

The Journey Report

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California Thespians attend leadership training days

Southern--
by Andrew Steinsapir,
President

It was my pleasure to be at both the Southern California Summer and Fall Leadership days this year. The Student State Board (SSB) taught a wide variety of workshops specifically designed to help aspiring Thespian leaders in their leadership roles.

This year we offered classes in the psychology of leadership, stress and time management, advocacy and public relations, fundraising, and a course in Advanced Leadership. All of the SSB was excited to see new schools sign up for these events as well as the Tech Conference.

Also, before the official fall training began, many Thespians auditioned for scholarships to attend CYIT, California Youth in Theater Day. On this day, students are allowed to perform in front of their legislators in Sacramento in order to support and encourage arts

funding in public schools. Scholarships provide an avenue for students to be able to so.

At leadership, I enjoyed my opportunity to meet new people. It was exciting to hear a few things about all of the troupes, including their seasons. There are going to be a lot of great plays this year!

Speaking of a wonderful year, after all of the teaching and learning, it was time for a big surprise announcement, this year's theme for California State Thespian Festival. This year, it is Journey: Trip of a Lifetime.

Captain Thespis's Corner: Pack those bags for the journey ahead. *A few*

*details about Festival from
Captain Thespis himself!*

by LeAnn Gill, Publicity

Hello Thespians! State festival is fast approaching and will be here before you know it. This year, it will take place at the Ontario Convention Center from March 26 – 28, 2010.

These three days will be filled with what we Thespians love most, drama,

including various ways to compete and participate. There will be a lot of things to do including IE's, Play works, All-State Show and much more.

The theme this year, which dictates the focus of Festival as well as, perhaps most predominantly, All-State Show, is "Journey: Trip of a Lifetime". You won't want to miss out on this great opportunity, so be sure to talk to your Troupe leader and register soon! Hope to see you there!

~Captain Thespis

California's Thespian State Festival adds some fresh cards to the mix. *A look at what is new this year.*

by Melissa Stone, Jr. Troupe
Liaison

This year at festival there will be a few exciting new changes! First, and most important, all registration will be online. Also, the troupe directors will be doing all the registration for the troupe.

The Individual Events are changing a bit as well. In previous years, only Thespians were allowed to

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compete in the Individual Events; this year, however, any Non-Thespians attending festival will be allowed to compete in one event.

Even more exciting for all those who are Thespians, they are now allowed to enter and compete in two Individual Events, opposed to the previous limit of one!

A new event for this year, which is also quite exciting, is the California Playwright Event. In this event, a scene is taken from the work of the featured Californian playwright. That scene will then be put into a collage of the playwrights' work to be presented at festival.

With all of these new changes you must be really excited for festival, so I hope to see you there!

Shout Out:

by Christina Cala, Newsletter editor

This year, as part of our monthly newsletter, we would like to include the very Thespians we have been chosen to represent.

As many of you may already know, there are two levels of Leadership training at the fall leadership conferences: leadership and

advanced leadership. The advanced students this year were asked to tell us what leadership means to them. The following are a few of their answers.

"A Thespian Leader is someone who is strong, honest, and creative; Someone who can come up with things that will benefit people in a great way; A person who acts because of passion, and someone who helps even when help isn't asked for," Acacia Robinson, Century Community Charter School.

"A Thespian leader is someone who assaults the unknown with confidence, conquers the uncomfortable with a smile, and crushes ignorance with a hammer," Jordan Tuckers, Troupe #4872, OHS.

"A Thespian leader is one who includes people of all races, genders, and religions. He/ she is a problem-solver and peacekeeper," Darrick Elmore, Troupe #4712, Upland High School.

"A Thespian leader is someone who leads with his/her love of theater. It is a person who takes other Thespians into account and helps others shine in their talents," Natalie Aubrea, Troupe # 2792, Notre Dame High School.

"A Thespian leader is and analytical goal-oriented individual who seeks the betterment of the group," Ryan Munoz, Troupe #1209, Santa Fe High School.

"A Thespian leader is dynamically creative without being overly controlling or

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stifling of others,” Laura Michelle Wilson, Troupe #824, Bakersfield High School.

Though this issue is highlighting some Thespians and their thoughts, these Thespians have no idea they have been featured.

Next issue, however, and all those following it, will fill this column by featuring accomplishments submitted by Thespian troupes, which may be submitted through my email address, which will be posted on the Thespian website.