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## 2017 Rising Star Awards Nominations and Honorable Mentions

### Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical

#### Final Nominations

Columbia HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA
West Morris Central HS.....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

#### Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD
Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA!
Moorestown HS.....	CURTAINS

### Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

#### Final Nominations

Delaware Valley Regional HS .....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL .....	Amalia Crevani as "Judy Bernly"
Delaware Valley Regional HS .....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL .....	Jordan Reina as "Doralee Rhodes"
Franklin HS.....	SISTER ACT.....	Khailah Johnson as "Deloris van Cartier"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology .....	URINETOWN .....	Kiaura Birchfield as "Hope Cladwell"
Nutley HS .....	ANNIE GET YOUR GUN.....	Maggie Spector-Williams as "Annie Oakley"
Pascack Hills HS.....	BIG FISH .....	Nuala Cleary as "Sandra Bloom"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	BYE, BYE BIRDIE .....	Sara Miller as "Rose Alvarez"

#### Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels .....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD .....	Ariela Pizza as "Deirdre Peregrine/Rosa Bud"
David Brearley HS .....	ONCE ON THIS ISLAND.....	Vanessa Sierra as "Ti Moune"
Delaware Valley Regional HS .....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL .....	Claire Wolfson as "Violet Newstead"
Westfield HS .....	CARRIE .....	Emma Stern as "Carrie White"

### Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role

#### Final Nominations

Chatham HS .....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY .....	Neil McCaffrey as "Gomez Addams"
Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Hunter Kovacs as "J. Pierrepont Finch"
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Gary Bowman as "Jean Valjean"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology .....	URINETOWN .....	Spencer Petro as "Bobby Strong"
Moorestown HS .....	CURTAINS .....	Dean Blizzard as "Lt. Frank Cioffi"
Rahway HS .....	BIG FISH .....	Xavier Lighten as "Edward Bloom"
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Sean McManus as "J. Pierrepont Finch"

#### Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels .....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD .....	Patrick Buckley as "Clive Paget/John Jasper"
Peddie School .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Alex Deland as "Jean Valjean"
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	WEST SIDE STORY .....	James Zitelli as "Tony"

## **Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role**

### **Final Nominations**

Delaware Valley Regional HS .....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL .....	Brittany Hill as "Roz Keith"
Eastern Regional HS .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Bridgette Burton as "Fantine"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology .....	URINETOWN .....	Alana Kopelove as "Little Sally"
Montclair Kimberley Academy .....	GUYS AND DOLLS .....	Ellie Kallay as "Adelaide"
Moorestown HS .....	CURTAINS .....	Skylar Raye Noyes as "Georgia Hendricks"
Ocean County Performing Arts Academy .....	SISTER ACT .....	Julianna Cavallo as "Mother Superior"
West Morris Central HS .....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR .....	Catherine McGarry as "Mary Magdalene"

### **Honorable Mentions**

Eastern Regional HS .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Chelsea Chaet as "Cosette"
Morristown HS .....	LEGALLY BLONDE .....	Victoria Fanning as "Paulette Bonafonte"
Toms River HS North .....	BRING IT ON .....	Yna Tresvalles as "Eva"

## **Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role**

### **Final Nominations**

Academy of the Holy Angels .....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD .....	Alex Birchwale as "Victor Grinstead/Neville Landless"
Madison HS .....	OKLAHOMA! .....	Max Vigotov as "Will Parker"
Montclair Kimberley Academy .....	GUYS AND DOLLS .....	Will Higgins as "Nathan Detroit"
Peddie School .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Jamie Cocuzza as "Marius"
Princeton Day School .....	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE .....	Nate Jones as "Leaf Coneybear"
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED .....	Keegan McManus as "J.B. Biggley"
West Morris Central HS .....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR .....	Albert Garrido as "Pontius Pilate"

### **Honorable Mentions**

Academy of the Holy Angels .....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN .....	Bill Fitzpatrick as "Cedric Moncrieffe/Rev. Crisparkle"
Chatham HS .....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY .....	Jacob Feeney as "Uncle Fester"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology .....	URINETOWN .....	Joey Bennett as "Officer Lockstock"

## **Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role**

### **Final Nominations**

Mater Dei HS .....	CRY-BABY .....	Savannah Connolly as "Lenora"
Rahway HS .....	BIG FISH .....	Najah Hetsberger as "The Witch"
St. Joseph Regional HS .....	WEST SIDE STORY .....	Luke Berninger as "Action"
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED .....	Savannah Dooley as "Hedy LaRue"
Union HS .....	CINDERELLA .....	Jason Yanto as "Lord Pinkleton"
West Essex Regional HS .....	DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID .....	Shane Danekyo as "Chef Louis"
West Orange HS .....	DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID .....	Gabrielle Florendo as "Flounder"

### **Honorable Mentions**

Columbia HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED .....	Josh Ewing as "Bud Frump"
Mary Help of Christians Academy .....	ONCE ON THIS ISLAND .....	Miranda Almanza as "Erzulie"
River Dell HS .....	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST .....	Dylan Jones as "Cogsworth"

## **Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Member**

### **Final Nominations**

Columbia HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED .....	India Anderson as "Miss Jones"
Eastern Regional HS .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Primo Davis as "The Bishop"
Fair Lawn HS .....	BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON .....	Jillian Coleman as "The '10 Little Indians' Soloist"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology .....	URINETOWN .....	Rachel Maselek as "Little Becky Two Shoes"
Madison HS .....	OKLAHOMA! .....	Erin Salko as "Dream Laurie"

### **Honorable Mentions**

Jackson Liberty HS .....	SPAMALOT .....	Mikayla Greenway as "The French Guard"
Princeton Day School .....	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE .....	Claire Szuter as "Olive's Mom"

## Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Group

### Final Nominations

Christian Brothers Academy .....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	"The Barbershop Quartet"
Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	"The Secretaries"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology .....	URINETOWN.....	"The Rebel Poor"
Hopewell Valley Central HS .....	DAMN YANKEES.....	"The Washington Senators"
Perth Amboy HS.....	LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS.....	"The Urchins"
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	"The Secretaries"
West Morris Central HS .....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR .....	"The Priests"

### Honorable Mentions

Peddie School .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	"The Students"
River Dell HS.....	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST .....	"The Silly Girls"
Vernon Township HS.....	SHREK .....	"The Duloc Performers"

## Outstanding Performance by a Chorus

### Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD
Columbia HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA

### Honorable Mentions

Gloucester County Institute of Technology .....	URINETOWN
Morristown HS .....	LEGALLY BLONDE
Peddie School .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION

## Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra

### Final Nominations

Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL
Franklin HS.....	SISTER ACT
Mount Olive HS .....	ALL SHOOK UP
Newark Academy .....	ON THE TOWN
Ridge HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA

### Honorable Mentions

Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA!
Nutley HS.....	ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

## Outstanding Achievement by a Teacher or Outside Director

### Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED .....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Delaware Valley Regional HS .....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL .....	Clinton B. Ambs
Eastern Regional HS .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Dr. Gregg Molotsky
Rahway HS .....	BIG FISH .....	Alison Dooley
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED .....	Anne Poyner
Union HS .....	CINDERELLA.....	James Mosser
West Morris Central HS .....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR .....	Jeff Hogan

### Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels .....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD .....	Katie McSherry
Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA! .....	Caryn Elefante
Moorestown HS .....	CURTAINS .....	Erica Scanlon Harr

## **Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction**

### **Final Nominations**

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Jamie Bunce, Peter F. Bauer
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL.....	James Schnyderite, Brittany Nailos
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Katy Akinkas, John Stanz
Moorestown HS.....	CURTAINS.....	Sergey Tkachenko, Greg Connlain
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	WEST SIDE STORY.....	John Zupan
Summit HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Steve Rapp, Wayne Mallette
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA.....	James Mosser, Laura Muller

### **Honorable Mentions**

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD.....	George Croom
Princeton Day School.....	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE.....	Marc Beja
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH.....	Robert Van Wyk

## **Outstanding Achievement in Choreography and Staging**

### **Final Nominations**

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL.....	Heather Fleischman
Mount Olive HS.....	ALL SHOOK UP.....	Janine Byrnes, Kara Byrnes
Mount Saint Dominic Academy.....	42ND STREET.....	Jensyn Modero
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan....	TARZAN.....	Alison Owusu, Kaelin McElduff
Summit HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Kelly Mott-Sacks
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA.....	Jennifer Williams

### **Honorable Mentions**

Pascack Valley HS.....	PIPPIN.....	Francesca Silvano, Kelsey McGrail
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH.....	Alison Dooley
West Morris Central HS.....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.....	Dana Harrington

## **Outstanding Scenic Achievement**

### **Final Nominations**

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Marc Matalon
Gloucester County Institute of Technology.....	URINETOWN.....	Kris Clayton
Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA!.....	Brian Toscano, Paul Gaschler
Ridge HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF.....	Jason M. Stewart
Summit HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Travis McHale
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA.....	Diane Esquivel, James Mosser
West Morris Central HS.....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.....	Ron Kadri

### **Honorable Mentions**

Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL.....	Josh Paul
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Chris Childs, Aaron Forsman, Cyrena Kokolis, Dr. Gregg Molotsky
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH.....	Mike Staryak, Dwight Engle, Mike Dooley, Jeff Drylewicz, Al Angrisani

## **Outstanding Lighting Achievement**

### **Final Nominations**

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Tara Marie Abbondante
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Dr. Gregg Molotsky
Fair Lawn HS.....	BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON.....	Andrew Scharwath
Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA!.....	Brian Lynch
Summit HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Leonardo Hidalgo
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA.....	Christopher Annas-Lee
Westfield HS.....	CARRIE.....	Sharp Edge Lighting Design

### **Honorable Mentions**

Mount Olive HS.....	ALL SHOOK UP.....	Jeff Christen
Princeton Day School.....	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE.....	Steve Howe
West Morris Central HS.....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.....	Timothy Meola

## Outstanding Costuming Achievement

### Final Nominations

Eastern Regional HS .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Michelle Heyers, Mary-Jane Bowne
Gill St. Bernard's School .....	CINDERELLA .....	Paul H. Canada
Mount Saint Dominic Academy .....	42ND STREET .....	Roxane Brady
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan ...	TARZAN.....	Donna Dolby
Rahway HS .....	BIG FISH .....	Audrey Angrisani, Tina Campagna
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Katherine Winter
Union HS .....	CINDERELLA.....	Leslie Laurino, James Mosser, Jennifer Williams

### Honorable Mentions

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Barbara Canace, Carol Rutledge, Suzanne Roghanchi, Kathy Nye
Memorial HS .....	AIDA.....	Steven Hempel
Vernon Township HS.....	SHREK .....	Lindsay McAloney, Jen Fowler, Marlu Costumes

## Outstanding Hair and Make-up Achievement

### Final Nominations

Chatham HS .....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY .....	Julie Edwards, Stephanie Cooperman
Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Suzanne Roghanchi
Mount Saint Dominic Academy .....	42ND STREET .....	Catherine O'Brien
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan ...	TARZAN.....	Donna Dolby, Dee Spencer
Rumson-Fair Haven Regional HS.....	TARZAN.....	Corinne Grasso
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	MJ Arias, Alina Patrick
Vernon Township HS.....	SHREK .....	Lindsay McAloney, Mike Tlatelpa, Trinity Sorber

### Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels .....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD .....	Ellie Anderson, MaryElena Bafundo
Peddie School .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Don Olah
Princeton Day School .....	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE .....	Riley Gudel, Nishita Naga

## Student Achievement Award

(20 finalists, 10 recipients will be announced)

### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS .....	BRING IT ON .....	Aliza Howard, T'Erah Johnson, <b>Cheer Coaching/Choreography</b>
BCIT Medford.....	SINGIN' IN THE RAIN.....	Desaree Vaughn, <b>Film Editor/Cinematographer</b>
Christian Brothers Academy .....	THE MUSIC MAN .....	<b>Front of House Crew</b>
Cicely L. Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts .	SISTER ACT.....	Darnisha Thomas, <b>Costume Designer</b>
Cicely L. Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts .	SISTER ACT.....	Coriyanna Osborne Willis, <b>Stage Management</b>
Eastern Regional HS .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Christopher Childs, Cyrena Kokolis, <b>Production Management</b>
Eastern Regional HS .....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION .....	Penelope Murzenski, <b>Stage Management</b>
Morris County School of Technology.....	BIG FISH .....	Jordan Bernstein, Isabella Machuca, <b>Sound Design/Q-Lab Operator</b>
Morris County School of Technology.....	BIG FISH .....	Stage Management Team, <b>Stage Management</b>
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan ....	TARZAN.....	Costume Team, <b>Costume Design/Construction</b>
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan ....	TARZAN.....	Megan Murphy, <b>Makeup Design</b>
Princeton Day School .....	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE .....	Hope Ammidon, <b>Assistant Director</b>
Ridge HS .....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF.....	Danielle McGuire, <b>Stage Management</b>
Secaucus HS .....	SHREK .....	Drew Fournier, <b>Rehearsal Pianist</b>
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Liam Dwyer, <b>Stage Management</b>
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Robert Scott, <b>Lighting Head</b>
Summit HS .....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Costume Crew, <b>Costuming</b>
Voorhees HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Matt Nowell, <b>Sound Designer/Operator</b>
Westfield HS .....	CARRIE .....	Kate Seaman, <b>Assistant Technical Director</b>
Westfield HS .....	CARRIE .....	Devyn Tibbals, <b>Stage Management</b>

**The Educational Impact Award**

**Final Nominations**

Columbia High School.....	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Fair Lawn High School .....	BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON
Morristown High School.....	LEGALLY BLONDE
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan.....	TARZAN
Perth Amboy HS .....	LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
Ridge HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	WEST SIDE STORY

**Rising Star “Theatre for Everyone” Inclusion and Access Award**

**Final Nominations**

Chatham HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION
Lodi HS.....	CINDERELLA
Moorestown HS.....	CURTAINS
Morristown HS .....	LEGALLY BLONDE
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan.....	TARZAN
Ridge HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
West Essex Regional HS.....	DISNEY’S THE LITTLE MERMAID

**Tickets to the Rising Star Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> will be made available to final nominees via their school contact on May 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Scholarship applicants and recipients will be notified by mail the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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