

"Work hard, and don't be afraid."

Marcus Lester

... MUSICIAN & ACTOR
... HONOR STUDENT
.. MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

Marcus Lester was *born* to perform. The Michigan City High School senior, who plays guitar and piano, has been singing since age 2, writing his own music and lyrics. He says it's in his blood: His grandfather, Robert "Squirrel" Lester, was a founding member of the Chi-Lites, the Motown group famous for hits like "Tell Me Have You Seen Her" and "Oh Girl."

BRAVO! Marcus landed the lead role of Curly McLain in MCHS' 2014 production of "Oklahoma" and starred as Frank Abagnale, Jr. in "Catch Me If You Can" this spring. He's also been center stage with the Young People's Theatre Company,

has won gold with his a capella group at the ISSMA state music contest, and sings the the National Anthem at many athletic and community events. He was selected to audition for NBC's "The Voice" in 2014.

MANY TALENTS: There's more to Marcus than music: He's in AP and honors classes and has been a member of the Tennis team, Spanish Club, Foreign Language Honor Society, and Thespian Society, and was Vice President of the National Honor Society and Drama Club. "The relationships I've built at City, especially in theater, will stay with me forever. And my teachers have pushed me to make the most of my talents."

ON THE MOVE: Marcus is headed to Morehouse College in Atlanta to double major in vocal performance and psychology. He hopes to become a psychiatrist, eventually taking a break from a medical career to travel and perform his music.

SECRET TO SUCCESS: "Put yourself out there, work hard, exhaust every resource, and don't be afraid to mess up."

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