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### Utica student featured in film that won Michigan Emmy



Utica High School's Maritsa Skowronek poses with filmmaker Keith Famie during the premiere of "Chromosomally Enhanced: What's Your Superpower." (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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The superpowers possessed by Utica High School's Maritsa Skowronek just got another boost of energy.

The film she was in earned a Michigan Emmy.

"WOW! What an honor and a beautiful thing to be a part of along with an incredible producer Keith Famie with a superior gifted vision and his entire team who brought this to life," said Athena Skowronek, speaking on behalf of her and her husband Ron and their daughter, Maritsa.

Last October audiences in Macomb County and around the state were introduced to the loving and enthusiastic student, who was featured in a documentary film about individuals with Down syndrome through red carpet interviews, social media and news articles.

The film, "Chromosomally Enhanced: What's Your Superpower," demonstrates how the extra chromosome in individuals with Down syndrome gives them an ability to see the world through rose-colored glasses and celebrates care, sincerity, and empathy — which are all part of Maritsa's natural DNA.

Audiences loved the film. As did the judges who awarded the film top honors in the human interest category at Saturday's Michigan Emmy ceremony.