

Two Archdiocese of Baltimore students among 2015 Disney Dreamers

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Mickey Mouse, Steve Harvey and Essence magazine have taken special notice of two Archdiocese of Baltimore students.

Kevilyn Frazier, a freshman at The Seton Keough High School in Baltimore, and Matthew Heid, a sophomore at Archbishop Spalding High School in Severn, have been selected as Disney Dreamers and invited to attend Disney Dreamers Academy, a four-day seminar held at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla., and created in partnership with Harvey and Essence.

To be considered for the annual all-expense-paid program, which helps “inspire and motivate young people to dream big” according to disneydreamersacademy.com, students must submit three essays.

One hundred students were selected from a pool of nearly 10,000 nationwide.

✖ According to Seton Keough, Frazier, an honors biomedical student who hopes to become a military doctor or trauma surgeon, wrote that she was “blessed to attend Seton Keough High School, a prestigious all-girl’s Catholic school in Baltimore with great teachers, but funding for tuition was a problem ...”

In her essay, Frazier thanked her grandmother, Shirley Tabb, for making a “huge financial sacrifice” because “she understood my dream to attend Seton Keough and thought it wonderful that, at my age, I wanted to develop my spirituality.”

✖ In a brief biography posted at disneydreamersacademy.com, Heid noted that Disney happens to be one of his passions, along with conservation. He hopes to one day work for Disney as an Imagineer. (Disney combines the words “imagine” and “engineer” to describe the process of designing its theme-parks.)

“I hope to include the message of conservation in my projects while still making sure families have fun,” said Heid, an avid participant in Spalding’s well-known musical activities.

Heid attended Disney Dreamers Academy March 5-8. A winter storm kept Frazier from attending, but she plans to go in March 2016.

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