

## FEATURE STORY

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### Local Teenager Is Disney Bound

COLUMBIA Ill. – Brittany Myers, a 17-year-old aspiring artist, has been hitting the high marks, becoming one of the most successful, growing talents this quaint, rural town has to offer. As a junior at Columbia High School, this young artist is already receiving recognition from companies like the Disney.

For Brittany, her love for artwork began at the ripe age of 12 years old. Noted by her siblings and parents, she always had a talent for artwork, but it really sparked during her early teenage years. With her talent and determination, her that she will make it far in the industry.

“Even when she was really little, we noticed her artwork was good,” stated Brittany’s mother Donna, “Whatever she drew, animals or people, it was a step up from stick figures. Her art just got better and better throughout the years, and that was when we realized she could really go somewhere.”

As Brittany’s artwork improved, her father, Keith Myers took it upon himself to get the word out about his daughter. Brittany recalls her father reaching out to a friend from Los Angeles who works as a writer for Technicolor. Through this friend, Scott Peterson, a writer for the popular Disney Channel show “Phineas and Ferb,” was informed of Brittany and her artwork. He then forwarded her artwork to creator of the popular children’s show, Dan Povenmire, who invited her to his studio in Los Angeles.

In addition to her invitation to the “Phineas and Ferb” studio, she was able to visit Cal Arts, a college located in Burbank, California known for its art programs. With only an 11 percent acceptance rate, Brittany was assured by Povenmire that she would definitely be accepted into their character animation program. Povenmire even notified her that he would hire her if no one else did first.

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Today, Brittany is taking part in many interviews from the local art community across the web. Soon she plans to contribute her artwork to an upcoming project known as 21-Draw, a book that features 50 artists and their work.

When questioned about her future plans, Brittany stated, “One of my main artistic goals is to work in the animation field, that way I can inspire other artists the way others inspired me.” You can find Myers’ artwork on her blog, [brittanymyersart.blogspot.com/](http://brittanymyersart.blogspot.com/), or you can look her up at [britt315.deviantart.com/](http://britt315.deviantart.com/).

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