



Cary Christian School Celebrates Participation in the 2022 NCTC High School Play Festival!

November 4-5, 2022 – The Theatre Department at **Cary Christian School** is celebrating their recognition in the 2022 NCTC High School Play Festival. The theatre program, led by **Carlene Cearley** presented ***Bloodlett: A One-Act by Evan Cameron*** at the Festival, and is bringing home the following awards:

- **SUPERIOR Rating by the Festival Adjudicators**
- **Production and Design Award for Excellence in Student Playwriting and Direction to Evan Cameron**
- **Award for Excellence in Acting to Kendall Powell for her portrayal of Alice Ichor**
- **Festival Spirit Award to the Entire Cast and Crew of *Bloodlett***

This year, over 2,000 students from 87 schools are performing 112 plays at 7 regional sites. The top 16 productions are invited to perform at the NCTC State High School Play Festival, November 17-18 at Greensboro College.

Participating schools travel to their regional Festival sites with theatrical sets, costumes and props. Each show loads in to a 10'x10' backstage area. When their time comes, schools have 45 minutes to set up, perform the play, and clear the stage. Following their performance, students receive feedback from professional actors and directors with Broadway and Hollywood credits. Awards are given for acting, design, technical craft, ensemble work, and festival spirit.

"We continue to celebrate a spirit of community at the Play Festival, giving students an enriching environment to learn from each other and celebrate each other's work. Young artists leave feeling accomplished, energized and inspired." said NCTC Executive Director Angie Hays.

For over 50 years, the NCTC High School Play Festival has strengthened arts education in schools by bringing curriculum to life, challenging students to do their very best work, and contributing to the development of future audiences for the performing arts. The program was named one of the "Top High School Theatre Festivals" by Stage Directions Magazine. **It is the largest high school theatre event in the Southeast.**

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About the North Carolina Theatre Conference

The mission of NCTC is to strengthen North Carolina's vibrant theatre industry, and engage tomorrow's artists, audiences and advocates. NCTC has served as the leader of the statewide theatre industry since 1970, and produces several events throughout the year, including the NCTC Producing Gathering, NCTC College Day, the NCTC Theatre Admin Intensive, the NCTC Awards and statewide NCTC Middle School and High School Play Festivals.

For more information on NCTC, please contact Executive Director Angie Hays at 336-369-1984 or visit www.nctc.org.