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EDTA SPONSORING ESSAY COMPETITION

The Educational Theatre Association's second annual Student Essay Competition is now accepting entries. The winner and a chapereone will receive \$1,500 towards expenses to attend Arts Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. April 12-13, 2010.

The annual event, sponsored by Americans for the Arts, brings together arts advocates from all over the country to meet with legislators on behalf of a wide range of arts issues, including arts education. The winning essayist will take part in all scheduled Arts Advocacy Day events, including legislative training on current arts issues circulating on Capitol Hill; the Congressional Arts Breakfast; visits to the offices of members of Congress and senators; and the Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy

at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The winning essay will be published in *Dramatics*.

This year's prompt is, "How creativity can change the world."

The prompt is a timely one. Creativity, in work and in life, is getting a lot of attention these days. A few months ago Secretary of Education Arne Duncan issued a letter stating his support of arts education as a core academic subject area in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. In the letter, Duncan said that the arts play an important role in providing American students a well-rounded education and can help them "become tenacious, team-oriented problem solvers who are confident and able to think creatively."

Go to www.edta.org for info.

STATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The registration materials are available on our website. In addition all of the IE information is posted. Please take the time to read all of the information before sending in your registration.

The Early Bird Registration is due by February 5, 2010. This is also the deadline for IEs, Bob Fosse Scholarship applications, Troupe Displays, Marathon Shows, Tech Challenge and College Auditions.

I encourage you to book your hotel rooms as soon as possible- they will fill-up fast.



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OHIO FARES WELL IN TOTS-EAT PARTICIPATION

The annual EdTA service project, Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat was a great success this year. Across the country, Thespians collected 332,746 pounds of food that was donated to local food banks.

Ohio was awarded the Chapter Cornucopia Award for chapters with 21-30 troupes registered. We collected 21,223 pounds from 22 troupes. In ad-

dition we were awarded the Outstanding COmmitment Award for our division with 12% of our active troupes in Ohio participating.

Three Ohio schools were randomly selected to receive \$100 toward purchases from the EdTA Store. Those schools are Northland HS, Troupe 44; Dublin Scioto Hs, Troupe 4330; and Springfield HS, Troupe 3891.

2009-2010

OEdTA Events

Junior Conference
February 19-20, 2010
Olentangy Liberty MS

Ohio State Thespian Conference
March 19-21, 2010
Ashland University

Central Area
Dec 5- *Bexley HS*

North Area
Jan 16- *Edison HS*

Northeast Area
Jan 9- *Firestone HS*

Northwest Area
Jan 30- *TBA*

Southeast Area
Dec 5- *Crooksville HS*

Southwest Area
Dec 12- *Northmont HS*