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Disney Welcomes Journalists for Annual NABJ Convention

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., August 2, 2013 – Journalists and media professionals from across the United States visited Central Florida this week for the 38th annual National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) convention. As a long-time sponsor of the conference, Walt Disney World Resort welcomed nearly 1,000 attendees during an opening ceremony and private reception at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

"We are very excited that Disney has been a long-time sponsor of your organization," said Walt Disney World Resort president, George A. Kalogridis as he welcomed the journalists.

During the welcome event at Disney's Hollywood Studios NABJ president Gregory H. Lee, Jr. and the evening's host, ESPN commentator and columnist, Jemele Hill presented awards to local chapters and individual members.

Nearly 2,000 journalists and students will participate in development and skills workshops, discussions of major news stories and networking events at the convention. They also will have opportunities to visit Epcot and view "Re-Discovering America: Family Treasures from the Kinsey Collection," an exhibit representing more than 400 years of African American achievement and contribution. Bernard and Shirley Kinsey, who amassed the collection over 30 years, will lead a workshop during the NABJ convention.

"We are happy to be back in Central Florida for our convention and to have Disney's support," Lee said. "Our members look forward to the convention every year for the chance to focus on their professional development, share opportunities and make connections."

Disney's support of NABJ is part of the company's ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion.