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Subject: HHS Theatre advances to state comp!

It is with IMMENSE pleasure that I announce Hobart High theatre dept will be advancing to state competition in Marian Indiana in January. Hobart hosted the regional competition and missed first place by only 1 point! Third place was 8 points behind.

HHS performed a cutting of the play *The Laramie Project* which was written after the tragic beating and death of Matthew Shepherd in Laramie, Wyoming. The play was based on the interviews and events that occurred in the year and a half following this tragedy. Beautifully written and incredibly powerful the play tells the story of the twenty-one-year-old student at the University of Wyoming who was kidnapped, severely beaten, and left tied to a fence in the middle of the prairie outside the town of Laramie. The play explores the depths to which humanity can sink and the heights of compassion of which we are capable.

We had the honor of hosting the regional competition on Saturday. This project was directed by Theresa Dietrich and Linny Foerg, and I cannot be prouder of the end result. While I organized and prepared for hosting this event, Theresa and Linny prepared the kids to perform. I chose not to watch rehearsals and waited to see the production during this competition. I have had many wonderful moments as director, but what I experienced today, as an audience member was profound. I was moved to tears at the beautiful piece of art that was put to life on our stage. Now we prepare for state competition in January, with the possibility of competing at the International Thespian competition which will be held at IU in Bloomington this summer. Please help congratulate all involved.

Cast and Crew include:

Ian Rodriguez

Walter Todd

Kayla Walker

Nathaniel Resendiz

Sam Henson

Olivia (Casey) Garcia

Morgan Sanchez

Brennis Carrillo

Kameron Crane

Jamie Landrum

Directors: Theresa Dietrich and Linny Foerg

Stage Crew: Grace Benson, Liam Arroyo

Lights: Sydney Belk

Sound: Oliver M. Garcia, Rhiannon Borowski

Other theatre members that helped with the event:

Alison Hughes

Katelyn Dabrowa

Annabella

Mariah Huerrera

Charles Ganske

Cathy Nelson

Director of Theatre-Hobart High

Senior Comp/Novel

Creative Writing

Senior Class Co-Sponsor