

## 2025 Rising Star Recipients

Presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards on June 3, 2025

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Overall Production
Summit High School
THE PROM

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award Outstanding Performance in a Female-Identified Leading Role Rosie Gaeta as "Emma Nolan"

## Summit High School THE PROM

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Performance in a Male-Identified Leading Role
Jose Gonzalez as "Patrick Star"
Grunin Performing Arts Academy at OCVTS
THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Performance in a Female-Identified Supporting Role
Jeylene Lugo as "Penelope Pennywise"
Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS
URINETOWN

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Performance in a Male-Identified Supporting Role
Nolan Lardiere as "Sir Evelyn Oakleigh"
Morris Knolls High School
ANYTHING GOES

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role
Anti Garcia as "Charlotte"
Ridge High School
CINDERELLA

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Solo Performance
Bandaid Isaacs
"Diva's Lament" from Spamalot
Howell High School

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Member
Reilly Kearney as "Bird Woman"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology
MARY POPPINS

# 2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award Outstanding Featured Ensemble Group The Barbershop Quartet Rahway High School THE MUSIC MAN

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Music Direction
Andrew Finck
Voorhees High School
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Orchestra
Morristown High School
LES MISÉRABLES

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Chorus
Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS
URINETOWN

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Choreography / Musical Staging
Raven Abbott
Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS
URINETOWN

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Direction
Stan Cahill
Princeton Day School
ALICE BY HEART

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award Outstanding Hair and Make-up Achievement

# Samantha Davis Delsea Regional High School THE WIZARD OF OZ

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Costuming Achievement
Paul H. Canada
Gill St. Bernard's School
SUNDAYIN THE PARK WITH GEORGE

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Lighting Achievement
Colin Shields
Harrison High School
BUBBLE BOY

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Scenic Achievement
Brian Lynch
Whippany Park High School
GREASE

# 2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award Student Achievement Awards

| Daania Fakhar, Asst. Lighting Designer     | SISTER ACT     | Madison High School        |
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| Aidan Orbeta, Pit Ensemble                 | LES MISÉRABLES | Morristown High School     |
| Brendan Harvey, Lighting Designer          | GREASE         | Mount Olive High School    |
| Ben Jacobson, Head of Marketing            | LITTLE SHOP    | Ocean Township High School |
| Puppetry Crew                              | LITTLE SHOP    | Ocean Township High School |
| Alexis Borderson, Xavier Clayton, Costumes | MEAN GIRLS     | Pinelands Reg. High School |
| Michael Berry, Asst. Stage Manager         | ALICE BY HEART | Princeton Day School       |
| Sahana Karthik, Stage Manager              | ALICE BY HEART | Princeton Day School       |
| Colin Lansky, Sound, Video, Turntable      | GROUNDHOG DAY  | Princeton High School      |
| Aeron Hollenbeck, Student Choreographer    | ANYTHING GOES  | Shawnee High School        |
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2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
The Rising Star
Educational Impact Award
Ridge High School
CINDERELLA

2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
The Rising Star
"Theatre for Everyone"
Inclusion & Access Award
Atlantic County Institute of Technology
CINDERELLA

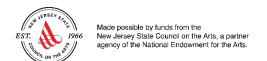
2025 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
The Rising Star
Outstanding Educator Award
Jillian Trader
South Brunswick High School
MEAN GIRLS

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