



## Justin Mann

Dreams Really Do Come True!

Former VR consumer, Justin Mann, currently lives in sunny Orlando, Florida. If that's not enough, Justin is also employed at Walt Disney World! Justin's VR Counselor, Tina Sills, from the Kokomo VR office, stated that when she first met Justin, she asked him what his dream job would be if he could do anything in the world without limitations. He immediately told her he wanted to work at Walt Disney World.

Justin applied for an internship at Walt Disney World and was accepted. He began his college program at Frontierland Merchandise in the Magic Kingdom in August 2015. Justin received glowing references from his co-workers and supervisors. In May 2016, Justin was hired by the Disney Company as a part time room service cashier at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club. He became a full time employee in August 2016.

Justin continues to excel in his dream career path. He was promoted to a Relief Private Dining Coordinator in December 2016. He explained that his job is equivalent to an assistant manager at the location. His responsibilities include assisting restaurant guests with food selections, taking their food orders, and ensuring their satisfaction with the Disney experience. Justin may be called upon to do some food preparation and also handles cash deposits.

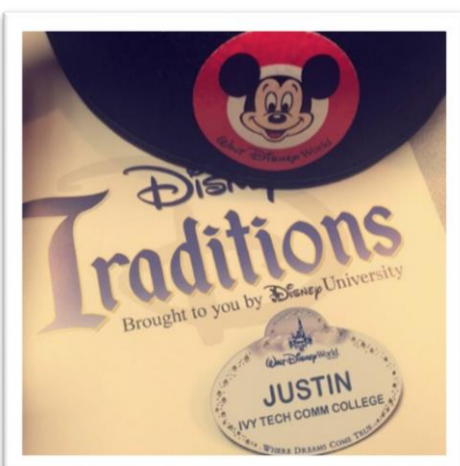
When Justin was asked what he likes most about his job, he said "I love the interaction with guests who stay with us." In looking to the future, Justin said he would like to continue to work at Walt Disney World and hopes to become a front desk manager at one of the Walt Disney World resorts.

Before moving to Florida, Justin lived in Wabash, Indiana. He got acquainted with VR while in middle school and describes it as the opportunity "to set me up in a path for my future."

Justin has a visual impairment, but has never let it place limits on his goals. When asked what assistance provided by VR has been the most beneficial to him, Justin replied, "bioptic driving training." In addition to bioptic driving training, VR provided assistive technology and assistance with the cost of attendance for training which resulted in Justin obtaining an Associate's Degree in Human Services.

Justin stated that the assistance provided by VR was "wonderful." He said Tina is an amazing VR Counselor and made a tremendous impact on his future.

When Tina was asked about the experience in working with Justin, she stated "I was always impressed with Justin's optimism and his resilience." Tina added that she is very happy that Justin loves his job, and she has no doubt that he will continue to excel.



Most recently, Justin went on the Disney Wonder cruise, which included one day at sea and additional time spent at Nassau Bahamas and Disney's Private Island Castaway Cay.

Justin stated that the Disney cruise was "absolutely amazing." additionally stating "Although it was great, I am happy to be back at Walt Disney World!"

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*"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."*

*Walt Disney*

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