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Welcome

Dear 2009-2010 Destination ImagiNation Team,

Thank you for participating in the Destination ImagiNation program! We're very excited for this year's Challenges, and we have worked hard to make this our best season yet. The Destination ImagiNation program is a unique experience—over the season, you'll learn and use creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills to solve a Team Challenge as well as many Instant Challenges. Your team will also learn skills like project management, time management, innovation, budgeting, improvisation, generating, focusing, making presentations, and much more. But most of all, you'll have fun!

An amazing community makes the Destination ImagiNation program a reality. Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds, and they include DI alumni, educators, family members, corporate volunteers, members of community civic organizations, and professional fraternities associated with colleges and universities. They are involved at every level of the program, and they are to thank for making the Destination ImagiNation program possible. We are grateful for our community of volunteers, who help provide endless opportunities for all of us to learn and grow.

We would also like to thank our sponsors for their continued support. The National Dairy Council has supported us as an international sponsor for more than 12 years. 3M has also contributed to Challenges and Global Finals for 10 years. The Association of Equipment Manufacturers and

its 800+ member companies have also played a major role in supporting our program. These and many other sponsors have helped make this program what it is today.

Our volunteers and participants are the most valuable advocates of our program. You'll encounter many people as you work on your Challenge solutions, and we encourage you to take time to tell them about Destination ImagiNation. By increasing awareness of our program and garnering new participants and volunteers, we can ensure that we can offer the Destination ImagiNation for many years to come!

Finally, thank you for being part of the Destination ImagiNation program, and welcome to the 2009-10 season! You are now part of our worldwide community, one that strives to inspire people of all ages to use creativity, teamwork and problem solving to make the world a better place.

Have a great 2009-10 DI Season,



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DISC thanks you for your interest and support of our efforts to help Destination ImagiNation. Thank YOU for your deDication to the program and it's participants!
Have a Great Year!

DISC supports the Destination ImagiNation program by:

- Providing and managing an email list (dini@yahoogroups.com) that offers communication on teamwork, creativity, and problem solving and serves as an information resource for the Destination ImagiNation community.
- Functioning as the scholarship arm for the Destination ImagiNation program, raising money and administering the awarding of scholarships to assist participants and program volunteers in advancing their education beyond High School.
- Organizes and hosts the Team Managers and Officials Competition at Global Finals each year.
- Providing additional support for Destination Imagination in the form of resource lists, Team Manager hints, and mentoring those new to the program.

Our hope is that those of you who are Team Managers, Membership Coordinators, Affiliate Directors or Regional Directors will contact current High School Seniors and those currently enrolled in post-secondary education and suggest they apply for the DISC Scholarships. Scholarship information is available on our Web site at www.IDODI.org/DISC.

In addition, we also ask for your support by purchasing our scholarship fundraiser pins and shirts. Look for the DISC Scholarship Pin in the fall and for the DISC Global Final Pin and T-Shirt in early spring. Information can be found on our Web site.

Thanks to your support this past year DISC will once again be offering up to \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving candidates in the 2009-2010 Academic Year. Funds will be awarded for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

Information on DISC Scholarships and information on how to apply can be found on the DISC scholarship pages on our Web site.

The DISC scholarship sub-committee is looking forward to reviewing the many exciting applications that you will be sending in.

To be eligible, Scholarship Applicants must:

- Be pursuing a post-secondary degree in a Trade School, Community College or University in the 2009-2010 School year.
- Have participated in Destination ImagiNation as a team member and/or in a volunteer capacity.
- If applying while pursuing Post High School graduation, the applicant should be actively continuing his or her involvement in Destination ImagiNation in some capacity – either as a team member or as a volunteer. See the Web site for further details.

We wish all of our scholars good luck and creativity in their endeavors.

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