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## Perry High Wins Theatre Awards at 10-State Competition Presents *The Trench* March 7



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Perry High School Theatre Department won several awards at the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) held Feb. 26 – March 1, 2020, in Louisville, Ken. The cast and crew represented the state of Georgia and won runner-up Best Play, as well as Best Set, Best Director, and All Star awards for cast members Josh Bishop and Anna Walters.

At the SETC, Perry’s students competed against one-act productions from 10 southeastern states. In addition to Georgia, contestants were from: Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi and Alabama. Each state sent two representatives to compete in the secondary theatre festival.

Congratulations to the cast and crew - Alex Willis, Austen Leslie, Logan Jacobs, Jacob Sendek, Colson Jones, Levi Shelton, Jackson

Riddle, Garrett Shelton, Anna Walters, Josh Bishop, Evan Palmer, Seth Lee and William Riddle. Their theatre directors are Joe Sendek and Russell Bugg.

Perry High qualified for the SETC in October 2019 when their production of Oliver Lansley’s *The Trench* was selected as Best Play at the Georgia Theatre Conference. The annual [SETC](#) convention brings more than 5,000 theatre community members together for workshops, keynotes, performance festivals, auditions, college recruitment, and job interviews.

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There is one more opportunity to see Perry's award-winning production of *The Trench* on March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and available for purchase in advance or at the door. Don't miss it!

*The Trench*, a new play by Oliver Lansley, is inspired by the true story of a miner who became entombed in a tunnel during World War I. As the horror threatens to engulf him, he discovers another world beneath the mud and death. Setting off on an epic journey of salvation, the boundaries between reality and fantasy blur as he questions what is real, what is not and whether it even matters.

Perry High is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry. Wesley "Del" Martin serves as principal. For more information, please contact Sendek at [Joseph.Sendek@hcbe.net](mailto:Joseph.Sendek@hcbe.net).

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