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Performing Arts Department at Eastern Florida State earns special recognition from Florida College System

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COCOA (Jan. 19, 2024) — The Performing Arts Department at Eastern Florida State College recently received statewide recognition and a "Superior Ranking" from the Florida College System Activities Association's Theatre Division Respondent Program for the EFSC Theatre Program's performance of "From Tom to Tennessee" by Tennessee Williams.

Directed by Selena Ambush, EFSC Theatre instructor, the play is composed of select one-acts about family relationships, youth and aging as well as the challenges of identity. Some of the selections included: "This Property is Condemned," "Mister Paradise," "Talk to Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen," and "Summer at the Lake."

Kelly Warren, executive director of the FCS Activity Association, said, "The play was reviewed by theater professional Althea Wilson who thought the actors seemed to embrace the poetry of Tennessee Williams and worked it seamlessly into the troubled and gritty existence of their characters' real lives."

In addition, she lauded Ambush, saying, "Ms. Ambush created a believable and intriguing world. She wove a tapestry of pieces full of psychological and emotional depth into a varied and colorful spirit."

The play's cast included Alix Banks, Geovana De Oliveira Martins, Adison Estrada, Isabel Fuentes, Travelle Hawkins, Justin Jacobson, Jonah Jones, Violet Kearns, Graham Makowski, Luke Martin, Amya McDaniel, Kenneth Messer, Samantha Miller, Kristian Rodriguez, Julia San Roman, Ronald Sellers, and Leila Timmer.

Crew members included Ambush; Grace Ferguson, stage manager; Paul McKee, technical director; Lilly Hastings, scenic designer; Isabel Fuentes, costume designer; Alyssa Barrack, lighting designer; 2X2L Kearns, sound designer; Carter Morgan, sound board operator; and Tabatha Scrinzi, technical crew. "We are extremely proud of our Performing Arts students and faculty," said EFSC President Jim Richey.

"The Arts continue to be a very important component of the excellent academic offerings at Eastern Florida State College. These students are high caliber, extending their interest beyond their majors and expanding their world views through art."

For more information about Eastern Florida State College, visit easternflorida.edu or call (321) 632–1111.

Supervisor of Elections Bobanic announces scholarship opportunity for students

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MELBOURNE (Jan. 9, 2024) — Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic said applications for the 2024 Florida Supervisors of Elections (FSE) Scholarship are now being accepted at all four administrative election office locations: Titusville, Viera, Melbourne, and Palm Bay.

"There are so many deserving college students in Brevard County, and it would be wonderful for one of them to be a recipient of this year's scholarship," said Bobanic.

Applicants must be either a political science, public administration, business administration, or journalism/mass communication major and be at least a junior in college.

To be eligible for the FSE Scholarship, applicants

must be registered Florida voters and live in the state for at least the preceding two years. Students must attend a Florida university or college accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and have a "C" average or above for the previous year.

Interested students should visit VoteBrevard.gov to obtain a copy of the FSE Scholarship application and guidelines. Completed applications may be returned by mail to P.O. Box 410819, Melbourne, Fla., 32941, or delivered in person to any of the four administrative offices before 5 p.m. p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024.

For additional information, contact Alexis Jones, outreach coordinator, at Outreach@VoteBrevard.gov or call (321) 290–8683.

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