

YOUTH SERIES

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My Mission is ... TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE SO THAT I, AND ALL OTHER TRANSGENDER PEOPLE, CAN LIVE AND THRIVE AS WHO THEY TRULY ARE AND SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS DON'T FACE DISCRIMINATION. ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS BE.

AGE: 18

MY BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT SO FAR HAS BEEN ... I've several big achievements I'm so proud of—delivering a keynote address at the Human Rights Campaign's Time to Thrive conference, singing the national anthem in front of 19,000 people for the Boston Bruins, and being a founding champion of the GenderCool Project. But two achievements that really stand out are helping to pass and defend public accommodations protections for transgender people in Massachusetts, and receiving the Trans Community Visionary Award from the Trans Club of New England.

I'M HAPPIEST WHEN I'M ... performing on stage. My voice is my gift and I use it—written, spoken and sung—to help change the world.

Before transitioning, the theater and performing were an escape for me. Now, living authentically, I can bring my true self to the stage.

IN 10 YEARS I'LL BE ... performing on Broadway, and continuing to use my voice to tell my story.

IF I WERE PRESIDENT, MY FIRST ACTION WOULD BE ... to enact executive orders to protect transgender people in education, employment, housing, credit, and public spaces nationwide. I would then lead legislation to amend the US Constitution to protect all minority or diverse groups of people.

WHEN I'M NOT STANDING UP FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IN,

YOU CAN FIND ME ... singing—singing everywhere.

FAVORITE BOOK:
Being very dyslexic, I was never really able to experience the joy of reading.

FAVORITE CAUSE:
The GenderCool Project is a national campaign featuring the voices of transgender youth sharing positive stories of what it's like to be transgender. The champions travel to major corporations such as Allstate, Intuit, and Citibank, and to major events such as Out & Equal, to spread a message of positivity and to help shape the workforce of the future.

FAVORITE MEAL:
Scallop risotto and cheesy garlic bread.

FAVORITE SUBJECT:
Sleeping. No, seriously, graduating from high school.

FAVORITE ACTIVITY:
Putting on makeup, which usually takes me about an hour. My makeup table is full of products that make me feel gorgeous and confident.

CURRENTLY READING:
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas.

CURRENTLY LISTENING TO:
"K Bye for Now" by Ariana Grande.

CURRENTLY WATCHING:
The Witcher and *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina*.

CURRENTLY LOVING:
Life. In the past few months, I have really learned how to have the kind of self-love that truly comes from within.

A GREAT PIECE OF ADVICE:
Move energetically toward the greatest good you see and be willing to be redirected.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU:
The joy and pride that comes from watching someone's heart and mind open to a new point of view and reality.

BIGGEST OBSTACLE FACING THE LGBTQ+ GENERATION:
Partisan politics and legislation that favors party over people.

ONE WAY TO HELP:
Vote! The world changes, one vote at a time.

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