



Now Accepting Disney Dreamers and Doers applications

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - Jan. 21, 2016 - There was Cooper from Cleveland Court Elementary School, Helena from Horizon Middle School, Sharon from South Lake High School and Luisa from Liberty Christian School. They helped their siblings, grew gardens, improved their grades and cared for others. Their actions heralded them to be among the 293 students from public and private elementary, middle and high schools in Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk and Seminole counties in the auspicious 2015 Class of Disney Dreamers and Doers.

Now through Feb. 29, Central Florida students who are an inspiration to others are encouraged to step forward and apply at their schools to be recognized as a 2016 Disney Dreamer and Doer. Our area's most recognized community school program is accepting nominations for local students who inspire others at home, at school and in their community. For helping their families, schoolmates or community, students can nominate themselves at their schools for their positive actions. From mentoring younger students to leading a clothing drive to succeeding despite health challenges or improving their grades, Disney Dreamers and Doers nominees make a difference through dedication and kindness.

Based on the student self-nominations, school principals will select one student to be the school's 2016 Dreamer and Doer. Those selected will receive an award medallion, honorary certificate and four Walt Disney World theme park tickets.

From the students chosen as their school representative, a panel of Disney judges will select 15 Shining Stars. Considered the best of the best, these students consistently demonstrate outstanding character, lead by example and have a caring spirit. Shining Stars will receive a Mickey Mouse statue known as a "Mousecar," a gold medallion and Walt Disney World annual theme park passes for themselves and their immediate family. To celebrate this prestigious honor, at the close of the school year Shining Stars and their families will be invited to Epcot to celebrate at an exclusive dessert party amid the spectacular IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth fireworks show.

"We have remarkable youth in our Central Florida community who act on their dreams of changing the world for the better by having a lasting impact on others," said Nancy Gidusko, director of corporate citizenship for Walt Disney World Resort. "It's an honor and inspiration for everyone at Walt Disney World Resort to recognize these students for their accomplishments."

Since the program began more than 30 years ago nearly 13,000 local students have been recognized as Disney Dreamers and Doers.

As part of its ongoing commitment to local children and education, Walt Disney World Resort has awarded Disney Grants for five school districts and early learning coalitions, sponsored of A Gift For Teaching, as well as donated clothing and millions of school supplies to students in the past year.