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# Section B

## Knicholas Boston And Peg Nonez Elected As Mr. And Ms. FAMU College Of Law

ORLANDO – The Student Bar Association at Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law announced Knicholas Boston and Peg Nonez as the 2023/2024 Mr. and Ms. FAMU College of Law.

As a child, Boston had high ambitions. When a teacher asked the class to stand and say what they wanted to be when they grew up, Boston said his answer was always loud and clear. He told everyone he wanted to be president of the United States when he grew up. His road to greatness led him to the FAMU College of Law. Thanks to overwhelming support from his peers, Boston is serving as Mr. FAMU College of Law.

“It is an honor and a privilege to be voted as the male representative



Peg Nonez

for FAMU Law,” said first-year law student Boston. “I’m looking forward to serving our community and making a difference.”

The West Palm Beach native says he



wants to be a lawyer to influence the world and help the Black community. “Through the law, I want to help our people be paid, respected, and educated. Along with being an attorney, I also



Knicholas Boston

want to be a professor one day as well as a political representative.”

Ms. FAMU College of Law, Nonez, says she is eager to serve as the college’s ambassador and plans to represent

with poise and grace. The second-year law student from West Palm Beach looks forward to a career in the legal profession and is glad to be at FAMU Law.

“I want to serve as a relatable liaison between underrepresented communities and the legal profession,” said Nonez. “With my Haitian-Dominican background, I look forward to using translation to effectively represent clients in their respective matters.”

The duties of Mr. and Ms. FAMU Law are to represent the College of Law at community events and to serve as a liaison between the FAMU College of Law and FAMU’s main campus in Tallahassee.

## Florida Teens Set To Dream Big At 2024 Disney Dreamers Academy At Walt Disney World Resort

*Exclusive Walt Disney World Resort mentoring event fosters dreams of Black students and teens from underrepresented communities; 100 outstanding students from New York to California to be part of the multi-day event in April*



segment highlighted one of the selected students, 16-year-old Sophia of South Orange, New Jersey, who is involved with her local YMCA, Girls Scouts, orchestra, lacrosse and the math team, and aspires to become an aerospace engineer.

The eight students from Florida selected to participate in the 2024 Disney Dreamers Academy are:

- Gabriella Gershenson**, Sunny Isles, FL
- Mya Cooley**, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Dayna Harmon**, Belle Isle, FL
- Michaelangelo Delgado-Ruiz**, Kissimmee, FL
- Gabriel Quinn**, Dade City, FL
- Devanshi Krishna Gollamudi**, Wesley Chapel, FL
- Sofia Blanco**, Boynton Beach FL
- Alana McBean**, Lauderhill, FL

At the four-day program at Walt Disney World, the 100 Disney Dreamers will engage with business leaders, Disney executives, celebrities and educators, who will immerse them in workshops and seminars designed to supercharge their career dreams. The students will also explore a wide range of career disciplines while also learning essential skills, such as effective communication techniques, leadership and networking strategies.

And, of course, they will spend plenty of time experiencing the magic of Walt Disney World.

“We eagerly anticipate the arrival of another exceptional group of high schoolers from all corners of the country for our 17th year!” remarked Tracey Powell, Senior

Vice President of Consumer Insight, Measurement & Analytics and Executive Champion of Disney Dreamers Academy. “These future leaders are poised to embark on a transformative journey, gaining an experience of a lifetime that will propel them towards achieving their dreams.”

Each year, the Disney Dreamers are selected from thousands of applicants who answer essay questions about their personal stories and dreams for the future. The students and a parent or guardian enjoy an all-expenses paid trip to Walt Disney World. The program is an important part of Disney’s commitment to support diverse communities by encouraging the next generation to think and dream big.

Since 2008, Disney Dreamers Academy has inspired more than 1,600 students from across the country by fueling their dreams and showing them a world of possibilities as they prepare for their futures. In the years following, graduates have become storytellers, artists, engineers, innovators, journalists and more, and have transitioned into mentors to the Disney Dreamers who follow them.

For more information, visit [DisneyDreamersAcademy.com](http://DisneyDreamersAcademy.com). Regular updates about Disney Dreamers Academy are available on social media at Facebook.com/DisneyDreamersAcademy and Instagram.com/disneydreamersacademy.



LAKE BUENA VISTA – Eight Florida teens are among the new Disney Dreamers Academy class of 100 students from around the country that was revealed today on the

Martin Luther King Day holiday by Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, where the annual mentoring program was created to broaden career awareness and inspire teens from Black and underrepresented communities to dream beyond their wildest imaginations.

The 100 selected students were featured during a live TV segment on ABC’s “Good Morning America.” The

## Annual Zora! Festival Celebrates Its 35th Year With Food And Fun For Everyone!



Photo Credit: Thaddaeus Watkins/Distinct Images

EATONVILLE - The 35th annual Zora! Festival, taking place in Eatonville, Florida, is shaping up to be yet another wonderful

event. This year, organizers are affectionately referring to the event as the reunion festival.

“The 35th annual ZORA! Festival, ‘The Reunion,’ is going

to be fantastic, with something for everyone, from the toddler to the great grandmother and everybody in-between,” says N.Y. Nathiri, one of the event’s organizers.

The festival is in full swing, but a lot of its signature events are set to begin towards the end of January. Probably the most significant collector and interpreter of southern, African American culture, Zora Neale Hurston is the dominant female voice of the Harlem Renaissance era. In her works, she celebrates her hometown, Eatonville, as representative of the dignity and beauty of rural Southern, African-American life and culture.

The Zora! Festival is America’s longest running arts and humanities festival celebrating the cultural contributions of people of African

ancestry throughout the Diaspora. The festival comprises public talks, museum exhibitions, historical tours, stage performances, arts education programming, a humanities-based conference, and an Outdoor Festival of the Arts.

The event has family-friendly pricing: all children get in for free and general admission parking is also free. Additionally, on Friday, January 26th, the festival’s “Education Day,” is free for everybody.

There is truly something for everyone.

“Variety is one of the things we do best,” Nathiri said. “For the foodies, we have a real treat with two events, one with DaJens Eats entitled ‘Dinner & A Class’ with celebrity vegan chef Jenn Ross, and the other called ‘An Evening

Inspired by Zora Neale Hurston,’ curated by Chef Crystal Clarke. For those interested in ideas, the Afrofuturism Conference, being held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, January 25th through January 27th, makes sure that we are not wasting minds.”

And of course, for those who want to treat themselves and loved ones to the complete cultural experience, the Zora! Outdoor Festival of the Arts, being held Friday through Sunday, January 26th through January 28th is a must. Adult general admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$20 and a combo (2-day, Sat./Sun.) ticket is \$30.

For additional information, please visit [zorafestival.org](http://zorafestival.org)