

District Thespian Results – December 14, 2019

Each year, the Florida Thespian Society provides opportunities for students to develop their talents in the theatre arts at district and state level performance assessments. On December 14, 2019, high school students from Alachua County Public Schools participated in the Florida Thespian Festival for District 12, which includes schools from Alachua, Marion, Levy, Citrus, Sumter, and Lake Counties. As solo artists and in ensemble format, students were adjudicated in events that highlight their dramatic, musical, and technical theatre skills. Students are assessed by 3 judges, their scores are then combined to assign a rating of Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor. Judges also select a “Critic’s Choice” Winner and Runner-up for each event.

Every year, students from Buchholz, Eastside, Gainesville, and Santa Fe High Schools experience tremendous success at these events and this year was no different. Congratulations to the students and their directors. Here are their results:

Buchholz High School – Ted Lewis, director

15 Superior

13 Excellent

Gabriel Rowlands – Critic’s Choice Honorable Mention (runner-up) – original Choreography

Katie Belanger and Madelyn Smyth – Critic’s Choice Honorable Mention – Duet Acting

“Columbinus” – One Act – Superior at the Florida Theater Conference and Excellent at District One Act Festival



Eastside High School – Tammy Meyers, director

17 Superior

7 Excellent

Angela Gattone, Lauren Shaw, and Alisha Hakim – Critic’s Choice – Pantomime

Nadia Wegner – Critic’s Choice Honorable Mention – Monologues

Gainesville High School – Sarah Shepherd, director

15 Superior

19 Excellent

10 Good

Arden Loftus and Talia Nishida – Critic’s Choice–Duet Acting

Sarah Tees – Critic’s Choice – Monologues

“Anonymous” - One Act – Superior rating

Corrin Pulliam – Outstanding Performance for a lead in the one act

Kameron Brock – Outstanding Technical (stage manager)



Santa Fe High School – C. Wyland Oyama

1 Superior

2 Excellent

2 Good

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