

2015/2016 Nebraska High School Theatre Awards Winners

Outstanding Musical Theatre Production

- Seussical the Musical Bellevue West High School
- Footloose Concordia Junior-Senior High School
- Tarzan Elkhorn High School
- Shrek the Musical Grand Island Northwest High School
- Mary Poppins Lincoln Southeast High School
- Singin' in the Rain Lincoln Southwest High School
- Little Shop of Horrors Millard West High School
- Beauty and the Beast Omaha Burke High School
- The Addams Family Platteview High School
- Sweeney Todd Plattsmouth High School

Outstanding Ensemble

- Seussical the Musical Bellevue West High School
- Footloose Concordia Junior-Senior High School
- Tarzan Elkhorn High School
- Mary Poppins Lincoln Southeast High School
- Singin' in the Rain Lincoln Southwest High School
- Little Shop of Horrors Millard West High School
- Beauty and the Beast Omaha Burke High School
- Honk! Omaha Central High School
- The Addams Family Platteview High School
- Sweeney Todd Plattsmouth High School

Outstanding Actor in a Lead Role

- Ryan Salak in the role of Willard from *Footloose* Concordia Junior-Senior High School
- Noah Klemp in the role of Ren McCormack from Footloose Concordia Junior-Senior High School
- Noah Jeffrey in the role of Saul from Rags Marian High School (Creighton Preparatory High School)
- Jed Bond in the role of Sebastian from The Little Mermaid Crete High School
- Matthew Hakel in the role of Don Lockwood from *Singin' in the Rain* Lincoln Southwest High School
- Lane Mongeon in the role of Edward Bloom from Big Fish Milford Junior-Senior High School
- Grant Mannschreck in the role of Seymour from *Little Shop of Horrors* Millard West High School
- Jared Ott in the role of Bert from Mary Poppins Papillion La Vista South High School
- Ben Keyes in the role of Gomez from *The Addams Family* Platteview High School
- Zach Prall in the role of Sweeney from Sweeney Todd Plattsmouth High School

Outstanding Actress in a Lead Role

- Eleanor Carle in the role of Cat in the Hat from *Seussical the Musical* Bellevue West High School
- Lauren Johnson in the role of Gertrude McFuzz from Seussical the Musical Bellevue West High School
- Bethany Dart in the role of Mazie from *Seussical the Musical* Bellevue West High School
- Bonnie Bouc in the role of Mary Poppins from Mary Poppins Bishop Neumann High School
- Clare Fiore in the role of Rusty from *Footloose* Concordia Junior-Senior High School
- Abi Stine in the role of Kathy Selden from Singin' in the Rain Lincoln Southwest High School
- Gigi Hausman in the role of Bella Cohen from Rags Marian High School
- Madyson Makell in the role of Delilah Strict from Zombie Prom Omaha Northwest High School
- McKenzie Vincent in the role of Morticia from *The Addams Family* Platteview High School
- Josie Ptacek in the role of Mrs. Lovett from Sweeney Todd Plattsmouth High School

Outstanding Actor in a Supporting Role

- Jimmy Nguyen in the role of Mayor of Whoville from *Seussical the Musical* Bellevue West High School
- Noah Keck in the role of Flotsam from *The Little Mermaid* Crete High School
- Nigel Brooks in the role of Jetsam from *The Little Mermaid* Crete High School
- Will Hastreiter in the role of Terk from *Tarzan* Elkhorn High School
- Josh Shaffer in the role of Corny Collins from Hairspray Millard North High School
- Ben Ray in the role of Baron Bomburst from *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!* Millard South High School
- Xander Cox in the role of Lefou from Beauty and the Beast Omaha Burke High School
- Scott Strigenz in the role of Lucas Beineke from *The Addams Family* Platteview High School
- Cal Strawhecker in the role of Man in Chair from The Drowsy Chaperone V.J. & Angela Skutt Catholic High School
- Nolan Roth in the role of Merlyn/Pellinore from *Camelot* Yutan High School

Outstanding Actress in a Supporting Role

- Gabi Basile in the role of Grandma from *The Addams Family* Brownell-Talbot School
- Emma Korte in the role of Vi Moore from *Footloose* Concordia Junior-Senior High School
- Mikaela Schmitz in the role of Natalia from Band Geeks Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School
- Christina Berger in the role of Kala from *Tarzan* Elkhorn High School
- Sarah Graff in the role of Mammy Yokum from Li'l Abner Fremont High School
- Addie Dupler in the role of Pinocchio from *Shrek the Musical* Grand Island Northwest High School
- Dayonna Tucker in the role of Dragon/Queen of Hearts from Shrek the Musical Lincoln North Star High School
- Hannah Loos in the role of Bird Woman from *Mary Poppins* Lincoln Southeast High School
- Samantha Franco in the role of Baroness Bomburst from *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!* Millard South High School
- Katelyn Hinderer in the role of Crystal from Little Shop of Horrors Millard West High School

Backstage Excellence Award

• Douglas County West High School

Outstanding Achievement in Design

Benjamin Ross, Sound Design – Omaha Central High School

Outstanding Achievement in Stage Management

Brianna Welna – Omaha Bryan High School

Outstanding Educator Award

• Aileen Zeigler – Brownell-Talbot School

2016 National Finalists

- Lauren Johnson Bellevue West High School
- Eleanor Carle Bellevue West High School
- Maya Matthews Brownell-Talbot School
- Nora Larson Lincoln Southeast High School
- Josephine Ptacek Plattsmouth High School
- Natalie Day Westside High School
- Matthew Hakel Lincoln Southwest High School
- Grant Mannschreck Millard West High School
- Ben Adams Omaha Burke High School
- Japrice Green Omaha South High Magnet School
- Zachary Prall Plattsmouth High School
- Matthew Pohlman V.J. & Angela Skutt Catholic High School

2016 National Nominees

- Matthew Hakel Lincoln Southwest High School
- Lauren Johnson Bellevue West High School (top 8 of 62 nominees nationwide and winner of \$2,500 scholarship)