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Fontana Unified's Kaiser High School Receives \$10,000 Theater Grant from NBC

FONTANA, CA Henry J. Kaiser High School's theater program was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from NBC and the Educational Foundation, which recognized the benefit of performing arts programs in school communities.

NBC's Recognizing and Inspiring Student Expression (RISE) program, inspired by the network's new drama *Rise* about the effects of high school theater departments on a small town, awarded half a million dollars to high school theater programs across the country.

Kaiser's theater students display unparalleled dedication to honing their skills and to celebrating the power of the arts. Kaiser High Principal Terry Abernathy said this grant is a testament to their dedication and love for this program, and we are excited by the opportunities it will provide them to grow as artists.

Kaiser High is one of 50 high schools in the country participating in the program.

To apply, each school submitted a video celebrating its program, a 500-word essay on why the program should win and how the funds would be spent, and a letter of recommendation from approximately 20 students. The program described by students includes productions per year. Its spring show, *The Addams Family*, is a highlight.

Kaiser High intends to use the grant for props, production expenses and other program necessities, as well as a trip to see *Chicago* at the Fox Theater in Riverside.

Visual and performing arts are a vital part of a student's education, and we are proud to have awarded winning VAPA programs in our schools. Fontana Unified Superintendent Randal S. Bassett said, "Congratulations to Kaiser High School."

PHOTO CAPTION:

032618_FUSD_THEATER Henry J. Kaiser High School's theater program was awarded a \$10,000 grant from NBC, which will help fund new props, production expenses and field trips.

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