

# STUDENTS,

This year, Oprah Winfrey opened a Leadership Academy for some of the poorest and brightest girls in South Africa who showed leadership potential. Oprah believes that it is only through education that South Africans will build a brighter future for themselves and their country.

Follow these special 7th and 8th grade students on their journey as they leave their homes and families to meet new friends, test their skills, and face unexpected challenges with the hope that they'll be invited to attend the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls—South Africa.



## Did You Know?

Watch Oprah's TV Special to learn more about the lives of students in South Africa. Did you know:

- Some of the smartest South African children from disadvantaged and dangerous communities do not have the opportunity to go to school. Their families cannot afford to send them. In the United States, the government provides all children with a free education and requires them to attend school.
- Until 1990, the South African government practiced apartheid, which is the segregation of people based on race. Non-white citizens were not allowed to vote and were not provided with access to the same quality of education and healthcare.
- Almost one in 10 South African women between the ages of 15 and 24 can't read. When girls learn to read, they are empowered to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

## What You Can Do...

WATCH THE "BUILDING A DREAM: THE OPRAH WINFREY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY" PRIMETIME SPECIAL ON ABC WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THEN, WRITE TO OPRAH AND THE GIRLS ABOUT YOUR DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE? HOW WILL YOU BE A LEADER IN YOUR OWN LIFE? WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE GIRLS ATTENDING THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY?

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to e-mail your letter to Oprah and the girls. Your letter could be featured on Oprah's website.  
(If you're under 13, have your parent or guardian submit your e-mail.)

AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK THROUGH OPRAH'S EYES

# BUILDING A DREAM:

THE OPRAH WINFREY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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