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Ryan Evans .....	Jazlyn Hilton
Gabriella Montez .....	Amelia Winter
Taylor McKessie .....	Gabriella Morris
Martha Cox .....	Ava Pike
Kratnoff .....	Meagan Brady
Ms. Darbus .....	Olivia Gatewood
Coach Bolton .....	Sophia Gatewood
Ms. Tenny .....	Maya Adams
Kelsi Nielsen .....	Annabelle Lee
James .....	Rory Goss
Susan .....	Calla Campbell
Cathy .....	Abigail Teauge
Cyndra .....	Zella Lautzenheiser
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## **Jocks**

Ava Hepler  
Gavin Brown  
Quintin Huggins  
Vella Day  
Will Martin

## **Thespians**

Arjun Pisharody  
Cristina Young  
Hunter Ferguson  
Kinley Martin  
Maddie Yong

## **Cheerleaders**

Reagan Mistysyn, Dance  
Captain  
Honesty Webb-Benton  
Jada Travis  
Jenna Wunner  
Julia Rigsbee  
Kyleigh Foster  
Megan Sweet  
Stella Harton

## **Brainiacs**

Avantika Goparaju  
Cy Kolarczyk  
Mackenzie Babson  
Meagan Brady  
Riley Watts

## **Party Kids**

Alexis Roberts  
Charles Bradford  
Gage Couch  
Jaxon Huggins

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# SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

## SCENE 1: EAST HIGH SCHOOL – MONDAY, 7:45 A.M.

Wildcat Cheer..... Company  
Start of Something New..... Troy, Gabriella, Party Kids, Students

## SCENE 2: HOMEROOM – MONDAY, 8 A.M.

## SCENE 3: HALLYWAY – MONDAY, 8:15 A.M.

## SCENE 4: GYM – MONDAY, 8:30 A.M.

Get'cha Head in the Game..... Troy, Jocks

## SCENE 5: LAB – MONDAY, 2 P.M.

## SCENE 6: THEATER – MONDAY, 3 P.M.

## SCENE 7: THEATER – TUESDAY, 3 P.M.

Auditions..... James, Susan, Cathy, Cyndra, Ms. Darbus, Thespians  
What I've Been Looking For..... Ryan, Sharpay  
What I've Been Looking For (Reprise)..... Troy, Gabriella

## SCENE 8: HALLWAY – WEDNESDAY, 8:15 A.M.

## SCENE 9: CAFETERIA – WEDNESDAY, 12 P.M.

Stick to the Status Quo..... Zeke, Martha Cox, Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay, Students

## SCENE 10: HORTICULTURE HEADQUARTERS – WEDNESDAY, 12:30 P.M.

## SCENE 11: STUDY HALL – WEDNESDAY, 1 P.M.

## SCENE 12: GYM – WEDNESDAY, 3:30 P.M.

## SCENE 13: LOCKER ROOM / LAB – WEDNESDAY, 4 P.M.

Counting on You..... Chad, Taylor, Zeke, Martha Cox, Brainiacs, Jocks

## SCENE 14: THEATER – THURSDAY, 12:45 P.M.

## SCENE 15: CAFETERIA – THURSDAY, 1 P.M.

We're All in This Together..... Chad, Taylor, Zeke, Kelsi, Martha Cox, Jocks, Brainiacs

## SCENE 16: LAB / THEATER / GYM – FRIDAY, 3 P.M.

Bop to the Top..... Sharpay, Ryan, Students  
Breaking Free..... Troy, Gabriella, Students

## SCENE 17: GYM – FRIDAY, 5 P.M.

We're All in This Together (Reprise)..... Troy, Gabriella, Company  
High School Musical Megamix..... Company

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# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

**Abigail Teague** (Cathy, Thespian) is feeling great about *High School Musical, Jr.*! She has enjoyed spending time with friends and developing her skills in theatre. Previously, she was seen in *Footloose* and *Our Town* and performed in the spring *Thank You for the Music* showcase. She is looking forward to performing in musical theatre this upcoming school year, and strengthening her acting skills. Abigail would like to thank her mom for supporting her always.

**Addison Eden** (Drum Majorette, Cheerleader, AST Dance Captain) is very excited for her acting debut in the summer production of *High School Musical, Jr.* She has been dancing since she was 2 years old and has always loved being on stage. She looks forward to starting middle school this year. When she isn't practicing for the program, you will find her outdoors or choreographing dances for her sisters, reading, or baking. She wants to thank her Mom and Dad for always making sure she can do what she loves.

**Alexis Roberts** she/her (Brainiac, Rebel) is thrilled to be part of *High School Musical, Jr.* as an ensemble cast member. When she isn't performing, she is enjoying summer by the pool and taking care of her 3 dogs and cat. She will be in 7th grade at Northwest Guilford Middle School this fall.

**Amelia Winter** (Gabrielle Montez) is so excited to perform as Gabriella in *High School Musical, Jr.*! She has been a huge fan of *High School Musical* since she was a little kid. She was recently seen in *Grease* and *Our Town* with NW Little Theatre. She would like to thank her parents and family for supporting her dreams!

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**Annabelle Lee** she/her (Kelsi Nielsen) developed a love for theatre after she got the role of a Teddy Bear in her church play. She was backstage in *Grease*, Rebecca Gibbs in *Our Town*, and the dramaturgy in *Footloose*. She's always been nervous during auditions but during *High School Musical, Jr.* auditions, she gave it her all and it worked out! She's excited to try out for both *13 the Musical* and (hopefully) *Into The Woods* in eighth grade.

**Arjun Pisharody** (Thespian) is a rising 6th grader at Northwest Guilford Middle School and is very excited to make his acting debut in *High School Musical, Jr.* this summer. Arjun enjoys biking, playing Nintendo games, playing soccer and reading. He is also a huge fan of everything Marvel. He was inspired watching *Footloose* and looks forward to theatre in middle school.

**Ava Hepler** she/her (Jock) is thrilled to take the stage for the second time as one of the Jocks in *High School Musical, Jr.* She recently worked with the crew of *Footloose* and acted as part of the ensemble in *Our Town* at Northwest Guilford Middle School. In her spare time, Ava enjoys music (clarinet, piano), numerous sports, and spending time with friends and family. She wants to thank her parents, 3 siblings, and 2 dogs for their support, encouragement, and transportation services.

**Ava Pike** she/her (Martha Cox) is very excited to be on stage again as Martha! She loves to sing and act. Ava's past roles include Jan (*Grease*), Mrs. Webb (*Our Town*) and she assistant directed for the first time for *Footloose*! She is excited for future performances.

**Avantika Goparaju** she/her (Ensemble, Martha understudy) is a rising 7th grader who loves to act and sing. She wants to be an actress when she grows up and is so happy to be a part of the cast of *High School Musical, Jr.*

**Calla Campbell** (Susan) is super excited to be a part of *High School Musical, Jr.* This camp has been a wonderful opportunity for kids to stay engaged in theatre during the summer. We are truly appreciative for it. Calla was previously a part of the Ensemble in *Our Town* with NW Little Theatre and enjoys school, gymnastics, and Acting Academy of the Triad. Thank you to Mr. Luck and all the staff for your dedication to our kids. We are very proud of you, Calla!

**Charles Bradford** (Braniac) is excited to be back on stage for *High School Musical, Jr.* This past school year, he was on tech crew for *Legally Blonde* with Northwest Ensemble Theatre and previously performed as Johnny Casino in *Grease* with NW Little Theatre. He thanks his family for supporting him.

**Chelsea Smith** (Thespian, Kelsi understudy) is excited to make her acting debut in Summer Arts Institute's production of *High School Musical, Jr.* Previously, she worked as stage crew for *Our Town* and *Footloose* and is looking forward to being out in front of the audience for the first time. In her spare time, Chelsea enjoys talking with her friends, traveling to new places, and experimenting with makeup.

**Cristina Young** (Thespian) is very excited to a part of *High School Musical, Jr.* She recently was seen as Aunt Lulu in NW Little Theatre's production of *Footloose*. In her free time, she enjoys tap dancing and playing basketball. She wants to thank God, friends, and family as well as Mr. Luck for their support.

**Cy Kolarczyk** he/him (Brainiac) is very excited to continue acting in the Summer Arts Institute. He was first in NW Little Theatre's *Footloose* and now is super excited for *High School Musical, Jr.* Cy is a rising 7th grader and loves theatre. He's very excited for his next years of middle school!

**Ella Genheimer** (Asst. Choreographer) has enjoyed providing choreography support to the Summer Arts Institute for *High School Musical, Jr.* and to NW Little Theatre for *Footloose*. Ella is a competitive dancer with the Daliana Dance competition team and she enjoys all types of dance including ballet, contemporary, tap, international, and more. When she is not dancing, she loves to spend time with friends and family.

**Febe Coble** (Moderator, Braniac) is excited to be performing in her first musical! She currently is a rising 7th grader at Kernodle Middle School. Outside of theatre, she enjoys taking choir with Mr. Shoaf, baking, and writing. Febe thanks her mom for encouraging her to try new things.

**Gabriella Morris** (Taylor McKessie) is overjoyed for her acting debut in *High School Musical, Jr.* She is a rising 8th grader at Kernodle Middle School. She is usually very reserved and in her own world, however she has truly come alive under glowing stage lights! She first fell in love with theatre after watching her aunt perform as Sister Mary Clarence and has kept that passion ever since. In her down time, Gabby enjoys playing video games and drawing. Her favorite class in school has become Chorus which she credits to her favorite teacher Mr. Shoaf.

**Gage Couch** (Party Kid) found his love for theatre when trying out for *Footloose* last year. He has really enjoyed being a part of theatre with the NW Little Theatre. When Gage isn't helping out on set or acting silly on stage, he enjoys hanging out with his friends, gaming, and going to the movies.

**Gavin Brown** (Jock) This is my 3rd play and the magic of working in these productions is amazing! Everyone makes you feel like family. I would like to thank my mom, cousin, brother, grandfather, grandmother and 2 pets for their support. I can't wait to be on stage!

**Grady Jones** (Zeke) is a rising 9th grader who loves working with Mr. Luck. Grady is very excited to be a part of *High School Musical, Jr.* His first musical was the spring production of *Footloose* with the NW Little Theatre. Grady wants to thank his family and friends for all of their support. He also wants to thank Mr. Luck for giving him the confidence and direction to try singing, find his voice, and for giving him this opportunity to help spark his interest in theatre!

**Honesty Webb-Benton** (Cheerleader) loves and has enjoyed being part of *High School Musical, Jr.* in the Summer Arts Institute. She is a 7th grader at Kernodle Middle School. She loves baking new recipes and snacks! She wants to thank her sister for driving her and picking her up every day, and she would like to thank her mom for just being amazing. She wants to shout out to Mr. Shoaf for being the best support during this show and being spectacular!

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**Hunter Ferguson** he/him (Thespian) has enjoyed working with Summer Arts Institute and is excited to be making his performance debut. He has taken ballroom dance lessons with Fred Astaire Dance Studios and performed hip hop with The Studio in Greensboro. When he is not dancing or acting, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He wants to thank the director and all the actors for making this show possible.

**Isaac Duncan** (Thespian, Jock, Ryan understudy) is excited to be in *High School Musical, Jr.* this summer with the Summer Arts Institute! He enjoyed playing his most recent role as Jeter in *Footloose* with the NW Little Theatre and has loved performing during various summer camps over the years. He especially had a blast playing Sebastian in *Les Poissons* from *The Little Mermaid* at Main Stage in Windham, Maine. When he's not digging holes in his backyard, Isaac enjoys cooking, baking (and eating his delicious culinary results), science, math, and video games. He is grateful for his 2 brothers and 3 sisters and the fun they have together. He wants to thank them and his awesome parents for their love and support.

**Jada Travis** (Cheerleader) is stoked to make her acting debut with *High School Musical, Jr.* In her spare time, you will find her making her family and friends laugh and making memories with those she cares about. Jada wants to thank Mr. Luck for his continued encouragement and support to find her voice.

**Jaxon Huggins** (Jock) is thrilled to be performing in *High School Musical, Jr.* with his brother Q. Jax was recently seen in Lincoln Academy's *Beauty at the Beast* as a wolf, napkin, and shepherd boy and performed *Descendants* and *Matilda* with Imagine Youth Theatre. Outside of theatre, he has trained with High Point Ballet for 8 years and performed in *The Nutcracker* for 5 years.

**Jazlyn Hilton** (Ryan Evans) is having a blast learning *High School Musical, Jr.* and spending the summer on stage. Jazz previously has been seen in *Wizard of Oz* with CTG and has taken dance classes locally. Jazz would like to thank Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Luck, and the cast for the dedication to the production. Mr. Shoaf is a music genius who deserves to be worshiped!

**Jenna Wunner** (Cheerleader) is very excited to take part in *High School Musical, Jr.* Last year, she was seen in *Footloose* and contributed to NW Little Theatre's *Our Town* as a member of the tech crew. Jenna loves playing the violin in the Northwest Guilford Middle School orchestra, soccer, and participating in scouting activities.

**Jessica Smith** (Sharpay Evans) is a rising 8th grader at Kernodle Middle School where she participates in cheerleading and chorus. She enjoys dancing with Dance Project, playing violin, singing, and acting. She was most recently seen in *The Wizard of Oz* and *High School Musical 2 Jr.* with CTG and *Once On This Island* with Creative Greensboro and CTG. She is so excited to be a part of this amazing cast!

**Julia Rigsbee** (Cheerleader) is extremely excited to be joining this summer's production of *High School Musical, Jr.* Julia is a rising 8th grader at Northwest Guilford Middle School and has completed 2 years of drama under Mr. Luck. Julia previously participated in Drama Kids as well as other minor school productions. In her spare time, Julia enjoys playing lacrosse and participating in Girl Scouts. She will be cheered on by her biggest fans, Woodrow and Murphy, the family dogs. Julia would like to thank her Dad and Mom for encouraging her to pursue her passion of drama and music. She is also very thankful to have had the opportunity to learn and grow under Mr. Luck during this performance.

**Kate Cohan** (Assistant Stage Manager, Tech Crew) has learned so many things in the tech world during this production of *High School Musical, Jr.*, including building scenery and painting scenery, and organizing props and costumes. Previously, she was stage manager for *Footloose* and assistant stage manager and sound crew for *Our Town* with the NW Little Theatre. Outside of theatre, she enjoys baking, reading, and spending time with her family. She would like to thank her brother, William, for inviting her to join theatre and is looking forward to 7<sup>th</sup> grade theatre.

**Kendall Hipsher** (Stage Crew) is very excited to be a part of the first GCS Summer Arts Institute production! Previously, she was behind the scenes for NW Little Theatre as stage crew for *Dur Town* and stage manager for *Footloose*. This past year has sparked an incredible interest and passion of theatre for Kendall, and she hopes it continues into her high school years. She wants to thank her Mom, Dad, and Lisa for always being by her side. She also thanks Mr. Luck for the amazing inspiration and opportunities he has offered in the past couple of years.

**Kinley Martin** (Thespian) is excited to perform along with her peers in *High School Musical, Jr.* This will be her first performance! She starts 6th grade at Northwest Guilford Middle School this fall. She loves to perform and can often be found entertaining those around her. Kinley stays active doing her favorite activities, including gymnastics, horseback riding, and soccer.

**Kyleigh Foster** (Cheerleader) is very excited to make her acting debut in Summer Arts Institute's *High School Musical, Jr.* She loves being at Northwest Guilford Middle School and is a rising 8th grader. You'll find her on the Northwest Guilford Middle School cheer team - Go Vikings! She has been a member of the cheer squad since 6th grade. When she's not in school, Kyleigh enjoys spending time with family. She wants to thank her mom and sister for always being there for her and supporting her!

**Laura Mello** (Tech Crew) has enjoyed building sets for *High School Musical, Jr.* Outside of theatre, Laura enjoys boxing, chorus with Mr. Shoaf, and reading. She wants to thank the tech crew for this experience.

**Mackenzie Babson** she/her (Brainiac, Cheerleader) is super excited to act in her first musical debut, *High School Musical, Jr.* She is a rising 8th Grader at Northwest Guilford Middle School. Mackenzie loves all things math and theatre in school. When not in school, Mackenzie is heavily involved in Girl Scouts, plays golf, enjoys spending time with her dogs, and hanging out with family and friends. She wants to thank her family and friends for all their love and support.

**Madelyn Yong** (Thespian, Jock, James understudy) is excited to participate in the production of *High School Musical, Jr.* She has experience with Drama Kids, backstage help, and has performed at Greensboro Cultural Arts Center. As well as performing theatre, she also plays sports and is an artist.

**Mason Lewis** (Troy Bolton) is excited to be a part of *High School Musical, Jr.* at the Summer Arts Institute. Mason's recent roles include Burger Palace Boy in *Grease* and Ensemble in *Legally Blonde*. When he isn't on stage, you can usually find Mason hanging out somewhere with his friends or talking to them online. Mason would like to thank his family for always supporting him through his growing theatre career.

**Maya Adams** (Mrs. Tenny, Brainiac) previously performed in *School of Rock*, *The Lion King*, *Mary Poppins*, *High School Musical*, and *Shrek the Musical* at Broadway Kids in Florida. Recently, she was seen as Rusty in *Footloose* and the Stage Manager in *Dur Town* at NW Little Theatre. She recently made her professional debut in *A Christmas Carol* at Goodly Frame Theatre in December, 2022. Additionally, she has performed in *Music Man* and *Newsies* at Stage Lights in Greensboro. She enjoys singing and traveling to new places. Maya would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for supporting her dreams.

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**Meagan Brady** she/they (Kratnoff) is ecstatic to be in *High School Musical, Jr.*! Meagan has been seen in NW Little Theatre's *Our Town* as Emily and in the *Footloose* ensemble. She will also be playing Rizzo in *Grease* at the Summer Stock @ 202 this summer in Lexington, NC. She thanks her Mom and Dad, sister, brother, friends, cast and crew, and Mr. Luck for making her theatre experience amazing!

**Megan Sweet** (Cheerleader) is excited to make her acting debut in *High School Musical, Jr.* She is a rising 6th grader at Northwest Guilford Middle School. In her free time, Megan enjoys rock climbing, playing softball, and riding horses. Megan would like to thank her parents for helping her pursue all of her interests.

**Olivia Gatewood** she/her (Mrs. Darbus) is very excited to be in *High School Musical, Jr.* She has been in both *Footloose* and *Our Town* with NW Little Theatre. When not acting or in school, Olivia enjoys playing guitar and reading. She wants to thank her family for their support.

**Quintin Huggins** (Jack) is excited to be performing on the Northwest stage where his mother performed this same show. He recently was seen in NW Little Theatre's production of *Footloose* and previously in *Wizard of Oz* at CTG. Outside of the theatre, he has trained with High Point Ballet for 9 years. He would like to thank his family for their support.

**Reagan Mistysyn** (Cheerleader, Dance Captain) is so excited to be a part of this musical experience! Reagan was previously seen in NW Little Theatre's *Footloose* playing Ethel McCormack and in *Our Town* and *Grease*. In her spare time, Reagan likes to do community theatre at Little Theatre of Winston-Salem and was seen in *Brothers Grimm*. Reagan wants to thank her best friends, Rory and Ava, for helping her be herself and better herself.

**Reece Biggs** (Jack Scott) is excited to keep you up to speed on all the 4-1-1 at East High. Reece has been in a number of productions at NW Little Theatre and other local theatre. Most recently, Reece portrayed Cowboy Bob in *Footloose* and was the Narrator for Act I in *Our Town*. She is also taking voice lessons this summer! To all her peeps, thank you for the love and support!

**Riley Watts** (Braniac) is excited to be making her stage debut in *High School Musical, Jr.* this summer with Summer Arts Institute! She loves being a student at Northwest Guilford Middle School. In her free time, Riley loves dancing, listening to music, and hanging out with her friends. Riley wants to thank her family for always supporting her and letting her follow her passions for the arts.

**Rory Goss** (James) serves as the Sunshine Chair for the Junior Thespian Society at Northwest Guilford Middle School. He provided comedic talent as Roger in *Grease* for NW Little Theatre's first theatre production in April 2022, was the troubled choir director, Simon Stimson, in the November 2022 production of *Our Town*, and recently played Rev. Shaw Moore in the April 2023 *Footloose* musical. He has studied at UNC School of the Arts' Acting Out and sings tenor in his church's choir.

**Sophia Gatewood** she/her (Coach Bolton) has enjoyed working on *High School Musical, Jr.* Other productions she has participated in include *Our Town* as Howie Newsome and *Footloose* on the stage crew. When not on stage, she loves baking and plays basketball. She wants to thank her family for driving her to rehearsals.

**Stella Harton** she/her (Cheerleader) has enjoyed working on this production with some of her closest friends. She was recently featured in *Footloose* and *Thank You for the Music* with NW Little Theatre. Stella can't wait to start her seventh grade year at Northwest Guilford Middle School and continue being involved in theatre. Stella loves and thanks all of her friends for everything they do for her. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Vella Day** (Ensemble/Chad understudy): Vella is thrilled to be a part of *High School Musical, Jr.*! She was previously Chuck Cranston in *Footloose: Youth Edition* and is currently playing Kenickie in *Grease* at Summer Stock @ 202 in Lexington, NC. When not on stage, Vella loves to hang out with friends, read books, and write poetry. She would like to thank everyone who made this show possible, especially the directors. Enjoy the show!



**Will Cohan** (Chad) Will is excited to get his head in the game with Summer Arts Institute! This is Will's 4<sup>th</sup> production at Northwest and recently played Uncle Wes in *Footloose*, Dr. Gibbs in *Our Town*, and Doody in *Grease*. Will thanks his family for always supporting him.

**Will Martin** (Jock) has been a member of NW Little Theatre since its inception. He will be an 8th grader at Northwest Guilford Middle School. He was in *Grease*, *Our Town*, and most recently starred as Willard in the spring production of *Footloose*. He loves to keep himself busy and can be found playing any sport offered, though soccer is his favorite. We are excited to see all Will can become in the future.

**Zella Lautzenheiser** (Cyndra) is very excited to be a part of this production of *High School Musical, Jr.*! She recently was in *Romeo & Juliet* (Balthasar), *Footloose* (Ensemble), and *Our Town* (Lady in the Box). She is very excited to be starting high school in the fall and is so grateful for the great experiences she has gotten from being a part of this cast. In her spare time, she loves to sing, read, write, and hang out with friends and family. She wants to thank her mom and dad for always being supportive of her.

## WILDCATS PRODUCTION STAFF

**JACOB LUCK** he/him (Director) is the founding director of NW Little Theatre. In the last year, he enjoyed directing and learning with troupe 10523 on *Grease*, *Our Town*, and *Footloose*, and has enjoyed directing *High School Musical, Jr.* for GCS' Summer Arts Institute. Outside of teaching at NORTHWEST GUILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL, he has worked as an actor with NC Shakes, Triad Stage, Roanoke Island Historical Association, Paper Lantern Theatre Company, and several local theatre organizations. When not directing musicals, Mr. Luck enjoys traveling with his wife, Tatum, and his Russell Terrier, Remi, thrifting, and spending time with friends and family. Mr. Luck dedicates this production to 10-year-old Jacob who always wanted to be Troy Bolton, but, in a twist, became Mrs. Darbus years later. He would like to thank Mr. Shoaf for this vision and all of you for supporting local theatre. @jacobcharlesluck

**KELLY GREATHOUSE** (Choreographer) is the director of Sheets' Dance Academy in Lexington, NC. She has a B.A. in Dance Education, Performance, and Choreography and Arts Administration from Goucher College in Maryland and a Masters in Equity and Diversity in Education from the University of Nevada, Reno. A native of NC, Kelly has taught, performed, and choreographed throughout the east coast. She is thrilled to be working with the talented students of GCS at the Summer Arts Institute!

**NICHOLAS SHOAF** (Music Director) is the Director of Choirs at Kernodle Middle School in Greensboro, NC. Mr. Shoaf has a Bachelor of Music in Music Education (Voice Concentration) and a B.A. in Arts Administration from UNC Greensboro. Mr. Shoaf has a background in opera theatre, choral music, musical theatre, and instrumental music and is currently pursuing a Master of Music in Music Education from UNC Greensboro.

**Lindsey Smith** (Stage Manager) is a rising senior at Northwest Guilford High School. She has previously worked with the NW Little Theatre, helping bring *Grease*, *Our Town*, and *Footloose* to the stage! She is thrilled to be a part of this Summer Arts Institute production and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Kayleigh (Kate) Beals** (Technical Director) is a rising sophomore at Northwest Guilford High School. Kate has three years of experience in technical theatre and is currently an International Thespian Society member. As well as theatre, she is also an art student and a part of the National Art Honor Society. She hopes to pursue a career in technical theatre and visual art.

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