

Scholarship Winners

A family full of talent and creativity. Learn how the arts put a positive spin into their emotional well-being.







STORY FAMILY: VEE STARLETTE, STARLA, JUELZ DEVON, AMORA SKYE

Vee Starlette, a California resident is an actress, singer, and mother heading the multitalented Story Family through the next phase of their life. With her leadership and traditional family values, this family has been able to remain close despite the trials they have endured.

The active family is often seen enjoying time together as a unit, roller skating, ice skating, hikes, and gym activities. They work hard to play hard all week so that they can relax on weekends after chores. One of their favorite activities with friends and family is creating a makeshift drive-in movie where the self-proclaimed "Taco Heads" cook whatever they like or may want to order and lie on the floor or bundled up with blankets outside to watch a comedy or horror film.

During the summertime, Grandma's had been the place to be since she had chemo treatment during the Covid Pandemic. Vee decided to take action and found plenty of activities to keep her family together. Gaming, doing hair, learning new skills, baking, trampoline fun, and honoring quality time exploring all genres of music. Vee took a chance at an opportunity to highlight the family's talent in 2020 through a virtual showcase. Immediately afterward, she learned of Beyond the Impossible program and found it to be the safe, youth orientated, family friendly program that she was looking for.

Interview with Vee Starlette Story (Mother) – Singer/Actress

BTI: What role does creativity play in your family?

Vee: Creativity plays a major role and I believe it is important for parents to spend quality time with their children and recognize their talents so they can nurture them and help them to grow into their best creative selves. I have always put my all into nurturing my children's creativity and talents through the years. I believe supporting and nurturing their creativity helps them gain the confidence and motivation to continue to learn and to strive to be their best in life. I allow them to lead the way and be creative in all that they do.

BTI: What does BTI mean to you and your family?

Vee: I believe BTI is a great foundation to start and learn the steps it takes to be successful as the creator of your own story.





STARLA STORY - 15

Starla is the eldest of the three Story children with a fun, thoughtful, quiet personality and the sense to know when to buckle down to be serious. She is an ambitious actress and model with a slew of hidden talents. In fact, she is a talented singer, but has only been caught singing for Starbucks to her friends!

Cheerleading has been a big part of her life and she spent much time during the Pandemic to improve some stunts and her back handspring on a trampoline! Her hobbies include reading comics, anime, puzzles, drawing, painting, sewing, and fashion design.

As a natural introvert, she tends to avoid drawing attention to herself. When school reopened in person, all the students were ushered into the auditorium for social distancing and the room was quiet. She recalls the moment her pencil case fell on the floor and pencils spilled out sending echoes loudly throughout the room. Starla was so embarrassed when everyone turned to stare that she left it right there on the floor until classes were over. Through the BTI program, she is hoping to overcome her shyness, stage fright, and learn to stress less over imperfection.

JUELZ DEVON STORY - 14

Juelz is an athlete, singer, songwriter, and actor in hopes of breaking into modeling someday as well. Friends and family would describe him as a very responsible and outgoing young man that centers himself around his faith and takes an active part in his youth group. He has a tendency to bring joy into a room with his energetic personality. Humor is a tool he likes to use to bring laugher into the atmosphere especially when there is an awkward silence.

Sports as well as music have been a daily part of his life for as far back as he can remember. He will bike four miles just to get outside to play at the local skatepark with friends. Skating is not his only sport. Juelz is also an avid gymnast, wrestler, and swimmer. Other athletic skills include front flips on trampolines and basketball, sometimes making baskets with frisbee tricks.

Music is his passion. This young man is a lyricist with the ability to memorize a song even after only hearing it a couple of times. Beyond the Impossible will allow him the venue to adapt those skills while giving him acting experience he is looking for in front of the camera.

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"I know that my
Grammy is
looking down on
us every day and
I just hope to
make her proud
in all that we do"

Vee Starlette Story



AMORA SKYE STORY - 12

Amora is the youngest of the trio who is also an aspiring singer, actress, and stylist. She likes to pretend to be shy, but at her core she is just as active and outgoing as her brother. Vee's leadership has been an inspiration to Amora's work ethic. She works hard in school and plays hard in sports.

This past year, teachers have used her as an example to motivate her peers to get just as serious about their schoolwork and physical education. Amora has remained humble with the praises. Her athletic abilities include playing basketball with friends, gymnastics, and experience as a flyer on her cheerleading team. Amora, like her older siblings, possesses a collection of unique skills. She is double jointed, can do a back walkover, and can be seen doing handstands just for fun!

She enjoys playing with her brother, rough housing, or playing games online, just as much as she enjoys her quiet moments alone reading or listening to her favorite songs. All in all, she is a kid trying to emerge out of this pandemic in a positive way back into society and with her peers. Amora is hoping that BTI will help her overcome her shyness, regain some of that confidence she had before the pandemic, and acquire some experience in front of the camera.



Vee Starlette Story (Mom) – Singer Actress

"I want to be able to give my children the best life I can and share my world with them as long as I am able. God has been good to us; and we've become closer and stronger through our trials. I pray He continues to bless my family"





VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The BTI Internship Program offers an exciting script writing opportunity for Screenwriting majors. The program provides High School and College Students with diverse creative opportunities to gain hands-on experience working collaboratively with an award-winning production team. Through the course of the program, every intern will participate virtually in all aspects of script development, ranging from concept to fully written and produced short films.

Application decisions are based on major field of study, past work/internship experience, and any extracurricular activities. Ideal candidates will be organized, hardworking, self-motivated, and enthusiastic about the TV/Film Industry.

Participating writers receive an IMDb credit for scripts that are produced

- Script Development
- Completed scripts professionally produced
- Completed films are submitted to Film Festivals