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2021/2022 Nebraska High School Theater Academy Winners

Outstanding Musical Theater Production

- Grand Island Northwest High School – Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*
- Hastings High School – Roald Dahl’s *Matilda the Musical*
- Kearney High School – *Guys and Dolls*
- Lincoln Southeast High School – *Once Upon a Mattress*
- Lincoln Southwest High School – *Kinky Boots*
- Omaha Burke High School – Disney’s *Freaky Friday*
- Papillion-La Vista Senior High School – *The SpongeBob Musical*
- V.J. and Angela Skutt Catholic High School – Roald Dahl’s *James and the Giant Peach*
- Wahoo High School – *The Addams Family*
- Waverly High School – *Bright Star*
- Columbus Middle School – Disney’s *Moana JR.*
- Concordia Junior High School – *Sister Act JR.*

Outstanding Ensemble

- Grand Island Northwest High School – Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*
- Grand Island Senior High School – Disney and Cameron Mackintosh’s *Mary Poppins*
- Gretna High School – *Shrek the Musical*
- Hastings High School – Roald Dahl’s *Matilda the Musical*
- Lincoln Southwest High School – *Kinky Boots*
- Lourdes Central Catholic High School – *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
- Papillion-La Vista Senior High School – *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Scottsbluff High School – *Big Fish*
- Wahoo High School – *The Addams Family*
- Waverly High School – *Bright Star*
- Columbus Middle School – Disney’s *Moana JR.*
- Millard North Middle School – Disney’s *Aladdin JR.*

Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role

- Briana Nash, Omaha Burke High School – Ellie Blake from Disney's *Freaky Friday*
- Andrew Milburn, Chadron High School – Gomez Addams from *The Addams Family*
- Elise Anderson, Lincoln Southeast High School – Princess Winnifred from *Once Upon a Mattress*
- Gage Brockmeier, Grand Island Senior High School – Bert from Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins*
- Gray Yagmour, V.J. and Angela Skutt Catholic High School – James from Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach*
- Henry Stelling, Kearney High School – Sky Masterson from *Guys and Dolls*
- Isabella Engberg, Kearney High School – Miss Adelaide from *Guys and Dolls*
- James Rasser, Papillion-La Vista Senior High School – SpongeBob SquarePants from *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Joe Rutar, Elkhorn South High School – The Cat from *Seussical*
- John Greisen, Lincoln Southwest High School – Charlie Price from *Kinky Boots*
- Kinya Kairigi, Lincoln Southwest High School – Lauren from *Kinky Boots*
- Layla Rivera, Kearney High School – Sarah Brown from *Guys and Dolls*
- Maia Su, Brownell Talbot College Preparatory School – Ariel from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*
- Phoenix Nehls, Millard South High School – SpongeBob SquarePants from *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Reed Greger, Lourdes Central Catholic High School – Pharaoh from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
- Reese Schultz, Grand Island Northwest High School – Sebastian from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*
- Regan Wiseman, Waverly High School – Alice Murphy from *Bright Star*
- Steven Dao, Lincoln Southwest High School – Lola/Simon from *Kinky Boots*
- Sydney Barnes, Wahoo High School – Morticia Addams from *The Addams Family*
- Tyson Pappas, Hastings High School – Miss Agatha Trunchbull from Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*

Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role

- Abram Butler, Papillion-La Vista South High School – Bill Austin from *Mamma Mia!*
- Ahaan Gulati, Brownell Talbot College Preparatory School – Grimsby from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*
- Andrew Powers, Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School – George from *The Drowsy Chaperone*
- Avari Geppert, Millard South High School – Eugene Krabs from *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Bennett Rowe, Grand Island Northwest High School – Chef Louis from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*
- Bre Matzen, Blair High School – Lisa from *Mamma Mia!*
- Dawson Raftaseth, Wahoo High School – Lurch from *The Addams Family*
- Dawson Trumbley, Lincoln Southeast High School – King Sextimus the Silent from *Once Upon a Mattress*
- Ella Collins, Hastings High School – Lavender from Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*
- Jake Braun, Hastings High School – Bruce from Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*
- Joshua San Miguel, North Platte High School – Count Ipolitov from *Anastasia: The Musical*
- Keara Sell, Scottsbluff High School – The Witch from *Big Fish*
- Liz Hoskovec, Columbus High School – Denise from *The Baker's Wife*
- Maddie Olderog, Millard West High School – Audrey from Disney's *Descendants: The Musical*
- Maddie Wiswell, V.J. and Angela Skutt Catholic High School – Spiker from Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach*
- Ollie Wells, Omaha Burke High School – Danielle/Ms. Meyers/Sitz from Disney's *Freaky Friday*
- Samantha Hobelman, Lincoln Southwest High School – Trish from *Kinky Boots*
- Sydney Easland, Norfolk Senior High School – Brooke Wyndam from *Legally Blonde the Musical*
- Timothy Backhus, Nebraska Lutheran High School – Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard from *The Wizard of Oz*
- Toby Rischling, Omaha Central High School – Douglas Panch from *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Jimmy Awards Finalists

- Addisyn Stueve, Bellevue West High School
- Alexandra Zaleski, V.J. and Angela Skutt Catholic High School
- Isabella Engberg, Kearney High School
- Jacee Bates, Chadron High School
- Josephine Dobson, Lincoln Southeast High School
- Kinya Kairigi, Lincoln Southwest High School
- Mary Mancuso, Millard North High School
- Regan Wiseman, Waverly High School
- Andrew Milburn, Chadron High School
- Gage Brockmeier, Grand Island Senior High School
- Henry Stelling, Kearney High School
- Jack Hughes, Millard North High School
- John Greisen, Lincoln Southwest High School
- Kelvin Thompson, Omaha Northwest High School
- Steven Dao, Lincoln Southwest High School
- Tyler Kalinowski, Bellevue West High School

Jimmy Awards National Nominees

Tyler Kalinowski, Bellevue West High School

Regan Wiseman, Waverly High School

Backstage Excellence Award

Fremont High School

Columbus Middle School

Outstanding Educator Award

Taryn Retzlaff, Norfolk High School

Andrew Firkins, Russell Middle School

Senior of the Year Award

John Mentgen, Scottsbluff High School

Outstanding Achievement in Design

Jalen Johnson, Westside High School – Scenic Design

Jazlyn Adams, Scottsbluff High School – Makeup Design

Outstanding Achievement in Stage Management

Leah Hurley, Bishop Neumann Catholic High School