

ICSD Students and Staff Receive Awards

Each year Ithaca City School District (ICSD) students, staff, and school programs receive awards and scholarships totaling more than \$6,000 from funds managed by the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI). Grants and awards are distributed annually based on each fund's criteria and to enhance educational opportunities.

Awards from the Ithaca High School (I.H.S.) Senior Class Fund recognize a new teacher who exemplifies enthusiasm and creativity, a school club that makes a positive impact on student life, and a staff member.

The recipients are selected by ballot by the seniors. Eva McLafferty and Ravi Lal, Class of

2015 officers, presented these awards at the Senior Awards Convocation on June 4

This year's New Teacher Award of \$200 went to Michael Reiff, English and Film Studies teacher, along with a gift of \$150 to the high school library in his honor. The Student Organization Award of \$400 went to Code Red Robotics. Jay Barnes received the Staff Member Award of \$200, and a gift of \$150 went to the high school library in his honor.

This year's recipient of the Carol Jean Buckley Scholarship for Students in the Arts is Maddy Vandenberg. Joey Steinhagen presented the \$3,000 award to her. Established by Carol Buckley's

family and friends, the scholarship provides assistance for talented students pursuing advanced study in the arts.

The Noreen Moore Memorial Award was also awarded at the I.H.S. awards presentation to senior Conor Coutts. The scholarship is presented to a senior who has the potential and desire to make the world a better place. Barbara Bergman, the I.H.S. Family Liaison, presented the \$400 award in memory of Noreen Moore, who was an active member of the school district staff and community and advocated throughout her life for families in need.

Nora Littell, a junior, received the Raymond C. Loehr Environ-

mental Science Scholarship Award at the June 2 Awards Ceremony for Underclassmen. Presented by Steven Yale-Loehr, the \$150 award recognizes an underclass student who shows promise in environmental science. The Raymond C. Loehr Innovative Science Teaching Award which recognizes innovative science teaching, with a gift of \$300, will be presented at the district's All Staff Meeting in September.

IPEI is a not-for-profit organization that connects the Ithaca City School District and the community through collaboration, engagement, gifts and grants. For more information, see www.ipei.org or contact 256-IPEI (4734) or ipei@ipei.org.

Hangar Kicks Off Season with 'God of Carnage'

Hangar Theatre's 2015 Mainstage Season Kicks off with Yasmina Reza's comedy "God of Carnage," translated by Christopher Hampton, with performances scheduled from June 11 to 20.

This over the top comedy is directed by Hangar Theatre alum Steve Pacek, who was a crowd favorite as Seymour Krelborn in last summer's hit production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

"God of Carnage" is a comedy of manners, without the manners, that is especially relatable to those who are parents. It is recommended for mature audiences.

This play tells the story of what happens when two sets of parents

meet following an incident involving their 11-year-olds sons on the playground. Their children's altercation involves one boy getting his tooth knocked out, their parents meet to discuss what had happened. Conflicting personalities bring out the worst in these couples as they soon prove that they are just as bad as their children.

"God of Carnage" features Hillary Parker, Amy Tribbey, as well as Brendan Powers who previously taught with the Hangar Theatre's Project 4, and William Langan who previously taught as an acting professor at Ithaca College Theatre Arts, all of whom are making their Hangar Theatre acting debut.

Take your theatrical experience to the next level, enjoy free programming before and after our Mainstage performances. Join us for a pre-show discussion at our Prologue 45 minutes before every Mainstage performance. Post-show discussions happen every Tuesday at our Tuesday Talkbacks featuring an interactive discussion between the audience and the cast and crew of the production.

Tickets start at \$20 and can be purchased online at www.HangarTheatre.org, by phone at (607) 273-ARTS (2787), or in person Hangar Theatre Box Office at the theatre (Monday to Saturday between noon and 6 p.m.) and one hour before cur-

tain time. The recently renovated theatre is located at 801 Taughannock Blvd. in Ithaca.

The Hangar Theatre is committed to making theatre accessible to the entire community through its Pay What You Can (PWYC) program. Patrons may pay what they can afford to see a show at the first Saturday matinee performance of each Mainstage production and the Saturday noon performances of the KIDDSTUFF series.

A limited number of tickets are available for PWYC thanks to the generosity of our Mainstage PWYC sponsor Schlather, Stumbar, Parks & Salk, LLP and our KIDDSTUFF PWYC sponsor Ithaca Bakery.

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