



# NEWS RELEASE

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## DSBN Dominates Niagara Sears District Drama Festival

Productions by Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School, E.L. Crossley and Governor Simcoe will be moving on to the regional level of the Sears Provincial Drama Festival. The festival, which ran February 19th - 23rd at Brock University, featured eighteen performances by sixteen high schools from the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic School Board.

Adjudicator, Pablo Felices-Luna, named *The Lesson* by Ridgeway Crystal Beach, the outstanding production of the festival. He praised Crossley's *Disposables* and Simcoe's *Fractured Mind* for their productions as well. Several DSBN schools and students received awards as detailed below. The District School Board of Niagara also took ten of the fifteen awards of "Distinctive Merit" at the Awards Banquet held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at Club Roma.

Congratulations to all teachers and students in the festival!

### **BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION - PELTOMA AWARD**

Ridgeway Crystal Beach - *The Lesson*

### **SEARS OUTSTANDING PRODUCTIONS**

E.L.Crossley - *The Disposables*

Governor Simcoe - *Fractured Mind*

Ridgeway Crystal Beach - *The Lesson*

### **NIAGARA DISTRICT AWARDS**

Best Stage Management	Carousel Players Joseph Veda Award	<b>DSBN</b> Devaan Ingram E.L. Crossley Runner up: Justina Pabritsaite Governor Simcoe
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Best Crew Excellence	Rita Steeve Memorial Award	<b>DSBN</b> E.L. Crossley <i>The Disposables</i>
Best Experimental Play		<b>DSBN</b> St. Catharines Collegiate <i>Hide and Seek</i>
Best New Play		<b>DSBN</b> <i>Tammy Sue Goes to the Prom</i> South Lincoln
Best Student Directed Play	Mac Dodge Award	<b>DSBN</b> Kyle Shields - <i>War</i> Centennial Secondary
Best Visual Production		<b>DSBN</b> Governor Simcoe <i>Fractured Mind</i>
Most Promising Student	Shaw Festival Award	<b>DSBN</b> Nelly Scott St. Catharines Collegiate <i>Hide and Seek</i>
Best Cast Spirit	Good Egg Award	St. Paul Catholic High <i>Medea</i>
Best Canadian Play		Dennis Morris <i>The Pile</i>

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