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Heidi Grace Engerman, a 2019 Badger High School graduate soon to appear in her first movie role in "Candyman," pauses outside the Geneva Theater in downtown Lake Geneva.

Teen living Hollywood dream

Badger grad in new horror flick

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Barely a year ago, Heidi Grace Engerman was on stage at Badger High School doing the musical "Mamma Mia" with school friends.

Now, she is about to make her debut on the big screen.

Engerman, 19, has landed a part in "Candyman," a horror

movie coming to theaters this summer from producer Jordan Peele, well known for his previous hits, "Get Out" and "Us."

In the new movie, shot last fall in Chicago, Engerman portrays the leader of a group of high school girls who summon a supernatural killer by chanting his name into a mirror.

For the 2019 Badger High School graduate, being part of a major Hollywood production was a dream come true, and also a valuable learning experience.

"It was such an amazing process," she said. "I just learned so much."

Those who have watched Engerman grow up on stage in the Lake Geneva region are confident that "Candyman" is only the beginning of a successful career for the young dancer-actress.

JaNelle Powers, a local theater director and mentor, said Engerman has natural talent that radiates from her whenever she is in

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