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Student attends Disney Dreamers Academy

When one Goose Creek CISD student “wished upon a star,” she found that her dreams really did come true.

As a result of her interest in journalism and her well-written application, Elizabeth Monroe, a senior at Goose Creek Memorial High School, was selected to attend Disney Dreamers Academy at the Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida in March.

At the four-day conference, Monroe participated in journalism, film, self esteem and networking classes, along with a panel discussion, which included several radio hosts, athletes and actors.

She had the opportunity to meet Steve Harvey, syndicated radio and television personality, and some directors and staff members from Essence Magazine.

“Dreams fuel our imaginations, inspire our passions, and make the impossible come to life right before our eyes,” said Harvey, in a letter about Disney Dreamers Academy.

Monroe wrote a four-page newsletter and an article for which she received a journalism award during the commencement ceremony on the last day of the academy.

She was thrilled to be invited back to Orlando in July as a student reporter for the Annual Conference for the National Association of Black Journalists, and she is discussing the possibility of an internship at Essence Magazine in New York.

Attending the academy, enjoying the theme parks, and winning awards for her writing are not the only dreams-come-true Monroe has had this year, since she recently found out that she has been accepted to Columbia University in the City of New York.

“College has always been my dream, and I always wanted to go to an Ivy League School. I visited Columbia University last year and sat in on a class, so I wrote about the experience in my application,” said Monroe, eyes twinkling with excitement at the thought of going off to school in New York City.



Monroe credits Lasonja and Carl Polk, her mother and stepfather; William Monroe, her grandfather and her junior English teacher Lauren Marti with helping her set high standards for herself and encouraging her to pursue her dreams. Marti persuaded this avid writer to enter the Scholastic Writing Competition, and she won a Gold Key.

“If you have a positive attitude about your goals, then they’re possible,” said Monroe.

In light of her recent accomplishments, Monroe is forced to come up with some new dreams for her life.

“My dream job has always been to write for Vogue Magazine, but I also enjoy film. Last summer I took a film class at the Art Institute in Austin, and I’m taking Audio/Video Productions at Stuart Career Center this year,” said Monroe.

Although her dreams may change, this 17-year old has plenty of time to decide about her future career, and she has many experiences ahead of her to help her land her dream job.

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