



## 2021 NOMINATIONS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

### OUTSTANDING SOLO PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS

**Alex Belle**.....Collier High School  
 “My New Philosophy” from *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

**Emma Casertano**.....Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools-Grunin Performing Arts Academy  
 “The Music and the Mirror” from *A Chorus Line*

**Leonor Fontanez**.....Delaware Valley Regional High School  
 “Cleaning Women” from *Working*

**Halle Lipton**.....St. Peter’s Preparatory School  
 “Lying There” from *Edges: A Song Cycle*

**Kyra Longenecker**.....Madison High School  
 “I Want to Go to Hollywood” from *Grand Hotel*

**Khadijah Sankoh**.....Union High School  
 “Waiting for Life” from *Once on This Island*

**Yemie Woo**.....Pascack Hills High School  
 “Fabulous Baby” from *Sister Act*

#### Honorable Mentions

**Rocky Anciette**—Columbia High School  
 “You Can’t Stop the Beat” from *Hairspray*

**Grace Capeless**—Immaculate Heart Academy  
 “O Bless the Lord My Soul” from *Godspell*

**Valeria Gonzalez**—Academy of the Holy Angels  
 “Fabulous Baby” from *Sister Act*

**Jordan Pincus**—Watchung Hills High School  
 “Moments in the Woods” from *Into the Woods*

**Alyssa Tanti**—Cedar Grove High School  
 “Dear Friend” from *She Loves Me*

## OUTSTANDING SOLO PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR

**Will DeLargy** .....Morristown High School

"All I Care About is Love" from *Chicago*

**Collin Flanagan**.....Madison High School

"The Lady Must Be Mad" from *Ilyria*

**Michael Bryant Kessie**.....Delaware Valley Regional High School

"Joe" from *Working*

**Nicholas Matos** .....St. Peter's Preparatory School

"Monticello" from *Edges: A Song Cycle*

**Miguel Ramirez**.....Lawrence High School

"Dulcinea" from *Man of La Mancha*

**Max Rodriguez**.....Ridge High School

"Gus: The Theatre Cat" from *Cats*

**Jonah Ruderman**.....Livingston High School

"Who I'd Be" from *Shrek: The Musical*

### Honorable Mentions

**Elliot Block**—Hopewell Valley Central High School

"Take a Chance on Me" from *Little Women*

**Jacob Canderozzi**—Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools-Grunin Performing Arts Academy

"I Can Do That" from *A Chorus Line*

**Donald Grennon**—Summit High School

"Santa Fe" from *Newsies*

**Daniel Pipersburgh**—Cherry Hill High School East

"Feed Me (Git It)" from *Little Shop of Horrors*

**Cyrus Shields**—Columbia High School

"Any Dream Will Do" from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A SMALL ENSEMBLE

**County Prep High School** ..... "The Most Amazing Thing" from *Little Women*  
Featuring Ivellisses Segovia, Mathew Segovia, Kayla Velazquez

**Delaware Valley Regional High School** ..... "Brother Trucker" from *Working*  
Featuring Michael Bryant Kessie, Dakota Krouse, Maddy Clyde, Mark Westling, Gabi Pfefferte, Tori Kelly

**Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools Grunin-Performing Arts Academy** ..... "Sing" from *A Chorus Line*  
Featuring William Einbinder, Gabriella DeBenedict

**Pinelands Regional High School** ..... "Secrets" from *The Addams Family*  
Featuring Nadia Vito, Lily Targett

**Ridge High School** ..... "Macavity" from *Cats*  
Featuring Elisabeth Schmitt, Eileen Brady, Eve Armstrong, Samantha Rascio, Morgan Connell, Gabriella Hairston, Jordan Perla

**Summit High School** ..... "King of New York" from *Newsies*  
Featuring Sydney Veloso, Hope Pierotti, Avery Johnson, Anna Sullivan, Theo Errig, Ethan Engmann

**Union High School** ..... "Forever Yours" from *Once on This Island*  
Featuring Khadijah Sankoh, Makayla Michel

### Honorable Mentions

**County Prep High School**—"Some Things Are Meant to Be" from *Little Women*  
Featuring Kayla Velazquez, Tatyana Serrato

**Hopewell Valley Central High School**—"Five Forever" from *Little Women*  
Featuring Molly Higgins, Gretchen Cole, Olivia Levin, Piper Ward, Elliot Block

**Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools-Grunin Performing Arts Academy**  
"At the Ballet" from *A Chorus Line*  
Featuring Gianna Mancuso, Nicole McColley, Emily Reid

**Union High School**—"Ti Moune's Dance" from *Once on This Island*  
Featuring Khadijah Sankoh & Company

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A LARGE ENSEMBLE

**Columbia High School**.....“You Can't Stop the Beat” from *Hairspray*  
**Delaware Valley Regional High School**.....“All the Livelong Day” from *Working*  
**Madison High School**.....“On My Way” from *Violet*  
**Ridge High School**..... “The Jellicle Ball” from *Cats*  
**St. Peter’s Preparatory School**..... “Become” from *Edges: A Song Cycle*  
**Summit High School**..... “Seize the Day” from *Newsies*  
**Union High School**.....“Mama Will Provide” from *Once on This Island*

### Honorable Mentions

#### **Bridgewater-Raritan High School**

“God I Hate Shakespeare” from *Something Rotten*

#### **Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools-Grunin Performing Arts Academy**

“What I Did for Love” from *A Chorus Line*

#### **Westfield High School**

“O Bless the Lord My Soul” from *Godspell*



## OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD NOMINEES

### **Elizabeth Volpe**

Atlantic County Institute of Technology

### **Jodi Bosch**

Mount Olive High School

### **Pete Gambino**

Cherry Hill High School East

### **Jensyn Modero**

Mount Saint Dominic Academy

### **Michael Penna**

Collier High School

### **Bart DiFrancia**

Pinelands Regional High School

### **John Giresi**

Fair Lawn High School

### **Anne Poyner**

Summit High School

### **Jim DeVivo**

Holmdel High School

### **Steven Collins**

Union County Academy for Performing Arts

### **Blake Spence**

Madison High School

### **Nancy Reynolds**

Voorhees High School

### **Cindy Dwyer**

Mater Dei Prep

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES

**Dominic Roberts**, Dance Captain.....Atlantic County Institute of Technology  
**Liz Driscoll**, Dance Captain.....Bridgewater-Raritan High School  
**Sophia Pedroso**, Stage Manager.....Bridgewater-Raritan High School  
**Simon Kinderman**, Designer: Cinematography/Production/Pit.....Delaware Valley Regional High School  
**Grace Capeless**, Assistant Director/Film Editor..... Immaculate Heart Academy  
**Felix Tavarez**, Assistant Choreographer.....José Martí STEM Academy  
**Clarisse Moreno, Kathy Bernal, Oliver Villalta**, Writing Team.....José Martí STEM Academy  
**Lorelei Eck**, Student Director.....Morristown High School  
**Hema Davalla & Sophia Garske**, Production Stage Managers.....Mount Saint Dominic Academy  
**Kiera Carbone, Ava Ciauro, Lynn Jean-Baptiste**, Sound Board Operators.....Mount Saint Dominic Academy  
**Valentina Cannao**, Scenic Designer & Assistant Director.....Pascack Hills High School  
**Melly Merida**, Scenic Illustrations.....Piscataway High School  
**Kathleen Brennan, Christine Hamilton, Jilliane Najera**, Digital Designers.....Randolph High School  
**Morgan Beatty**, Student Director.....Ridge High School  
**Emma MacPherson**, Costume Crew Head.....Summit High School  
**Archie Bird**, Tech Crew.....Toms River High School North  
**Owen Tabor**, Choreographer/Dance Captain.....Voorhees High School  
**Ben Zakharenko**, Sound Designer.....Westfield High School  
**Josh Saxon**, Scenic Designer / Asst. Technical Director..... Westfield High School



## THEATRE FOR EVERYONE INCLUSION AND ACCESS AWARD NOMINEES

Collier High School

Madison High School

Piscataway High School

Scholarship recipients will be notified the week of May 17.

Congratulations to all of our participants, honorable mentions, and nominees! Be sure to watch the Rising Star Awards Ceremony on Paper Mill Playhouse's Facebook and YouTube pages **June 7, 2021 at 7pm.**