



President:



Andrew Busenlener is a Senior at Jesuit. He is the current President of the Philelectic Society. "Twelfth Night" (Orsino) is his 11th show with the Phils. He has performed in "Damn Yankees," "Huckleberry Finn" (Tom Sawyer), "The Music Man," "Three Musketeers," "On The Town," "44 Plays For 44 Presidents" (George Washington), "The Curious Savage" (Dr. Emmett), "Les Miserables" (Jean Valjean), and several one act productions. Currently he is a member of the Chorus, J-Troupe, Ultimate Frisbee team, and NHS. He was also recently nominated as a National Merit Semi-Finalist. He is excited to lead the Phils to a great year as President.

"As the President of the Phils, I hope to lead them to a successful year and help make memories that we will remember for the rest of our lives."

President of J-Troupe:



Blaise Bonura is a senior at Jesuit. "Twelfth Night" is his eighth production with the Phils after previously acting in "Les Miserables" as Thenadier, "Huck Finn" as Uncle Silas, and the ensembles of "The Music Man," "Three Musketeers," and "Cinderella Battistella." He has also been in "Godspell" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Blaise also acts as president of the J-Troupe.

"I think dogs should vote!" ~Griffin McElroy

Crew Chief:



Michael Gieseler is a senior at Jesuit High School of New Orleans. He is working on his fifth production with the phils. His past Jesuit productions as stage crew/soundboard director include "Three Musketeers," "On the Town," "Barefoot in the Park," "The Curious Savage," and "Les Miserables."

"Looking forward to another great year. The Phils have been such a positive impact on my life, can't wait to try to pass that on to the younger generation"

Vice-President:



Will Hite is a senior at Jesuit High School. He has been a member of the Phils for five years and has most notably starred in “Barefoot in the Park” (Paul Bratter) at Jesuit along with several productions outside of Jesuit such as NOLA Project's “Our Town” (Doc Gibbs) and the NOLA Fringe Festival's “Send in the Clown” (Young Johnny). In addition to the Phils, he is also a member of the Jesuit Improv Troupe and NHS. Will would like to thank his family, friends, and God for the opportunities he’s been given.

“You bring a part of yourself to every character, although some parts are closer than others.”

~Marlon Brando

Assistant Crew Chief:



Alex Doll is a junior at Jesuit, and this year is his second with the Phils. He has participated with the Tech Crew for the Jesuit productions “The Three Musketeers,” “Cinderella Battistella,” “On the Town,” “44 Plays for 44 Presidents,” and “Les Misérables.” He enjoys channeling his inner artistic maelstrom through camel hair paintbrushes and 110 volt MIG welders. He is excited to be a part of the Tech Crew in upcoming Jesuit productions.

“When I’m in the Phils they call me Dusty. I can’t even remember why or how it started. But it’s like being a completely different person—there are things Dusty does that Alex could never dream of doing.” ~Dusty

Communications Officer:



Garrin Mesa is a senior at Jesuit High School. “Twelfth Night” is his fifth production with the Philelectic Society. Some of his favorite productions with the Phils were “On the Town” and “Les Miserables.” He was also in “West Side Story” with JPAS. He is a member of Jefferson Ballet Theatre, and plays the euphonium, trombone, and piano.

“I’m excited to see the talent of our actors on the stage this year and to see what the teamwork and chemistry of this group brings to the Phil as a whole”

Secretary:



Sergeant in Jesuit's MCJROTC. "As You Like It" is his 9th production with the Philelectic Society. Previously he has appeared in "Legally Blonde, Jr." and "Into the Woods" for Southern Rep Theatre and Jesuit's productions of "Damn Yankees," "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "The Music Man," "Cinderella Battistella," "The Three Musketeers," "On The Town," "44 Plays for 44 Presidents," and "The Curious Savage." Last year he also participated in "42nd Street" with Dominican High School. He is the president of the Jesuit Foosball Club and the Jesuit Barbershop Bluejays and a member of the J-Troupe and Jesuit Chorus. He currently has his sights set on the University of Alabama where he wants to study accounting and performing arts.

"You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it." ~Robin Williams

Historian:



Cole DiMaggio has been in several elementary plays at St. Charles Borromeo, and placed a few times in CBS speech night 5th-7th grade. Previous Phils credits include "The Music Man", "On The Town", and "Les Miserables". Performed in St. Pius play "Cinderella" this summer.

"I'm really excited to be taking part in 'As You Like It' with the Phils. This is my first major role in any production and I can't wait to show my friends and family my talent as an actor. Thank you Mom for encouraging me to try out every year to get a lead role. You're the best!"

Social Secretary:



Jennifer Hawkins is a senior at Haynes Academy. She is very excited to work with the Jesuit Philelectic Society this year. Credits include Princess Fiona in "Shrek: The Musical, Jr.," "High School Musical, Jr.," and "Romeo and Juliet: The West Side Story" for Haynes Academy. Over the years, she also worked with Jesuit in "Les Miserables" and "On the Town." Additionally, she has performed with ATNO in their production of "A Christmas Carol: The Whole Story" and at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

"Without wonder and insight, acting is just a trade. With it, it becomes a creation." ~Bette Davis

Representatives:



Claire Myers is a sophomore at Ursuline Academy. She plays flute in the Ursuline Orchestra. She's been in Komenka Ethnic Dance and Music Ensemble Chorus for the past 6 years. She has been in many shows at Jesuit over the past four years. Some of the plays and musicals are “The Music Man”, “The Three Musketeers”, “The Bad Seed”, “Cinderella Battistella”, and “44 Plays for 44 Presidents”. She was Diana Dream/Delores Delores in “On the Town” and Sneezzy and Judge F. Godmother in “Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit”. She also performed in GIFT's production of “You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown” as Snoopy.

“To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.”

~Joseph Clinton Pierce



Ben Schaubhut is a sophomore at Jesuit and has previously been in “Les Miserables” and “On the Town” with the Jesuit Philelectic Society and Cinderella with St. Pius X Players. He also performed with the GIFT Theatre in “You're a Good Man Charlie Brown as Charlie Brown.”

“Look, I made a hat where there was never a hat.” ~Stephen Sondheim

Future Phils Representative:



Emma Potts is in the 8th grade at Patrick F Taylor. “As You Like It” will be Emma’s third Phils production. Emma has been actively involved in local theater since the age of seven. Some of Emma’s favorite productions include: “The Music Man,” “Seussical Jr.,” and “Guys and Dolls Jr.”. Emma would like to thank her family and friends for their support through the years. She is the currently serving as the female eighth grade representative on the board.

“Through others we become ourselves.” Lev S. Vygotsky

Members-at-Large:



John Howell is a senior at Jesuit. This is his fourth year as a Phil and is overjoyed to be doing Shakespeare. Aside from his involvement in the Phils, he is involved in the ROTC, the literary magazine, intramurals, the Choir, and student council. He is so appreciative of everyone who has worked on this show.

*“Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.”
~Abraham Lincoln*



Nicole Lala is a senior at Haynes Academy. She was in The Jesuit Philelectic Society's “Les Miserables” and participates in the J-Troupe. Nicole has done many shows such as “Shrek the Musical, Jr.” as a hobbit and “The Lion King, Jr.” as Nala. She is a captain of the Haynes volleyball team and has been a part of the theatre department at Haynes since sixth grade. She is looking into going to college at Northwestern State University and majoring in Design and Production of Theatre, but she is keeping an open mind of what the future may hold!

*“An actor must never be afraid to make a fool of himself”
~Harvey Cocks*



Kaitlin Lombard is a senior at Haynes Academy. She recently was in the Phil's production of “Les Mis.” She also was recently in “Shrek: The Musical” and “Wizard of Oz” as the Tinman with Haynes Academy. Other programs she works with include ATNO and Jefferson Players. She hopes to study theatre and Special effects makeup in college.

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” ~Maya Angelou