

LORI WORTMAN

“Just as a compass offers direction and clarity for a traveler, I’ve always believed the arts—especially theatre—can do the same for students. In our Upper School, the stage becomes more than a place for performance. It becomes a space where students grow in confidence, character, collaboration, and creativity. It’s where they learn to listen, to lead, to persevere, and to take risks in the safety of a supportive community.

Last year, I was honored to receive the Excellence in Theatre Education Award, presented by the Tivoli Theatre Foundation. This recognition is given to a theatre educator who goes above and beyond in their work, building deeper curriculum connections and making a positive impact on students and the broader community. It is based on nominations submitted by school leaders and selected by the Foundation’s Board of Directors, and it includes a generous scholarship for our theatre department.

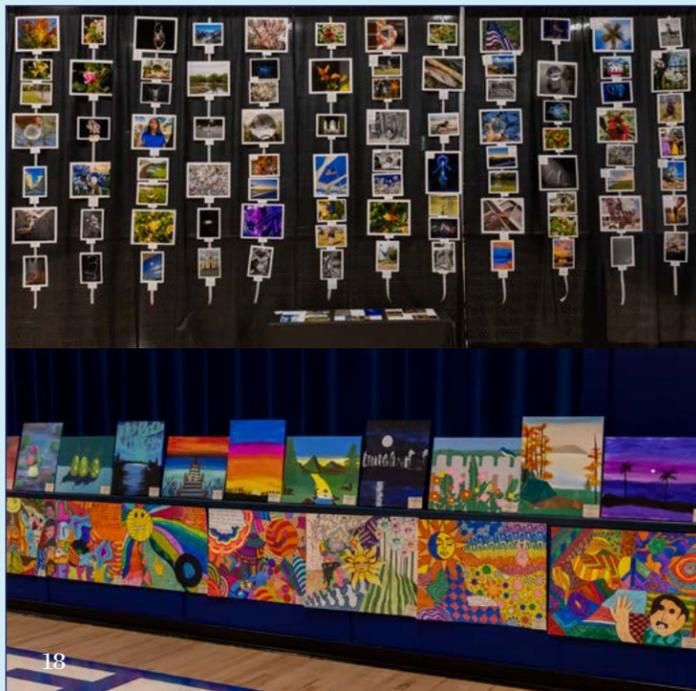
While I am deeply grateful for the recognition, the real reward is walking alongside students as they discover who they are and where they’re going—not just on stage, but in life. Theatre offers a powerful way to explore ideas, navigate challenges, and understand the world more deeply. If I’ve helped students find their direction through the arts, then I’ve done what I set out to do.”

- Lori Wortman, Fine Arts Department Chair

EXCELLENCE *in theatre education* AWARD

ARTS *a-la-carte*

This year was the 10th anniversary of this event. It is a highlight of the year as it showcases all of the visual and performing arts students from the middle and upper schools. It is a day to see hundreds of art and photography pieces, as well as over 150 student performers in band, chorus, and dance, and individual performers on our spotlight stage.



PAC *grand opening*

The new Performing Arts Center marks a significant milestone for our school, as it serves as a hub for creativity, innovation, and cultural enrichment. The center boasts additional classrooms, office spaces, and a fully equipped auditorium, providing a dynamic space for musical and theatrical performances, as well as weekly Chapel programs.

