

Councilwomen Connie Kepert and Jane Bonner Honor Longwood Student Actors

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The Brookhaven Town Board with (front row, left to right) Longwood Director of Fine Arts Dr. John J. Gallagher and Teeny Award winners Jessica Reyes, Isabella Le Boeuf, Ashley Sommer, Meghan McDonough, Shane Factora, and Amanda Gallagher.

Farmingville, NY - On Thursday, July 16, Town of Brookhaven Councilwomen Connie Kepert and Jane Bonner honored Longwood High School student actors for their outstanding performance at the 13th Annual Teeny Awards. The awards, conceived from the idea of Broadway's Antoinette Perry (Tony) Awards, has been celebrating excellence in high school theatre across the east end of Long Island since 2002, and is presented and coordinated by East End Arts. The Teeny Award ceremony was held at Center Moriches High School on Sunday, June 7, with sixteen high schools participating. Students Ramsey Pack and Kaylea Scott received the awards for Best Supporting Male and Female Actors in a Musical, and Isabelle Le Boeuf won Best Lead Actress in a Musical for their performances in "Hairspray."

In addition to winning the category for Best Supporting Male in a Musical, Ramsey Pack also took home the award for Best Lead Actor in a Play. Longwood students were recognized for their invaluable contributions in technical theater. Special thanks were given to Shane Factora Stage Manager, Ben Jazdzewsha, Hunter Mancuso, and Phil Rossillo, Stage Crew, Michael Carey, Lighting Design and Amanda Gallagher, Set Design.

"It is wonderful to see so many students involved in theatre arts," said Councilwoman Kepert. "There are many wonderful venues to participate on Long Island, and of course we are not too far from some of the greatest theatres in the world on Broadway. Congratulations to all the students and to John Gallagher, Director of Fine Arts for the Longwood School District."

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said, "The performing arts are an important part of student life in our schools as a career path or just another way to have fun. I congratulate all the Teeny Award winners for their achievement and wish them the best of luck in the future."

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