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WCSPA students awarded \$1 million in theatre scholarships

Warren, MI – Senior-year theatre students from the Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts (WCSPA) were recently awarded more than \$1 million in theatre scholarship offers at the Michigan Thespian Festival. This is the single largest amount of scholarship money ever offered to any one school in the area of theatre in the United States.

The Michigan Thespian Festival is an annual theatre event created for high school students from across the state of Michigan. This year's event was held in Grand Rapids at the end of December and included 60 high schools.

During the event, students are able to network with peers, see multiple shows, compete in various events, choose from more than 100 theatre related workshops, as well as audition for universities and colleges from throughout the Midwest, plus New York City and Los Angeles. In total, \$9 million in scholarship offers were announced to seniors, making Michigan's event the largest scholarship competition in the country.

In addition to the scholarships awarded, many student received numerous awards in the Individual Events Competition (IE's). Student are given one of four ratings: Poor, Good, Excellent or Superior. WCSPA received (22) Excellent and (31) Superior ratings in the categories of Solo Musical, Duet Musical, Group Musical, Solo Dance, Group Dance, Monologue, Duet Acting, Group Acting, Theatre Marketing, Scenic Design, Costume Design, Costume Construction, Lighting Design, and Stage Management.

"The level of dedication of our seniors, in combination with the sheer amount of work they have put in over their past four years, has truly paid off," Erik Hart, WCSPA instructor said. "The students have excelled both in the classroom and behind the scenes and the support they've given each other and their growth as self-actualized learners is what I find most inspiring."

The Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts (WCSPA) is an award-winning program specializing in all aspects of theatre. Classes involve a daily, two-hour, in-depth program set in a professional working environment. WCSPA classes are offered to 9th-12th graders enrolled in any WCS high school and is a Schools of Choice option for students living in Macomb County.

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Karrigan Schell from the Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts prepares to compete in Solo Dance at the Michigan Thespian Festival in Grand Rapids, MI

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