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Valley students shine in first online national tournament

Comox Valley, B.C. – G.P. Vanier Secondary students capture top placement for the province and land in the top three in the first online national competition for Destination Imagination.

With COVID restriction still in place, the 2021 DI national level tournament was held in the virtual arena for the first time March. The first virtual event of this kind took place at the world championship July 2020 in which students throughout the District achieved significant results.

Students under the leadership of Lori Mazey who heads the drama department at Vanier achieved the following results in two challenge categories, Fine Arts and Improv.

The Fine Arts Challenge helps students develop acting and creative skills through artistic media, theater arts, scriptwriting, and prop design. Teams were required to create a music video based on a piece of literature, featuring original lyrics and music using three specific production techniques

Poison Apples – 2nd place (1st in BC)

Secondary Fine Arts Class: Kodi Hutchison, Darilyn Juhas, Laura Kokoryk, Rosie Wood, and Cassidy VanVelzen

Final Brain Cell – 3rd place (2nd in BC)

Secondary Fine Arts Class: Sarah Whiteford, Nicholas Anderton, Alfie Thompson, Lilou Frappier, Anouk Junkers, and Cora Ulsamer

The Improvisational Challenge is all about research, spontaneity, and storytelling. Teams were required create a video that tells a story about a detective and a sidekick teaming up to solve a mystery.

Team Chance - 1st Place, National Championship

Improv students: Miranda Mail, Ethan Petty, Nicholas Tarrant, and Aili Forrest

Coincidentally, this is the same team (less a couple of students) that won the Global Championship three years ago and have won the last four Improv Provincial Championships.

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Image: Team Chance (image source: G.P. Vanier)



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