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Fox Cities P.A.C. Announces 2023 Center Stage Program Honors

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 8, 2023 – The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center is proud to announce the 2023 representatives of the [Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program](#); **Luke Calaway** of Ashwaubenon High School and **Lily Davis** of Hortonville High School will represent the program at The Jimmy Awards®/National High School Musical Theatre Awards® this June in New York City.

Nominated for their leading performances at their high schools and chosen through a separate audition, they will represent the Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program at the national level and have the opportunity to learn from professionals in a week of workshops, compete for scholarships and perform on stage at the Minskoff Theatre, currently the Broadway home to Disney's *The Lion King*.

"When they called my name I definitely didn't think they said it was me, I had almost entirely forgotten that this whole thing (the Center Stage Awards Showcase) was a part of a competition," remarked Luke Calaway.

Calaway was nominated for his performance as Nathan Detroit in Ashwaubenon's production of *Guys and Dolls*. Calaway is a senior at Ashwaubenon High School.

"Over the last few weeks I have gotten to become such good friends with all of the people beside me on stage so it didn't even feel like we were competing, but instead performing a show with some really cool, talented people."

The Ashwaubenon High School production of *Guys and Dolls* was honored on Saturday for Outstanding Ensemble and performed their production number, *Luck Be a Lady*, at the Center Stage High School Musical Awards. In addition, seniors Calaway and Olivia Weyenberg were honored for Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role and junior, Aren Damayo for Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role.

Guys and Dolls ran for five shows last November at the Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center, setting attendance records for shows since before the pandemic. Nearly 100 students, staff and volunteers were engaged in the production. AHS students interested in the musical theatre program should contact the director, Bernie Rocheleau.

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