

Monday, October 26, 2009

Dear Teachers,

The Pittsburgh CLO would like to invite your school to participate in the 2010 Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theater. The Gene Kelly Awards emphasize the importance of arts education by celebrating and supporting your dedication to High School Musical Theater. The Gene Kelly Awards will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the Benedum Center.

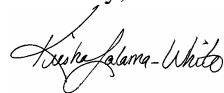
Enclosed with this letter you will find the Intent to Participate Form and List of Important Dates and Deadlines. On a first come, first serve basis, we will accept up to thirty-five participating schools. The Intent to Participate Form needs to be filled out completely and mailed or faxed to us no later than *Friday, November 20, 2009*. There will be a **MANDATORY** teachers meeting for all participating schools on *Thursday, January 7, 2010 at the Pittsburgh CLO Academy, at 4:30 pm*.

I am pleased to announce that we will be participating in the 2010 *National High School Musical Theater Awards*. Elizabeth Bailey of CAPA and Kian McCollum of Chartiers Valley did a fantastic job representing the Pittsburgh CLO at last year's national competition. Congratulations to Kian McCollum who made the finals and placed second overall. You can get more information about the NHSMTA on the website: *nhsmta.com*. Mark your calendars for next year's competition in NYC June 23rd-28th.

Once again, we will offer scholarship opportunities to students participating in the Gene Kelly Awards. The scholarship program includes: Pittsburgh CLO Gene Kelly Awards Cash Scholarships, Pittsburgh CLO Ambassador Cash Scholarships and local College Scholarships.

We hope that you join us this year as we continue to enhance our Gene Kelly Awards program and recognize outstanding student achievement in high school musical theater. We look forward to hearing from you soon! For the latest updates, check out our website: *pittsburghclo.org*.

Sincerely,



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