

Emmaline Tolley will be receiving her BFA in Musical Theatre from Ball State University in Spring 2026. Originally from Middletown, Maryland, Emmaline began dancing at the age of 2 and started competing at 6. She always knew the stage was where she wanted to be. Within her dance training, she found a specialty in acrobatics and contortion, and enjoys trying new tricks. She picked up singing and acting soon after, and knew musical theater was the perfect mix of everything she wanted to do.

Outside of performing, Emmaline enjoys designing and sewing, and works as a seamstress. She also loves adventure and plans to hike the Appalachian Trail (a goal she has been working toward since she was 12!). Additionally, she is skilled in canoeing and rock climbing. She uses the outdoors to connect with the world around her and maintain balance in her life.

Emmaline values love above all. As a person and an artist, she wishes to bring kindness and appreciation to others. She aims to lead life with empathy and understanding, with an open mind that is always ready to learn.