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Advance High graduate and now a Junior at Arkansas State University, Tess Wheatley traveled to Memphis, TN to audition for the TV show *The Voice*.

Tess graduated in 2010 from Advance High School where she had played volleyball, softball, and was a cheerleader, but her main thing was music. Tess was in the High School Choir and has traveled to and from Columbia for State competitions. She has won several awards for her voice and one of them was a scholarship to Arkansas State. She was majoring in Music Education, but just recently changed her major to Psychology.

*The Voice* is on NBC and is a reality show for singers. Like *American Idol* and *The X-Factor*, *The Voice* has four judges, who are noteworthy recording artist. The judges sit in front of the singer, but they are not facing them. When a judge likes what they hear they turn around and that singer is on their list to go to the next round, but if two or all of the judges turn around they then get to move on and not have to battle to the next round.

So on Saturday Tess went to Memphis to audition. She got in line at 6:30am and was inside the building by 7:45am.

Tess said, "It was very organized and there wasn't a lot of waiting around. We were in and out."

Which is always good for the anxious people waiting for a chance to be famous. Tess went in ready to sing *Summertime* from the musical *Porgy and Bess* and after she finished the judges asked her to sing a more popular song. So she sang a few lines from Adele's song *Someone Like You*.

Tess didn't make it to the next round, but you never know if you're going to make it until you try. So good job Tess and don't give up and keep trying!

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