



## **Zariya Butler**

(She/Her/Hers)

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Biography:

**Zariya Butler** decided to go to Ball State because she wanted a home away from home. The most impactful thing she experienced was being granted a safe environment to fail. She came from a low income family with little knowledge of acting outside of high school drama class, speech team, and the fall/ spring play. The technique and knowledge behind acting was practically foreign to her but Ball State faculty taught her many different tools that lead her to feeling prepared for the life of an actor at graduation. Zariya became an alumni ambassador because she finds joy in being the resource she wished she had. Her goal as an ambassador is to help students feel confident in their auditions, their search for a school, and pursuing a career in the arts. She is currently working on creating her own work and building her blog to share impartation and guidance to those who are seeking to live a life that is lead by God given purpose. She will be part of a virtual reading of “Black Voices in OT” based on a series of interviews with black occupational therapists around the US that is being produced by Summit Performance Indianapolis in conjunction with IUs OT department to be a means of education to the predominantly white field. You would have also seen her in Summit’s production of “ Be Here Now.”