



A BIG-TOP CANDY MAKER

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At the center of Big Top Souvenirs sits Big Top Sweets, a confectionery where Cast Members prepare delicious snacks, such as cupcakes, cookies and caramel corn, in view of Guests every day; a heavenly scent permeates the air. Meagan Salls, sales hostess at Big Top Souvenirs, says making the delicious treats is her favorite part of her role. “We’re actually the only place that makes the caramel popcorn in house,” Meagan explained.

Working in Big Top Souvenirs is a little different from other retail locations on property, as the role of sales hostess or host in most other stores doesn’t include making delicious treats. When Meagan transferred from her first job at Disney—working on the rental desk at Magic Kingdom Park—to become a sales hostess at the store, she didn’t know she would also be working in a kitchen. But the surprise was a blessing in disguise. “It helped me realize how much I enjoy baking, and I learned a skill I never knew I had,” Meagan said.

When Cast Members work a kitchen production shift, a lottery system determines which treat they will be making during their shift. While that may seem tedious to some, Meagan loves it. “Just because I’m making candy apples for an entire shift doesn’t mean it gets boring,” Meagan said. “We have Guests who come up to the glass and just watch us for hours, and we get to interact with them, which makes it fun and the time fly by.”

The store also sells themed snacks for different holidays. Meagan loves to make the skull apples offered during Halloween. “Even though the skull apples need to look a certain way, I’m still able to put my own fun little unique twist on them,” she said.

Meagan’s job duties have expanded beyond her role as sales hostess. She also serves as a coordinator, teaching new Cast Members how to make treats everyone loves. Although she doesn’t do as much confectionery as she used to, teaching others is a sweet part of her role. “It’s really rewarding being able to show others how to make such iconic treats.”



NAME: MEAGAN SALLS

ROLE: SALES HOSTESS

LOCATION: MAGIC KINGDOM PARK

HOMETOWN: BURLINGTON, VT

YEARS WITH COMPANY: 5

