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Darien High School Students, Middlesex Teacher Win Theater Awards in Statewide Competition

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DHS Theatre 308 is thrilled to announce two awards in a statewide competition for the club's fall 2016 drama "As You Like It," William Shakespeare's gender-bender, mistaken-identity comedy.

In addition, Middlesex Middle School teacher Tim Sorensen was recognized for 10 years of leading outstanding middle school theater.

Theatre 308's Grady Allen won "Best Leading Actor in a Classic Play" for his role as Orlando.

— *an announcement from Theatre 308*

A group of five students won "Best Original or Incidental Music in a Play" for the original music they both wrote and performed in the play: Jack Savage, Evelyn Sload, Isabelle Hole, Caeleigh O'Connor and Elizabeth Kelly.

Sorensen was the only middle school teacher recognized by the Halos. Sorensen has also been nominated for the 2017 Tony Award (Excellence in Theater Education).

The awards were announced Wednesday, May 31 at the Seven Angels Theatre's Halo Awards Show at the Palace Theatre in Waterbury.

A total of 64 high schools competed in approximately 50 events. Theatre 308 was nominated for a total of 17 awards for both of the 2016/17 productions, "As You Like It" and "Legally Blonde."

The Halo Committee judges attended 117 shows throughout the state during the school year to make their decisions.