

Gracie attends Central Hardin High School and wants to be either a physical or massage therapist. Her dad, Mike, is in Community & Economic Development, and they are performing together in *The Nutcracker* this year as they and the rest of the family have done for many years.

What have been your most rewarding PAC experiences?

- GRACIE: My most rewarding experiences at the PAC have been being able to work with professionals and sharing my passion for dance with others on stage and in the audience.
- MIKE: It has been very rewarding to be a small part of *The Nutcracker* and share the stage with my daughters and many other very talented youth and adults.

What did you learn from your PAC experiences?

- GRACIE: From my experiences at the PAC, I have learned a lot about being a performer, and crowds don't make me near as nervous anymore. I actually get really excited to know that there's a full house!
- MIKE: I never thought I would ever be on stage for anything. I learned that I was capable of performing even though I really don't have the talent for acting.

How have you benefited from the PAC?

- GRACIE: I have benefited from the PAC because I have been provided with a place to perform what I am very passionate about. I have also gained many friendships that will last a lifetime.
- MIKE: I have watched both of my daughters grow up performing on the PAC stage in both *The Nutcracker* and the annual The Dance Centre Recital. That has been very rewarding! My family has also benefited from seeing many entertaining shows at the PAC together.

Why is the PAC important?

- GRACIE: The PAC is important to me because it is like another home, especially during the Christmas season. I have so many memories at the PAC, so it will always be a place that I hold close to my heart. The PAC should be important to others because there are so many opportunities to get involved, whether behind the scenes, on stage, or in the audience. It is somewhere that provides entertainment for the community while also giving the opportunity to be on stage doing what you love.
- MIKE: The PAC provides many great entertainment opportunities for patrons and many great growth opportunities for students and adults alike who perform on stage.

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