

# ODYSSEY JUNIOR

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# ODYSSEY ADVENTURERS





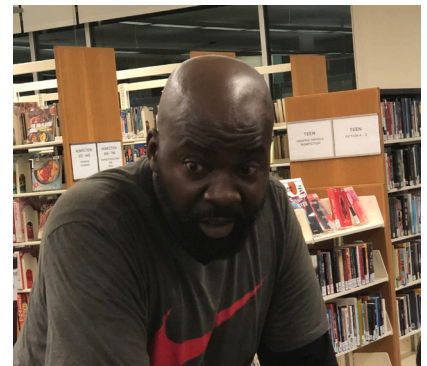
# IMPORTANT WOMEN

The woman who has made an impact in my life is my mom. She is the one who raised me and without her I wouldn't be here today. I want to grow up to be the best kid and be nice to others. My mom has been there for me and I'm her number #1 fan. When I did something bad in school, she encouraged me to do better. I felt like she was disappointed in me. I started to do better in school because I want her to be proud of me. **(Nasier)**



My mom is the most important woman to me. She is a very bold woman, but she can get stressed out a lot by her annoying and only daughter, "me." My mother is the best woman I have ever known just by the way she thinks. I love waking up in the morning and running towards her bed and lying right next to her. I love hearing her say, "Hold on, I'm getting up" when she doesn't have to do anything. Whenever I make my mom mad, I love when she says, "I can't see well but I can hear really good." **(Nyjua)**

The woman who has made a big impact in my life is my wife, Chaz. She is an amazing woman. She's a special needs adoption social worker. She definitely brings work home with her and that's only because she cares. Her passion and fire for the kids and their future families would have you believing she's one with them. **(Albert)**



My mom has made the biggest impact on my life. She is going to graduate from the University of Wisconsin. She has always wanted to go to UW Madison and get more opportunities like a better job and a better house. I could not ask for a better mom. When I need help with something, she always helps me no matter what it is. I admire my mom because when she sets her mind to do something, she does it perfectly. I want to be like my mom when I grow up. **(Neveah)**

My mom is the most important woman in the world to me, next to my grandma. My mom gave birth to me. My mom cooks and cleans for me. She buys me video games. She tries to teach me Spanish. She works very hard to provide for me and keeps a roof over my head.

**(Michael)**

My mom has made the biggest impact on my life. She cares about me and helps me when I need it. She is funny and likes to spend time with me. I appreciate all those things about her and that she supports me in everything I want to do. **(Miraya)**



The woman who has made an impact in my life is my mom. My mom never gave up on me when others did. She wants me to do my best in life and everything I do. I know she wants me to be great and I love her for that. She is like my mom and dad in one. She wants me to not play around and get my work done in school, so I can be something. She loves me for me, no matter what. **(Angel)**



My mom is the most important woman in my life. My mom had me and raised me. She makes my food everyday and picks me up after school. She tells me what is right and what is wrong. She helps me with my homework. **(Chris)**

My grandma was one of the most loving and pure women I ever met. She was compassionate, loving and defended me even when I was at fault. She protected me and made me feel special. She was my best friend. I was always inspired by her positivity and her smile always lit up my days. **(Tala)**

Well to be honest my mother, my grandmother and deceased aunt are women that had a major impact on my life. They all gave me similar traits and different characteristics. I got my grind and hustle from them all. My granny retired and showed me how hard work pays off. My aunt was in the military and exhibited discipline and dedication in everything she did. **(Will)**





My mother is the most important woman to me because she is always with me and by me. She's the one that carried me in her stomach. She's the one that helps me when I am down. She's taken care of me for 13 years, when she didn't have no man to help her. She is important, wonderful, kind, pretty, fantastic and a woman who's in school with 3 children and no father to help. She is the one person that I can say, "You are the best mama I could ask for!" Love you, Mama! **(Kimari)**

A woman in my life that has influenced me is my Grandma Fredrickson. She helped take care of all her younger siblings as a kid. She raised 6 kids on her own, and she was strong willed with a little sass. She was hard working and determined. She showed me how to be humble but proud. **(Leigh)**

When I was growing up, the women who made the greatest impact on my life were my Aunt Patricia and my grandmother. My grandmother is a quiet warrior. She tended to her family with grace and always made it look so easy. My Aunt Patricia is like Mother Teresa; she feeds the community and cares for those in need. She has a big heart, ears to listen, and warm hugs to brighten any day. **(Qiana)**

Although an abundant amount of people impact me daily, my mom inspires me to do my best. She is the woman who gave birth to me and has always been by my side. My mother graduated with her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. She motivates me to keep thriving, be myself, and always find the bright side of things. **(Zawadi)**

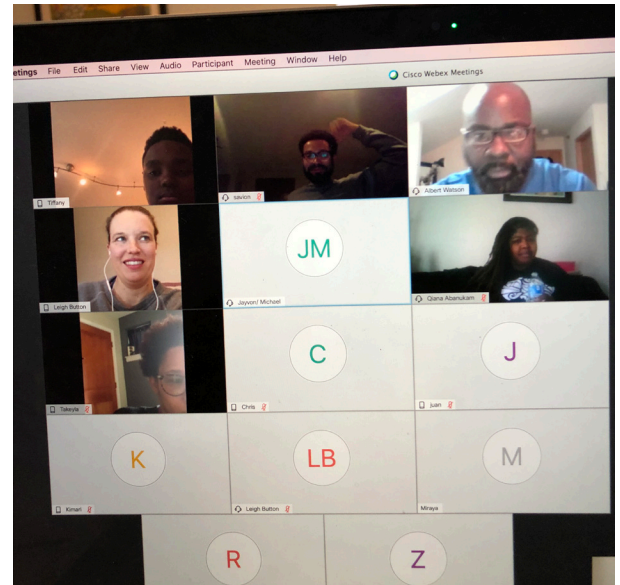




# COPING WITH COVID-19

This is a real eye-opener. Being stuck in your house everyday makes you realize what you really miss. I miss hanging out with my friends and learning in an environment with my peers. I miss playing Ultimate Frisbee and making memories together. I've been coping by playing my musical instrument each day. I also play lots of games and watch movies. I redecorated my bedroom too. When this ends, I'm looking forward to getting my regular routine back. **(Juan)**

I wish people would wash their hands more. I use hand sanitizer more often now. It's going pretty good for me. I'm watching TV and staying up really late. I like On My Block and Block Lightning. School has been on spring break, but soon I start back online. It's kind of easy and boring. When this ends, I am excited to spend time with my friends again. **(Kimari)**



I am doing well; it's been fun being able to be at home and just chill out. I have been having fun playing Fortnite on my PlayStation 4; however, it can be boring at times. I enjoy coming to Odyssey Junior and miss hanging out with the friends I have made since being here. I definitely wondered if I had my last class. **(Noah)**



At first, it was kind of not real. It just felt like we were on spring break. As more days passed, it became more realistic for me. Every day, I wake up and work out with my siblings. Then we have breakfast and play. I spend some time on schoolwork before lunch. After lunch, I do some extra schoolwork until I take a break, outside if it's nice outside. We usually play again and then just have dinner and hang out as a family. I spend time texting my friends or Facetime, but when this ends, I cannot wait to hang out with my friends again. **(Zawadi)**

I'm bored. I usually watch YouTube or TikToks, mostly dance videos. I dance along with them. I'm binge watching On My Block. It's interesting, an emotional drama. I haven't heard a lot about the Coronavirus, I mean I know people are getting sick and we have to wash our hands more. It feels kind of like we're in a movie. **(Neveah)**

I am not really excited to start back to school. I am not going to miss anything about school. I am not doing much of anything. I recently finished watching The Fosters and Dynasty. I like that Dynasty has a lot of surprises and drama. **(Derek)**

When it's dark and we think no one is around, you can't hear a sound. You are not alone  
When you feel a tingle in your body, and you wonder from where'd that come from, you are not alone  
Winds whistle, leaves shake, and make beautiful relaxing sounds. Because you are not alone  
4 walls, a ceiling, a floor, surrounds us, and keeps us safe, but yet and still we are not alone  
So, I tell myself I'm not, as I can hear a pin drop, but I don't stop believing. I am not alone. **(Will)**



# TRUE STORIES



When I was about 7 or 8 years old, my front tooth was super wiggly. I didn't want yank it out myself because I was afraid it would hurt like when I had yanked out teeth before. So, I had my aunt tie a string to my tooth and she tied the other end of the string to a door. Then my aunt slammed the door and my tooth bolted out of my mouth. I was relieved that it was over so quick it didn't hurt. I put the tooth under my pillow and got three dollars. It was worth yanking my tooth out. **(Michael)**



I was going to school and me and my close friend had a goal to reach, and it was to read more so we can get a bigger score on our reading test. When Wednesday came up, I went to Odyssey to learn and choose ideas for a story. When I got to Odyssey, I tried to choose a story to write about. I just couldn't think about a story to write about, I just was thinking about my goal that I wanted to reach at the end of the week. I was just looking at books, but I couldn't find a book to read, so I kept looking for books until I found a book. I looked at the title and it looked like a good book. I picked it up and I kept looking at it until I found another book that's the same book.

I got my phone out to text my close friend and she said we can read it starting Thursday morning and finish it next Thursday. March 2, 2020, I was asleep and woke up and I decided to read that book that I wanted to read in the middle of the night. I'm so glad that I decided to pick up a book on Wednesday night and read it. **(Kimari)**



I tried hard but I couldn't ignore my friends trying to get me to skip class. They kept asking me to "Come Skip." I said, "No, bro, you gonna get caught, Stupid. That's why you're dumb." So I stayed in class. I was being so good until my friends said, "Are you sure, you don't want to skip class?" I got so mad I punched them. The next day I went to school, this adult said, "Can you please come to my office?" and I said, "Yes ma'am." So, I went to the office. They wanted to know if I sent a picture and if I threatened a girl. I told them I didn't, and they brought my girlfriend into the office, so I got mad.

Then the principal and I made a deal, that I would not talk to the girl that I supposedly threatened. I agreed and they took me back to class. I was starting to feel better. Then the girl that accused me of threatening her walked by me and started talking to me. I told her I couldn't talk to her and headed to class, but an adult saw the interaction and told me to go to the office. They told me I was in trouble, I thought I heard them say suspended. I was mad, and they had to call my parents to pick me up. When my parents came to pick me up, I told them what happened and they assured me everything would be all right. They took me to the mall, and I said okay, "I'm finna be dripped out." **(Nasir)**



I love to dance and more. I wanted to dance because I saw someone on Snapchat doing it. But at first I was not very good. I rolled my ankle. Over the years I got better. I started dancing again in front of people and I was happy. **(Angel)**

I walked into the band room determined to say something. They wanted to share an experience/opportunity of a lifetime. I never thought that I would be able to be just as good as everyone else. I worked hard and I never gave up. I worked hard day after day. Two years later I am a section leader. I am a role model. **(Juan)**







It was me, my brother and my cousin. We were around 4 or 5 years old. My tooth was very wiggly, and it was around midnight on a very hot day. My dad was barbecuing with my uncle and we didn't want to ask them for help. So, we found some yarn, but it was very short; so my brother and cousin helped me find a shoelace. We wrapped the shoelace around my tooth and the other end around a doorknob. We got the tooth out, but the area kept bleeding badly. Then the next day we went swimming. I ended up losing my tooth in the pool and never found it again. **(Nyjua)**



When I was younger, I really liked to sing. I loved to sing in the car or in my grandma's car during the hour and a half drive to our cabin. As I grew older, my voice changed, and I didn't enjoy singing as much. One day my cousin and I were hanging out at his house and he started playing Eminem on his speakers. I liked it and started rapping along. My cousin said I sounded like Eminem Jr. and that is when I started to like rap. **(Noah)**



One horrible day I was walking to my friend's house. We were going to play a new game, Call of Duty. I saw my younger brother fighting with some boy. Then I saw 4 more people join in. I jumped in and started beating them all up. One of them slipped away, then all of them ran into their houses. Then I took my brother home. Next thing I knew I heard a cop car pulling up to my house. The cop walked up yelling at me to get on the ground. I was confused, the cop pushed me to the ground, and he began checking my pockets. He yelled at me, "Where's the knife?" and I said, "What knife?" Someone had called the police station and reported that I had a knife. **(Jayvon)**



Last year I started playing Fortnite because all my friends were playing it. When I first started playing it, I was really bad. My friends kept teasing me, saying I was bad at the game. I wished to get better so my friends would not make fun of me. I started playing a lot to practice and get better, but I still couldn't get to my friends' level, so I quit. I found a game called Apex Legends and was able to beat all my friends, even though it is a harder game than Fortnite. **(Chris)**



I got a bird from the pet store. He is from Australia and his name is Blue. You are probably thinking that there is already a bird named Blue from the Disney movie Rio.

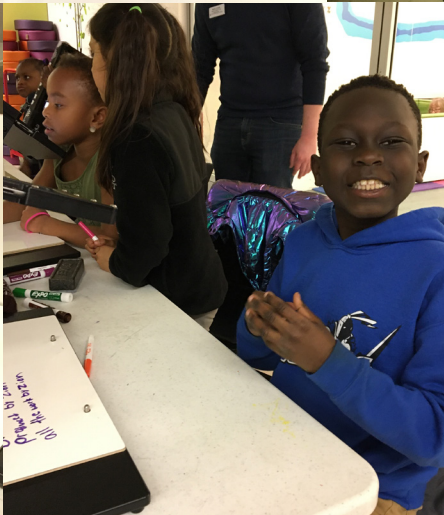
Yes, we got the name from the movie. I am still trying to earn his trust. I earned his trust by letting him explore the house and giving him fresh water every day. When he earned my trust, he was nicer and kinder to me. It made me feel happy. **(Neveah)**



When I was in 4th grade I was obsessed with Gordon Ramsey's show, MasterChef. I wanted to cook like him, so I went into the kitchen and tried making a pizza with a tortilla, pasta sauce, and shredded cheese. I tried preheating the oven, but I didn't realize the oven was on broil or that the oven had other things in it like pots. My dad came in and turned off the stove. He started taking the pots out once the stove cooled. The glass pan shattered. It was a mess at 350 Fahrenheit. At least I learned what broil means. **(Zawadi)**



# ODYSSEY EXPLORERS





# IMPORTANT WOMEN

My mom is special because she's my mom. She's pretty, smart, and I like the Mexican food she makes. **(Alex)**

My mom and my auntie are important women. My mom is special because she cooks a lot for me. I like her tacos and pozole. She takes care of me. My auntie is special because when my mom works, she takes care of me. She plays with me and we play dolls. **(Emily)**

An important woman is my mom. She takes care of me, gives me food and shelter. **(D'Angelo)**

An important woman in my life is my grandma Barbara. She is the best girl ever! My grandma listens to music and I listen with her. She always gets me cool stuff. I love my grandma very much! **(Devvin)**



My grandmother is special because she gave us chairs: one purple and one blue. And I think she loves me. **(Essence E)**

An important woman in my life is my mom. She is the best woman ever! I love that she takes care of me and loves me. She also spends her money on me and my brother. I do not know what I would do without her. Mom, you are beautiful. I love you, Mom. **(Essence S)**



My friends and my mom are important women. My friends are special because they play a lot, we laugh a lot, and we dance. My mom is special because she's kind. Sometimes she buys me stuff. Well, also my dad does. They both buy us lots, lots, lots, lots, lots, lots, lots, lots of toys! Like... American girl dolls! **(Jamyla)**

My mom is important. My mom is special because she gave birth to me. She runs every morning. She works really hard and she helps me do my homework sometimes. **(JT)**



An important woman in my life is my sister because she is a little bit nice to me. And she loves me a lot!  
**(Rogelio)**

An important woman in my life is my mom. She's an important woman in my life because she is brave, smart, and caring. She is a hard-working person.  
**(Jessica)**

An important woman in my life is my mom because she's the best ever! She always loves and cares about me. **(KK)**

An important woman in my life is my mom because she's beautiful, respectful, and loving to me and everybody else. **(RJ)**



An important woman in my life is my mama. She's a very independent woman. She helps me when I'm sick, sad, hurt – she helps me with everything! I love my mom! **(Truth)**

A special woman is my date. She's special because she has a wonderful name. She's cute, smart, and nice. She's like a Gryffindor! She also likes Harry Potter and a little bit of anime and the real, Japanese manga. She has Beat, Naruto, and Dragon Ball Z. **(Z)**

My mom is important 'cause she's really nice and takes care of me. She signs me up for sports, she takes me to school almost every day, and she lets me stay up late sometimes.  
**(Zion)**

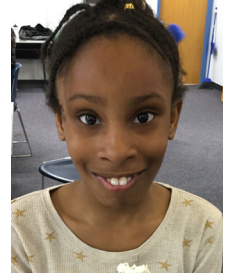




# SUPERPOWERS



I would like the super powers of invisibility, fastness, and the power to control the earth and people (mind power) and make them evil. I want this power to have control. **(Alex)**

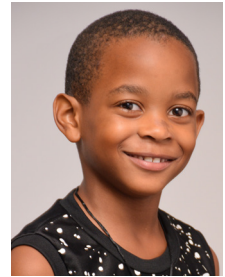


I don't want a super power because it's not fair for me to have powers and nobody else. **(Blessing)**



I want the superpowers of speed, sneakiness, and invisibility because no one can see me and I can save people. **(Damien)**

I want the superpower to make a wand like Harry Potter and have magic like Harry. I want magic because it can help get more you more superpowers and learn more. **(D'Angelo)**



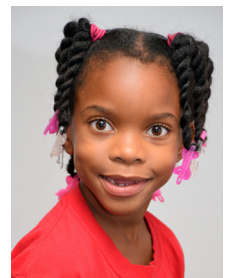
I want to have every single power that protects you and gets you away from evil people. I would also like a Ferrari 599. **(Devvin)**

Let me think... I want the ability to disappear and appear because I also want to be a spy when I grow up. **(Emily)**



I want to be super-fast, so they can't get me! **(Essence E)**

I want the power to have all powers because then I'll be invincible and I can help other people. **(Essence S)**



I would like a super-powered brain (be super smart!) because then I can do lots of things. **(Jamyla)**

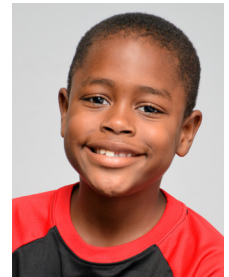
I would be invisible because if I want to disappear for a while, then I can. **(Jessica)**





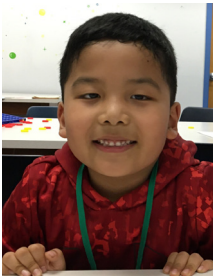
I would like the superpower of mind control because you can control them and have them do the right thing. **(JT)**

I want Green Lantern's ring because you can make and do everything you want. You can make a car and drive in it! You can make a lot of stuff. **(O'Shawn)**



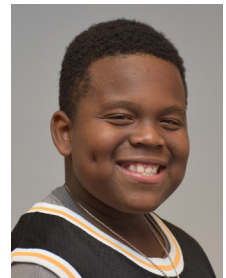
I want the super power of it being easy to jump because I can already jump high and because of basketball. **(RJ)**

I want the superpowers of sonic speed and turning invisible. I want to turn invisible so no one will ever find me, and so I will beat the girl who beat me in tag. **(Rogelio)**



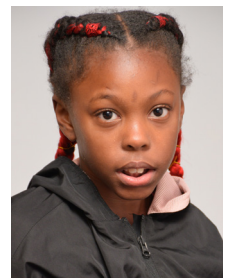
I want the superpower of invisibility so no one can see me and so I can sneak up on them. **(Tenzin)**

I would like the superpower of telekinesis. I've always wanted it because it's a cool ability to have and also very useful. Like in football – you could use telekinesis to help with sports, grabbing things, etc. **(Truth)**



I would like immortality because I want to live forever. **(Z)**

I want to fly so I can fly away to some place where it is always sunny. Not Hawaii, though, because they have volcanoes and you never know when they'll be active—so Florida, or California. **(Zaria)**

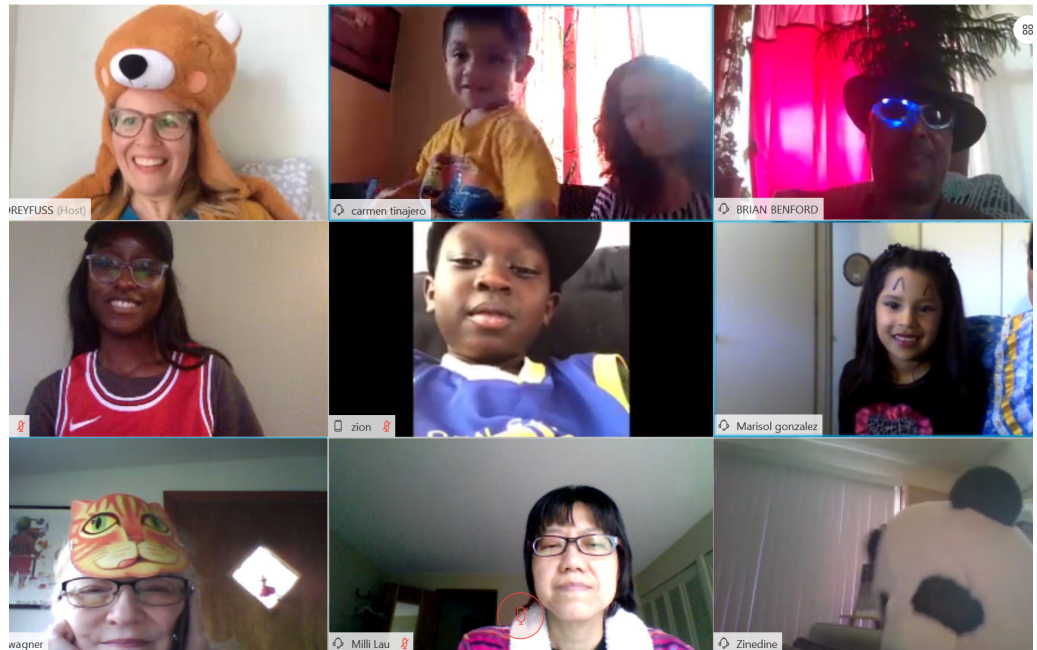


I would like to have super strength and speed because I want to be stronger and faster. **(Zion)**



# COPING WITH COVID-19

I'm okay. I am doing whatever I want like playing with legos, going for long long walks, video calls, baking, and eating good food. I am feeling happy because it's no school but also sad for the people who are dying because of Covid-19.  
**(Alex)**

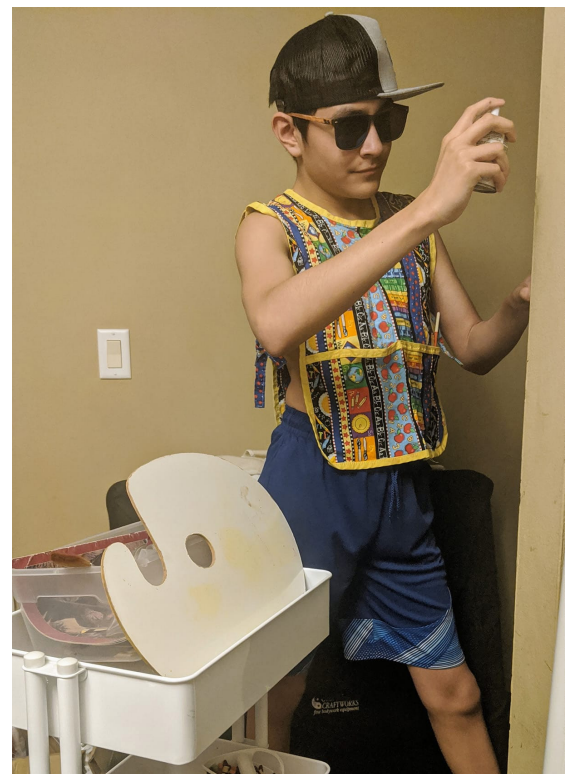


I'm doing good. I'm playing and doing school work like math, poems, a worksheet from school that's called morning work. I'm playing with my brother legos, baking, and going for walks. I'm feeling happy because I don't need to go to school.  
**(Emily)**

I really want this to all go away soon, so I can see my friends again. At home, I'm having fun playing robots and other games with my brother. I watched a good movie, Angry Birds 2. I also play an online game called Road Blocks.  
**(Jamyla)**

I'm doing good, but I'm hoping this all goes away soon. I'm having fun playing with my sister and playing blocks. I also play the Rubixcube Race game.  
**(JT)**

I feel upset. I don't like being stuck at home. I'm doing absolutely nothing. COVID sucks! When it's all over I'm going to have a nice cold can of CocaCola with my boys. My saying: Waffle cures your pain.  
**(Zinedine)**



# CHRISTINA'S CORNER

*Odyssey coordinator and Explorers teacher Christina DeMars photoshopped our Explorers as future college graduates.*





# ODYSSEY JUMPSTART





