had a team, but could not find anyone to coach. Colin & Kathryn wanted to find a way to remain involved with Odyssey of the Mind after being a on a team together. Colin is 19 and just graduated high school; Kathryn is 16 and still in high school and they stepped forward to coach this team. Colin and Kathryn have shown great devotion to Odyssey and truly embody the spirit and philosophy of Odyssey.

Altona Middle School – Pandora’s Box Division II

Nomination by Long Term Judges

One member broke his arm the night before tournament and could not perform. The team divided the duties among themselves and did not fight, complain or even let on that something was amiss. They gave an incredible performance with a strong display of teamwork and unity despite losing a team member the day before State.

Skyview School of STEM – Lose Your Marbles Division I

Nomination by Long Term Judges

In deciding which problem to take on, the team was divided between Pandora’s Box and Lose Your Marbles. Instead of becoming a problem, the team decided to do both and incorporate Pandora’s Box into the Lose Your Marbles solution. The team released five spirits that represented the 5 marbles that were to be released. This shows an ability to compromise and work as a team to do something that everybody wanted to do.

Highland Elementary – Silent Movie Division I

Nomination by Long Term Judges

Highland Elementary School students exhibited outstanding sportsmanship and astounding teamwork in that they come from a small town school and had 8 students interested in participating in Odyssey of the Mind. Not enough for a second team, too many for one team. They decided to not eliminate anyone knowing they would be penalized for too many team members. Putting work into this knowing you are going to lose points but not wanting to exclude exemplifies the spirit and philosophy of Odyssey of the Mind