



HOW FAR I'LL GO

Make-a-Wish Colorado and STEM come together for the fourth annual Wish Week.

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For the last four years, members of STEM's National Honor Society have partnered with the Colorado Branch of the Make-a-Wish Foundation to assist in the granting of a child's wish.

Make-a-Wish focuses on giving children with a life-altering diagnosis a chance to experience a life-changing wish. Wishes fall into one of the four main categories: I want to have, I want to be, I want to do, and our wish kid's choice, I want to go. 10-year-old Imani had made the wish to travel to the Disney Resort in Hawaii called Aulani, and STEM was going to aid in her fundraising efforts.

Preparation began in December, members working excitedly detailing marketing plans, planning each fundraising event, coordinating spirit days with the school, and even decorating as many parts of the school as possible to set the school spirit high.

Banners, painting, videos, announcements, and sponsorships were on the agenda of each weekly meeting leading up to one of the largest school events of the year to ensure the best possible experience for students and to raise enough money to grant Imani's Wish.

By the end of the week, anticipation filled the high school parking lot as students hurried into their sections for the closing rally. Students excitedly began cheering at the command of the Spartan Cheerleaders, rising to their feet as Imani emerged smiling from the school.

After dancing the Renegade, a popular TikTok dance trend, with Imani, students learned that they did not only grant Imani's wish to go to Aulani, but a grand total of four-and-a-half wishes, a new and outstanding record for STEM.