



Spotlight on Excellence

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RE: *Spotlight on Excellence*
Sullivan Student Madisyn Koza, winner of the Roald Dahl Imaginormous Challenge

The *Spotlight on Excellence* presentation on December 5th will feature Sullivan Middle School student Madisyn Koza

The following is an outline of the presentation:

1. Dr Edward Foster, Principal of the Sullivan Middle School will introduce the student and provide an overview of the competition and award.
2. Madisyn Koza will share her thoughts on the award and the impact for the Sullivan School

Sullivan Middle School student, Madisyn Koza, recently won a Golden Ticket in Willy Wonka's Imaginormous Challenge. Madisyn wrote a creative 100 word story idea that won her a trip to New York City and a visit to Dylan's Candy Bar over the summer. Madisyn's story was selected from over 50,000 entries and there were only 5 winners in different categories. As part of her prize, the Sullivan School also won a Roald Dahl Library for the school and teaching resources valued at \$500.

Madisyn had this to say regarding her award: *"I had the trip of a lifetime, and I only had to write 100 words! I entered five different stories, hoping I would win. Then what do you know, I did!"*

When I found out I won, I nearly fell off my unicorn! During my trip to New York City, I went on a tour of a candy store called Dylan's Candy Bar. I raced for candy. I had a huge unicorn horn of cotton candy and rode in a glass elevator like Willy Wonka! I also ate an ice cream sundae inspired by my story.

I think other kids should enter this contest because it's a competition of pure imagination. Winning was more than I could ever have imagine-normoused!"

Congratulations to a very promising student with a bright future ahead!