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Ball State's Department of Theatre and Dance students continue streak of regional and national recognition and awards at KCACTF

MUNCIE, Indiana— Students from Ball State University's Department of Theatre and Dance recently attended the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF), bringing home a variety of awards and nominations on regional and national levels.

Two of the department's noteworthy achievements include senior musical theatre major and Davis, California, resident Devon Hayakawa's award for best dramaturg in the region for her work on the show *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992*. Junior design and tech majors Juliana Silva, Fishers, Indiana, and Alex Brock, Greenfield, Indiana, were awarded Allied Design and Technology awards. This is the 14th consecutive year a student from the Department of Theatre and Dance has been selected as a regional winner, and it is also the longest streak in the history of KCACTF.

Other students receiving honors included:

- Carson Crow — First Alternate to the Kennedy Center in the Directing Competition
- Alex Brock — Regional Projects Winner and Honorable Mention in the National Competition
- Gabe Ford Dunker, senior musical theatre major from Fargo, North Dakota (and partner David Ibarra, senior musical theatre major from Seattle, Washinton) — Irene Ryan Finalists
- Taylor Diaz and Rachel Hemm, junior theatre design and technology major from Chicago, Illinois — Design Storm Regional winners in Lighting and Costuming
- Talon Cooper, sophomore theatre production and telecommunications video production double-major from Frankfort, Indiana, Katrina Conte, and Jessica Custer, sophomore theatre design and technology major from Garrett, Indiana — Design Storm Honorable Mention in Dramaturgy, Lighting, and Hair/Makeup

- Kelly Delisle, sophomore stage management major from Muncie, Indiana — Honorable Mention in National Stage Management Competition
- Rachel Hemm, Chris Marsh, Austin Zimmerman, senior theatre design and technology major from Saint John, Indiana, and Adam Borchers — Regional Finalists in National Design Competition
- Baily Fritz, senior theatre production major from Spencerville, Indiana, and Sydnie Blair, senior theatre education and theatre directing double-major from Westfield, Indiana — Regional Finalists in National Directing Competition
- Grace Wylie and Jessica Custer — Finalists in Regional Theoretical Design Competition
- Megan Tiller, sophomore musical theatre major from Zionsville, Indiana, and Will Rupert — Irene Ryan Semifinalists
- Zach Keller, sophomore musical theatre major from Lake Zurich, Illinois, and Amber Overbay — Irene Ryan Semifinalists
- Abby Carter and Dakota Reed — Irene Ryan Semifinalists

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