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AHS Musical Honored by Fox Cities PAC Center State High School Musical Awards Program

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 3, 2023 – Ashwaubenon High School's musical production of *Guys and Dolls* is being honored by the Fox Cities PAC Center Stage High School Musical Awards program, during its 7th year of honoring achievements of high school musical theatre. The entire cast and production were honored as Outstanding Ensemble, one of 5 of the 32 northeast Wisconsin high schools participating in the program. The cast will be performing its ensemble number, *Luck Be a Lady*, at the Center Stage Awards Showcase and Recognition ceremony May 6 at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.

AHS musical director, Bernie Rocheleau, responded by saying, "I knew we had a hit when it all came together during dress rehearsals in November. The energy and intensity with which these students approached this timeless classic was electrifying and certainly worthy of this recognition."

In addition to overall performance recognition, individual students, AHS seniors, Olivia Weyenberg and Luke Calaway, were selected for Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role; Olivia for her portrayal of Miss Adelaide and Luke for his portrayal of Nathan Detroit. AHS junior, Aren Damayo, was selected for Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role for his performance as Benny Southstreet. Two other AHS students, Isabelle Garrigan and Vincent Vue, were chosen to perform with the Center Stage Ensemble in the opening number of the ceremony.

As part of the program, Luke and Olivia are currently auditioning to be a Wisconsin delegate to the National high school musical awards, the Jimmy Awards in New York this June. A male and female delegate will be announced during the showcase on May 6.

The Center Stage Showcase and Recognition will be held at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the Showcase are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased at the Fox Cities P.A.C. ticket office in person or by phone (920) 730-3760 or through Ticketmaster online.

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