

Upland girl wins 'Curiosity Quest'

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PBS's "Curiosity Quest" has chosen its ultimate-quest contest winner.

The TV show's host Joel Greene has spent the last seven years going on quests to answer kids' questions. Each year the show has a contest for the best quest and the winner gets to join Greene on that quest.

This year's winner, 9-year-old Dorothy Kang, of Upland, will join on a quest to learn how pianos are made.



Dorothy Kang

The announcement was made during a live show Thursday night in which Kang and two other finalists -- Chino Hills resident Benjamin Burr and Norco resident Carina Ariss -- appeared.

Benjamin, 12, had several quest ideas including sky diving, scuba diving, being a rock star and professional skateboarder.

Carina, 13, wanted to learn how animals were cared for behind-the-scenes at a zoo.

Both runners-up were given complimentary tickets to Knott's Berry Farm.

When the winning quest was announced, Dorothy was taken by surprise.

"I wasn't sure if they actually said my name," Dorothy said. "I was so excited."

As grand-prize winner, she was presented a \$1,000 Young Savers Account by the show's sponsor, PFF Bank and Trust.

They gave us () this huge -- as big as a table -- check that said my name really big," Dorothy said. "It's hanging on a wall in my room at home."

Then the Kang family got a big surprise -- a paid trip to New York for the whole family. Dorothy's quest will take her to the Steinway & Sons factory in Long Island City where she and Greene can find out from the experts how pianos are made.

"This will be my first time going to New York, and I really wanted to go to New York in my life," Kang said. "I want to see the Statue of Liberty and get an 'I Love NY' T-shirt.

"Now I just have to think of questions for the show," she said.

The episode is being taped over Labor Day weekend and will air in December.

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