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Colorado's CollegenInvest awards scholarships to team from Vanderhoof Elementary School at Destination ImagiNation state tournament

Members of Ant Sandwich, a Destination ImagiNation team from Vanderhoof Elementary School in Arvada won the CollegenInvest Destination College TEAM Award, receiving \$200 college savings plans for each student from CollegenInvest, Colorado's not-for-profit higher education financing resource.

The award was provided at the Destination ImagiNation state tournament on April 18.

Colorado Destination ImagiNation is a program for kindergarten to high school students that encourages creativity and teamwork through team challenges. The program's focus on creative problem solving is particularly timely as education experts stress the need for these skills in the workforce.

Recipients of the CollegenInvest Destination College TEAM Award demonstrate teamwork, effort, achievement and are memorable competitors at their regional and state tournaments.

Members from the winning team include: Josh Carson, Sadie Guerrero, Case Arends Noelie Bangas, Michelle Byers, Sadie Haymond and Cotton Frost-Bryant

CollegenInvest has awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships through the TEAM Award at 10 regional Colorado Destination ImagiNation tournaments and at the state tournament.

"We are very excited to offer these scholarships to participants of Colorado Destination ImagiNation," said Jennifer Robinson of CollegenInvest. "Destination ImagiNation is a great program that allows creativity to flourish among kids of all ages."

CollegenInvest, a division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, is the presenting sponsor of Colorado Destination ImagiNation for the 2008-09 academic year.

For three decades, CollegenInvest has served as Colorado's not-for-profit higher education financing resource, helping families across the state pay for college through scholarships, matching grants, student loan forgiveness, college savings plans, outreach programs and planning tools.

As a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, CollegenInvest's sole focus is helping Colorado families overcome the financial barriers to college.

Families can access valuable information on paying for higher education at www.collegeninvest.org.

About CollegenInvest

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