

Board Recognition
June 11, 2024

Braswell High, Guyer High Theater Departments win state awards

The Broadway Dallas High School Musical Theater Awards aim to inspire and honor excellence in high school musical theater while recognizing the importance of musical theater and arts education in North Texas.

Students and educators are recognized with an annual awards ceremony modeled after the Tony Awards and include both performance and production categories. The qualifying performances are scored by a select group of adjudicators with backgrounds in various art forms in education, music, theater, dance and related fields. Adjudicators follow rubric criteria to determine the winners in each category

The Betty Lynn Buckley Awards are named after Fort Worth's own Tony Award-winning Best Actress and Casa Mañana alumna, Betty Lynn Buckley. This scholarship awards program has celebrated the best in high school performing arts since 2000. A panel of distinguished judges – composed of local theater professionals and educators – votes for a winner in 17 award categories.

This year, Denton ISD had award-winners in five Broadway Dallas categories and three Betty Buckley categories.

The Broadway Dallas and Betty Buckley award winners include:

Broadway Dallas Awards

Outstanding Sound Design (tie)

Braswell High School - Mamma Mia

Guyer High School - Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812

Lead Performer Runner-Up

Emma Grace Freeman, Guyer High School

Spirit Award

Emma Grace Freeman, Guyer High School

Theatre Major Scholarship

Ella Eavenson and Emma Grace Freeman, Guyer High School

Technical Theatre Scholarship

Megan Murello, Guyer High School

Betty Buckley Awards

Excellence in Lighting Design

Mamma Mia – Chloe Milhizer and Bella Houk, Braswell High School

Excellence in Supporting Performance, Musical

Sweeney Todd and Ella Eavenson, Guyer High School

Excellence in Lead Performance, Musical

Sweeney Todd, Emma Grace Freeman, Guyer High School

The Guyer High School theater directors are Chris and Eleshia Crotwell. The principal of Guyer High School is Dr. Shaun Perry. The Braswell High School theater directors are Michelle Greene, Ben Parker and Christopher Rogers. The principal of Braswell High School is DeCorian Hailey.