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Faith Pierce Awarded Aspire2STEAM Scholarship

Aspiring Music Industry Professional Uses Creativity and Passion to Make a Mark for Herself and Other Young Women

ANKENY, IA, UNITED STATES, April 10, 2023. <u>Aspire2STEAM.org</u>, which provides educational scholarships and mentoring to young women and girls who are working toward careers that require education in science, tech, engineering, the arts, or math (STEAM), has awarded <u>Faith</u> <u>Pierce</u> an ASPIRER scholarship.

Faith is currently a student at Berklee College of Music, working towards a Master of Music in Music Production. In May of 2022, she graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science in Media and Entertainment Arts (Sound and Recording Arts).

"As a young female professional in a male-dominated industry, Faith acknowledges that the path she's on may be tough to navigate, yet she possesses all the grit and temerity needed to succeed," said Cheryl O'Donoghue, CEO at Aspire2STEAM.org. "We are in full support of Faith's aspirations and are inspired by her passion for the media and entertainment arts industry, as well as her work in mentoring other women and girls who have dreams to do the same."



Faith Pierce, Aspire2STEAM Scholarship Recipient

"As I grow in my career, I'll always be passionate, teachable, and persistent." Faith Pierce Faith has always been very driven to contribute her talents to the music industry. While not tied down to a particular category of music, Faith emphasizes she is open to anything that lets her explore her creativity. In the past, she has participated in numerous different activities such as film, television, radio, singing/songwriting, post-production, and live sound. For the last two years, Faith has been the Morning Show Producer for "Murphy, Sam & Jodi", which is a nationally

syndicated radio show through iHeartMedia. iHeartMedia is a mass media leader within all audio platforms and is in charge of 860 live broadcast stations operating in over 160 major national markets.

Over the years, Faith has combined her passion for music to help others. In June of 2022, she volunteered with 1520 Vision which is a music industry mentoring program for students in both

high school and college. For three months, Faith independently led a virtual mentoring program that worked one on one with other students to help them learn more about the professional skills that go into starting a career in music. Some of these activities included networking tips, resume revisions, confidence techniques, and interview skills. Faith was also a select member of the Grammy U Campus Ambassador program with The Recording Academy through the Memphis Chapter. The Grammy U program is The Recording Academy's membership for college students pursuing music and gives them the opportunity to organize private soundchecks with highly popular touring artists and attend masterclasses with top music industry professionals.

Additionally, Faith is a member of SoundGirls, which is a professional organization advocating and striving to empower women in the audio industry. In 2021, she was awarded the "We are Moving the Needle" scholarship through We Are Moving the Needle Foundation, which was founded by highly renowned audio engineer Emily Lazar.

At Berklee, Faith is studying music production, with the desire to one day be an audio engineer at a recording studio or work in film and television as a re-recording mixer. Faith explains, however, that she is open to whatever unique opportunities may come her way and is excited for the adventures to follow. "As I grow in my career, I'll always be passionate, teachable, and persistent," said Faith. "I hold the belief that you get out what you put into something, and I know that I will always give 100% to whatever I do."

In her free time, Faith enjoys writing and producing original pop songs. Her first single "<u>Safe</u>" was released on March 31, 2023 and is available on all streaming platforms.

About Aspire2STEAM

Established in 2018, Aspire2STEAM.org is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which has earned Guidestar's Gold Seal for integrity, transparency, and accountability. Aspire2STEAM provides educational scholarships and mentoring to young women and girls who are working hard—aspiring—to achieve careers that require education in science, tech, engineering, the arts, or math. Aspire2STEAM is committed to helping women and girls with a hand up over the incredible barriers of student debt and rising education costs, and the real, ever-present opportunity barriers that keep them out of most male-dominated industries.



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