

***“THOUGH WE BE LITTLE, WE ARE FIERCE!”***  
***Kingsway’s 2024-25 NJDFL Team of Wins 43 Medals!***

Kingsway’s 2024-25 NJDFL Team, with a roster of 10 players, completed the season earning a total of 43 medals tying last year’s medal count.

The mission of the *NJ Dramatic & Forensic League (NJDFL)* is to foster a creative outlet for high school theater and forensic students, while providing a forum for competition and constructive feedback, as well as encouraging preparation, growth, development, and accomplishment in the arenas of theater and speech.

Kingsway, in competition with nine area high schools, hosted the first NJDFL tourney of the 2025 season on January 25th then traveled to face tough competition against Eastern and Mainland High Schools on Feb 8 and Feb. 2025, respectively.

Kingsway players in the forensic categories of *Dramatic Oral Interpretation*, *Humorous Oral Interpretation*, and *Persuasive Speaking* were performed by Nethiri Umashanger, Maya Jaiswal and Yulia Bidfula.

Players in the dramatic categories of *Improv Pairs*, *Improv Acting Monologue*, *Musical Theater*, *Readers’ Theater*, *Improv Acting Monologue*, *Dramatic Monologue*, and *Improv Acting Monologue* were performed by Avery Forst, Grace Palladinetti, Mahi Mopal, Landyn Pollard, Emily Ferry, Yulia Bidula, and Michael Shultz.

KRHS Medal winners include:

Yulia Bidula placed into finals for *Dramatic Oral Interpretation*, achieving 5th place.

Grace Palladinetti placed into finals for *Improv Monologue* and *Dramatic Monologue*. Grace also achieved 3rd place in *Improv Monologue* and 4th place in *Dramatic Monologue*.

Nethiri Umashanger placed into finals for DOI and Persuasive Speaking. Nethiri achieved 4th place in *Dramatic Oral Interpretation* and 3rd place in *Persuasive Speaking*.

In the *MUSICAL THEATER* category, team Kingsway earned medals with compelling renditions by Grace Palendennetti, Landyn Pollard, Emily Ferry, Avery Forst, Mahi Mopal, and Yulia Bidula.

Finally, players Emily Ferry and Landyn Pollard, earned Kingsway’s 2024-25 *Most Improved Players* for their diligent, earnest, and dynamic efforts in their NJDFL categories.

“I am so happy for this team in the manner they prepared for this NJDFL season!” said Coach Andrew Young. “They all put in the work! Well done!”

Students keen to learn about more about *Kingsway’s Drama & Debate Programs*, as well as the upcoming Spring Prodction contact Mr. A Young ([younga@krsd.us](mailto:younga@krsd.us)) and see posters with audition information.



TEAM KINGSWAY - (l to r) Nethiri Umashanger, Maya Jaiswal, Emily Ferry, Landyn Pollard, Yulia Bidula, Michael Shultz & Grace Palladinetti.



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Kingway's *Most Improved Players*, Emily Ferry (l) & Landyn Pollard (r.)