

KRAVIS CENTER CELEBRATES

DREAM AWARDS

Cue the applause! The honorees of the fifth annual **Kravis Center's Dream Awards** have been announced. Over 150 students from 16 high schools throughout Palm Beach County participated in the regional awards program for the opportunity to make it to the Broadway stage. **Lucas Brown** from West Boca Raton Community High School received the *Outstanding Male Actor Award* and **Sage Sorenson** from The Benjamin School in Palm Beach Gardens received the *Outstanding Female Actress Award*.

Mr. Brown and Miss Sorenson will go on to participate in the *National High School Musical Theatre Awards*, also known as the *Jimmy Awards*®, to represent Palm Beach County in New York City. They will participate in an all-expense paid 10-day field studies program in preparation for their performances on Broadway's Minskoff Theatre stage on June 24th.

"We are thrilled with the achievements of Lucas, Sage and all the students who took part in our yearlong adjudication program, allowing them to flourish as part of the *Dream Awards*," said **Tracy C. Butler**, Director of Education at the **Kravis Center for the Performing Arts**. "The *Dream Awards* demonstrate the transformative power of the arts in elevating young talent and the Kravis Center is honored to support the dedication of local arts educators and their students. This program highlights the outstanding performing artists emerging from our community."

The recipients recognized for their achievement in musical theater productions in the other award categories included **Nicolette Clivio** from A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, *Outstanding Lead Actress Alternate*; **Alejandro Quiñones** from Boca Raton Community High School, *Outstanding Lead Actor Alternate*; **D'Zzria Bethell** from The King's Academy, *Outstanding Supporting Actress*; **Isaac Lynne** from West Boca Raton Community High School, *Outstanding Supporting Actor*; **Olivia Bass** from The King's Academy, *Outstanding Ensemble Actress*; **Shashvat Premkumar** from Boca Raton Community High School, *Outstanding Ensemble Actor*; **Brooke Meyerson** from A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, *Outstanding Featured Female Dancer*; and **Adam Picariello-Heighes** from A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, *Outstanding Featured Male Dancer*. And the **The King's Academy** received the *Outstanding Musical Award* for its production of *Big Fish*.

Judges at this year's *Dream Awards* included **Kevin Covert**, Broadway Actor and Chair of Musical Theatre at Shenandoah Conservatory; **Crista Moore**, Broadway, TV and Film Actress, Singer, Dancer and two-time Tony Award® nominee; and **Dennis Stowe**, Broadway, TV and Film Actor, Singer, Dancer and currently starring as "Jafar" in Disney's *Aladdin* on Broadway. The event featured the *Dream Awards'* 15-piece orchestra under the direction of Broadway veteran, **Steve Freeman**.

Sponsored by **Ricki Gail Conway** and **The Doris and Stanley Tananbaum Foundation**, the Kravis Center launched this performing arts education initiative for high school students during the 2017-2018 school year. For the past five years, the Kravis Center has hosted the *Dream Awards*, inviting public and private high schools in Palm Beach County to participate in the yearlong program. Schools must choose from an approved list of productions to be considered.

The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts provides exceptional cultural experiences that entertain, inspire, and educate audiences across the entire community. For information visit kravis.org.



FIRST ROW: Lucas Brown and Sage Sorenson; Sage Sorenson; **SECOND ROW:** Lucas Brown; Nick Garzon - Outstanding Lead Actor Nominee from Palm Beach Central High School; **THIRD ROW:** Nicolette Clivio from Dreyfoos School of the Arts and Marni Gass from West Boca Raton Community High School - Outstanding Lead Actress Nominees; **FOURTH ROW:** Dream Awards Ensemble Opening Number