

Hello! I am McKenna Jones of Manley, Nebraska. I have been living in this beautiful Village for 18 years. When I was younger I was enrolled to attend the Manley Schoolhouse. Unfortunately, the schoolhouse did close down before I was able to participate. For my preschool years I attended Head Start in Weeping Water. After preschool, I was able to be a part of the Louisville Public Schools atmosphere where I recently graduated.

During my years at the high school I was apart of several actives that include Cheer, Band, Choir, Play Production, and Speech. Throughout all of these activities I also participated in outside activities with 5678 Dance Studio for 14 years. I was in a handful of shows at the Lofte Community Theatre located in Manley.

As busy as my schedule was I was very fortunate to be able to succeed in every single activity. My cheer squad won the State Cheer and Dance Competition two years in a row. My junior year we won the GameDay Category and my senior year we won the Tumbling Division with a second place in GameDay.

I participated in school band since the 5th grade where I started with the clarinet and moved on to the oboe. For the oboe, I have been 1st Chair at the ECNC Honor Band all 4 years, 1st Chair at the Class C Honor Band for two years, and finally being apart of the Wesleyan Honor Festival with my oboe. I was drum major for two years and was awarded the John Philip Sousa award my senior year.

I participated in choir as an alto for all four years being a section leader my sophomore and senior year. I was able to participate in multiple honor choirs and sing the National Anthem at several school sports games including girls district basketball games.

My play production team was able to win the State competition my freshman year with our production of The Addams Family. Along the way I have received several actress awards even winning the ECNC Best Supporting Actress Award for my role as Snoopy in our production of A Charlie Brown Christmas.

Hands down my favorite activity to do would have to be Speech. I have been the most successful in this activity including two state appearances, sophomore in duet acting and junior year in informative speaking. I was recognized by the National Speech and Debate Association and was able to represent speech during graduation by wearing the NSDA Honor Cords.

Dancing for 14 year at 5678 Dance Studio in Springfield, Nebraska showed me a passion for tap dancing. I was apart of the competition team winning many awards while winning a trip to New York City where two other members and I got to dance with the New York City Rockettes and Broadway professionals. My junior year I was awarded the Young Artist Award for dance at UNL.

Having the Lofte Community Theatre literally in my backyard has brought me the best memories of theatre. Kevin Colbert who is the Lofte Director and Betty Colbert who is charge of the music both pushed me to find my love of theatre. With that passion I have been able to participate in the Nebraska High School Theater Academy for three years with the Showcase Ensemble. All of the memories that I have had throughout my years will certainly help me as I adventure towards another chapter.

In the new chapter I will be attending Nebraska Wesleyan University where I will be majoring in musical theatre and elementary education while participating in cheer. I cannot wait to begin the next adventure of my life.