



CIRCLE THEATRE'S
2026 HIGH SCHOOL
PLAYWRITING PROJECT
FINALIST
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SCHEDULE

CIRCLE THEATRE | Sunday, May 5, 2024
Doors open 2:00PM | Program begins at 3:00PM

CIRCLE THEATRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | TIM LONG
HSPP PROGRAM COORDINATOR | ANGIE ROBINSON
FINALIST READING SERIES DIRECTOR | LANA HOOVER

Between each reading, the playwright and teacher will receive their awards and we will have a short interview with each playwright.

FRIES, NOT TOTS by River Russell

MIRABEL: Olivia Hopkins, GAVIN: J.R. Bradford,
ANGIE: Hannah Bell, BEAR: Rudy Lopez

MISSED CONNECTIONS

by Elizabeth Rayne Winter

CASEY: Hannah Bell, JORDAN: Rudy Lopez,
STATION ANNOUNCER: Lana Hoover

LIVING WITH GUILT

by Burnice Huddleston

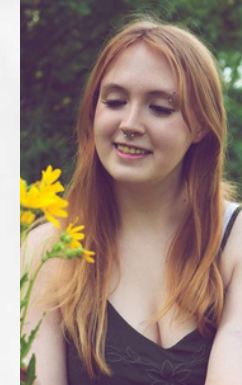
DEAN: J.R. Bradford, GUILT: Rudy Lopez, JANE: Olivia Hopkins

LURKING ON BEAUTIFUL THINGS

by Tristan DaLuz

GIRL: Hannah Bell, DAD: J.R. Bradford,
MOM: Olivia Hopkins, EAGLE: Rudy Lopez

FINALIST PLAYWRIGHTS



FRIES, NOT TOTS by RIVER RUSSELL

Arlington High School

Teachers: Jamie Pringle and Alfredo Tamayo

River is incredibly grateful and excited to accept this opportunity. She hopes to be able to share her stories for many years to come, and is happy to grow from these experiences. Thank you to family, friends, and directors for supporting me.



MISSED CONNECTIONS by ELIZABETH RAYNE WINTER

Haltom High School | Teacher: Eulalio Cardona

Elizabeth Rayne Winter goes to Haltom high school and is an actress and writer. She has a cat named Link who is very silly. She has been acting for her high school career and has been in many shows including *Dr Horrible's Sing Along Blog* as Dr Horrible.

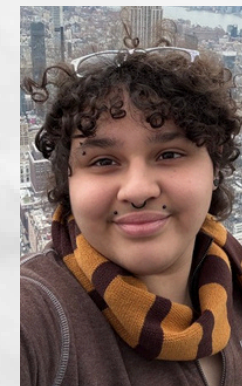


LIVING WITH GUILT by BURNICE HUDDLESTON

Arlington High School

Teachers: Jamie Pringle and Alfredo Tamayo

Burnice Huddleston is a dedicated storyteller and student at Arlington High School in Texas. Following his success as a finalist in the Circle Theatre High School Playwriting Project, he is eager to continue sharing his work and growing through new creative experiences. He is incredibly grateful for the support of his family and friends as he pursues his passion for writing and performance.

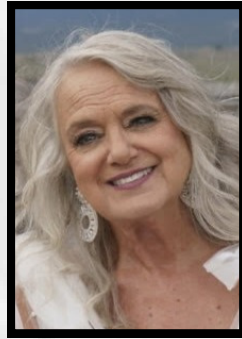


LURKING ON BEAUTIFUL THINGS by TRISTAN DALUZ

Legacy High School | Teacher: Jeremy Ferman

Tristan DaLuz is a senior and theatre officer. This is the first time he has participated in HSPP, and he is so happy to be here and share more theatre with the community. Tristan is going to UNT for pre-biology and aspires to do community theatre while completing his degree. Tristan would like to thank his directors, Jeremy Ferman and Sara Corley, as well as his boyfriend and family, for helping him through hard times.

ACTORS



**LANA HOOVER -
HSPP Director**



J.R. Bradford



Rudy Lopez

Olivia Hopkins



Hannah Bell



SEMI-FINALIST PLAYWRIGHTS



FALSE GOD
by **LILLIAN CLARK**
Arlington High School

Teachers: Jamie Pringle and Alfredo Tamayo
Lillian Clark is involved in multiple fine arts at her school, including show choir, theater, and chamber choir. Just last year, she made the Top 20 for Circle Theatre's Playwriting Competition, and is thrilled to be a semi-finalist this year. Lily would not be able to enjoy this moment without all her friends, as well as her theater directors at Arlington High School.



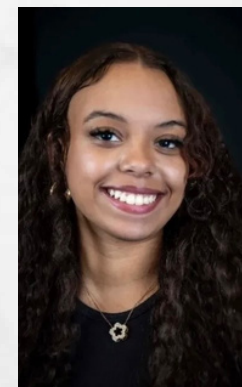
BETWEEN LEAVING AND STAYING
by **JENNIFER PAR**

Founders-Flower Mound | Teacher: Shaina Thomas
Jennifer Par has always loved writing and is honored to be part of a high school competition, and is incredibly grateful for this opportunity. Outside of theater, she enjoys volleyball, running, and photography. Jennifer would like to thank her friends and peers for their valuable feedback, as well as her theater teacher, Mrs. Shaina Thomas and her loving family for their constant support and encouragement!



THE QUEEN'S STITCH
by **MARGUERITE GROOVER**

Haltom High School | Teacher: Eulalio Cardona
Marguerite is an 18-year-old senior at Haltom High School. She has performed in two plays and been involved in theater since the fifth grade. Her play is based on the fairytale Cinderella, but with a more feminine, sewing-based, and realistic twist—along with a sassy cat.



REVERSE PARENT TRAP
by **AUDRIANNA WILLIAMS**

Legacy High School | Teacher: Jeremy Ferman
Audrianna Williams is a senior at Legacy High School. She loves acting and musical theater, with aspirations to see herself continue as an actress after she graduates. She has a love for storytelling in any capacity and has cultivated her talents into an authentic approach that moves people with her art.

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