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Author and Advocate

Actor, Vocalist, Musician, Dancer, and Composer

EDUCATION

McMinn County High School (MCHS), Class of 2024

GPA: 4.00 WGPA: 4.35

HONORS and AWARDS

International

Kenyon Review Young Writers Seminar, Kenyon College 2023

National

College Board National Rural and Small Town AP Scholar 2023

First Soprano, Carnegie Hall Choral Performance 2023

State

Second Soprano, All State 2024 SATB Honor Choir 2023

Tennessee Governor’s School for the Arts: Theatre 2023

Tennessee Governor’s School Scholar: Scientific Exploration of Tennessee Heritage 2023

Third Place: Mu Alpha Theta State Convention, Theta Individual Written Test 2022

Regional

First Soprano, Lee University Honor Choir 2022-present

First Soprano, All-City County Honor Choir 2020-present

Second Soprano, All East SSAA Honor Choir 2023

First Soprano, All East SSAA Honor Choir 2022

Featured Soloist, Athens Area Council for the Arts, “Play On” Patreon Virtual Performances 2020-2021

Keynote Speaker, Civic Saturday: created and delivered speech to regional audience about celebrating youth voices, advocacy, and activism 2019

Performer, Devisor, and Composer, Athens Area Council for the Arts Youth Theatre Camp 2018-2022

Local

Elks Lodge Teen of the Month for September 2023

Third Place: MCHS Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics Competition: 2022

“Artistically Right: Survey and Analysis on Right and Left-Brain Involvement in the Perception of the Arts”

Kiwanis Academic Brett Allmon Scholarship Award (Best All-Around Student) 2021

MCHS Biology Department Award for Superior Academic Achievement 2021

MCHS Theatre Department Award for Excellence in Performance 2021

Lifetime Achievement in Performing Arts Award 2020

Kiwanis International Most Outstanding Award for Superior Academics 2020

PRESS

https://www.dailypostathenian.com/opinion/article_9cdc5ed7-e330-5da5-80d2-cf29a64a6f13.html

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: LEADERSHIP and COMMUNITY SERVICE

Theatre and Arts Instructor, Summer Kids Art Camp, Athens Area Council for the Arts	2022-present
Prepare K-5 th grade students for a showcase performance by teaching visual and performing arts	
Senior Literacy Advocate, McMinn County Education Foundation: Let's Read 20	2017-present
Direct the sponsorship, organization, and distribution of books to children	
Teacher and Vice President, Anchor Club International	2022-present
Teach elementary students regarding safety and assist with benefit events for the community	
Competitor and Team Captain, MCHS Scholars' Bowl Team	2022-present
Represent school in academic competitions	
Tutor/Member, National Honors Society	2021-present
Tutor in English and Mathematics; distribute food to underserved members of the community	
Founding Member and Senior Volunteer, Love, Period.	2019-present
Distribute feminine products to those in need throughout East Tennessee communities	
Member and Competitor, Math Honors Society (Mu Alpha Theta)	2021-present
Promote mathematics by organizing elementary school contests and representing the high school in competitions	
Advanced Choir Member and Soprano Section Leader, MCHS Cherokee Singers	2021-present
Produce music for community and perform in honor choirs at the local, regional, and national levels	
Member and President, J Teens	2021-present
Manage community service events; provide support for marginalized teen girls at MCHS	
Senior Member, Keith United Methodist Church Youth Group	2021-present
Engage in local outreach (such as community cleanup), arts performances (such as caroling), and interstate missions (such as rebuilding of homes damaged by storms)	
Arts Ambassador and Usher	2019-present
Promote the arts in the community and at school; assist professional guest artists; usher at graduation, arts performances, and other school events	
Volunteer, COVID Vaccination Campaign, Covenant Pediatrics	2021
Assist physicians with promoting and administering vaccinations throughout the community	

PERFORMING ARTS

Theatre

Management

Dracula, Stage Manager, Athens Community Theatre 2023

Leading/Supporting Roles

Charlotte's Web, Martha Arable, Athens Community Theatre 2023

The Addams Family, Alice Beineke, MCHS Theatre 2023

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, Tobias Ragg, Athens Community Theatre 2022

Coyote v. Acme, RR Translator/ Mary, Athens Area Council for the Arts Youth Theatre Camp 2022

The Lightning Thief, Clarrise La Rue, Athens Community Theatre 2022

Sister Act, Sister Mary Roberts, MCHS Theatre 2022

Wart, Kay, Athens Area Council for the Arts Youth Theatre Camp 2021

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Beth, Athens Middle School Theatre 2019

The Wheel on the School, Pier, Athens Area Council for the Arts Youth Theatre Camp 2019

Romeo and Juliet, Juliet, Bard in the Park 2019

Alice in Wonderland, March Hare/Gryphon, Athens Community Theatre 2019

Mary Poppins, Bird Woman/Doll, Athens Community Theatre 2018

Robin Hood, Robin Hood, Athens Area Council for the Arts Youth Theatre Camp 2018

Seussical Jr., Bird Girl, Athens Middle School Theatre 2018

Ensemble

Beauty and the Beast, Ensemble, Athens Community Theatre 2021

Murder in the Knife Room, Poolside Widow, MCHS Theatre 2021

Theatre in a Square, Ensemble, Athens Area Council for the Arts Youth Theatre Camp (virtual) 2020

The Addams Family, Native American Ancestor, Athens Community Theatre 2019

Junie B Jones Jr the Musical. Ensemble, Athens Middle School Theatre 2019

Shrek Jr the Musical, Ugly Duckling, Athens Community Theatre 2017

Oklahoma!, Dream Dancer/Ensemble, Athens Community Theatre 2016

Vocalist/Choral/Guitarist

Second Soprano, SSAA All East Honor Choir 2023

Bass Guitarist and Founding Member, MCHS Jazz Band 2023

First Soprano, Carnegie Hall Choral Performance, under the direction of Dr. Cameron Weatherford 2023

First Soprano, SSAA All East Honor Choir, under the direction of Dr. Morgan Luttig 2022

Acoustic and Bass Guitarist/Vocalist, Keith UMC, Contemporary Worship Band 2022-present

First Soprano, Lee University Honor Choir 2022-present

First and Second Soprano, Cherokee Singers 2021-present

First Soprano, All City County Honor Choir 2020-present

Chancel Choir, St Paul's Episcopal Church 2018-2021

First Soprano and Soloist, Biltmore Choral Performance, Athens Area Children's Choir 2017-2018

First Soprano and Soloist, Tennessee School Board Convention 2017



Tobias in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*



Alice in *The Addams Family*