

Dominican Students Take Top Honors at State Theatre Festival

“Hamlette” Honored with Three Awards, including Top Critic’s Choice Award

Dominican Also Sweeps Two-Thirds of Technical Awards

(Nov. 26, 2007) – Dominican’s production of *Hamlette* took home top honors at the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association State Theatre Festival held Nov. 15 – 17 at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. *Hamlette* received the top Critic’s Choice Award, competing against 48 schools statewide that entered the one-act competition. *Hamlette* also received the Outstanding Ensemble Award and Dominican senior Doug Nogrady was recognized with an Outstanding Actor Award.

The State Theatre Festival is an annual three-day event for high school theatre departments with participants from over 50 schools statewide. The 20-member *Hamlette* cast and crew participated in district and sectional rounds held earlier this fall to qualify for the State competition.

Members of the DHS stage crew also dazzled judges in the Festival’s Technical Theatre Competition, sometimes referred to as the Techie Olympics. Dominican’s team won two-thirds of the technical awards, shining in nine of the 15 categories. Students competed in events related to theatrical lighting, costumes, stage rigging and set changes.

In addition to Nogrady, other students who participated in the one-act competition included Isabel Arisso, Chris Bernbrock, Taylor Boyd, Will Bredeson, Frank Galka, Harrison Gall, Anna Herzfeld, Jon Kline, Becca Lade, David Lancelle, Maryrose Langoehr, Mary Linn, Caroline McGuire, Catherine Moede, Courtney Neale, Doug Nogrady, Katie O’Neil, Mike Raspanti, Katy Schuele and Rachel Zembrowski.

Dominican students who participated in the Techie Olympics included Claudia Arisso, Isabel Arisso, Nathan Bredeson, Jenna Cava, Mary Davison, Harrison Gall, Anna Herzfeld, Tony Kovichich, David Lancelle, Maryrose Langoehr, Andy Lijewski, Mary Linn, Emily Lotz, Joe Rosing, Steve Thomas and Rachel Zembrowski.

Michael Travia, Dominican’s band and choir teacher, directed *Hamlette*. Technical director for State was Dominican alum Bryn Van Beek (’97).

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