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Dear Odyssey of the Mind Participants,

Welcome to Michigan State University, host of the 2007 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. We are proud to be the first Big 10 university to host the World Finals and pleased to welcome you to our campus.

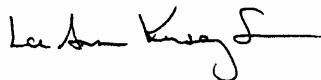
Michigan State University has been advancing knowledge and transforming lives through innovative teaching, research, and outreach for over 150 years. MSU is known internationally as a major public university with global reach and extraordinary impact. Our 14 degree-granting colleges attract scholars worldwide who are interested in combining education with practical problem solving.

Innovation and imaginative thinking characterize MSU's approach to finding solutions for the challenges facing society. Our faculty, staff, and students have consistently listened to the needs of society, and then consistently discovered ways to meet those needs. We have remained connected with and responsive to the diverse communities around us – and, increasingly, to the global community of which we are all a part.

During your stay, I hope you will discover our campus is a place of rich and varied beauty, with extensive facilities that provide an ideal setting for the broad range of activities associated with this coming week's events. In your free time, I encourage you to explore the many interesting activities, events, and locations on campus. From a canoe ride on the Red Cedar River to an ice cream cone from the MSU Dairy, there is truly something for all to enjoy.

It is a privilege to welcome so many young, bright minds to our campus. We are pleased to have you as visitors and wish you all the best as you participate in the events of the week ahead.

Sincerely,



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May 23, 2007

Dear Friends:

It is my privilege to welcome you to Michigan for the Odyssey of the Mind 2007 World Finals.

Odyssey of the Mind plays a critical role in producing individuals with advanced and problem solving skills. I applaud the hard work of the teams from around the world that have made it to the World Finals. It is students like you who will shape the future of our nation with your knowledge, creativity, vision and determination.

Again, welcome to Michigan. Please accept my gratitude for your all your hard work in getting here and my best wishes for an enjoyable competition.

Sincerely yours,

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