

***M. ALBERTA, WILLIAMS, DUKICH, A. ALBERTA, L. LEGG, LANDI,
LEWIS, BIDULA, PALLADINETTI QUALIFY FOR STATES***

Kingsway Regional HS Drama & Debate team traveled to Washington Township High School on January 21st, 2023, for its first NJ Dramatic & Forensic League tournament of the season and came away with 9 qualifiers for NJDFL States Tournament in late February.

The *NJ Dramatic & Forensic League's* mission is to foster a competitive and creative outlet for High School Theater and Forensic students, while providing a forum for competition and constructive feedback, as well as encouraging preparation, growth, development, and accomplishment in the arenas of theater and speech.

Juniors Matt Alberta & Omari Williams captured 1st place for their scene in *Dramatic Pairs*.

Matt Alberta also placed 3rd in *Musical Solo* as did Omari Williams in *Contemporary Monologue*.

“First of all, I thank my lord and savior Jesus Christ,” said Mr. Williams of his big wins. Second, I thank my parents for always being there for me. I must thank Mr. Young for giving me the tutelage to be better. Lastly, thank you to everyone on Kingsway drama for helping me get to this. This year's NJDFL tournament was a blast! I was able to witness phenomenal acting talents from all over and that motivated me to be better. Now, me and Matthew Alberta did get a lil sum sum (the medals) for our necks, but to know that I was top 3 in my division after not even being ranked the year prior, falling into a deep depression, which I converted into motivation and drive, this is the cherry on top.”

Other qualifiers include Marisa Landi in *Musical Solo*, Haley Dukich in *Contemporary Monologue*, Luke Legg & Adam Alberta in *Comic Pairs*, and Grace Palladinetti, Jess Lewis, and Yulia Bidula in *Musical Scenes*.

Coach Andrew Young commends all the players for their hard work looks forward to more success performances in upcoming NJDFL Tournaments at KRHS on January 28, Eastern High on February 4th, and the State Finals at Raritan HS on February 25, 2023!

To all students with a passion for or are curious about *Kingsway's Drama and Debate Programs*, contact Mr. A Young (younga@krsd.org) for more details.

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