

*Jordan Jackson* HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THEATRE SINCE SHE WAS IN ELEMENTARY. HER LOVE FOR THEATRE HAS GROWN WHILE TAKING MRS. MARSHALL'S THEATRE CLASS OVER THE YEARS. JORDAN DEDICATES HER INVOLVEMENT IN STEEL MAGNOLIAS TO HER MOM WHO IS A VERY STRONG AND CARING WOMAN, MUCH LIKE THE CHARACTER M'LYNN IN THE PLAY.



*Payten Merlau* HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE THEATER SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE. SHE HAS BEEN DANCING FOR 13 YEARS. FOR THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL MAGNOLIAS SHE HAS BEEN THE ONE BEHIND THE SCENES ORDERING EVERYTHING, DESIGNING POSTERS AND PROGRAMS, AND HELPING THE TOWN OF TALLAHASSEE HEAR ABOUT OUR SHOW! SHE ENJOYS BEING MRS. MARSHALL'S RIGHT HAND WOMEN! PAYTEN WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DEDICATE THIS HER HARD WORK TO HER NANA, KAREN SOUTHERN, WHO IS A HARD WORKING, INSPIRATIONAL WOMAN!



*Malori Wallace* HAS BEEN IN THEATRE SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN THESPIAN DISTRICT AND STATE COMPETITION EVERY YEAR. SHE ALSO PLAYED SCOUT IN LEON'S "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" LAST YEAR, ALONG WITH BEING ISMENE IN "ANTIGONE". AS THIS IS HER SENIOR YEAR, SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO MAKING THE BEST OUT OF HER LAST SHOWS AND COMPETITIONS. SHE WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE HER PERFORMANCE TO HER DAD FOR REALLY PULLING HER THROUGH STRESSFUL TIMES AND ALWAYS BELIEVING IN HER!



*Emily Turbett* IS IN HER JUNIOR YEAR AT LEON AND SHE WAS THE HAIR AND MAKEUP LEADER FOR THIS YEARS PRODUCTION OF STEEL MAGNOLIAS AND SHE DID THE COSTUME DESIGN FOR LAST YEARS ANTIGONE. SHE LOVES MAKEOVERS, CLOTHES, AND LITTLE KIDS. THE QUOTE SHE LIVES BY IS "A GIRL MUST BE TWO THINGS: CLASSY AND FABULOUS" WHICH IS BY HER FAVORITE DESIGNER, COCO CHANEL. EMILY WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE HER HER WORK TO EVERY CAST MEMBER AND HER PARENTS WHO INSPIRE HER EACH AND EVERY DAY.



*Taveion Mickens* IS A SENIOR AT LEON HIGH SCHOOL AND IS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN LEON'S MCJROTC PROGRAM. HE HAS BEEN APART OF MANY OF LEON THEATER PRODUCTION SUCH AS "HARVEY", "PROSPECT HIGH", AN ENSEMBLE IN "THE COLOR PURPLE", "FENCES", "AKEELA AND THE BEE", AND MANY MORE. TAVEION HAS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES FOR MILITARY TRAINING SUCH AS PARIS ISLAND SOUTH CAROLINA, SAINT LOUIS AND MEXICO MISSOURI. TAVEION ALSO PARTICIPATES IN A LOT OF EVENTS GIVING BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY DURING TOYS FOR TOTS, AND FEEDING THE HOMELESS AT GRACE MISSION CHURCH. TAVEION WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE HIS HARD WORK FOR THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL MAGNOLIAS TO HIS VERY OWN STEEL MAGNOLIA, HIS MENTOR MR. ROD DURHAM FOR HIS INSPIRATIONAL HAPPINESS AND DEDICATION TOWARDS OTHERS.



*Zira Brown* PLAYS CLAIREE. SHE'S BEEN IN THEATRE FOR ALMOST FOUR YEARS NOW AND SHE SAID IT'S BEEN GREAT. SHE ABSOLUTELY LOVES TO HANG OUT WITH THE PEOPLE THAT SHE'S COME TO KNOW. "THIS SHOW HAS BEEN ONE HECK OF A ROLLER COASTER", ZIRA SAYS. "BUT I'M GLAD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET IT TOGETHER." SHE WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE HER PERFORMANCE TO HER MOM: SHE IS A TRUE STEEL MAGNOLIA.



*John Malley* IS A SOPHOMORE. WHILE HE HAS PREVIOUSLY HAD ROLES IN BOTH "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" AND "HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME". THIS IS HIS FIRST TIME BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR TECHNICAL ELEMENTS OF A SHOW. HE WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE HIS MOM AS HIS STEEL MAGNOLIA.

*Autumn Maxwell* IS A SENIOR WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN THEATRE FOR FOUR YEARS AND IS THE SECRETARY OF THESPIANS TROUPE 1429. SHE PLAYED JUANITA (UNDERSTUDY) IN "DEARLY DEPARTED" AND AN ENSEMBLE MEMBER IN "DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS". SHE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HER FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND BOYFRIEND FOR THEIR ENDLESS ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT. HER PERFORMANCE IS DEDICATED TO MICHAELA FREDRICKSON, ONE OF THE STRONGEST AND SWEETEST YOUNG WOMEN SHE KNOWS.



THIS IS *Caitlyn Burke's* 6TH PLAY AT LEON AND SHE IS VERY EXCITED TO PORTRAY THE ROLE OF TRUVY. CAITLYN WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE HER PERFORMANCE TO HER GRANDMOTHER, MARY GRANGER AND HER MOTHER, CHERYL STINSON.

*Ajzonee Williams* LOVES THEATRE SHE HAS BEEN IN IT SINCE NINTH GRADE AND SHE LOVES TO STAGE-MANAGE. ONE REASON WHY SHE JOINED IS THAT HER BEST FRIEND ENCOURAGED TO DO SO.



*Carlin Quinnell* LOVES THEATRE  $\frac{3}{4}$  AND HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, AND PAINTING THE SET. HE PROMISES TO ACTUALLY WRITE HIS BIO NEXT TIME SO THAT MRS. MARSHALL AND PAYTEN DON'T HAVE TO WRITE IT FOR HIM. HE WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE THIS SHOW TO MRS. MARSHALL AND PAYTEN. CAUSE THEY ARE AWESOME STEEL MAGNOLIA TYPE GALS.

# Our Honorary Steel Magnolias

*Marianne Brooks:* AN AMAZING MOTHER OF 3 CHILDREN WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA AND BECAME VERY ILL. HER ILLNESS SCARED THE HECK OUT OF US ALL BUT SHE WAS BEYOND BRAVE IN THE FACE OF HUGE OBSTACLES. HER TREATMENT KEPT HER FROM HER VERY ACTIVE CHILDREN FOR CLOSE TO A YEAR...A DIFFICULT TASK FOR AN EVER PRESENT MOTHER AND YET SHE CONTINUED TO SMILE AND HER CHILDREN NEVER FELT THE DISTANCE. MARYANNE BROOKS IS A TRUE STEEL MAGNOLIA THROUGH AND THROUGH! SHE IS NOW 2 YEARS CANCER FREE AND GETTING STRONGER EVERYDAY!



*Marianne Brooks:* SHE FACED CANCER WITH GRACE AND CHARM. SHE NEVER FLINCHED IN HER STEELY RESOLVE TO BEAT IT AND KEEP WATCHING HER CHILDREN GROW UP. AND SHE MADE ALL OF US WHO SURROUND HER FEEL CALM DURING HER BATTLE.



*Anne Stevenson:* A 1962 ALUMNA OF LEON HS AND 30+ YEAR SCHOOL SYSTEM VETERAN. ANNE IS THE EMBODIMENT OF A BEAUTIFUL, RESOURCEFUL, AND RESOLVED STEEL MAGNOLIA

*The Sassies:* THIS AMAZING GROUP OF WOMEN IS STRONG, CLASSY, CLEVER, SASSY - AND ALWAYS THERE FOR ONE ANOTHER THROUGH THE GOOD AND THE BAD TIMES. TRUE STEEL MAGNOLIAS!!



*Laura Gayle Green:* HAS WITHSTOOD MANY CHALLENGES, PREVAILS, & IS THE QUEEN OF HER OWN LIFE!

*Laura Sullivan:* AWESOME MOM, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, ALL WHILE SPINNING MANY PLATES!





*Monique Rita Byrnes:* STRONG WOMAN, FIGHTING SPIRIT, FULL OF LOVE.



*Lea Marshall:* HEART OF GOLD, WARRIOR SPIRIT.



*Jeannine Meis:* GENTLE BUT FIERCE WOMAN. STANDS UP FOR HER BELIEFS.

*Tabitha Peck:* FAITH, LOVES LIFE, PERSISTENT.



*Shannon Guse:* FAITH, STRENGTH, WILL.



*Trinity Whitley:* STANDS STRONG AND GENTLE IN HER BELIEFS AND FAITH.



*Kathy Shaw:* STRONG AND GIVING SISTER. STUBBORN AND LOVING.



*Pam Garrett:* LOVING AND GUIDING SOUL, STRENGTH OF CHARACTER.



*Judy Arthur:* LOVING AND GUIDING SOUL, STRENGTH OF CHARACTER.



*Lisa Prasse:* LOVING AND GUIDING SOUL, STRENGTH OF CHARACTER.

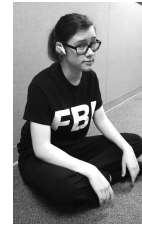


*Barbara Burda:* MY GRANDMOTHER CONTINUES TO IMPRESS ME EVERY DAY WITH HER STRENGTH AND COMPASSION. SHE GRACES EVERYONE WITH HER BEAUTY, FROM INSIDE TO OUT, AND I'M SO HAPPY TO HAVE HER LIVING IN TALLY NOW! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, MEMA!

*Adelaide Whitaker:* MY GRANDMOTHER IS A KIND, BEAUTIFUL SOUL, AND I'M SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE HER! YOU GIVE SO MUCH TO THE WORLD, AND SO HERE'S SOMETHING BACK FOR YOU. YOU BRIGHTEN MY DAYS! I LOVE YOU, NANA!



*Michaela Rose Fredrickson:* BRAVE, STRONG, CARING.



*Martine Marie Fredrickson:* STRONG, PERSISTENT, LOVING.



*Anne Thistle:* ANNE IS INDEPENDENT AND STRONG-MINDED AND THE BEST COOK I KNOW.



*Lana Johnson:* SHE IS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A BEAUTIFUL, CLASSIC, SOUTHERN LADY. I COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER NANA.



*Ellen Lloyd:* SHE IS A STRONG, HARD WORKING SOUTHERN LADY WHO HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY LIFE FOR MANY YEARS NOW.

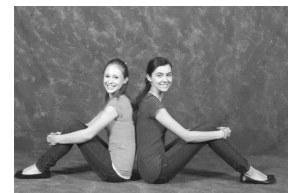


*Karen Accursio:* NOT ONLY IS SHE THE BEST MOM EVER, BUT SHE IS STRONG, BEAUTIFUL, AND LOVING. SHE WORKS SO HARD FOR ME AND I COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER MOM.



*Laura McArthur:* SHE IS A WONDERFUL MOTHER TO 5 CHILDREN AND HAS BEEN ABLE TO SINGLE-HANDEDLY RAISE EACH OF THEM INTO AND THROUGH THEIR TEENAGE YEARS AS WELL AS PREPARE THEM FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADULTHOOD AND LIFE. SHE IS A ROLE-MODEL TO EVERYONE BY SIMPLY LOVING OTHERS AND LIVING AS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A DAUGHTER OF THE LORD.

*Kelly Walker:* KELLY HAS SUCH A KIND SPIRIT AND LIGHTS THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND HER. HER HEART IS HUGE, AND SHE DESERVES ALL THE LOVE LIFE HAS TO OFFER HER.



*Collette Campbell:* HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM!! YOU TAKE EVERYTHING THROWN YOUR WAY WITH GRACE. NO MATTER WHAT IT MAY BE! YOU ARE A TRUE STEEL MAGNOLIA!! WE LOVE YOU! MUCH LOVE, JESSICA & DJ & ASHLEY