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JURUPA HILLS TAKES CENTER STAGE AT CETA

FONTANA, CA – Over Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, the Jurupa Hills High School Drama Department swept the awards at the California Educational Theatre Association (CETA) Southern Festival with their fall production of “Inherit the Wind”.

Each year, between October and December, CETA adjudicates fall productions (non-musical) from throughout the Southern California region. The top high school productions are presented at the CETA festival, January 15-17, 2016. The weekend offers a variety of opportunities, such as workshops led by professionals in the industry that encourages artistic growth for high school students and their teachers. The three-day festival showcases four main stage plays selected from four regions of Southern California: Los Angeles, Orange County, the Inland Empire, and San Diego County.

Competing with over 1,400 high school drama students, Jurupa Hills brought home awards for Best Fall Play, Best Ensemble Cast, and Best Technical Crew in the Inland Empire region. Their production of “Inherit the Wind” also captured the Flip Reed Award for Best Physical Actor for Jose Menchaca for his portrayal of Matthew Harrison Brady and the Best Main Stage Actor for Christopher Jauregui for his portrayal of Henry Drummond. ROP Stage Craft Design won a certificate of Outstanding Excellence in the area of design and over 30 certificates of Outstanding Achievement were won by actors and production crew.

“We are thrilled that the amazing work of Jurupa Hills High School’s theatre students has been recognized,” said Superintendent Dr. Leslie Boozer. “Their productions are outstanding, with such a high degree of professionalism.”

FUSD Board President Lorena Corona agreed. “We are so proud of the Jurupa Hills drama students and their teacher, James Griffin. Year after year, they continue to excel in their craft.”

Christopher Jauregui and Jose Menchaca were also awarded a California Youth in Theatre Day scholarship and will represent Jurupa Hills High School, Fontana Unified School District, and theatre students everywhere as they reprise their roles to showcase excellence in high school theatre with a four-minute scene at the State capitol on March 15, 2016. Christopher and Jose are honored to be selected and were two of eight students chosen by a panel out of 1,400 students to be nominated for this honor.

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"Inherit the Wind" cast and crew members proudly display their awards at the CETA Southern Festival



Jose Menchaca and Christopher Jauregui performing in Jurupa Hills High School's production of "Inherit the Wind".