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DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAMS COMPETE; HS TEAM ADVANCES TO STATE

Three Dripping Springs ISD teams earned medals at the Destination Imagination regional tournament at Westlake High School March 3, and a team of high school freshmen placed first and advanced to the state competition.

The "Bomb Brains" from DSHS, consisting of Bryan Blackmon, Coleman Chapman, Fiona de la Cruz, Jadon Putman, and Garrett Davis, placed first in the Team eXtreme division, to earn a trip to the state competition in Mansfield on April 7, 2018. In their challenge, they were split into "sender" and "receiver" groups and had to communicate a list of phrases using only non-verbal methods.

The team "Chicken-Fried Awesomeness," with representation from Dripping Springs Elementary and Sycamore Spring Elementarys (Molly Blackmon, Nicholas Dudek, Vivian Gomez, Ava Grace Hugo, and Cooper Rummel) placed fourth in the Structural Engineering division. "Team Pluto" from Rooster Springs Elementary (Ella Constable, Garrett Hoffman, Benjamin Seshan and Taylor Temple) placed fifth in the Project Outreach division.

The Destination Imagination program is a hands-on system of learning that fosters student creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic challenges in the fields of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), fine arts and service learning. Teams compete at the regional level, with the top two teams in each division advancing to the state event. Global Finals are held in Knoxville, Tenn., in May.