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RESURRECTION STUDENTS LEARN, AUDITION & EARN SCHOLARSHIPS AT ILLINOIS THEATRE FEST



Resurrection seniors and theatre students Kellie Rohrer '18, Emily Murdach '18 and Maribel Pagan '18 received dozens of scholarship offers at IL Theatre Fest.

Twenty Resurrection College Prep High School students attended the 2018 Illinois High School Theatre Festival held at Illinois State University from January 11 to 13, 2018. Attendees had the opportunity to attend the All-State production of *Big Fish* and students also had the opportunity to attend several other performances as well.

Over 40 college and universities from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and other states sent representatives from their admissions and theatre departments to meet with students and to receive their auditions. Three Resurrection seniors participated in these college auditions. As a result, **Kellie Rohrer '18** received 13 callback offers, **Emily Murdach '18** received 21 callback offers, and **Maribel Pagan '18** received 29 callback offers from schools all over the region. As a result of these offers, Maribel Pagan has very recently committed to majoring in Theatre Education with an endorsement in History at Illinois State University.

Resurrection College Prep High School is a Catholic Christian community dedicated to the education of young women, and to the development of their God-given talents. Convinced of God's unconditional love and nourished by the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we are committed to the spiritual, ethical, intellectual, physical and social growth of our students.

Resurrection students also attended workshops led by industry professionals on armed and unarmed stage combat, distressing fabrics for costume design, building a theatre program, beginner's improv, Broadway dance workshops, audition tips and tricks, and even performing in an open mic night. Students had the opportunity to network with neighboring schools, and students from all over the state. Upon returning to Resurrection, students shared their new findings with Drama Club/Thespians, and are bringing this knowledge into their Theatre I and Honors Theatre classes.

All of the Resurrection students who attended Theatre Fest brought back new warm-up games, new processes for character analysis and interpretation, new technical tips and trades, and new friends that they might have otherwise not encountered. They brought back new knowledge of theatrical play scripts, new experiences performing in front of others, and new ways of approaching theatre challenges. According to a group of new Theatre Fest attendees, it was "a trip of a lifetime."

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.