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## Eisenhower, West Theater Programs Awarded for Excellence by Overture Center for the Arts

New Berlin, Wis. – Through a virtual reveal held Monday, April 20, the Overture Center for the Arts in Madison announced its 2020 Jerry Award winners.

New Berlin Eisenhower's production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* won for Outstanding Musical. West's Alyssa Buckett, who played Enid Hoops in *Legally Blonde*, also earned a Jerry Award for Outstanding Supporting Performance. West's William Dettlaff and Eisenhower's Kennedy Harwood received Jerry Spirit Awards.

This marks the fourth time the Eisenhower theater program earned an Outstanding Musical Award; *Hunchback* joins previous performances of *Les Miserables*, *AIDA* and *Into the Woods*.

Eisenhower and West combined for more than 20 Jerry Award nominations this spring. Jerry Awards recognize and honor excellence in high school musical theater. Overture's Jerry Awards program is an education initiative that recognizes, honors and encourages excellence in musical theater production among area high school students. Musicals of participating schools are reviewed by a panel of educators, theater experts and industry professions. Based on reviewers' comments and tabulations, productions and individuals receive awards in specific categories.

Jerry Award adjudicators review roughly 100 high school musicals throughout Wisconsin annually.

The Overture Center will recognize statewide award winners at a virtual awards ceremony Sunday, June 7.

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