



## HCLC JUNIOR, STEPHANIE, IS A NATURAL PERFORMER

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**Q. You have had a busy summer and start of fall performing in a few local theater productions. Tell us about it!**

**A.** Over the summer, I had the experience of working with Mesa Community College for their summer production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," as the dance captain and part of the ensemble. Following that performance I was cast in Mesa Encore Theater's season opener of the musical, "Chicago," where I was also the dance captain and part of the featured women's ensemble. The rehearsal process was rigorous and intense, as I had to juggle being an actress and a full-time student.

**Q. Has performing always been your passion?**

**A.** Ever since I was little (about four or five) I have always found the spotlight. Whether it be singing to "Hannah Montana" songs in my living room, or performing for 200 plus people for an opera recital. I find such joy in performing; recently, a director shared his views on this art-form in saying that it wasn't just about singing and dancing, it's about creating...and that ideal of creating something beautiful really inspires me to pursue my dreams and passions.

**Q. What activities do you participate in at school?**

**A.** While outside of school I can be seen studying vocal performance and dance, I spend a portion of my time training for the basketball season. As of last year, I dipped my toe in the athletic department and had the most fun. I love the sense of togetherness and friendship that comes along with basketball, and any sport for that matter. Being an athlete has not only improved my quality of a healthy lifestyle, but I've accumulated so many wonderful new experiences because of it.

**Q. What are your plans for the future?**

A. I plan to attend a university for vocal performance with a minor in dance performance, and after I receive my bachelor's degree I hope to move to New York City, and pursue my dream of being on Broadway. Back in March, I attended a master class with a Broadway professional, and he shared his experience and struggle in "trying to make it," and I felt even more determined to overcome any challenges that I may face along my way, and I think that's when you know when you're truly in love with something; when you're willing to sacrifice in order to get something...and I can assure you that I am beyond in love with the art of performing.

**Stephanie Clark is a junior at Horizon Honors High School.**

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