

CHS students attend DramaFest



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Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Hannah Claire Hurst, Julia Moller, Kylie Price, Tabitha Hewitt; middle row, Zeke Griffin, Ashia Crump, Grace Wu, Lexi Mahaffey, Vanessa Sharp, and Alec Evans; and back row: William Campbell, Ryan Lacy, Bethany Young, Baileigh Hughes and Aaron Graves. Not pictured are Isaac Martinolich, Kylie Dowd, Milanna Terrelle Lewis and Cade Campbell.

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Close to two dozen Clinton theatre students attended the North Mississippi High School DramaFest competition in Starkville and brought home top awards.

Held at Mississippi State University, the Clinton Arrow Players performed in front of highly accredited judges and fourteen other performing groups.

The Arrow Players won one of five Distinguished Play Awards as well as Best Scenic Award.

Seniors Isaac Martinolich and Ashia Crump were both named to the event's All Star Cast.

"The All Star Cast is a collection of actors from each group that stood out to the judges," Clinton Theatre Director Sarah Hankins said. "These are actors who capture their interest or

demonstrated acting excellence."

"Most of the time, the judges award one per show," Hankins said. "Two were awarded from our show."

Clinton's Arrow Players performed "The Exile and the Onion Girl" by Lindsay Price and were adjudicated in three categories—acting, directing and design. The performance landed the Arrow Players with a Distinguished Play Award, with Hankins awarded with Outstanding Direction.

The group advanced to the Mississippi Theatre Association State Competition held at the Ford Center at Ole Miss.

Hankins said she is beyond proud of this group and their accomplishments so far. "They have worked tirelessly since August," she said. "The hard work has really just begun. They get the chance to compete against the best in the state."

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