

Portrait of a *Graduate*



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From a young age, I always loved performing and the platform it could provide to convey meaningful stories. My first leading role was on the GSL stage as the White Witch in *Narnia*, and I went on to perform at other venues, including Playhouse on the Square, Ivoryton Playhouse (Connecticut), and Off-Broadway in NYC.

Today, I serve as a teacher and mentor through my studio, which offers virtual lessons and workshops for young actors pursuing performance training for fun or because they want to pursue a professional career in entertainment. I have also worked as a voiceover actor and voiced commercials for Apple, Kohl's, DKNY, Lay's, and theatrical roles for Lifetime Movie Network and Nickelodeon, to name a few!

Throughout my journey, the friends and teachers I've had at GSL have been an endless source of inspiration and support. Leslie Reddick's unwavering dedication and passion for teaching and directing have left an indelible mark on me. She attended almost all of my shows, even throughout college, and her belief in me was a constant source of confidence and motivation as I worked in entertainment and media.

The impact of Tina Gault, Tom Beazley, Thor Kvande, and Paige Henson during my 7th and 8th grade years cannot be overstated. When I was faced with challenges due to my learning differences, these incredible teachers provided me with unwavering emotional and educational support. They helped me overcome academic hurdles and instilled in me a sense of self-assurance that my learning differences did not define me or limit me in any way. Their impact on my life has been truly profound, and I will forever be grateful for the care and attention they showed me during those formative years.

I would tell GSL students what I share with my young actors. I always encourage them to stay open-minded and embrace new experiences. I often share the quote, "Comparison is the thief of joy." It's a powerful reminder that comparing oneself to others can rob you of the satisfaction of pursuing your own dreams and forging your own unique path. Your journey is yours alone, so embrace your passions and purpose, and remember that each day is a precious gift to live life to the fullest!

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