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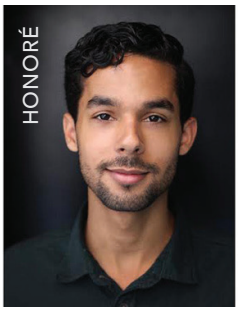
Celebrating the success of students, faculty and alumni from the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts.

2014 Drama Graduate Paul Kim Received 2018 Jefferson Award

Paul Kim, 2014 BFA graduate-costume design, received a Jefferson Award for his Costume Design in *The Explorers Club*. The Jeff Awards is committed to celebrating the vitality of Chicago area theatre by recognizing excellence through its recommendations, awards and honors. The Jeff Awards fosters the artistic growth of area theatres and theatre artists and promotes educational opportunities, audience appreciation and civic pride in the achievements of the theatre community. Each year, the Jeff Awards judges 300 theatrical productions.

Adam Honoré Wins 2018 AUDELCO Lighting Design Award



Adam Honoré, 2015 BFA graduate-lighting design, was honored with an AUDELCO Award for lighting design of Off-Broadway revival *Carmen Jones* at Classic Stage Company. The production also received the following awards: Best Revival, Bill T. Jones (Choreography), Shelton Becton (Music Direction), Anika Noni Rose (Best Actress). Honoré is a resident lighting designer at Fienstein's/54 Below in NYC.

Professor Vince Leseney Awarded for Excellence in the Arts at OU

Nationally recognized soloist, actor and professor Vince Leseney, has been awarded the 2018 Irene and Julian J. Rothbaum Presidential Professor of Excellence in the Arts award at OU's Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts.

Leseney, associate professor of musical theatre, has taught voice performance at the OU Weitzenhoffer School of Musical Theatre since 2002. In addition to his teaching duties, Leseney has served on multiple boards and councils throughout OU.

An ongoing source of pride for Professor Leseney is the continued success of his students. Many musical theatre alumni are in the workforce from Broadway and national tours to regional theatres, cruise ships and television. Leseney states, "My greatest reward is the growth of the students, both as performers and human beings."

Leseney believes that is important to lead by example. He performs with professional arts organizations in Oklahoma and across the country. Since 1994, he has appeared in over 50 productions with Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma. He has also performed at the Kansas City Starlight Theatre and as a featured soloist for the Kansas City Symphony, the Cedar Rapids Symphony, and the St. Joseph Symphony. In 1999, he founded the Oklahoma City Philharmonic POPS Chorale.

Miss STI Drag Pageant Raises Money for Local Charity

Tayler Ratliff (left) is this year's Miss STI with founder Riley Smith.

Helmerich School of Drama senior Riley Smith has organized the Miss STI Competition for the last 3 years, and will be passing it on to musical theatre junior, Keith Gruber, last year's Miss STI victor. Each November, students from the School of Drama and Musical Theatre compete in a drag pageant complete with choreographed scenes, while also participating in multiple group dances. Every year 100% of the proceeds from the competition have been donated to the Women's Resource Center of Norman. This year Miss STI raised over $3,000 for the WRC of Norman.