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### **Spotlight on York High School Drama Department Students** – *Students nominated for Best Actor and Best Actress Awards* –

**Elmhurst, IL** – The talent in the York High School Drama Department has been recognized as some of the best in Illinois.

Senior Owen Espinosa and junior Regan Wright are among the nominees for Best Actor and Best Actress in the 2022 Broadway in Chicago Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards (IHSMTA), which celebrates excellence in high school theatre throughout Illinois. IHSMTA is the regional program that feeds into the National High School Musical Theater Awards, also known as The Jimmy Awards.

"We are so proud of Owen and Regan for these extraordinary nominations, it's truly an honor for them and for the program," said Rebecca Marianetti, Performing Arts Instructor at York High School. "York Drama's motto is "be the good", and Regan and Owen certainly exemplify this belief on stage and off, as their stunning talent and hearts shine bright."

Owen and Regan will travel to Chicago with the other 22 nominees later this month to participate in a Broadway workshop hosted by the cast of "WICKED". They will also participate in an awards program held at the Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place.

York's spring musical "Godspell" concludes the 2021-22 season, which also included productions of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime" and "Ace".

"York Drama has had quite a beautiful year, and we celebrate all of the students who have contributed to the heart and soul of our season," Marianetti said. "We are truly

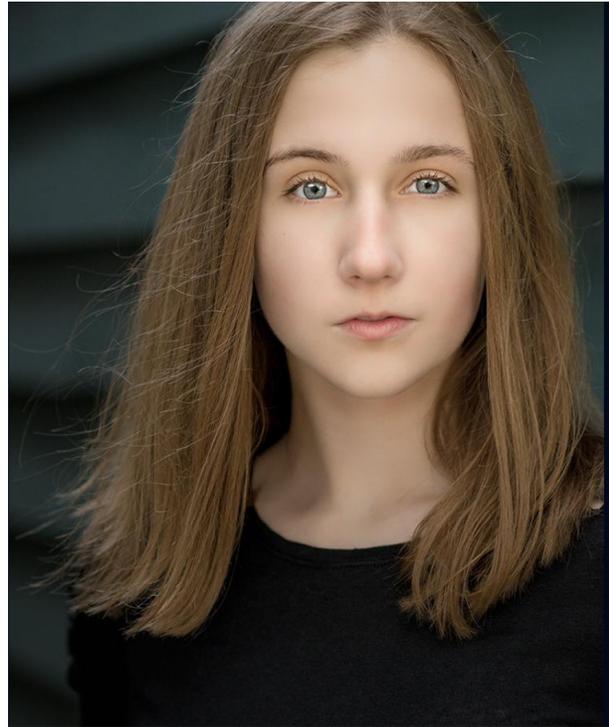
grateful for the love and support shown by our administration and community as we continue to embrace and celebrate the arts in new and vibrant ways.”

For more information on the Illinois High School Musical Theater Awards, visit <http://www.broadwayinchicago.com/about/ihsmta/>

For more information on The Jimmy Awards, visit [www.jimmyawards.com](http://www.jimmyawards.com).



Senior Owen Espinosa



Junior Regan Wright

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