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Lincoln School Students Use Tech Skills to Become First-Ever Rhode Islanders to Journey to *Odyssey of the Mind* World Finals

Providence, RI (May 22, 2017) — Six Lincoln School students ranging from Grade 4 to Grade 8 will represent Rhode Island at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finale Tournament from May 24-27. Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities to students from kindergarten through college. The Lincoln School team, The Golden Minds, used their engineering and creative skills to become the first Ocean Staters to participate in the competition's 38-year history and join 20,000+ students and supporters from around the globe in Michigan for the World Finals.

"The girls are ready and excited to represent Lincoln School, proudly wearing their kilts!" said Susan Amsler-Akacem, Ed. Tech Dept. Head & Technology Innovator at Lincoln School. "

Representing Lincoln on the Golden Minds team are: Lena Alawi '25, Salma Alawi '21, Yasmine Akacem '24, Ella Brown '24, Iris Bibeau-Leveille '25, and Meghan Hastings '23. Not ones to shy away from a challenge, The Golden Minds choose the technical problem and have spent all year engineering an "Odd-A-Bot," a robot that must be made out of recyclable materials and function by simple machines such as levers, pulleys, etc. According to the Odyssey of the Mind website:

"For this problem, teams will create a humorous story about a family that brings home an "Odd-a-Bot." Instead of being programmed to perform tasks, this Odd-a-Bot robot learns from watching others. Teams will design, build, and operate an original robot that demonstrates human characteristics when performing tasks. The Odd-a-Bot learns more than it was expected to learn, and will confuse its actions with humorous results."

The Golden Minds will be spending five days on Michigan State University's campus, meeting other Odyssey of the Mind teams from across the USA and from around the world. They will

present their Odd A Bot to the judges on Friday, May 26th and compete in spontaneous problem solving on Thursday. The rest of the week will be celebrated with NASA classroom activities and Creativity Festival.

ABOUT LINCOLN SCHOOL:



Lincoln School is an all-girls Quaker independent school for grades 1–12 and co-ed infant–kindergarten located on the East Side of Providence. Learn more at www.lincolnschool.org

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