

Celebrating distinction in High School Musical Theatre

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2014-15 Jester Award Recipients

Outstanding Overall Production

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- **Big River** Sterling HS
- The Pirates of Penzance Trinity Academy

Outstanding Direction of Show

- Betsy Dutton
 - **Big River** Sterling HS
- Julie Longhofer
 - The Pirates of Penzance Trinity Academy
- Berrick Gronewold
 - The Pajama Game Wichita HS East

Outstanding Leading Actress

- B Lauren Waymire (Dolly)
- **Hello, Dolly!** Clearwater HS
- 8 Karen Blackmon (Milly) Seven Brides for Seven Brothers - Sunrise Christian Academy
- Caroline Boesen (Mary Lennox)
 The Secret Garden Trinity Academy

Outstanding Leading Actor

- Variable Jonathan Flores (Bobby Child) Crazy for You - Salina HS South
- 8 Brian Walker (Huck Finn) **Big River** Sterling HS
- Solomon Dold (Jim)
- Big River Sterling HS
- 3 Jared Boesen (Archibald Craven)
 The Secret Garden Trinity Academy

Outstanding Supporting Actress

- 8 Amira Coleman (Fairy Godmother) Cinderella - Liberal HS
- ! Madison Laughlin (Dragon)
 - Shrek the Musical Northeast Magnet
- Kelli Veach (Wicked Witch)
 - **The Wizard of Oz** Thomas More Prep-Marian
- Grace Hankins (Martha Sowerby)
 The Secret Garden Trinity Academy
- 8 Madeline Regier (Gladys)
- **The Pajama Game** Wichita HS East

Outstanding Supporting Actor

- 8 Max McIntire (Uncle Fester)
 - The Addams Family The Independent School
- 8 Matthew Prater (Fred)
 - A Christmas Carol Maize and Maize South HS
- Nate Bray (Donkey)
 - Shrek the Musical Northeast Magnet

Outstanding Cameo Performer

Brody Caster (Chef Louis)
Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. - Douglass HS

Outstanding Pre-High School Performer

- Naidan Oswald-Harris (Winthrop Paroo)
 The Music Man Goddard HS
- Vincent Ranallo (Winthrop Paroo)
 The Music Man Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Outstanding Instrumental Performer

- 8 Miyako Noguchi
 - Once Upon a Mattress Buhler HS

Outstanding Ensemble/Chorus

- Isoseph/Dreamcoat Hays HS
- Big River Sterling HS
- 🖔 **The Pajama Game** Wichita HS East

Outstanding Small Ensemble

- "Fugue for Tinhorns" (Derek Brumbaugh, Jack Warring, Hunter Cress)
 - **Guys and Dolls** Pittsburg HS
- Six Brothers (Tyler Brandt, Caleb Hess, Matthew Brooks, Nathan Kampe, Tanner Brandt, Jonathan Haynes)
- **Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** Sunrise Christian Academy

Outstanding Production Number

- "Kiss the Girl"
 - Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. Douglass HS
- "I Got Rhythm"
 - Crazy for You Salina HS South

Outstanding Orchestra

- 3 Johnny Matlock
 - Joseph/Dreamcoat Hays HS
- Boris Prater
- A Christmas Carol Maize and Maize South HS
- ! Jenny Potochnik
 - The Pajama Game Wichita HS East

Outstanding Musical Direction

- ! Clark Comley
 - **Big River** Sterling HS
- 8 Michelle R. Henderson
- **The Secret Garden** Trinity Academy

Outstanding Choreography/Staging

- 8 Sam Shirack
 - Crazy for You Salina HS South
- 8 Mac Thrasher, Hannah Hendricks, Kylah Comley Big River - Sterling HS
- Yannic Dozier
 - **The Pirates of Penzance** Trinity Academy
- Vacob Wasson and Madeline Regier The Pajama Game Wichita HS East

Outstanding Stage Crew

- Crazy for You Salina HS South
- **8 Big River** Sterling HS
- The Secret Garden Trinity Academy

Outstanding Technical Achievement

- 8 Cory Walker and Erinn Engle (Choreography)
 Once Upon a Mattress Buhler HS
- Lauren Morris (Scenic Design) Hello, Dolly! - Clearwater HS
- Katherine Donaghue and Sophia Wagner (Student Directors)
 - A Christmas Carol Maize and Maize South HS

Outstanding Scenic Design

- Stage Craft Classes
- Seussical the Musical Eisenhower HS
- Barbara Hilt and Technical Theatre Class Into the Woods - Garden City HS
- Jamie Fitzgerald Big River - Sterling HS

Outstanding Costumes

- B Dana Klaassen, Janine Riley, Dee Moxley, Alice Zimmerman, Sarah Anderson
 - **Singin' in the Rain** Classical School of Wichita
- Sharon Funk and Madeline Sammons 1776 - El Dorado HS
- Robyn Hilt
- Into the Woods Garden City HS
- 8 Sue Buhler
- Disney's Aladdin Jr. Pratt HS

Outstanding Lighting

- ! Jeremy Wann
- Joseph/Dreamcoat Hays HS
- Cody Meins
- Big River Sterling HS

Outstanding Sound

- B Cayson Brown
 - Crazy for You Salina HS South
- ! Cody Buettgenbach
- The Secret Garden Trinity Academy

Outstanding Graphic Design

- 8 Anna Schrag and Savitri Lazarus Guys and Dolls - Andover HS
- Sheri Cunningham
- Once Upon a Mattress Buhler HS
- Is Joni Atteberry and Linda Werhan
 - **The Pirates of Penzance** Trinity Academy

Outstanding Lobby Display

- Cassie Caster, Kim Fraley, Jodi Potts

 Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. Douglass HS
- Brama Mamas
- **Disney's Beauty and the Beast** El Dorado HS
- Stacy Berens, Melody and Kevin Davidson, Kathy and Scott Lee, Pat and Penny McGinnis, Shayla Randle, Chery Shepherd-Adams, Kathleen Vahling Joseph/Dreamcoat - Hays HS

2014-15 Jester Scholarship Awards

- 8 Katherine Donaghue and Sophia Wagner (Student Directors)
 - A Christmas Carol Maize and Maize South HS
- Karen Blackmon (Milly)
 - Seven Brides for Seven Brothers Sunrise Christian Academy
- 8 Jonathan Flores (Bobby Child) Crazy for You - Salina HS South

