

turn back the hands of time

This year, the students put on a production of the hit musical *Hairspray*. They worked with Venture Church for access to a lighting and sound system. The cast even promoted the show by doing a flash-mob during lunch blocks. The auditions were open, meaning anyone in the school could try out. The students had six weeks to put on the production. **TONYA HAYS - FACULTY**, was the director, Lane Stewart was the shows music director, Mel Kidd was the costume designer, **AVA SUIT - 10**, choreographed the show, and **CALLIE TARTER - 12**, was the stage manager and technical director. All of the Admirals involved had such a wonderful time coming together and putting together the production!



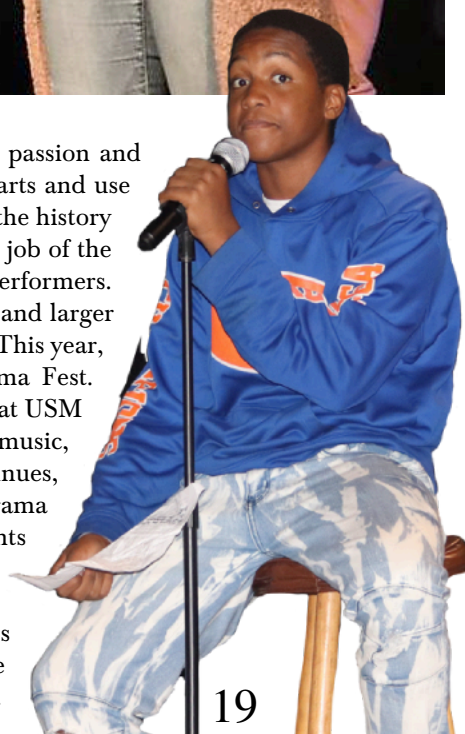


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The Gulfport High School theatre program is full of creative, harmonious students who all have passion and commitment to theatre. Students in theatre are introduced to the basic concepts of the theatrical arts and use various creative drama techniques to develop their skills on stage. In this program, Admirals learn the history and develop a mutual appreciation for the theatrical and vocal performing arts. Students study the job of the actor, singer, dancer, onstage tech, and offstage tech and use their expanded knowledge to develop as performers. Throughout the year, students prepare and present as soloists as well as members of small groups and larger ensembles. The students also come together every year to put on shows for the community to enjoy. This year, they performed a student-developed show: *Hello Opportunity* and presented the show at Drama Fest. According to **TONYA HAYS - FACULTY**, "We won the Distinguished Play Award at Drama Fest at USM and advanced on to the state competition at Ole Miss in January. The show is an original play, with music, and was the result of a grant from the Northern Gulf Institute at Mississippi State University." She continues, "It focuses on climate change. It was written by me with input from the students for the Advanced Drama Class. The music was composed by Aubrey Hays, a GHS Alumni. The students worked on all elements of design, costuming, lighting, set, and more." The students in the theatre program all had an amazing time working on the show together, and it brought the students closer as a team. Many of the kids are planning on going to college and working towards a degree in theatre arts. They have traditions that bring them closer and an unbreakable bond. The students involved in theatre all grow to love one another; they come together to celebrate what they love. Theatre is not just a class, it's a family.



11. ALIYAH NECAISE- 12 and FISHER KREMER- 11 take promotion photos for *Hairspray*. // 12. VIVIAN OZERDEN -10 and OLIVIA KIDD - 10 dance for *Hairspray*. // 13. MARGARET O'CONOR - 11 practices the "The Nicest Kids Roll Call" in *Hairspray*. // 14. JOSEPH JONES - 12, ALIYAH NECAISE - 12, and AVA SUIT -10 rehearse a dance for *Hairspray*. // 15. The cast of *Hello Opportunity* performs the show. // 16. The cast of *Door to Door* pose for a group photo. // 17. JACOB STINSON - 12, MICHAEL ROGERS - 12, and NOAH SEAL - 11 perform in *Hello Opportunity*. // 18. ELIZABETH JOHNSON - 12 and VIVIAN OZERDEN - 10 rehearse for a show. // 19. JONTEL HOPE - 9 performs a monologue for his class.

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