

SPOTLIGHT

This month The PAC Spotlight shines on:

Nelson County High School Instructor, Mariah Creason Lewis



What have been your most rewarding PAC experiences?

The first time I went to the PAC, I saw *Grease* and thought, "Wow! That looks so fun!" It sparked my interest in theater. I wanted to be in the costumes dancing and singing along. When I auditioned for *Little Women* my freshman year, Sarah Dakin cast me in the role of Jo. That was my first time on the stage, under the lights, learning everything I could about what made the show go on. She introduced me to my passion and love for the PAC.

What did you learn from your PAC experiences?

I learned the anatomy of a stage at the PAC and how it operates and evolves for every show. I also learned professionalism while participating in shows throughout my high school years. My senior year, I saw *Macbeth* on a field trip while reading the play in class, and it solidified my understanding of the Scottish play.

How have you benefited from the PAC?

I gained confidence, grew as an artist, and made so many lifelong friends!

Why is the PAC important to you?

The PAC was the first stage I ever had the pleasure of performing on, and it shaped the person I am today. The people that run the PAC are so giving! They're ready to help bring the performing arts to a community and kids that wouldn't otherwise have the ability to explore such a passion. That in itself is so special.

Why should the PAC be important to others?

The PAC brings forth beautiful, professional, and thoughtfully designed productions for the growing arts community of our town. Anyone who has the opportunity to sit in the audience, stand on the stage, or wear the black ninja suit behind the scenes will have a blast and grow from their experience!

Do you have any other comments you'd like to share?

I'm so thrilled to be back after several years away. It is an honor to be back on my home stage as Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* this fall!

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