

Orlando Magic and CenturyLink Teamed Up to Recognize Students All Season Through STEM All-Stars Program

Orlando, Fla. (April 10, 2019)– The Orlando Magic and CenturyLink teamed up for the third consecutive season to recognize students who have excelled in the areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) through the STEM All-Stars program. Five winners were chosen throughout the Magic season and were honored on-court at a Magic game and presented with a personalized Magic jersey.

“The Orlando Magic are proud to team with CenturyLink and recognize these five amazing students through the STEM All-Stars program,” said Magic CEO Alex Martins. “With education being a key focus area of the Magic's community outreach, this program aligns perfectly with the team's belief that with education anything is possible. We want to continue encouraging young people to be the best they can be.”

“As a leading technology company, CenturyLink understands the value of STEM education and its ability to push the world beyond today's limits,” said Rich Karlis, senior director of corporate sponsorships. “Partnering with the Orlando Magic, we are honored to recognize these outstanding young people who have learned to succeed by striving for excellence. Congratulations to all of the STEM All-Stars from everyone at CenturyLink.”

Students were evaluated on specific criteria which include overall grade point average (GPA), GPA in STEM classes and attendance/involvement in STEM-related activities. This year's STEM All-Stars pictured:

- Jared Locke, 12th grade at Timber Creek High School
- Emily May, 12th grade at Colonial High School
- Ras Byfield, Ninth grade, Colonial High School
- Chloe Smiles, Eighth grade, College Park Middle School

PHOTO CAPTIONS (all photos taken by Gary Bassing, Orlando Magic):

Local students were honored before Magic games during the 2018-19 season as the Magic/CenturyLink STEM All-Stars:

Photo 1: Chloe Smiles, eighth grade, College Park Middle School

Photo 2: Emily May, 12th grade at Colonial High School

Photo 3: Jared Locke, 12th grade at Timber Creek High School

Photo 4: Ras Byfield, ninth grade, Colonial High School

ABOUT CENTURYLINK

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ABOUT THE ORLANDO MAGIC

Orlando's NBA franchise since 1989, the Magic's mission is to be world champions on and off the court, delivering legendary moments every step of the way. Under the DeVos family's ownership, the Magic have seen great success in a relatively short history, winning five division championships (1995, 1996, 2008, 2009, 2010) with seven 50-plus win seasons and capturing the Eastern Conference title in 1995 and 2009. Off the court, on an annual basis, the Orlando Magic gives more than \$2 million to the local community by way of sponsorships of events, donated tickets, autographed merchandise and grants. Orlando Magic community relations programs impact an estimated 100,000 kids each year, while a Magic staff-wide initiative provides more than 7,000 volunteer hours annually. In addition, the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation (OMYF) which serves at-risk youth, has distributed more than \$24 million to local nonprofit community organizations over the last 29 years. The Magic's other entities include the team's NBA G League affiliate, the Lakeland Magic, which began play in the 2017-18 season in nearby Lakeland, Fla.; the Orlando Solar Bears of the ECHL, which serves as the affiliate to the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning; and Magic Gaming competed in the inaugural season of the NBA 2K League in 2018. Ticket highlights for the Magic's 2019-20 season in the Amway Center, honored with TheStadiumBusiness Awards' 2013 Customer Experience Award and named SportsBusiness Journal's 2012 Sports Facility of the Year, include: 1,800 seats priced \$20 or less and 8,000 seats priced \$40 or less. For ticket information log on to www.orlandomagic.com or call 407-89-MAGIC.

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