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**SEVERAL HMHS THEATER AND DEBATE STUDENTS EXCEL**

Seven Hickman Mills High School students have been honored for excellence in theater and debate. Because of their outstanding performances inside and outside the classroom, two of the students are attending special programs this summer.

Sophomore debate student Darrington Clark was nominated and selected to attend the Missouri Scholars Academy. The Missouri Scholars Academy is a three-week academic program on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia for 330 of Missouri's gifted students who are ready to begin their junior year in high school.

Junior theater student Nikky Badejo was nominated and selected to attend the Missouri Fine Arts Academy on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield. Nikky will be one of 190 talented visual and performing artists from high schools across the state who will be participating in interdisciplinary course work where various aspects of the arts are explored and experienced.

Sophomore theater student Jordan Johnson and Badejo were nominated for Kansas City Cappies Awards. Badejo was nominated as Outstanding Comic Actress in a Play and Johnson has been nominated as both Outstanding Comic Actor in A Musical and Lead Actor in a Play. The Kansas City Cappies are a chapter of the International Cappies, a student critic organization. Winners will be announced during the Cappies Gala Sunday, May 24 at Belton High School.

Senior debate & theater student Michelle Wilson was ranked in the top 11 Lincoln Douglas competitors in the National Forensics League (NFL) district tournament. Michelle faced strong competitors as Hickman Mills High School's NFL District is ranked fifth in strength nationally. Senior theater students Rachel Davis and Miranda Craig qualified to take their Duet to the MSHSAA State Speech and Debate Competition. They advanced to finals at State and finished eighth.

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