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Grosse Pointe Theatre Awards $6,000 in College Scholarships

Grosse Pointe Theatre is proud to announce its 2021 Scholarship Recipients, awarding $6,000 to five high school seniors to help with their college tuition.

This year’s scholarship audition was held on May 1, 2021 at the Grosse Pointe Theatre headquarters at 315 Fisher Road, with social distancing safety protocols in place. Adjudicators were Ron Bernas, Makayla Redgate, and Rodel Salazar, all notable actors, dancers and directors from the Metro Detroit Area.

The applicants exhibited a wide range of talent including: song, dance, monologues and flute playing. Three of the auditioners had parents or grandparents who were members of Grosse Pointe Theatre, but the scholarship process is open community-wide to applicants. The students also received valuable feedback from judges immediately after their audition. The students were informed of their scholarship awards on the afternoon of May 2.

Winners of 2021 Scholarship are:
Kerrigan Dunham, Grosse Pointe South, attending Millikin University this fall; Quinn Sahutske, Grosse Pointe South, attending University of Michigan; Christina Jarad, University Liggett School, college to be determined; Lauren Battler, Walled Lake Northern, attending University of Michigan; Lillian Groth, Regina High School, attending DePaul University in Chicago.

Grosse Pointe Theatre is proud to continue its scholarship program, particularly during this pandemic where positive outreach is needed more than ever. Over the past four decades Grosse Pointe Theatre has given out $91,000 to 93 students, helping students fulfill their dreams of continuing their education and enriching their love of theatre arts.

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More bio information on the Scholarship winners:

**Kerrigan Dunham**- A Grosse Pointe South Senior who will be attending Millikin University for Theatre and Performance Studies in the fall. Kerrigan has been a member of Pointes Singers Competitive show choir since 2019. He has played many different characters on stage at Grosse Pointe South such as LeFou in Beauty and the Beast and Lank Hawkins in Crazy for you. He is also in the marching band and concert band playing the baritone and Euphonium respectively. He is an Eagle Scout and Webmaster of Troup 96.

![Kerrigan Dunham](image1.jpg)

**Quinn Sahutske**- A Grosse Pointe South Senior who has been seen many times in our Youth on Stage Program and GPT stage productions, most notably in White Christmas as Susan Waverly and Little Women as young Amy. She was a Student director this year at Grosse Pointe South. She has received Superior 1st division rating in Solo Voice from the Michigan School Vocal Music Association in 2017 and 2018. She has participated in the Broadway Artists Alliance Summer Musical Theatre Intensive in 2017 and Purple Rose Theater Company Summer Intensive in 2018.

![Quinn Sahutske](image2.jpg)

**Christina Jarad**- A University Liggett Senior most recently played Sophie Sheridan in the University of Liggett’s production of Mamma Mia! She also was a Sutton Foster Award Nominee this year for Best Lead Actress and a third-Place winner in the NATS Great Lakes Region in Musical Theatre Singing competition. Christina has also won superior rating for her Classical and Modern Piano playing at the MFMC Festival for 9 years in a row. Christina is also a very accomplished dancer, studying pointe, Tap, Ballet, MT, Hip Hop, Jazz and Irish Dance.

![Christina Jarad](image3.jpg)
**Lauren Battle**: A Senior at Walled Lake Northern High School has been in band for over 7 years. She played the White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland and Penny Pingleton in Hairspray in her high school productions. She has had academic honors all four years of high school and has her varsity letter. Lauren has been very active in high school, participating in Soccer, Track, NHS and Political Science Club. She will be attending the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) in the fall of 2021.

**Lillian Groth**: A Senior at Regina High School will be attending DePaul University in Chicago to study Vocal Performance and Creative writing in the fall. She has had leading roles in Regina and De LaSalle Collegiate school theatre performances such as Rona Lisa Peretti in The 25 Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and Miss Hannigan in Annie. She was Miss St. Clair Shores Outstanding Teen first runner up and Talent Award winner 2017 and 2019. She has participated in numerous writing workshops including Interlochen Novel Writing Institute and Gotham Writer’s Workshop.

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**About Grosse Pointe Theatre**

Grosse Pointe Theatre is a volunteer-driven community theater established in 1948 whose purpose is to engage, enrich, educate and impact the community by continuing a tradition of exceptional theatrical experiences. Membership is open to all persons age 18 and over with an interest in the performing arts. Proud recipient of the Grosse Pointe Chamber's 2018 Pointer of Distinction Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Activity, Grosse Pointe Theatre is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization that relies on the support of its members, patrons, sponsors and the community. All donations are tax deductible. For more information about season tickets, sponsorship opportunities, membership or other ways to get involved, visit www.gpt.org.