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WonderWorks Celebrates WonderKids Program

Destiny's amusement park for the mind awards exceptional students

Syracuse, NY (June 13, 2017) – WonderWorks Destiny is thrilled to be back hosting the highly successful event, WonderKids, that awards children for exceptional characteristics both in and outside of school. Each year, the amusement park for the mind, allows teachers to nominate students who they believe exhibit the qualities of a "WonderKid." Nominees receive a certificate of excellence and are invited to attend the WonderKids awards ceremony inside Destiny USA on June 17. Following the success of years past, WonderWorks has expanded nominees to nine different counties, in Central New York: Onondaga, Oswego, Oneida, Madison, Cortland, Seneca, Tompkins, Chenango, and Cayuga.

"At WonderWorks, we are constantly looking for ways to motivate and reward the amazing kids and families in our community," said General Manager Nicole Montgomery. "Being able to recognize these amazing students while sharing the fun side and importance of STEM education makes WonderKids one of our most special events of the year!"

Teachers nominated their WonderKid for one of three award categories: academic excellence, outstanding service to their community, and future scientist. Three winners will be chosen for each category, one from grades 1 through 5 and one from 6 through 12. The winners from each category will receive a bundle of prizes donated from local businesses, including WonderWorks Summer Camp, Dave & Busters, Cascade Indoor Water Park, SkyZone Trampoline Park, and 5 Wits.

WonderWorks, which offers STEM based exhibits in its unique, upside-down structure, was built as more than just a tourist attraction. The team's overall goal is to help young minds discover that there are interesting and entertaining elements to be found while learning about science. The WonderKid program is a perfect example of the true goal that team behind WonderWorks hopes to achieve in their local community and in the STEM education world.

Guests and educators can visit <u>www.wonderworksdestiny.com/wonderkids</u> to learn more about the event.

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WonderWorks, a science focused indoor amusement park that combines education and entertainment. With over 100 hands-on exhibits, there is something unique, fun, and challenging for all ages. The family attraction hosts birthday parties and special events seasonally. WonderWorks is home to locations in Orlando, Pigeon Forge, Panama City Beach, Myrtle Beach, and Syracuse