Trinity thespians earn recognitions

Troupe demonstrates talents at N.C. State Thespian Festival

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TRINITY — Trinity High School Thespian Troupe 4305 came home with multiple recognitions following the 2018 N.C. State Thespian Festival. They were the only Randolph County school to attend this year’s festival and among eight schools that presented a one-act play at the festival held at Greensboro Cultural Center.

Trinity High students Anna Wood and Kayleigh Cosner received the Critics Choice Award for their original Duet Pantomime entitled “Elevator.”

“I think it is a fantastic experience for our THS Thespians from Troupe 4305 to be able to attend our state’s Thespian Festival,” said Trinity High School drama teacher Michael Johnson. “It is a great experience for our students to be able to prepare acting and technical material to share their work with other

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Senior members of Trinity High School Thespian Troupe 4305 came back highly decorated from the N.C. State Thespian Festival. Seniors who represented Troupe 4305, along with drama teacher Michael Johnson, are pictured here, front row from left, Amanda Cole, Zach Shackleton, Zach Freeman and Francesca Ulloa. Back row, Kenzie Clark, Amber Gibson, director Michael Johnson, Brian Rowland and Jackson Barnes.

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theater students from around the state. The Art Form provides so many learning opportunities from public speaking to dance and physics and our students were also able to learn from professionals in the field through workshops and master classes while at festival. Additionally, not only did our THS students have a chance to showcase their acting, pantomime and technical skills, they also presented their One Act version of William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night which was adapted by the students and their teacher to run in under an hour.

Other team members received the following rankings of note, including:

Amber Gibson and Jackson Barnes, Duet Acting, Superior
Franchesca Ulloa, Excellent, Short Film
Amanda Cole, Zachary Freeman, Excellent, Pantomime
Sierra Makupson, Excellent, Solo Musical
Franchesca Ulloa, Excellent, Sound Design
Brian Rowland, Superior, Solo Musical
Jackson Barnes, Excellent, Solo Musical
Olivia Gillaspie, Excellent, Solo Musical

Brian Rowland and Zachary Freeman, Excellent, Duet Acting
Grace Nance and Anna Wood, Excellent, Duet Acting

Troupe 4305 will present Shrek: The Musical at 7 p.m. May 18 and 19, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 20. Tickets are $10 general admission and $5 for students.

Zachary Freeman returned from competition with Excellent ratings in Pantomime and Duet Acting.

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N.C. State Thespian Festival in Greensboro offered members of Troupe 4305 the chance to participate in workshops, individual events, technical challenges, a one-act showcase, freestyle theater, scholarship auditions, interviews and lots of time to network with fellow thespians.