



Monique Coleman Herself / "Taylor McKessie"

Monique achieved international fame and rabid fandom for her breakout role in Disney's "High School Musical" franchise, in which she starred alongside Vanessa Hudgens, Zac Efron, and Ashley Tisdale for director Kenny Ortega. Monique just wrapped production on <u>GIVE ME AN A</u>, an anthology film produced in the wake of the 2022 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. The project is produced by Sean Gunn, Judy Greer, and Sarah Smith and will comprise several short films - one of which Monique leads - that tells a cohesive narrative in response to the harrowing overruling.

Most recently, Monique can be seen in the Lifetime movie GREED from producer TD Jakes. She also costarred in the 2021 holiday hit A CHRISTMAS DANCE REUNION alongside fellow HSM alumni Corbin Bleu making for a fan favorite special. Prior she led the TvOne feature STEPPIN' BACK TO LOVE. On the TV side, Monique starred as the lead of Verizon Go90's "THE FOURTH DOOR" and can be seen in Netflix's "FAMILY REUNION" opposite Wanda Sykes and Mike Epps as well as the UTV for NBC pilot "MIRANDA'S RIGHTS" in which she would have starred alongside Rebecca Breeds.

On the host side, she previously hosted and executive produced "Gimme Mo" for Discovery Life, which focuses on empowering youth and raising voices. Her groundbreaking show went on to earn Monique an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Host. Beyond her work in front of the camera & on set, Monique dedicates much of her time to philanthropy, particularly for the UN (she was named the <u>first-ever United</u> <u>Nations Youth Champion</u> and will host the 2022 #GirlHero Awards for the United Nations) in raising awareness of challenges facing the youth of the world as well as being an Ambassador for the Starlight Children's Foundation. Additionally, she has worked intimately with Michelle Obama for 2020's DAY OF THE GIRL. The DePaul BFA graduate is currently available and lives in Los Angeles.