

Disney Dreamers Academy to Host Virtual Event for 2020 Participants

100 teens selected for 2020 Disney Dreamers Academy will experience the exclusive online program this fall

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (Aug. 5, 2020) - The immersive, transformational Disney Dreamers Academy will take place virtually this fall and, for the first time in its history, offer career shadow externships for all 100 members of the class.

Just like past Disney Dreamers Academy events, the virtual experience will deliver life lessons and tools such as effective communication techniques, leadership skills and networking strategies. This version of the program will do so with self-paced workshops, interactive video-conferencing sessions, networking opportunities and more, led by top speakers and industry professionals.

Following the virtual experience, all 100 students will be placed into career shadowing externships based on their dream professions so they can receive personal insight and advice from mentors.

The announcement of this new Disney Dreamers Academy experience was made Aug. 5, 2020, at the virtual NABJ/NAHJ convention by Tracey D. Powell, Disney Signature Experiences vice president and Disney Dreamers Academy executive champion. The original, in-person 2020 Disney Dreamers Academy program was shortened earlier this year due to the temporary closure of Walt Disney World Resort.

"We were disappointed to have to cut this year's event short due to the pandemic, and we knew we had to create something extra special for this outstanding group of high school students," said Powell. "We expect to deliver an immersive, informative and inspirational experience that will impact these Disney Dreamers just as the traditional program has done for more than a decade."

The program, now in its 13th year, is a part of Walt Disney World's commitment to helping the next generation of young people by inspiring them at a critical time in their development. The Disney Dreamers Academy theme is "Be100," encouraging teens to be positive, to be "all in" and to carry what they learn back with them so they can relentlessly pursue their dreams and make a difference in the lives of others.

For more information, visit DisneyDreamersAcademy.com. Regular updates about Disney Dreamers Academy are also available on social media at Facebook.com/DisneyDreamersAcademy, Twitter.com/DreamersAcademy and Instagram.com/disneydreamersacademy.

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