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**Alum's room renovation project featured on Ellen DeGeneres' new digital series**



Cassie Miller, a 2012 graduate and former soccer athlete at Indiana State University, was featured in the first season of Ellen DeGeneres' new digital series "Design Duo" hosted by Netflix star Lauren Speed-Hamilton and home renovation expert John Colaneri.

The seven-minute episode showcasing Miller's bedroom renovation premiered on EllenTube today. Miller and her boyfriend won \$5,000 from the show for successfully completing the renovation within 24 hours.

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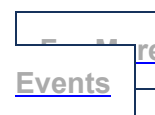
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“It has been a dream of mine to purchase an old home and fix it up, so in January 2018, I purchased my first home, just north of downtown Indianapolis. It was built in 1911 and has so much character,” Miller said. “But that character also brings a lot of restoration projects.”

“One night while cooking dinner, I saw an advertisement on Ellen’s instagram story,” Miller continued. “It read, ‘Do you want a room in your home renovated? Swipe up!’ So I swiped up and filled out the application. A few days later I received a phone call from a producer asking if we could do a Skype interview, and we, of course, said yes!”

Miller, who double majored in elementary education and special education at Indiana State, works as a special education teacher at Matchbook Learning at Wendell Phillips, a Title I school on the west side of Indianapolis.

“Although I missed my students and virtual teaching is rough, I realized being stuck at home during quarantine was the perfect opportunity to begin/finish a lot of projects I had on my list,” she said. “My boyfriend of two years, Beto, has been such a huge help with everything. We have restored our staircase, painted the cabinets in our kitchen, and even made a dining room table!”

“Although we didn’t get to meet Ellen personally, it was a great experience! Lauren and John were amazing helpers, and so were the producers and tech team! You’ll have to tune in to see how our room turned out!”

[Watch video here.](#)



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