

## HALL OF FAME 2025



This year's Summer Scholars OnStage! Hall of Fame honoree is Dr. Debbie K. Wells.

Dr. Deb Wells is a Mississippi licensed professional counselor with a supervision credential. As president of Mississippi Licensed Professional Counselor Association, she was instrumental in developing the supervision training. For 13 years she had her own private counseling practice in Columbus. During this time, she was also an instructor in the Department of Counseling Education at Mississippi State University. She is currently the Director of the Mississippi University for Women Counseling Center until June 30, 2025 when she will retire from MUW but not counseling or supervision. Dr. Deb enjoys her work with students, colleagues and time with her three dachshunds—Echo Echo, Marble, & Feather Duster—and two cats—Indigo and Gumshoe.

Deb has been an important part of Summer Scholars for over 40 years. In the 1980s, she served first as Girl's Counselor, and later as Head Counselor, a role she held into the 1990s. Since then, she has been a financial sponsor of numerous campers over the years. Campers from her time at camp remember how much she cared about them, as both a group and individual campers, providing love and support over the years. The early years of Summer Scholars were shaped by Deb in so many ways and we are honored to induct her this year into our Summer Scholars Hall of Fame.

## MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOLARS ON STAGE 2025 PRESENTS

# ARE YOU STILL WATCHING?

An Original Three-Act Musical



Friday, June 27, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 28, 1 p.m.

McComas Hall, Mississippi State University

Free Admission



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™  
SUMMER SCHOLARS ON STAGE

# NOTE FROM PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

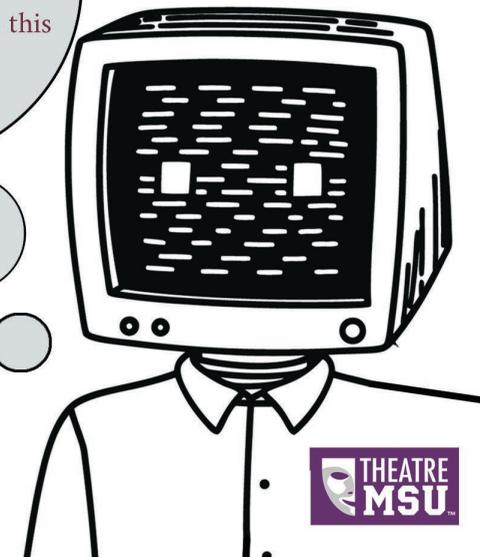
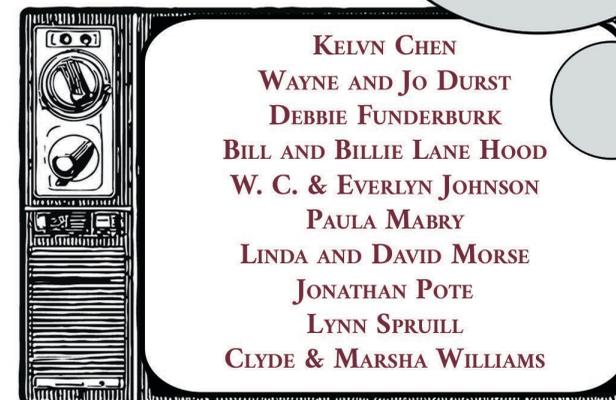
Welcome, and thank you for joining us.

Directing this production has been a journey filled with discovery, collaboration, and deep reflection. Each rehearsal, each conversation, and each moment shared with this talented cast and crew has reinforced my belief in the transformative power of Summer Scholars Onstage.

At its core, this camp is about the campers. We've worked hard to bring that mission to life in a way that is both honest and impactful. I hope tonight's performance sparks something meaningful in you—whether it's a new perspective, an emotional memory, or simply a moment of joy.

Thank you for being here and for supporting the arts. Your presence truly matters.

I am so glad you are still watching,  
Louis Codling



## SPECIAL THANKS

MSU Office of Pre-College and Opportunity Programs  
MSU Department of Communication and Theatre MSU

MSU Office of Public Affairs

MSU TV Center

Tonya Hays

Melanie Harris

Greg Thorn

Jesse Wade

Dr. Ra'Sheda Forbes

Dr. Le'Roy Davenport

Chassidy Body

Dr. Joe Ray Underwood

Joel Rutherford

Sean Richmond

Pattye Archer

Paula Mabry

Kris Lee

Nate Greve

## HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

Summer Scholars On Stage is a tuition and donation based camp. We rely on the donations and sponsorships from the community. If you would like to make a donation, we would be greatly appreciate the support. To make a donation visit,

<https://www.summerscholarsonstage.msstate.edu/sponsorship.html>



## A NOTE FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

As I wrap up my first year as Director of the Mississippi State University Summer Scholars OnStage, I am filled with deep gratitude. Stepping into this role has been both an honor and a joy, and I am especially thankful to Joe Ray Underwood and Paula Mabry for their encouragement and continued support throughout this transition. Their trust and guidance have been invaluable as I've worked to carry on the legacy of this incredible program.

To our outstanding staff—thank you. Your dedication, creativity, and teamwork have made this camp a success and you have helped me get up to speed with remarkable generosity and grace. And to our students—what a talented, passionate, and inspiring group you are. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside you, witness your growth, and see your ideas come to life on stage.

We are also tremendously grateful to our sponsors and donors. Your belief in the power of arts education makes all of this possible. Without your generosity, this experience simply could not happen.

If you've been inspired by what you've seen here today, I invite you to consider making a donation to help us continue offering this life-changing program for years to come.

With sincere thanks,  
Stephen

**Videography and flash photography are strictly prohibited during the show. It is distracting for both performers and attendees. A video of the performance will be available for purchase later this summer.**

# ACT I—*My New Nemesis*

## *Cast, in order of appearance:*

NIGHTFANG.....	Yuvall Karges
AMETHYST.....	Addison Manning
WHIRLWIND.....	Kylin Ellis
PSYCHO.....	Sam Stagers
PROFESSOR PROTON.....	Maddie Englert
EMPRESS.....	Emilee Nichols
POWERMAN.....	Kingston Hayes
FELINIA.....	Isley Washington
DIRECTOR.....	Savannah Hayes
DUSTIN.....	Camden McKinnon
IZZY.....	Myrto Sergi
WALT.....	Henry Swanson
BECKY.....	Sabrina Kauchak

# ACT I ORIGINAL SONGS

## *Intro*

- Written by: Savannah Hayes & Keylon Mays-Moore
- Performed by: Kylin Ellis, Maddie Englert, Kingston Hayes, Yuvall Karges, Emilee Nichols, Addison Manning, Sam Stagers & Isley Washington

## *Gossip Song*

- Written by: Savannah Hayes, Keylon Mays-Moore, Maggie Pike & Dezmond Williams
- Performed by: Sabrina Kauchak, Camden McKinnon, Myrto Sergi & Henry Swanson

## *Worlds Apart*

- Written by: Savannah Hayes, Keylon Mays-Moore, Maggie Pike & Dezmond Williams
- Performed by: Kylin Ellis & Emilee Nichols

# CAMP STAFF

Camp Director.....	Stephen Cunetto
Program Director/Head Counselor.....	Leah Wright
Director of Operations.....	Lauren Gerhart
Programming Assistant.....	Liz Jones
Girls' Counselors.....	Erin Harrison, Liz Jones, Shelby Stafford, & Caslyn Trost
Boys' Counselors.....	Jaylon Ashford, Jace Fye & Jacob Jordan
Staff Assistants.....	Lindy Peterson, Belmont Phelps & Cedar Underwood
Graphic Artist.....	Jaylon Ashford
Photographers.....	Liz Jones & Caslyn Trost
Junior Counselor.....	Dezmond Williams
Senior Intern.....	Carissa Palmer

# STAFF ENSEMBLE

## *A Change in my Life* from the movie *Leap of Faith*

Ryan Bergman, Kenzie Claire Burchfield, Joe Evans,  
Liz Jones, Jacob Jordan, Leah Wright

## PRODUCTION & TECHNICAL STAFF

Production Staging Director.....	Louis Codling
Drama Instructors.....	Lindy Peterson, Belmont Phelps & Caslyn Trost
Production Coordinator.....	Joe Evans
Director of Music.....	Kenzie Claire Burchfield
Technical Director.....	Patrick McFadyen
Technical Assistant/Sound Engineer.....	Zak Mayo
Shop Foreman.....	Zadie Shockey
Stage Manager.....	Kensington Frasure
Costumer.....	Sierra Robinson-Clark
Set, Sound, and Light Design & Asst. Stage Managers.....	Rhys Evans, Riyaz Mathews & Darianna Sims
Pit Coordinator /Lead Musician.....	Ryan Bergman
Choreography.....	Erin Harrison
Dance Assistant.....	Caslyn Trost
Makeup Design.....	Jacob Dennis
Props .....	Lindy Peterson, Belmont Phelps & Cedar Underwood

## PIT MUSICIANS

Alto Saxophone.....	Caidon Sanders (ACT I & III) & Myrto Sergi (ACT II)
Baritone Saxophone.....	Savannah Hayes (ACT II & III)
Bass.....	Jacob Jordan (Staff) & Kiran Jones (ACT I & II)
Drum Set.....	Joe Evans (Staff) & Ranier Smith (ACT I & III)
Flute.....	Sophie Haug (ACT I & III) & Emilee Nichols (ACT II & III)
Guitar.....	Ryan Bergman (Staff) & Jacob Jordan (Staff)
Keyboard.....	Josiah Palmer (ACT I & III) & Keylon Mays-Moore (ACT I & II)
Percussion.....	Joe Evans (Staff) & Keylon Mays-Moore (ACT I & II)
Trumpet.....	Trinity Hirshfeld (ACT I & III)
Tuba.....	Kingston Hayes (ACT II & III)
Ukelele.....	Jacob Jordan (Staff)
Violin.....	Sabrina Kauchak (ACT II & III)

## ACT II—*Malls Well That Ends Well*

### *Cast, in order of appearance:*

HOLLY.....	Carissa Palmer
SARGE.....	Dezmond Williams
TONY.....	Sophie Haug
NONNA.....	Trinity Hirshfeld
VINNY.....	Kate Rader
BIG JO.....	Josiah Palmer
ANTOINETTE.....	Zoey Fortuin
CECIL CHADWICK.....	Lilly Baumann
RUTH.....	Robin Veasley
RAVEN.....	Zerah Blotz
BERNARD.....	Caidon Sanders
MAX.....	Rainier Smith
FRANKIE.....	Lola Mae Hallows

## ACT II ORIGINAL SONGS

### *Mall Haul*

- Written by: Maggie Pike & Dezmond Williams
- Performed by: Act II Cast

### *Kitchen Chaos*

- Written by: Savannah Hayes & Dezmond Williams
- Performed by: Josiah Palmer & Kate Rader

### *Come Together Song*

- Written by: Maggie Pike & Dezmond Williams
- Performed by: Act II Cast

## ACT III—*Ecto-Locators*

### *Cast, in order of appearance:*

AALIYAH.....	Amelia Rodgers
LYNN.....	Lydia Vinson
DARRYL.....	Keylon Mays-Moore
PITBULL.....	Lillie Moore
ZOEY.....	Isabella Steward
DANNY.....	Miles Baker
DREW.....	Myrto Sergi
HAILEY.....	Maggie Pike
LANCE.....	Molly Moody
BRAD.....	Kinley Smith
SIGMUND FRAUD.....	Megan Blalock
COACH BENSON.....	Kiran Jones
GLEEBUS GORBUS.....	Jonah Evans

## ACT III ORIGINAL SONGS

### *Ectolocators*

- Written by: Savannah Hayes, Keylon Mays-Moore, Maggie Pike & Dezmond Williams
- Performed by: Keylon Mays-Moore, Lillie Moore, Amelia Rodgers, Isabella Steward & Lydia Vinson

### *Vine Bros*

- Written by: Savannah Hayes, Keylon Mays-Moore, Maggie Pike & Dezmond Williams
- Performed by: Miles Baker, Jonah Evans & Myrto Sergi

### *Hailey*

- Written by: Savannah Hayes & Keylon Mays-Moore
- Performed by: Keylon Mays-Moore & Maggie Pike

### *Are You Still Watching? (Finale)*

- Written by: Savannah Hayes, Keylon Mays-Moore, Maggie Pike & Dezmond Williams
- Performed by: Full Cast

## THE WRITERS

**Script Coordinator:** Eric Fritzius

### **ACT I—*My New Nemesis***

- Act Leaders: Jaylon Ashford & Caslyn Trost
- Writing Assistant: Belmont Phelps
- Writers: Kylin Ellis, Lola Mae Hallows & Robin Veasley

### **ACT II—*Malls Well That Ends Well***

- Act Leaders: Jace Fye & Shelby Stafford
- Writers: Trinity Hirshfeld & Carissa Palmer

### **ACT III—*Ecto-Locators***

- Act Leader: Lindy Peterson
- Writing Assistant: Cedar Underwood
- Writers: Sophie Haug, Ranier Smith & Kaeley Nevels

### **Music:**

- Songwriting Instructors: Ryan Bergman & Joe Evans
- Writers: Savannah Hayes, Keylon Mays-Moore, Maggie Pike & Dezmond Williams

## TECHNICAL THEATRE TRACK

This year, we introduced a new Technical Theatre Track for students interested in exploring the behind-the-scenes world of theatre. Three outstanding students— Rhys Evans, Riyaz Mathews & Darianna Sims— enrolled in the track and have played an essential role in bringing the production to life. They’ve helped design, build, and paint the set, learned how to operate lights and sound equipment, and gained hands-on experience with a variety of tools. They are also taking on key roles during the performance by running lights, managing sound, and assisting with stage management.