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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1:
Just Desserts

June 4:
Seniors' last day!

June 4 & 5:
Drama 1's 15-Minute
Musicals

June 15: Last Day of School!

Goodbye, Seniors!

Becky Woolf

Whether it's been one year or four years in Drama, the entire theatre department at Oakton bids the seniors farewell as they graduate. From *Much Ado About Nothing* to *Just Desserts*, the seniors have amazed everyone with their undeniable talent, humor, and kindness.

Good luck in college!

~Our graduating seniors are~

Grace Cozad ~ Evelyn Cruz ~ Anna Gibbons ~ Anna Goodin ~ Mackenzie Green ~ Jack Griggs ~ Kyra Hemrich ~ Emma Hopp ~ Lindsey Jacobson ~ Gabriel Jarrard ~ Emily Jorgensen ~ Erin Kane ~ Tess Kay ~ Maggie Klein ~ Liam Klopfenstein ~ Finlay Kuester ~ Diego Maldonado ~ John David (JD) Mayer ~ Mahedi Miah ~ Nardine Morid ~ Jacquelyn Nanko ~ Naomi Nero ~ Jessica Sarmiento ~ Lauren Silas ~ Aria Smith ~ Gabrielle Stuart ~ Oriana Tillery-Sucre ~ Nam Ton ~ Josephine Vaccaro ~ Parker Waters ~ Lauren Yarnall ~ Jessie Yu ~ Shiva Zarean

Officers

Vinee Verma

Vinee: "How did you feel to have a new position just for you?"

Samba: "I was really nervous when they were announcing the different officers.

When they announced secretary, spirit leaders, points officer, and the fundraising team, I felt like my fate of becoming an officer was slim to none. Then, they pulled out this cow romper and I was listening to them talking about a new position they had created. I didn't think that the position would be mine at all! But, Elizabeth Paul, drama 2, reassured me being like, "i it sounds like something that you would do, it's definitely going to be you." And she was right.

I am now the Social Media Coordinator for the Theatre!!."

Vinee: "Bella, how does it feel to be the president of the Oakton High School Theatre Arts Department"

Bella: "Excited and honored really. I have loved this department since I walked into the drama room. I'm honored to represent it. And excited to be working with my friends to make it even better."



President - Bella Panciocco

Vice-President - Alexa Schwartzman

Secretary - Vanessa Rivera

Drama Historian - Bailey Kruse

Social Media Coordinator - Samba Pathak

Spirit Leaders - Mackenzie Crane and
Joseph Perreault

Points Officer - Sophie Cassidy

Fundraiser and Reach Team - Robbie Boyle,

Vivian Lemons, Vinee Verma, and Emma
Ziselman

Drama 2 Ambassadors - Abby Cortez and
Ian Matthews



It's Not Just Desserts, There are Awards too!

Samba Pathak

On June 1, Oakton Theatre indulged in their senior event, Just Desserts. This event is for the seniors to show their four years in the department and to celebrate their final moments on the Oakton Stage. One element throughout the show was presenting awards to students throughout the ceremony. We started with awarding Matthew Kim from being the winner of our department assassin game.

Following that, Mrs. Gelinas presented the 'Lydia Kraiger Golden Churchkey Award' to two outstanding new techies to the program. After giving out the award for four years, it was given out again this year. The Golden Churchkeys were given to Simon Todd and Savannah Hale.



This year's cappie show was Titanic the Musical, giving Oakton sixteen cappie nominations for this year. Mrs. Gelinas has chosen a few students that deserve the Honorary Cappie for their hard work and dedication, including Kiki Kraiger for her dedication and running the costumes department throughout the year. One special award that every junior and senior wishes for is for their Thespian Honor Society Inductions. Special shout out to Lindsey Jacobson for achieving over 200 points and becoming an International Honor Thespian.



The department offers one scholarship for \$1,000, awarded to a student from a panel of judges. It is known as the KT Smith Scholarship. This year's recipient is JD Mayer, a technical theatre student, attending the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

The Beanie awards are given to a student enrolled in Drama 3 for their outstanding achievement in non-lead roles. This year, this award was given to Mena Dolinh and new comer, Gabe Evans.

To conclude, the Theatre Arts Department award that is awarded from the school was awarded to Finlay Kuester who is a true inspiration and needed addition to the department from the past four years. Finlay is a triple threat in the program. He is an actor, currently in Theatre Arts 4, the stage manager, in Tech Theatre 2, and the Teaching Assistant for the Theatre Arts 2 Class. He truly deserves this award, and his glad to take this achievement with him to study at Southern Oregon University.

