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The James R Jordan Foundation's A-Team Straight – A students return from United Family Dream Vacation to Walt Disney World

The James R. Jordan Foundation and United partner to give straight-A students from underserved communities trip of a lifetime

CHICAGO, April 16, 2014 – The James R. Jordan Foundation's A-Team straight – A, students and their families returned on Wednesday morning from their trip of a lifetime as part of United Airlines' "Family Dream Vacation Program."

These hard-working students from Chicago's West Haven and Englewood neighborhoods earned an all-expense-paid trip to Disney World by meeting the rigorous requirements of the James R. Jordan Foundation's A-Team Scholar Program and maintaining straight- A's in all four core subjects throughout the entire school year.

On Sunday, April 13, the students and their families arrived by limousine at O'Hare International Airport for their first-class treatment, which included expedited check in at the Global Services lobby. With support from the James R. Jordan Foundation, United Airlines and the United Airlines Foundation, the families enjoyed a three-night stay at a Walt Disney World Resort along with passes to the theme park. The families return from their dream vacation on Wednesday, April 16.

The students were welcomed back by James R. Jordan Foundation and United at the gate where they were able to capture pictures. The Jewel sisters stated, "being able to meet and see a female Captain from United was extremely inspiring. This alone gave us more motivation to see that woman can accomplish anything. The Animal Kingdom was a great cultural experience. They enjoyed how the park featured animals in their natural habitat. They were glad that they were able to share ideas and meet the other students from the A-Team program." The students sent pictures of their trip to the James R. Jordan Foundation to let them know what a rewarding experiences they had. You can view pictures via Twitter [@JordanFound](#) or Facebook [jamesrjordanfoundation](#)

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About the James R. Jordan Foundation

The James R. Jordan Foundation is dedicated to strengthening families, motivating youth and ensuring high quality academic opportunities for children in underserved communities. The James R. Jordan Foundation Vision for Families – our series of family programs – is guided by the belief that a strong family plays a major role in a child's academic success, and that education provides a path out of poverty.

About the A-Team Scholars Program

The goal of A-Team Scholars is to increase educational opportunities for students in underserved communities. The program opens doors to higher education by investing in students who consider college to be out of reach. The students are bright and eager to learn; A-Team Scholars inspires them to succeed in school by leveling the academic playing field. Students in grades 4-12 are awarded scholarship money based on scholastic achievement, character and integrity. They receive \$50 for every "A" and \$25 for every "B" earned per quarter in Reading, Math, Writing and Science. Thanks to our partnership with the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, the scholarships are invested in Bright Directions 529 College savings plans, and are available to the students upon enrollment in a higher educational or vocational program. For more information please visit <http://www.jamesjordanfoundation.com>. Follow us on Twitter [@JordanFound](https://twitter.com/JordanFound) or Facebook [jamesjordanfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/jamesjordanfoundation).

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