



Invention Convention Alumni Spotlight Starring: Ellie Rowlands



Ellie Rowland's won 1st place in the 1st grade, at the 2014 Central Ohio Regional Invention Convention, for her Invention Ellie's Jellies. She was invited to appear on "The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon" in October 2014. The Invention Convention is so proud of Ellie and the wonderful job she did sharing her invention with Jimmy Fallon and his audience. [Watch the video](#)

Check out Dr. Claire's Interview with Ellie

Dr. Claire: How were you selected to appear on The Tonight Show?

Ellie: After winning the regional invention convention for my grade, a producer for Jimmy Fallon emailed my parents wanting a video from me telling them about Ellie's Jellies. Then, they wanted me to make another video. About 2 weeks before the show, a producer called me and asked if I would like to be on the show.

Dr. Claire: How did you get to New York City?

Ellie: I got to NYC on a plane. It was only a one hour and thirty minute ride.

Dr. Claire: Who went to NYC with you?

Ellie: My mom and dad got to come with me.

Dr. Claire: Where did you stay?

Ellie: We stayed at a hotel in Manhattan, where we could walk to Rockefeller plaza (where the studio is).

Dr. Claire: How long were you in NYC?

Ellie: We were there for 2 days.



Dr. Claire: What did you do while you were there?

Ellie: While I was in NYC, I went to American Girl and had lunch, then to Times Square and the big Toys R Us store, where we rode the big Ferris wheel right in the middle of the store. We also got to see Times Square all lit up at night! We also bought some souvenirs for my little brothers and me. Finally, we went to Central Park!

Dr. Claire: What was your favorite place you visited in NYC?

Ellie: My favorite place I visited was Toys R Us, it was awesome!



Dr. Claire: What happened when you arrived at the Studio for taping?

Ellie: When we got to the studio at 1:00, we had to sign in and get badges, then take an elevator to the right floor. I got to meet the producers of the show, get fitted for my lab coat, and hang out. Around 3:00, it was time to rehearse. First we rehearsed without Jimmy, and then we rehearsed one time with him. I was so nervous at first! Finally, at 5:00, it was time to tape the show.



Dr. Claire: Did you meet Jimmy Fallon before you shared your invention with the audience?

Ellie: Yes, I met Jimmy during the rehearsal. He is so nice and ready to talk to kids. I thought he was so funny! Before we taped the show, we had a rehearsal to practice what we would say and do during the show. At first, there was someone else standing in for Jimmy, until he was ready to rehearse. When Jimmy came in, he came right up and gave us high fives, and talked to us for a little while. He was so nice and funny.

Dr. Claire: Did you have a dressing room? If so, what was in it and what was it like?

Ellie: Yes! It had my name on the door (which was pretty awesome!), all kinds of snacks galore, and a TV for my parents to watch me on the show.

Dr. Claire: What was it like being in front of a live studio audience?

Ellie: Fantastic! It was fun to see what it's like to be on a stage for TV.

Dr. Claire: Did you get to keep your lab coat?

Ellie: Yes! I got to keep my lab coat, which was so cool :)

Dr. Claire: Did you get an autograph or a selfie with Jimmy Fallon?

Ellie: No. But, the show took a picture with the inventors and Jimmy.

Dr. Claire: Were there any surprises for you during or after the show?

Ellie: When we went to do "the after show" interview, there were a lot of Smarties out for us. They also gave me a bag of souvenirs. (Ellie was also awarded a 5,000 dollar scholarship from GE)

Dr. Claire: What was the coolest part of sharing your invention on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon?

Ellie: I loved it all, but my favorite part was sharing Ellie's Jellies on TV, and meeting Jimmy Fallon.

Dr. Claire: Did you share your invention on any other television shows after you were on The Tonight Show?

Ellie: I also got to be on Bloomberg (in NYC), and Good Day Columbus

Dr. Claire: What's happening with your invention "Ellie's Jellies" today?

Ellie: I'm just still using it at home!

Dr. Claire: Are you still problem solving and inventing?

Ellie: Yes! I'm always trying to come up with new inventions.



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