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## Leadership in Action!



### Virtual Leadership Day 2020

This year, Iowa Thespians hosted its first-ever Virtual Leadership Day! Built from the ground-up, it featured tony-nominated keynote speakers, and former Miss Iowa, Nicole Kelly. In addition to its amazing lineup of guests, it also featured workshops where students could craft their leadership style and work with the best of the best to develop theatre leadership skills. This was definitely one for the (virtual) books!

# Thespian SCHOLARSHIPS

*For many thespians,* going back to school means beginning the search for colleges and scholarships. While this can be a very stressful thing, we're here to provide some scholarships tailored for thespians.

- The **Educational Theatre Association Board of Directors Scholarship** is a \$1,000 one-time scholarship created with donations by, and in honor of, past and current members of the EdTA Board of Directors. One applicant will receive a one-time scholarship to be applied to tuition and fees associated with full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university. This award is intended for undergraduate students currently enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university who are upcoming sophomores, juniors, or seniors. Upcoming freshman and graduating seniors are not eligible. Applicants must be Alumni of the International Thespian Society and pursuing a career in theatre education. Deadline: April 1.
- The **Bob and Marti Fowler Future Theatre Educator Scholarship** is a \$2,000 one-time scholarship awarded to a student pursuing a theatre education major and who demonstrates leadership qualities, an excellent work ethic, the ability to work effectively as a member of a production team, strong character, academic ability, organizational skills, and experience in different aspects of theatre. Deadline: April 1.
- The **Christopher L. Hunt Scholarship** is a \$1,000 one-time scholarship created with donations in honor of the late Chris Hunt, Director of Marketing at EdTA. This scholarship is intended for inducted Thespians who plan to use skills learned through theatre in a career focused on business or marketing. Deadline: April 1.
- The **Educational Theatre Association Presidents' Leadership Scholarship** is a \$1,000 one-time scholarship created with donations from and in honor of past and current EdTA board presidents. This scholarship is intended for inducted Thespians who successfully demonstrate leadership abilities. Deadline: April 1.
- The **Michael J. Peitz Leadership Scholarship** is a \$1,500 one-time scholarship awarded to an inducted Thespian of the International Thespian Society, the student honorary organization of the Educational Theatre Association, who successfully demonstrates leadership abilities. Deadline: April 1.
- The **Alan D. Engelsman and Penny Lu Engelsman Scholarship** is a \$500 renewable (once per year, up to four total years) scholarship awarded to a high school senior that will be pursuing an education major in theatre, technical theatre, playwriting or English and demonstrates work ethic by securing a part-time job for the entirety of their college career. Deadline: April 1.

- The **Melba Day Henning Scholarship** is a \$3,000 one-time scholarship intended to be awarded to an undergraduate student currently enrolled full-time in theatre education study at an accredited college or university who are upcoming juniors or seniors. In addition, part-time or full-time graduate students are also eligible to apply. Applicants must have completed their freshman year to apply. Deadline: April 1.

You can find more information about scholarships, awards, and grants here:

<https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags>

## VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP DAY: **In-short**

*On August 1st*, Iowa Thespians hosted its first ever Virtual Leadership Day! Joining students from all around the state on an entirely virtual platform, Leadership Day offered workshops, round-table discussions and keynotes from the best in the industry. Among these were Tony award nominee, Hunter Bell, and former Miss Iowa, Nicole Kelly. Additionally, Iowa was the first state in the nation to put on a completely virtual leadership event for thespians!



Workshops from Virtual Leadership Day were recorded and will be posted to [www.iowathespians.org](http://www.iowathespians.org) as an educational resource for students or educators to view at any time!

# STO Update

*Another busy month for the Iowa STO!* July was very busy for the Iowa State Thespian officers! It was mostly consumed by planning Leadership Day, which was amazing! We got the incredible opportunity to virtually meet with the adult board and discuss the “how’s” and “what’s” of the action-packed day. Furthermore, our weeks were filled with recording clips for the opening and closing ceremony, building the virtual platform, and getting all you awesome thespians registered!



However, if you want a memento from the event, feel free to take this awesome zoom background. Show your Iowa Thespians pride and show that you went to the 2020 Virtual Leadership Day!

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