

# JUNIPER WALLACE

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced, well-rounded secondary educator with a passion for high-quality theatre who built programs as the Director of Theatre Arts at two high schools, provided exceptional instruction in English language and literature, and balanced professional and volunteer theatre activities in the Jackson/metropolitan area theatre community with professional work in secondary educational theatre

## EXPERIENCE

### **Northwest Rankin High School**

*Director of Theatre Arts & Performing Arts Chair*

**Flowood, MS**

2015-Present

- Develops and directs an annual season, organizes fundraisers, and teaches four levels of theatre classes
- Sponsors International Thespian Society Troupe #5727; facilitated growth from 25 to 80+ members
- Prepares and arranges for students to attend and compete in local, regional, and national theatre festivals

### *English Teacher*

2010-2015

- Prepared lessons and taught courses in AP English Language, English III, and English IV
- Worked with students to improve writing, reading comprehension, and critical thinking skills

### *Public Speaking Teacher*

2008-2013

- Developed and implemented coursework to improve secondary students' oral communication skills
- Supported students' working through fear of public speaking; helped students set and reach personal goals

### **Brandon High School**

**Brandon, MS**

*Director of Theatre Arts*

2002-2008

- Directed three plays per year, organized fundraisers, and taught four levels of theatre classes
- Sponsored International Thespian Troupe #5391; facilitated growth from 16 to 110 members

## EDUCATION

### **The Mississippi University for Women**

**Columbus, MS**

*Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Education*

2019-2022

### **The University of Southern Mississippi**

**Hattiesburg, MS**

*Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Performance*

1989-1993

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### **Mississippi Theatre Association (MTA)**

**Various Cities, MS**

*President*

2020-Present

- Worked with other members of the executive committee to implement and uphold procedures
- Worked with other members of the board to prepare and host the annual MTA State Festival
- Worked with Executive Director to redesign organization's website, [mississippitheatre.org](http://mississippitheatre.org)
- Produced virtual and hybrid theatre festivals through the COVID-19 years

### *Vice President*

2019-2020

- Worked with other members of the executive committee to implement and uphold procedures
- Worked with other members of the board to prepare and host the annual MTA State Festival

<i>Individual Events Chair</i>	2017-2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligned Secondary Individual Events Festival with the International Thespians Individual Events Festival to promote growth and facilitate participation in the organization</li> <li>Worked with other members of the board to prepare and host the annual MTA State Festival</li> </ul>	
<i>Secondary Chair and Vice Chair</i>	2006-2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reworked rules of the Secondary One-Act Play Festival to create consistency throughout the state drama festivals and streamlined the adjudicator process to ensure efficient evaluation</li> <li>Worked with other members of the board to prepare and host the annual MTA State Festival</li> </ul>	
<b>Mississippi Department of Education</b>	<b>Jackson, MS</b>
<i>Theatre Curriculum Chair</i>	2016-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead the adoption of State 2017 Arts Standards</li> <li>Assembled Standards Committee for the creation of teaching guide to accompany State Standards</li> <li>Assembled and edited teaching guide</li> </ul>	
<b>New Stage Theatre</b>	<b>Jackson, MS</b>
<i>Actor; Technician; Teacher</i>	2010-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acted in full-length professional theatre productions</li> <li>Supported the New Stage costume shop by cutting, draping, and stitching</li> <li>Taught summer camp attendees acting; assisted directed camp musical</li> </ul>	
<b>Actor's Playhouse Community Theatre</b>	<b>Pearl, MS</b>
<i>Volunteer; Director</i>	2007-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directed the Actor's Playhouse drama troupe and Company, the theatre's independent show choir</li> <li>Acted in, directed, designed, and stage managed full-length community theatre productions</li> </ul>	
<b>SELECTED PRODUCTION AND DIRECTING CREDITS, AWARDS, AND HONORS</b>	
<b>Northwest Rankin High School</b>	
<i>Girls in the Boat</i> by Alice Austen	2023 (Present)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Outstanding Ensemble, North MS Drama Festival</li> <li>» Distinguished Play Award, North MS Drama Festival</li> </ul>	
<i>Fly by Night</i> by Kim Rosenstock, Michael Mitnick, and Will Connolly	Spring 2023
<i>Babette's Feast</i> by Abigail Killeen and Rose Courtney from the short story by Isak Dinesen	2022-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» 2nd Runner-Up Best Production, MTA State Festival</li> <li>» Best Ensemble, MTA State Festival</li> <li>» Outstanding Technical Excellence, North MS Drama Festival</li> <li>» Distinguished Play Award, North MS Drama Festival</li> </ul>	
<i>Icarus</i> by Jessica Chipman	2021-2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Best Set Design, Southeastern Theatre Conference</li> <li>» Runner-Up Best Production, MTA State Festival</li> <li>» Best Costume Design, MTA State Festival</li> <li>» Best Set Design, North MS Drama Festival</li> <li>» Best Technical Achievement, North MS Drama Festival</li> <li>» Distinguished Play Award, North MS Drama Festival</li> </ul>	
<i>Empowered: How One Girl Scout Nearly Destroyed the World's Economy</i> by Don Zolidis	Spring 2021

<i>Amelia Earhart: Flights of Fancy</i> by Will Huddleston	2020-2021
» Best Lighting Design, North MS Drama Festival	
» Overall Theatrical Experience, North MS Drama Festival	
» Best Set Design, North MS Drama Festival	
» Peer Choice Award, North MS Drama Festival	
» Distinguished Play Award, North MS Drama Festival	
<i>Badger</i> by Don Zolidis	2019-2020
» Judge's Award: Excellence in Mime, South Eastern Theatre Conference	
» Best Production, MTA State Festival	
» Best Director, MTA State Festival	
» Best Set Design, MTA State Festival	
» Best Ensemble, North MS Drama Festival	
» Peer Choice Award, North MS Drama Festival	
» Distinguished Play Award, North MS Drama Festival	
<i>Zombie Prom</i> by John Dempsey	Spring 2019
<i>Aftershock</i> by Joe Calarco	2018-2019
» Excellence in Projection Design, MTA State Festival	
» Technical Excellence, North MS Drama Festival	
» Peer Choice Award, North MS Drama Festival	
» Distinguished Play Award, North MS Drama Festival	
<i>Once on this Island</i> by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty	Spring 2018
<i>Shape of the Grave</i> by Laura Lundgren Smith	2017-2018
» 1st Place Chapter Select Showcase, Mississippi Thespian Conference	
» Best Ensemble, MTA State Festival	
» Best Director, MTA State Festival	
» Best Sound Design, North MS Drama Festival	
» Best Set Design Honorable Mention, North MS Drama Festival	
» Distinguished Play Award, North MS Drama Festival	
<i>Seussical the Musical</i> by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty	Spring 2017
<i>Radium Girls</i> by D.W. Gregory	2016-2017
» 1st Place Chapter Select Showcase, Mississippi Thespian Conference	
» Best Costume Design, MTA State Festival	
» Technical Excellence, North MS Drama Festival	
» Distinguished Play Award, North MS Drama Festival	
<i>Once Upon a Mattress</i> by Mary Rogers and Marshall Barer	Spring 2016
<b>Mississippi Tennessee Williams Festival</b>	<b>Clarksdale, MS</b>
<i>Outstanding Educator of the Year</i>	2022
<b>Fondren Theatre Workshop</b>	<b>Jackson, MS</b>
<i>I and You</i> by Lauren Gunderson	2018-2019
» Best Community Theatre Production, MTA State Festival	
» Best Set Design, Community Theatre, MTA State Festival	
<b>Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education</b>	<b>Jackson, MS</b>
<i>Thad Cochran Theatre Educator of the Year</i>	2008