

“Blossoming through acting adventures”

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**Judge’s comments:** “Very nice descriptive lede. It takes readers right to the room you’re describing and keeps their interest into the first couple of graphs.

The fact that McGuire is 16 and in Middle College is very interesting. It’s good that you have it stated soon in the article. It could have been mentioned sooner, possibly right in the lede to pique reader interest even further.

I like that you interviewed several people around McGuire to give a full perspective of what her experience has been like, comparing 2023 to now.

Great writing. I like how you wrapped it up in the ending, too.”