



# SPECIAL AWARDS

DIGITAL OPEN 2021

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## **DaVinci Award - Team 800-12807 Medina Elementary - Paper Possibilities**

One paper truly does have infinite possibilities! In their Video Presentation, the team from Medina Elementary created a lovely documentary about their journey learning origami during the 2020 lockdown. This team demonstrated solid understanding of their chosen genre as they used talking head interviews, reenactments, and photo montages to share their story. During their Video Presentation, this team opened up and shared a meaningful aspect of their time together in lockdown. Their story isn't just about paper, it's about resilience, brotherhood, and the power of trying something new. Congratulations, Team 800-12807, on this wonderful example of creativity in action.

## **Renaissance Award - Team 800-09164 nextregion - Cosmic Critters**

This team demonstrated great artistic skill through performances, camera work, and scenery that brought their adventure story to life. There was no mistaking which genre this team selected! The Appraisers were impressed by the team's ability to show a steep mountain, a raging river, and the charismatic character Axo! Congratulations to the Cosmic Critters on a job well done!

## **Spirit of DI Award - Team 800-30896 ISHCMC - Sneaky Links**

Working in a virtual format requires a special kind of teamwork! In their Video Presentation, this team showcased extraordinary editing skills, making it appear as if socially distanced team members were in the same room. Pulling off this feat must have required a great deal of communication to ensure actors/backgrounds aligned, not to mention the technical skills involved to put everything together! This team embraced the Spirit of DI by fully exploring the possibilities of collaboration, even when working remotely. Congratulations, Team Sneaky Links!

## **DaVinci Award - Team 800-08556 - Naturalis Astrum**

On one side is life, on the other is death and in between rests a bridge. Until one day, the bridge disappears and the resident troll has to go on an adventure to discover the fate of the bridge. This team's practical effect, the use of miniatures to create the bridge, was so well executed that it left the Appraisers arguing about whether the team's miniature bridge was actually life sized. The team's Video Presentation combined practical effects with a dash of computer graphics, clever editing, and puppetry to create a cohesive and clever solution.

## **DaVinci Award - Team 800-56977 - The ComeDIans**

This team combined practical effects, wordless comedy, and a delightful soundtrack to create a Video Presentation that harkened back to the silent movie era. As he tries to win the affections of the girl he likes, the main character goes on a comedic journey involving a ladder, aliens, and green bubbling volcanos on an alien planet! This team created a solution which left us speechless.