

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE



2022 RISING STAR AWARDS MONDAY, JUNE 6

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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 "Any"

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

Honorable Mentions

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

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER IN A FEMALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE

Final Nominations

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

Honorable Mentions

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

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER IN A MALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE

Final Nominations

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

Honorable Mentions

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

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!
Ridge HS	MATILDA
Princeton HS	CURTAINS: SCHOOL EDITION
Summit HS	FOOTLOOSE

Honorable Mentions

Cicely L. Tyson Community School	42 nd 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 TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE ...	Christina Monaco Caldwell
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	BIG FISH	Katie Rochon
Summit HS.....	FOOTLOOSE	Anne Poyner
West Milford.....	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

Honorable Mentions

Egg Harbor Township HS	SISTER ACT	Richard Tinsley
Ewing HS	THE 25 TH 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
Summit HS	FOOTLOOSE	Kelly Mott-Sacks
Ridge HS	MATILDA	Rachel Miranda, Jennifer Diguseppe
Union City HS	CHICAGO: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Anthony Gusevich, Felix Tavaréz
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

Columbia HS	NEWSIES	Louis J. Medrano
Clearview Regional HS	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME	Harry Snyder (Stage Krew Productions), Luke Hansen
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 Verlsor, 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 Weinshrott

OUTSTANDING COSTUMING ACHIEVEMENT

Final Nominations

Haddonfield 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	Janey Van Allen, Patti Bell, Christie Hall
Ridge HS.....	MATILDA	Bonnie Grube

Honorable Mentions

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

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 Shield
Madison HS.....	Blake Spence
Mount Olive HS.....	Jodi Bosch
Piscataway HS.....	Erik Hall
Ridge HS.....	Martha Harvey

**Tickets to the live Rising Star Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 6th will be made available to final nominees via their school contact on May 4.
Please do not call Paper Mill Box Office for tickets.**

The Rising Star Awards will be livestreamed for free on Monday June 6 at 7:30pm. Go to 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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