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LOCAL SCHOOL EARNS 16 NOMINATIONS, 8 WINS IN NATIONAL YOUTH ARTS AWARDS

Peoria, Arizona. Candeo Schools was nominated for a staggering 16 Junior Division awards and will take home eight in five categories at the 14th Annual National Youth Arts (NYA) Awards, Arizona Region, Northwest Division. Candeo Schools captured Junior Division wins for Outstanding Production, Outstanding Direction, two wins for Outstanding Lead Performance, three wins for Outstanding Supporting Performance, and a win for Outstanding Featured Performance for their Middle School production of *The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree*. Additional nomination categories included Outstanding Ensemble and Outstanding Costume Design.

The ceremony for the 14th Annual NYA Awards will be held on Sunday, August 11, at 7:30pm at the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts. Candeo was asked to perform a number from *The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree* for all nominees, award winners, and attendees at the event.

The NYA has been resource for youth theatre since its inception, March 2000. It considered more than 700 productions for the awards, including shows from 240 different members spanning 17 states, Canada, and the United Kingdom. This year's award winners were selected from nominations by a panel of more than 50 judges and reviewers.

Candeo's theatre teacher and winner of Outstanding Direction, Kimberlee Easton, said of the *Lady Pirates* cast, "I was absolutely thrilled that our show and so many of the students were not only nominated but also won in several categories. This cast was full of talented and extremely hard-working students! I love these kids and believe in them more than they can imagine."

More about Candeo Schools

In a cohesive, purposeful, and joyful learning environment, Candeo Schools delivers rigor, relevance, and challenge through a core classical curriculum, which stresses the knowledge most useful for comprehension, school learning, and communication within the civic life of society.

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