

# PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

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27<sup>TH</sup>  
**RISING STAR**  
Awards

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## 2022 RISING STAR AWARDS NOMINATIONS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

### OUTSTANDING OVERALL PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL

#### Final Nominations

Clearview Regional HS.....	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME
Columbia HS .....	NEWSIES
Immaculate Heart Academy .....	LEGALLY BLONDE
Ridge HS .....	MATILDA
Scotch Plains Fanwood HS .....	LES MISERABLES
Summit HS .....	FOOTLOOSE
West Milford Township HS.....	ANASTASIA

#### Honorable Mentions

Haddonfield HS .....	RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	BIG FISH

### OUTSTANDING LEADING PERFORMER IN A FEMALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE

#### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS ....	LEGALLY BLONDE .....	Talia Fabrizzio as "Elle Woods"
Clearview Regional HS .....	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	Leah Rose Crossan as "Esmerelda"
Columbia HS.....	NEWSIES.....	Grace Trenouth as "Katherine Plumber"
Haddonfield HS.....	R & H's CINDERELLA .....	Katie Walsh as "Cinderella"
Jonathan Dayton HS .....	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Gabby Gutierrez as "Roxie Hart"
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA .....	Libby Schmitt as "Matilda"
West Milford Township HS .....	ANASTASIA.....	Mia Grizzuti as "Anya"

#### Honorable Mentions

Carteret HS .....	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Jasmin Langomas as "Roxie"
Hopewell Valley Central HS .....	BIG FISH .....	Piper Ward as "Sandra Bloom"
Kinnelon HS.....	THE LITTLE MERMAID.....	Katie Nieto as "Ariel"
Summit HS.....	FOOTLOOSE.....	Anna Sullivan as "Arielle Moore"

## **OUTSTANDING LEADING PERFORMER IN A MALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE**

### **Final Nominations**

Academy of the Holy Angels .....	THE 25 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE..	Thomas Snyder as <i>"William Barfee"</i>
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	BIG FISH .....	Elliot Block as <i>"Edward Bloom"</i>
Jose Marti STEM Academy.....	CABARET .....	Carlos de la Cruz as <i>"Emcee"</i>
Piscataway HS.....	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL .....	Najm Muhammad as <i>"SpongeBob"</i>
Saint Peter's Preparatory School.....	JEKYLL AND HYDE .....	Nicholas Matos as <i>"Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde"</i>
Somerville HS.....	LES MISERABLES .....	Marcello Fois as <i>"Javert"</i>
West Milford Township HS.....	ANASTASIA.....	Jason Pritchett as <i>"Dmitry"</i>

### **Honorable Mentions**

Academy for Performing Arts at UCPTS....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Tyler Sautner as <i>"Emmett Forrest"</i>
County Prep HS.....	HEATHERS: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Mathew Segovia as <i>"JD"</i>
North Hunterdon HS.....	THE LITTLE MERMAID.....	Alek Lipinski as <i>"Prince Eric"</i>
Summit HS.....	FOOTLOOSE .....	Donald Grennon as <i>"Ren McCormack"</i>

## **OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER IN A FEMALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE**

### **Final Nominations**

Columbia HS .....	NEWSIES.....	Rocky Anicette as <i>"Medda Larkin"</i>
Ewing HS.....	THE 25 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE.	Maddie Marsola as <i>"Rona Lisa Peretti"</i>
Immaculate Heart Academy .....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Taylor Terry as <i>"Paulette Bonafonte"</i>
Ocean County Vocational Tech. School.....	BRING IT ON .....	AJ Ring as <i>"Bridget"</i>
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA .....	Rachel Vanek as <i>"Miss Honey"</i>
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	LES MISERABLES .....	Ashley Hoberman as <i>"Cosette"</i>
Westfield HS.....	MAMMA MIA! .....	Kayla Louison as <i>"Tanya Chesham-Leigh"</i>

### **Honorable Mentions**

Clearview Regional HS .....	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	Kaitlyn Dubeau as <i>"Clopin"</i>
Morris Knolls HS .....	MAMMA MIA! .....	Caroline Tenberge as <i>"Rosie"</i>
Northern Highlands Regional HS .....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Gillian DuBroff as <i>"Bea Bottom"</i>
Somerville HS.....	LES MISERABLES .....	Andi Kern as <i>"Eponine"</i>

## **OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER IN A MALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE**

### **Final Nominations**

Clearview Regional HS .....	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	Adam Bathurst as <i>"Claude Frolo"</i>
Columbia HS .....	NEWSIES.....	Alex Iozzio as <i>"Davey"</i>
Ewing HS.....	THE 25 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE	Jayden White as <i>"Chip Tolentino"</i>
Northern Highlands Regional HS .....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Patrick Keeble as <i>"Nigel Bottom"</i>
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA .....	Oscar Grob as <i>"Mr. Wormwood"</i>
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	LES MISERABLES .....	Gavin Lesnevich as <i>"Thenardier"</i>
Summit HS.....	FOOTLOOSE .....	Evan Gunter as <i>"Reverend Shaw"</i>

### **Honorable Mentions**

Carteret HS.....	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Andres Lanza as <i>"Billy Flynn"</i>
Eastern Regional HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE .....	Ethan Cauffman as <i>"Prof. Callahan"</i>
Morris Knolls HS .....	MAMMA MIA! .....	Michael Luciano as <i>"Harry Bright"</i>

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A FEATURED ROLE

### Final Nominations

Columbia HS	NEWSIES	Katie Trzaska as "Race"
Haddonfield HS	R & H'S CINDERELLA	Erica Watts as "Charlotte"
Immaculate Heart Academy	LEGALLY BLONDE	Katherine Ryan as "Vivienne Kensington"
Morristown HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!	Peyton Wild as "Nostradamus"
Morristown-Beard School	SWEET CHARITY	Alana Smith as "Mama Brubeck"
Oakcrest HS	MEMPHIS	Elliot Newman as "Bobby"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	LES MISERABLES	Maya Handler as "Madame Thenardier"

### Honorable Mentions

Bridgewater-Raritan Regional HS	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Fallon Billy as "Mama Morton"
Hillsborough HS	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL	Ellie Beder as "Pearl Krabs"
Overbrook HS	FOOTLOOSE	Jeremy Davis as "Willard"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	LES MISERABLES	Graeme Daniskas as "Enjolras"

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ENSEMBLE MEMBER

### Final Nominations

Clearview Regional HS	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	Jacob Stiles as "Saint Aphrodisius"
Delaware Valley Regional HS	PETER PAN	Dakota Krouse as "Slightly Soiled"
Gloucester County Institute of Tech.	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Colin McMahon as "Fred Casely"
Northern Valley Regional HS Demarest	LEGALLY BLONDE	Noa Saban as "Serena"
Overbrook HS	FOOTLOOSE	Simone Pratt as "Cowgirl Barb"
Ridge HS	MATILDA	Gabriel Subervi as "Escapologist, Doctor"
West Milford Township HS	ANASTASIA	Jaidan Becker as "Count Ipolitov"

### Honorable Mentions

Piscataway HS	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL	Jackson Bartle as "Perch Perkins"
Northern Highlands Regional HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!	Alyssa Laze as "Shylock"
Saddle River Day School	LEGALLY BLONDE	Elaine Blessed Smith as "Enid Hoops"

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ENSEMBLE GROUP

### Final Nominations

Columbia HS	NEWSIES	"The Bowery Beauties"
Hillsborough High School	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL	"The Sardines"
Immaculate Heart Academy	LEGALLY BLONDE	"The Delta Nu Greek Chorus"
Moorestown HS	HONK!	"The Ducklings"
Morristown-Beard School	SWEET CHARITY	"The Dance Hall Girls"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	LES MISERABLES	"The Lovely Ladies"
Somerville HS	LES MISERABLES	"The Students"

### Honorable Mentions

Gloucester County Institute of Tech.	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	"The Merry Murderesses"
Wallkill Valley Regional HS	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	"The Merry Murderesses"

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A CHORUS

### Final Nominations

Clearview Regional HS.....	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME
Columbia HS.....	NEWSIES
Haddonfield HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA
Immaculate Heart Academy.....	LEGALLY BLONDE
Morristown HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA
Summit HS.....	FOOTLOOSE

### Honorable Mentions

Academy of Performing Arts as UCVTS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	BIG FISH
Morris Knolls HS.....	MAMMA MIA!
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	LES MISERABLES

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY AN ORCHESTRA

### Final Nominations

Carteret HS.....	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION
Jose Marti STEM Academy.....	CABARET
Morristown HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Newark Academy.....	MAMMA MIA!
Princeton HS.....	CURTAINS: SCHOOL EDITION
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA
Summit HS.....	FOOTLOOSE

### Honorable Mentions

Cicely L. Tyson Community School.....	42 <sup>nd</sup> STREET
Hillsborough High School.....	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	BIG FISH

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY A TEACHER OR OUTSIDE DIRECTOR

### Final Nominations

Clearview Regional HS.....	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	Paul Sommers
Columbia HS.....	NEWSIES.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Haddonfield HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Matt DiDonato
Immaculate Heart Academy.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Jodi Capeless
Moorestown HS.....	HONK!.....	Erica Scanlon Harr
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA.....	Martha Harvey
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	LES MISERABLES.....	Morgan Knight

### Honorable Mentions

Ewing High School.....	THE 25 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE...	Christina Monaco Caldwell
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	BIG FISH.....	Katie Rochon
Summit HS.....	FOOTLOOSE.....	Anne Poyner
West Milford Township HS.....	ANASTASIA.....	Heather Burns

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC DIRECTION

### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS	.....LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Bruce De La Cruz
Clearview Regional HS	.....THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	Romel McInnis, Diana Gable
Haddonfield HS	.....R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Tyler Mills
Immaculate Heart Academy	.....LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Edward Ginter
Morristown HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	David Gallagher
Ridge HS	.....MATILDA.....	Carol Beadle
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	.....LES MISERABLES.....	Jan Allen and Trey Shore

### Honorable Mentions

Egg Harbor Township HS	.....SISTER ACT.....	Richard Tinsley
Ewing HS	.....THE 25 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE...	Alexander Minter
Hopewell Valley Central HS	.....BIG FISH.....	Randy White

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CHOREOGRAPHY AND STAGING

### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS	.....LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Jaimie Woodruff
Columbia HS	.....NEWSIES.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Hopewell Valley Central HS	.....BIG FISH.....	Louis Palena, Jordan Brennan
Ridge HS	.....MATILDA.....	Rachel Miranda, Jennifer Diguseppe
Summit HS	.....FOOTLOOSE.....	Kelly Mott-Sacks
Union City HS	.....CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION..	Anthony Gusevich, Felix Tavarez
West Milford Township HS	.....ANASTASIA.....	Randy Accardi

### Honorable Mentions

Gloucester County Institute of Tech.	.....CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION..	Erica Cavanaugh
Haddonfield HS	.....R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Sara De Rossi
Morristown HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Chelsea Gower, Anne Fattal

## OUTSTANDING SCENIC ACHIEVEMENT

### Final Nominations

Clearview Regional HS	.....THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	Harry Snyder (Stage Krew Productions), Luke Hansen
Columbia HS	.....NEWSIES.....	Louis J. Medrano
Harrison HS	.....THE APPLE TREE.....	Colin Shields
Immaculate Heart Academy	.....LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Vincent Gunn
Midland Park HS	.....THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL.....	Donna Halliwell, Cindy Mahoney
Moorestown HS	.....HONK!.....	Luke Capritti, Andrew Robinson
Ridge HS	.....MATILDA.....	Jason M. Stewart

### Honorable Mentions

Chatham HS	.....ANASTASIA.....	Brittany Vasta
Haddonfield HS	.....R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Bob Shindle
Princeton HS	.....CURTAINS: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Jeffrey Van Velsor, Bridget Schmidt
Summit HS	.....FOOTLOOSE.....	Jordan Jonato

## OUTSTANDING LIGHTING ACHIEVEMENT

### Final Nominations

Clearview Regional HS .....	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	James Oldt Lighting and Sound, Chris Wood, John Schwab, Henry Daniluk
Columbia HS .....	NEWSIES.....	Tara Marie Abbondante
Harrison HS.....	THE APPLE TREE.....	Colin Shields
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	BIG FISH .....	Jeffrey Kelly
Immaculate Heart Academy .....	LEGALLY BLONDE .....	Nikki Belenski
Midland Park HS.....	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL .....	Donna Halliwell
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA .....	Dallas Harvey

### Honorable Mentions

Haddonfield HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA .....	Camilla Manskopft, Jack Novak
Madison HS.....	SWEET CHARITY .....	Cameron Filepas
Summit HS.....	FOOTLOOSE .....	Rik Clark
Wallkill Valley Regional HS.....	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION ..	Michael Kimmel, Lisa Weinsrott

## OUTSTANDING COSTUMING ACHIEVEMENT

### Final Nominations

Haddonfield Memorial HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Sabrina Windt, Matt DiDonato
Harrison HS.....	THE APPLE TREE.....	Mary Pat Shields
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	BIG FISH .....	Jordan Brennan
Midland Park HS.....	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL .....	Joanna VanVliet, Donna Halliwell
Pinelands Regional HS.....	THE SOUND OF MUSIC .....	Kathleen Barr
Piscataway HS.....	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL .....	Janet Van Allen, Patti Bell, Christie Hall
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA .....	Bonnie Grube

### Honorable Mentions

Columbia HS .....	NEWSIES.....	Barbara Canace
Ewing HS.....	THE 25 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE ...	Sean Hubert
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	LES MISERABLES .....	Joanne Sprague
West Milford HS.....	ANASTASIA.....	H. Burns, J. Cohen, C. Redder, L. DiCicco

## OUTSTANDING HAIR AND MAKE-UP ACHIEVEMENT

### Final Nominations

Columbia HS .....	NEWSIES.....	Derek Alfano
Haddonfield HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Dawn Sheidt
Hammonton HS.....	SHREK.....	Dawn Baldwin
Harrison HS.....	THE APPLE TREE .....	Colin Shields
Midland Park HS.....	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL .....	Joanna VanVliet, Helene Rosso, Melissa Quinn
Moorestown HS.....	HONK! .....	Al Fuchs
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	LES MISERABLES .....	Student-Led

### Honorable Mentions

Clearview Regional HS .....	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	Carol Maggioncalda
Gloucester County Institute of Tech. ....	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION ..	Caitlin Geisser, Caitlin Sweitanski
Morristown HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Colleen Lavin, Dalia Elkady

## OUTSTANDING SOLO PERFORMANCE DIGITAL SUBMISSION

### Final Nominations

Atlantic County Institute of Technology ...	"Elaborate Lives".....	Ben Silvesti
Atlantic County Institute of Technology ...	"How I Know you" .....	Dominic Roberts
Dover HS.....	"It Won't Long Now".....	Alyssa Correa
High Tech HS.....	"What Kind of Fool" .....	Avery Ramsey
High Tech HS.....	"Raise a Little Hell" .....	Christopher Martinez
High Tech HS.....	"Show Off" .....	Hannah Beemer
Livingston HS .....	"If I Were a Rich Man" .....	Jonah Ruderman

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

(20 finalists, 10 recipients will be announced)

### Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels .....	THE 25 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE.....	Chloe Ibrahim, <b>Asst. Director</b>
Carteret HS.....	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION ...	Jossue Torres, <b>Stage Manager</b>
Carteret HS.....	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION ...	Nia Serrano, <b>Dance Captain</b>
Carteret HS.....	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION ...	Pottery Pereira, <b>Lighting Designer</b>
Fair Lawn HS .....	AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' .....	Rebecca Peisach, <b>Script Coordinator</b>
Harrison HS.....	THE APPLE TREE.....	Rafael Andrade, <b>Asst. Stage Manager</b>
Holmdel HS .....	OKLAHOMA.....	Nicole DiBlasi, Gisela Cubas, Rocco Impreveduto <b>Social Media Coordinators</b>
Jose Marti STEM Academy.....	CABARET .....	Melanie Arias, <b>Stage Manager</b>
Morristown HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Arthur Wawrzyniak, <b>Technical Director</b>
Morristown HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Dalia Elkady, <b>Hair and Makeup Design</b>
Morristown HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Heidy Carranza, <b>Asst. Pit Director</b>
Mount Olive HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Isabella Alvarez, <b>Photographer</b>
New Milford HS.....	THE WEDDING SINGER .....	Kayla Santos, <b>Costume Designer</b>
Newton HS .....	THE WIZARD OF OZ .....	Abigail Nicholas, <b>Stage Manager</b>
Northern Valley Regional HS Demarest ..	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Elisa Longhini Xavier, <b>Stage Manager</b>
Randolph HS .....	BEAUTY AND THE BEAST .....	Nicholas Zelle, <b>Lead Set Builder</b>
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA.....	Jordan Perla, <b>Student Director</b>
Summit HS.....	FOOTLOOSE .....	Sydney Veloso, <b>Dance Captain</b>
West Milford Township HS.....	ANASTASIA .....	Amanda Dellagicoma, <b>Asst. to the Director</b>
West Milford Township HS.....	ANASTASIA .....	Langdon Frey, <b>Audio Crew</b>

## THE EDUCATIONAL IMPACT AWARD

### Final Nominations

Christian Brothers Academy.....	13
Morristown HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Mount Olive HS .....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Perth Amboy HS.....	FREAKY FRIDAY

# **RISING STAR “THEATRE FOR EVERYONE” INCLUSION AND ACCESS AWARD**

## **Final Nominations**

Eastern Regional HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE
Madison HS.....	SWEET CHARITY
Moorestown HS.....	HONK!
Morristown HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Randolph HS.....	BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA

# **OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD**

## **Final Nominations**

Collier HS.....	Dr. Michael Penna
Harrison HS.....	Colin Shields
Madison HS.....	Blake Spence
Mount Olive HS.....	Jodi Bosch
Piscataway HS.....	Erik Hall
Ridge HS.....	Martha Harvey

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**The Rising Star Awards will be livestreamed for free on Monday June 6 at 7:30pm. Go to [PaperMill.org](http://PaperMill.org) for more information and log in details.**

**Scholarship applicants and recipients will be notified by email the week of May 9.**

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