

Dear Sponsor,

22 teams from Garfield RE-2 School District competed at the Destination Imagination Regional Tournament in Palisade on March 23 with nine of our teams advancing to the State Tournament on Saturday, April 14, in Denver. One of those teams, LUNCH from Coal Ridge High School, took 2nd place in the "In Disguise" challenge qualifying them to compete at the week-long Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee, beginning May 22nd. This is the 3rd year in a row that the CRHS team has advanced to the global competition, no other team from Garfield RE2 has achieved this honor 3 times. The first year they placed 46th out of 65 teams, last year they placed 23rd out of 89 teams and this year they hope to be in the top 10, but their goal is to bring home a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place medal.

At the state tournament, the team received another honor and was asked to participate in a round table discussion with VIPS from Colorado companies experiencing Destination Imagination for the first time. The discussion centered around explaining what DI is all about and what the young adults had learned throughout their years of participation in DI. The CEO's then gave advice to the young adults for the future.

Destination Imagination develops creative, cooperative, and problem-solving skills through a series of challenges in construction, fine arts, science, improvisation, engineering, and community service. Teams work on a challenge for several months to prepare for competition. The best teams from all around the world compete in the Global Finals.

Due to budget cuts, the school district will not pay the expenses for this competition, so we are facing the challenge of raising approximately \$9,600 for the global tournament. This covers all travel, registration, passes to every event, rooms, meals, security, transportation throughout the campus, and most importantly, to be ambassadors to a foreign team. We will meet and greet our foreign team at the airport, becoming their buddies during their stay, eating meals together, attending events as a group and discussing life in both of our sections of the world. We will be bringing them welcome gifts representing Colorado and our beautiful Western Slope. We have been buddy teams with a team from Turkey and a team from China. The experience has been unforgettable and the team members are still in contact with each other.

We are proud to say we have been doing various fundraisers throughout the school year and have already raised \$5,000.00. Whatever financial support you are able to provide us will be deeply appreciated. With your help we will be able to raise the \$9600.00 needed to attend. If you choose to support us please consider this letter your receipt for tax purposes. The tax ID# is 20-3102478.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Coal Ridge High School Destination Imagination team,  
Sara, India, James, Jorge, Justin, Garrett, and Ruger

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