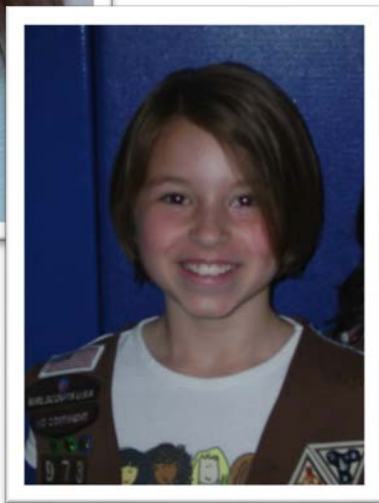




Katherine Carney

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Katherine Carney has been a Girl Scout for 13 years as a member of Troop 973 in Service Unit 607. She is an alumna and currently a freshman at Missouri Western State University.

Katherine's Gold Award project addressed the issue of sound absorption in her school's auditorium and instrumental rooms. During performances, Katherine noticed an imbalance between the sound from the orchestra pit and vocalists on stage. Through her project, she wanted to provide sound absorbing walls to give a more balanced sound, improve her school's musical productions and improve the instrumental room. She received positive reactions from audiences after the installation of the panels and hopes the project continues to provide an improved theatrical experience for her school.

Katherine worked with her high school, North Kansas City High School, as well as Louis Breinin (engineering guide) and Carrie Epperson (music guide) to determine where the panels should go and implement the project. She believes that an improved experience for musicals at her school will create a lasting love of the arts in the audiences and students. This love of the arts will only improve the future of arts education locally and nationally.