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## Wallace Community College Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Season of Theatre with *Hairspray*



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*Pictured (middle): Cameron Gray as Corny Collins*



*Wallace Community College cast members in the April production of the musical Hairspray.*

**Dothan, Ala.** — Wallace Community College celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> season of theatre with a presentation of the musical *Hairspray* on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, April 19 – 21. The rendition of the

famous Broadway production took place in the Bencze Theatre in Cherry Hall. The show played to a full house at all three performances.

Savannah Granberry, director of theatre program, and Claudia Bryan, musical director, chose *Hairspray* over other musicals for its powerful message delivered through music and comedy. “I knew that *Hairspray* was a show that could enlighten and charm anyone,” said Granberry. “Hopefully, anyone who saw the show realized how far we’ve grown as individuals and as a society.” Set against the backdrop of the turbulent 1960s in Baltimore, the musical weaves a tale about achieving dreams when society presents a different reality.

Over 70 cast, musicians, and staff began practicing for the production in January. “The students have worked tirelessly, and I am so proud of what they have accomplished!” said Bryan. “As you can see, it takes a large number of students, faculty, and staff to put on a production of this level,” she added.

Fine Arts Director Rosemary Hunter cited teamwork as the key to the production’s success: “The effective teamwork extended to the support of the choreographer, lighting, sound, and stage crews. Talent and hard work are obvious, but it is the passion and love for their work that brought the Wallace Community College production of *Hairspray* to fruition as a united achievement. Directors Savannah Granberry, Claudia Bryan, Instrumental Ensemble Director Dr. Allen Molineux, and the students achieved a camaraderie that made for a successful production,” she added.

*Hairspray* is the first musical for the College in 28 years. Acclaimed instructors Terry Schembera and Miklos Bencze (for whom the theatre is named) directed the last musical – *You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown* – in 1984.

Fine Arts Department auditions for the fall play are scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2012, in the Bencze Theatre at 2:00 p.m. Packets are available in the Learning Resource Center on the Wallace Community College – Wallace Campus beginning July 11, 2012.

*Hairspray* Cast: Nicki Norris, Cameron Gray, Josiah Brooks, Ryan Williams, Caila Long, Victoria Luchner, Chasity Fields, Dustin Chavis, Michael Anderson, Keilah Smith, Chelsea Cooper, Anna Marie Barnes, Jason Cox, Spencer Nall, Haley Broadway, Shelby Carney, Cliff Coleman, Cody Irwin, Darian Moerkerken, Dakota Smith, Landon Smith, Brooke Turner, Kristen Reynolds, Ashanti Rhodes, Miesha Williams, Nic Ardis, Gabby Bishop, Eric Collier, Jordan Hall, Victoria Ingram, Emily Jones, Andrew Maxwell, Emily Page, Christiana Evans, Ashley Rubin, Nic Trawick, and Deangelo Young.

*Hairspray* musicians: Dr. Allen Molineux, instrumental ensemble director, Evan Roney, Theron Carter, Kaylah Watkins, Terrell Glover, Jacob Phillips, Zeke Handley, Rachel Hannon, Sabrina Hannon, Becky Davis, Addison Weldon, Grant Givens, Marcus Jordan, and Juan Cepero.

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