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DESTINATION GRADUATION!



The Pascagoula-Gautier School District's first Teacher Recruitment Fair drew a large crowd of teachers interested in joining the PGSD Family at Singing River Academy Gym. Organizers said they are extremely pleased with the turnout and met many outstanding teachers and prospective teachers.

GHS Theatre Dept. Wins \$10,000 NBC RISE America Grant

The Gautier High School Theatre Department is the only school in Mississippi to win a \$10,000 NBC R.I.S.E. America Grant. The program – inspired by the network's upcoming drama "Rise" about a high school theatre department and its effects on a small town – awarded a half-million dollars to high school theatre programs across the country. Through R.I.S.E. (Recognizing and Inspiring Student Expression) America, NBC has awarded each of the 50 winning schools with a \$10,000 grant that will cover the critical needs of their theatre programs ranging from pro-

duction expenses to technical equipment and master classes. NBC is facilitating the program in partnership with the Educational Theatre Foundation (ETF), a non-profit organization dedicated to shaping lives through theatre education.

Each school submitted a video celebrating its theatre program and a 500-word essay explaining why the school should be awarded the grant and how they will use the \$10,000 should they win. They also submitted a letter of recommendation from a school principal or administrator endorsing the application. Gautier High



School theater teacher Amber West knew her class would have to be bold to stand out so her class submitted a video of them doing their own rap version of Lin - Manuel's Miranda's "My Shot" from the critically acclaimed Broadway production of Hamilton. "We chose that song because it talks about 'not throwing away my shot,' and the kids can really relate to that," West said. "