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OUSD STUDENT RECEIVES DISNEYLAND RESORT SCHOLARSHIP

Orange, CA (April 23, 2013) – Villa Park High School Senior Michael Salmond was awarded a $7,500 scholarship by Disneyland Resort for his leadership, academic excellence, and contributions to the community through volunteerism at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he has contributed 745 hours.

Salmond also co-founded the Greater Orange Service League, now known as the Greater Orange Chapter of National League of Young Men. According to their website, "this structured program for mothers and their sons promotes the development of young men into community leaders through leadership involvement, charitable and community service, cultural experiences and protocol education." Founded in 2009, the Chapter now includes over 100 members.

A "Prize Patrol" surprised Salmond at his school, presenting a personalized certificate, balloon bouquet, Mickey Mouse themed award piece, and Mickey mortar board hat. Salmond will also receive an opportunity to attend a Disney Youth Education Series leadership development course and an invitation to help build a community garden along with Disney VoluntEARS.

"I believe that by spending my time to help other citizens, I will learn a lot about my community and how to best use by abilities to benefit others in the future. Volunteering is an excellent way to give back to my community and to strengthen that community as a whole," stated Salmond.

More than 200 applications were received and reviewed in this year's program. The top 20 applicants were interviewed by a distinguished panel of community leaders who selected the 10 college-bound scholarship recipients.

"The Disneyland Resort is proud to recognize these exemplary students for their commitment to excellence and their passion for serving others," said Michael Colglazier, president of the Disneyland Resort. "We look forward to their continued success and development as our leaders of tomorrow."

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