



With a win at the state level on April 14, the St. Clare Walker Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Problem 5 Team earned a trip to Iowa State University for the World Finals competition to be held May 23-26. Above, the 8th grade team includes, front row from left, Autumn Satterly, Ada Sherman and Aniyah Thompson; back row, Thomas Wilson, Kaydence Congleton and Wyatt Evans.

SCW Odyssey of the Mind team places first in Virginia

The St. Clare Walker Middle School (SCW) Odyssey of the Mind Problem 5 Team competed in the Virginia state finals at Menchville High School in Newport News on April 14. Students from all areas of the state faced off in a day of team problem-solving and spontaneous competitions.

The team, coached by Claire Evans and Kathy Ruark, placed first in its problem and division. The team's long-term problem was titled "A Stellar Hangout." The team is composed of 8th grade students and includes Kaydence Congleton, Wyatt Evans, Autumn Satterly, Ada Sher-

man, Aniyah Thompson and Thomas Wilson.

With its first-place victory, the team advances to the World Finals at Iowa State University on May 23-26.

For more than 25 years, the Odyssey of the Mind has promoted creativity by challenging students of all ages to solve divergent problems working through teamwork. The premise of founder Dr. Sam Micklus' problem-solving approach to learning is that a group is a more powerful thinking force than an individual.

"Odyssey of the Mind gives our students the opportunity to show-

case their unique talents. It makes problem-solving fun and helps foster collaboration and other real-world skills that they will use for the rest of their lives," said Coach Evans. "The team is very excited for their upcoming trip to Iowa. Any donations to the SCW Odyssey of the Mind Team to help with travel, lodging, as well as competition expenses will be greatly appreciated."

Contact the office at SCW for more information at 758-2561.

To learn more about Odyssey of the Mind, visit www.odysseyofthemind.com.