

QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

*William Shakespeare's
Much Ado About Nothing*



AN ONLINE NIGHT OF THEATER

THURSDAY 7:30 PM | NOV 19 2020

FRIDAY 7:30 | NOV 20 2020

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Plans change.

When I began considering titles for this year's fall play, we had just closed the romantic comedy *Almost Maine*. I contemplated something that would offer contrast to those earnest and heartsick characters, something dramatic, dark, and soul-wrenching. Then winter progressed, and days got darker. Before spring could fully emerge, increasingly dramatic news ensnared our lives. And by the end of summer, many of us were left jockeying our souls back into place.

I knew that our programming had to provide some kind of counterbalance, some attempt at healing.

Much Ado About Nothing sounds inconsequential: a whole lot of grief over something unworthy of the hassle. And in a way (spoiler alert) that is what happens in the play: the forces of evil try, with baseless rumor, to ruin everyone's merry-making. Ultimately, the forces of good use their wit, passion, and perseverance to overcome, and we get in a few of the greatest jokes about the battle of the sexes ever written.

Did I mention the guy who wrote it? Maybe I shouldn't. Some people have a bad history with him, and I understand why. He's not meant to be studied in a dusty classroom (which is what many of us were forced to do). He's meant to be heard, spoken, lived. And even in our strange separated environment in our sometimes clunky virtual format our students have done just that. They make Shakespeare sing, soar, thrill, yearn, and yes, they make Shakespeare heal. Oops, I said his name.

Thanks for joining us, wherever you may be,

Andrew Kane
Director



No lights, no make-up, no final curtain call... but our students are here, and so are you. Thank you for supporting our students in these shows and the Arts in Quakertown Community School District!

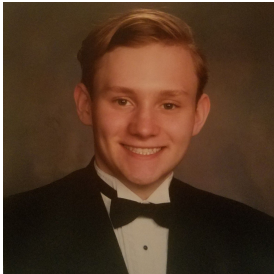
Bekci Kelly
Asst. Director

Cast of Characters

Role	Friday	Thursday
Benedick	Evan Acker	Simon Fletcher
Beatrice	Liberty Ashe	Amoria Riendeau
Don Pedro	Andrew Boyer	Karinna Richardson
Don John	Julia Roman	McKenzie Huff
Claudio	Austin Hunsberger	Austin Hunsberger
Leonata	Ashley Schroeder	Olivia Bell
Borachio	Emily St. Clair	Irene Gowin
Conrade	Rachel Szabo	Rachel Szabo
Hero	Sophie Schneider	Brooklyn Spear
Margaret	Riya Sembhi	Jessie Whitman
Dogberry	Jack Monaghan	Emma Walters
Verges	Tylain Rotenberger	Tylain Rotenberger
Friar Francis	Olivia Bell	Ashley Schroeder
a Sexton	Alyssa Cassel	Alyssa Cassel
Watch 1 (Oatcake)	Travis Minger	Travis Minger
Watch 2 (Seacole)	Travis Minger	Gwyn Trumbore

Much Ado About Nothing Actors - Alphabetical By Last Name:

Name: Evan Acker
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Benedick
Previous Characters: Titus (Curious Savage), Doctor Einstein (Arsenic & Old Lace), Perchik (Fiddler On the Roof), Steve (Almost Maine)
Personal Note: Thank you to Mr. Kane, and Mr. Farley before him, as well as Mrs. Kelly for the opportunities they have given me throughout my time in the program, and for sacrificing their time and energy to put on a show this year despite our unique circumstances. I take great pride in the knowledge that the QCHS drama program will continue to grow and prosper with its extremely gifted actors under the guidance of its brilliant and dedicated leadership.



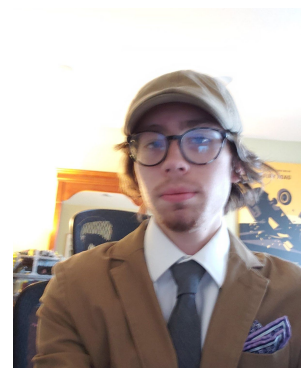
Name: Liberty Ashe
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Beatrice
Previous Characters: Marci in Almost, Maine; Yente in Fiddler on the Roof; Aunt Martha in Arsenic & Old Lace; Fairy May in The Curious Savage
Personal Note: I'd like to thank Mr. Kane, Mrs. Kelly, and Mr. Farley for all of the opportunities they've given me in theatre throughout my high school years. They really helped cultivate my love for acting by challenging me with a variety of roles and opportunities in shows and as a student leader. I'd also like to send love to all of my castmates, past and present, who are so extremely talented and amazing. Also, thank you to my family who have always supported me in everything I do!



Name: Olivia Bell
Grade Level: Sophomore
Character: Leonata/Friar Francis
Previous Characters: Rose in Alice in Wonderland Jr., Wednesday in the Addams Family, Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins Jr, Marvalyn in Almost Maine
Personal Notes: Mr. Kane and Mrs. Kelly are some of the most amazing directors I've ever worked with! They have helped me with so much over the years and encouraged everyone to do the best we can.



Name: Andrew Boyer
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Don Pedro
Previous Characters: This is my first production with the Theater department
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank my friends and Family



Name: Alyssa Cassel
Grade Level: Sophomore
Character: Sexton
Previous Characters: This is my first production with the theater department



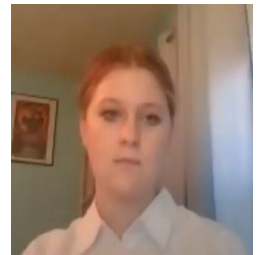
Name: Simon Fletcher
Grade Level: Junior
Character: Benedick
Previous Characters: Sergeant Fogarty from Chicago, Innkeeper from Fiddler on the Roof, Daniel Harding and Easton from Almost Maine, Teddy Roosevelt from Arsenic and Old Lace
Personal Notes: Thank you to Mr. Kane for continuing the play this year, despite the circumstances.



Name: Irene Gowin
Grade Level: Junior
Character: Borachio
Previous Characters: One of the officers during Arsenic and Old Lace, and Sandrine in Almost, Maine



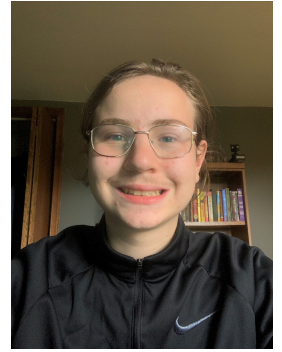
Name: McKenzie Huff
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Don John
Previous Characters: Suzette in Almost, Maine



Name: Austin Hunsberger
Grade Level: Junior
Character: Claudio
Previous Characters: Jonathan Brewster (Arsenic and Old Lace), Mendel (Fiddler on the Roof) Phil & Lendall (Almost Maine)
Personal Notes: I would like to thank all of my directors throughout the years. They have taught me so many different facets of acting.



Name: Travis Minger
Grade Level: Freshman
Character: First Watchman
Previous Characters: This is my first production with the Theater department



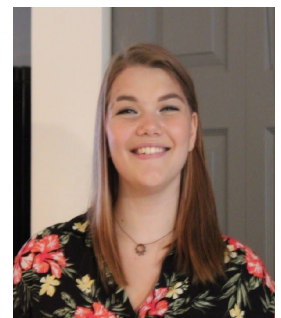
Name: Jack Monaghan
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Dogberry
Previous Characters: Samuel in The Curious Savage, Teddy in Arsenic and Old Lace and Dave in Almost, Maine
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank Mrs. Kelly for always making sure that my information gets into the program.



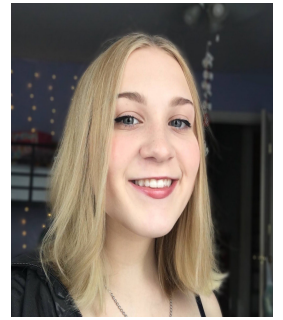
Name: Karinna Richardson
Grade Level: Sophomore
Character: Don Pedro
Previous Characters: Jeanette in Almost Maine
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank my parents for not understanding what was going on and my sister for not bothering me during rehearsals! I'd also like to give a big thanks to the directors for still going through with the play this year!



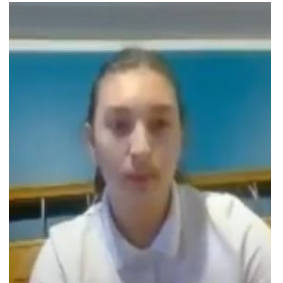
Name: Amoria Riendeau
Grade Level: Sophomore
Character: Beatrice
Previous Characters: Mary Poppins(Mary Poppins), Rhonda(Almost, Maine)
Personal Notes: I would like to thank all of the teachers and students that made this year possible. We weren't sure if we would be able to do anything, but this year has been fun and interesting thanks to them.



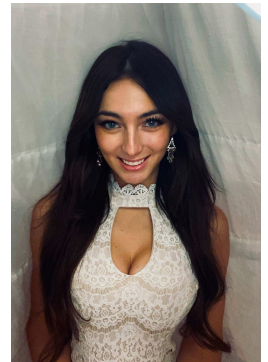
Name: Julia Roman
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Don John
Previous Characters: Hope, Almost Maine
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank the incredible teachers and student leaders that were dedicated to bringing back light and laughter this year, and so much love to the class of 2021, especially our talented seniors in the cast!



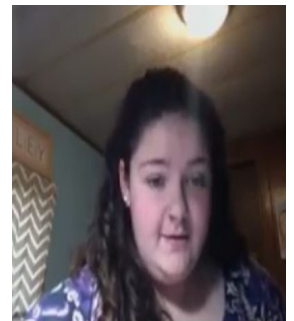
Name: Ty'Lain Rotenberger
Grade Level: Sophomore
Character: Verges
Previous Characters: Doorknob (Alice in Wonderland), Ancestor 4 (Addams Family), Chairman (Mary Poppins), and Pete (Almost Maine).
Personal Notes: I would like to thank my mother and father for their constant support of my interest in theater.



Name: Sophie Schneider
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Hero
Previous Characters: Lily Belle in The Curious Savage, Ellie Jordan in The Great American Talent Show, Elaine in Arsenic And Old Lace, Chava in Fiddler on The Roof, Gayle in Almost, Maine
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank my parents and family for supporting me as an actress and I'd also like to thank Mr. Kane and Mrs. Kelly for giving me this opportunity to do what I love.



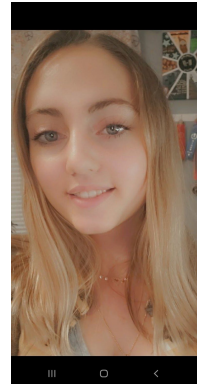
Name: Ashley Schroeder
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Leonata
Previous Characters: Deana in Almost Maine
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank Mr. Kane and Mrs. Kelly for being the absolute best directors anyone could ask for, and I'd like to thank my parents, grandparents, and friends for their continued support.



Name: Riya Sembhi
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Margaret
Previous Characters: Glory in Almost Maine
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank the previous seniors and my friends for encouraging me to embark in the Fall Play last year :)



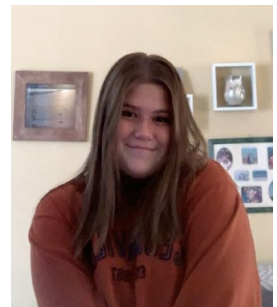
Name: Brooklyn Spear
Grade Level: Junior
Character: Hero
Previous Characters: Gayle in Almost, Maine; The fiddler in Fiddler on the Roof; Morticia in The Addams Family
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank Mr. Kane and Mrs. Kelly for helping us put together a play this year, despite everything that is going on in the world.



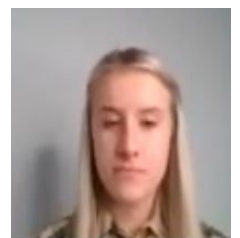
Name: Emily St. Clair
Grade Level: Senior
Character: Borachio
Previous Characters: Ginette in last years production of Almost, Maine
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank my parents for the support, and putting up with my schedule.



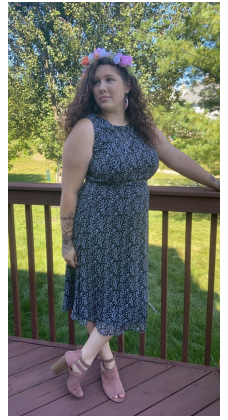
Name: Rachael Szabo
Grade Level: Sophomore
Character: Conrade
Previous Characters: Simba - Lion King jr. the Mad Hatter - Alice in Wonderland jr. Grandma Addam - The Addams Family jr. Winifred - Mary Poppins jr. Shelly - Almost Maine
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank Mr. Kane for going through with the play this year, My friends for making the play just as fun as it should be, and my family for supporting me the whole Time!



Name: Gwyneth Trumbore
Grade Level: Freshman
Character: Watch 2 (Seacole)
Previous Characters: I am a freshman! But I played roles at Strayer! Erzulie in Once One This Island
Personal Notes: I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard to keep this program going through these hard times! I am so happy to be a part of this amazing program!



Name: Emma Walters
Grade Level: Junior
Character: DogBerry
Previous Characters: The Queen of Hearts(in Alice in Wonderland), Morticia Adams(in The Addams Family), Marvalyn(in Almost Maine)
Personal Notes: Mr. Kane and Mrs. Kelly are some of the most amazing directors I've ever worked with! They have helped me with so much over the years and encouraged everyone to do the best we can.



Name: Jessie Witman
Grade Level: Sophomore
Character: Margaret
Previous Characters: This is my first show with the Theater department



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