



## Spencer Wareing

### *Saguaro-Pueblo Bilingual Performance Outreach Program*

To integrate fine arts, more specifically the impact of theatre into STEM curriculums, Spencer partnered with local schools to emphasize the importance of STEAM-based learning and organized the first iteration of the Performance Outreach Program (POP) during the winter of 2022 and spring of 2023. With the help of elementary school teachers, Spencer led a group of high school students to teach them about theatre: set and props design, play scripts, costumes, and more. As students prepared to perform their plays, Spencer was greeted with gratitude and handmade letters from students whose lives had been changed because of the Performance Outreach Program. Spencer's project increased an understanding of STEAM education, and established meaningful partnerships with teachers, and parents/guardians involved in their children's learning experience. Her Girl Scouting journey of 13 years instilled leadership and a spirit of determination, leading her to join the Jeanine Larson Dobbins Conservatory of Theatre and Dance as a double major at Southeast Missouri State University.