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## **Dominican Students Take Top Honors at State Theatre Festival**

*“Servant of Two Masters” Honored with Three Awards, including Critic’s Choice Award*

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*Dominican Also Sweeps Technical Awards and Takes Home Top Technical Team Honor*

**WHITEFISH BAY, Wis.** – Dominican’s production of “Servant of Two Masters” took home top honors at the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association State Theatre Festival held Nov. 20-22 at the University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse. The play, a comedy performed in the style of the Italian commedia dell’arte, received a top Critic’s Choice Award, competing against 48 schools statewide that entered the one-act competition. “Servant” also received the Outstanding Ensemble Award and Dominican senior David Lancelle was recognized with an Outstanding Actor Award.

The State Theatre Festival is an annual three-day event for high school theatre departments. The 31-member cast and crew of “Servant” participated in district and sectional rounds held earlier this fall to qualify for the State competition, and initially competed against students from 80 other Wisconsin high schools.

Members of the DHS stage crew also dazzled judges in the Festival’s Technical Theatre Competition, also referred to as the Techie Olympics. Dominican placed first, third and fourth overall in the team event. The school also placed first in five of the six individual events, and second in three of the six individual events. Students competed in events related to theatrical lighting, costumes, stage rigging and set changes.

In addition to Lancelle, other students who participated in the one-act competition included Jazzmyne Anderson-Jenkins, Claudia Arisso, Isabel Arisso, Jamie Beuche, Molly Brauer, Mary Davison, Lizzie Fons, Jessie Galimoto-Grebe, Harrison Gall, Deanna Gauthier, Ann Hagner, Anna Herzfeld, Thomas Herzfeld, Christina Hill, Pami Klug, Becca Lade, Michael Linn, Emma Logman, Emily Lotz, Katie Miller, Courtney Neale, Katie O’Neil, Eric Pfeiffer, Alie Piatt, Anthony Pollman, Marshall Sims, Stephanie Thomas, LeAnn Vance, Tori Wirth and Rachel Zembrowski.

Dominican students who participated in the Techie Olympics were Josh Adrian, Isabel Arisso, Nathan Bredeson, Jenna Cava, Harrison Gall, Deanna Gauthier, Anna Herzfeld, Thomas Herzfeld, Tony Kovichich, Andy Lijewski, Mary Linn, Emily Lotz, Joe Rosing, Matt Schlaikowski, Steve Thomas, Justin Wang and Rachel Zembrowski.

Dominican Theatre Director Jeff Schaezke directed the play. Dominican teacher and alum Bryn Van Beek (Class of 1997) was the technical director.

Dominican High School is a leader in secondary education, providing young men and women with a quality, Catholic college-preparatory education in a supportive and nurturing environment. Founded over 50 years ago by the Sinsinawa Dominicans and based in Whitefish Bay, Wis., Dominican’s diverse population draws students from more than 50 grade schools and four counties across southeastern Wisconsin.

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