

2026 – 2027 Handbook

The DA Theatre Boosters Welcome YOU!

DA Theatre Boosters
Welcome Theatre Parents & Guardians!

Dear Families,

The DA Theatre Boosters is a voluntary group of Families, like you, sharing the mutual interests of our students and the desire to help them grow and prosper in their arts area. Since your student is a Theatre student, ***YOU are a Theatre Booster****!*

Our students are incredibly fortunate to have professional educators of the highest caliber to guide them! However, without family support & involvement, the department cannot thrive. Faculty and booster leadership work hand in hand throughout the school year. As a volunteer Theatre Booster, you are so crucial to the success of the Theatre Department.

The financial resources provided by the Booster members (through enrichment fees, Patrons, supplies donated, etc.) are critical to the department's ability to offer enhanced arts experiences to students. We are a part of DCPS (Duval County Public Schools); however, the school system cannot provide all the resources to financially support the needs of such high levels of Musical/Technical/Performance Theatre intensive studies. Curriculum enhancement, hospitality, student experiences, communication, branding, and more are all paid for through the Booster program.

Booster meetings are held throughout the year. The meetings provide an opportunity to get to interact with faculty & other booster families as well as discuss present needs and future happenings of the theatre department.

To communicate effectively with each of you, it is imperative that your child is signed up in cuttime. This is how we communicate everything throughout the year! The student is the member and the parent is the guardian. You only have to sign up once for cuttime, not every year! Our roster rolls over. We also encourage you and your student to join our Facebook and Instagram pages, to stay up to date with the latest information. Monthly newsletters are sent out to those for which we have current contact information. Any questions can be directed to our email: boosters@datheaterboosters.org

By making a commitment to Theatre Boosters, you are making a commitment to our students' education at DA and their preparation for the future. We VALUE your service above all, welcome your ideas and appreciate your time given selflessly throughout your years at DA!

DA and Theatre Department Mission

Douglas Anderson's Theatre Department mirrors the school's Mission Statement of becoming one of the foremost public arts high school theatre departments in the nation. We strive to provide an environment in which our students develop a passion for the art form that is based on an understanding and an appreciation of theatre.

- We strive to help our students create a "vision of excellence" for theatre. We help them create a frame of reference for themselves that allows for the determination of what is good theatrical work and why.
- In the classroom, the process of the art form and an analytical approach to text is the cornerstone of the curriculum. The students continually investigate the environment of the play, the characters' motivations and the play's structure and meaning. They learn to tap their own inner resources in a safe environment where they can take imaginative and creative risks.
- The performance students will explore the integration of voice and body and develop a physical instrument that responds appropriately to the demands of performance.
- Our classes use a methodology that requires the student to use higher-level critical thinking skills such as assimilation, synthesis, and evaluation.
- Intensive group work is an integral part of the theatre process; therefore, the classroom activities focus on group work. The students discover through group exercises to trust and learn from one another, to share ideas and build on each other's perceptions, and, to ultimately create art of their own.
- Our students will pursue post-secondary education after graduation.

The Education Process

Your student is now a member of a select group of individuals chosen from applicants across Northeast Florida and the surrounding areas. This "cast" includes some of the most creative talents in our community. Specialized classes, workshops, auditions, rehearsals, scholarship opportunities, and performances are just a few of the opportunities that enrich the unique education environment at DA.

The classroom work is the core of all programs in our department. All students must demonstrate a measurable level of mastery in their current classes before moving to the next level. Theatre teachers at DA know that focusing on the process of theatre, including its literature, fosters leaders who will think critically and creatively.

Performance majors add 4 years of Acting, classes in Stage Movement, Vocal Development, Stagecraft, and Directing. Technical Theatre students take Digital Design, Costume, Drawing, and 4 years of Stagecraft. Musical Theatre majors take Dance, Vocal and 4 years of Acting classes.

With this philosophy, DA Theatre students are qualified to compete on a national level with the most gifted young artists in the country. Many of them have been recognized for their talents through prestigious programs such as Young Arts and the Applause Awards (Jimmy nominations).

Not all our graduates continue in Theatre, but over 95% pursue college/further education. Following DA, our grads take with them not only knowledge of their art form and its essential teamwork, but a strong introduction to the great literature of both our past and our present.

How Do I Get Involved?

There are many ways in which you can specifically help the Theatre Department. The extent and capacity of the support you provide is up to you! Volunteer for a leadership or committee role that caters to your availability. There is a place for **everyone** that is willing to help!

- **Attend Theatre Booster meetings**
- **Make sure you are signed up in CutTime to receive notifications**
- **Depending on your availability**, you can either express interest in a leadership role, join a committee under one of the leadership roles, or sign up to volunteer for general needs:
  - Work the concession or merchandise tables at performances
  - Sell ads for our playbill
  - Share your talents/networking! Do you have skills to put a playbill together or enhance our website? Do you own a catering, printing company, or a business where we can leverage services? We welcome you to volunteer your ideas and offer your services in your area of expertise.
  - Help setup/serve food/cleanup/break down for Patrons receptions (held one night during the musical) or at College Showcase
  - Donate/help serve food items for our Cast and Crew feedings (usually occur on tech week before the show's opening and is held after school or on a weekend)
- **Help with the Silent Auction** by coordinating or soliciting items for the event (typically held one night during the Musical).
- **Donate items for concessions** to sell during our productions and showcase:
  - Value packages of candy (chocolate bars/M&Ms, sour candies are popular items)
  - Cases of Pepsi products ONLY, such as Aquafina water, Diet/Regular/ Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Starry
  - Place an Amazon order for any item above and ship it directly to the school!

  Please bring your donations to any Booster meeting or deliver to the front office and MARK FOR THEATRE BOOSTERS. You can also bring the items 1 hour before each show to the concessions table.

- **Please volunteer for theatre shows** *with* your student if available (this qualifies for volunteer hours!!)
- **Also support and attend events** sponsored by other arts areas – the talent is amazing!
- **Stress and support academic performance** and student involvement at DA.
- **Support** your student's specialized education by staying current with your enrichment fee.
- **Be actively involved** in your student's education and participation in the shows.
- **Know a small business** interested in supporting the arts financially or with in-kind donations? Introduce us!
- **FREQUENTLY check your email**, text reminders, the DA Booster website, and the Booster social media outlets.

2026 – 2027 Enrichment Fee and Show Fees

While the Theatre Department relies heavily on these fees to fill funding gaps, we understand that full financial support may not be possible for your family. It takes the whole village to make this program an exceptional experience for our students.

The Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Enrichment Fee program is critical to bridging the gap between public school funding and the educational tools needed to provide the specialized level of training of a performing arts school. Every arts area within DA has an enrichment fee to support each student's individual arts area. Fees are used to maintain the Theatre Department's curriculum, to provide exceptional opportunities in learning, and to support and celebrate all our students as they progress through their high school experience. The DA Theatre Enrichment Fee, which is paid annually, is for the benefit of all theatre students throughout their four years at DA.

Enrichment Fees can be used for:

- Curriculum Support: subscription services for class materials (plays, scripts, scores, sheet music, tech design), ink for printing of class materials and renderings, consumable tech supplies and materials, new faculty start-up mini grants to build classroom supplies and teaching materials
- Hospitality: Audition Snacks, Senior Banquet, etc.
- Student Experiences: help defray costs associated with the Guest Artist Series, District Thespians, and other field studies and competitions including registration assistance, travel, and refreshments
- Communication & Branding: Theatre Boosters website and social media maintenance and subscriptions, DA Theatre student jackets and water bottles.
- Booster Administration: federal and state filing fees, payment processing fees, QuickBooks, other administrative supply costs.

The Annual Theatre Department Enrichment Fee is $175.

We have **DECREASED** enrichment fees by $75 for the 26-27 school year with expectation of 100% participation from ALL Theatre families. We offer a $25 early bird discount if paid before September 1st, 2026. Families receive a 50% discount on all siblings after the first student. For example, if Jane and Mary are sisters in the Theatre Department, their total family Enrichment Fee is $262.50 ($175 for Jane and $87.50 for Mary).

Please consider these additional options to fulfill the Enrichment Fee requirement:

1) Take advantage of early payment before September 1st and receive $25 off.

2) IF financial assistance is needed, please fill out the linked form and let us know if you would like to be put on a payment plan, a combo of payment and volunteer hours, or all volunteer hours. Every Booster volunteer shift fulfilled by a student or parent is worth $20 of Enrichment Fee credit. Credits may be applied in the current school year, but not rolled over to the following school year.

Enrichment Fees can be paid at www.datheatreboosters.org or by scanning this QR Code:

Show Fees for Cast Member and Tech Crew

Since we have decreased enrichment fees this year, we will collect a "Show Fee" from kids cast in the shows and from tech crew that are present for tech week (this does not include tech that comes for build days only.) When cast lists are announced you will receive an email with a link to pay your child's show fees.

Musical Cast- $75
Play Cast- $50
Tech Week Tech Crew- $25

These fees help with sets, costumes and TECH MEALS! We feel this system is more equitable for the theatre program in general as many kids aren't cast in shows until they are upperclassmen. These fees will go specifically to offset each show's expenses.

REQUIRED: Enrichment Fee & Show Fee Acknowledgement

The Theatre Boosters have a goal of 100% participation in the Enrichment Fee program from our Theatre Department Family to make our 2026-2027 budget. ***Families will be required to sign an Enrichment Fee Contract this year that documents acknowledgment of the fee as well as how the fee will be paid.*** This is also where you will be able to request a payment plan or to pledge volunteer hours throughout the year to go towards it. Students will not be able to participate in shows, districts, and other theatre department activities without this form on file!

Complete your Enrichment Fee and Show Fee Acknowledgment form here

We are grateful for your help and support.

Have questions regarding **Enrichment Fees**?
Please reach out to us at treasurer@datheatreboosters.org

DA Theatre Department
2026 – 2027 Faculty Contact Information

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DA Theatre Boosters
2026 – 2027 Leadership & Coordinator Contact Information

Feel free to contact any of these individuals if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

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OTHER WAYS TO CONTACT US:

Email boosters@datheatreboosters.org for general booster questions.
Email showsupport@datheatreboosters.org for questions or to submit program ads.
Email patrons@datheatreboosters.org for questions about our Patrons Club program.
Email treasurer@datheatreboosters.org for questions regarding Enrichment Fees, payment plans, online purchases, or any other topics dealing with financial matters.

DA Theatre Boosters
2025 – 2026 Coordinator Contact Information

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DA Theatre Boosters Presents Patrons and Show Season Partner Program

2026-2027 Membership Benefits

Hello past Patrons, Season Partners and Prospective Members!

As we kick off the new school year, we invite you to become a 2026-2027 Patrons or a Show Season Partner. The Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Theatre Patrons Program provides valuable assistance to support performances and programs that enrich the lives of all DA Theatre students and community members. The Patrons Program and Show Season Partnerships are great way to get reserved VIP seating, invitations to a Patrons' Reception and break-a-leg ads or promote your business in the show programs and much more! Please see the attached list of benefits available at each level.

We have a great lineup of shows planned for this school year:

Production	Show Run Dates	Theatre
A View from the Bridge	September 24–26 @ 7:30 pm September 27 @ 2 pm	Dubow Theatre
Men on Boats	October 1-2 @ 7:30 pm October 3-4 @ 2 pm & 7:30 pm	Black Box Theatre
Les Miserables	November 12 & 13 @ 7:30 pm November 14 & 15 @ 2 pm & 7:30 pm	Dubow Theatre
Little Shop of Horrors	March 3-6 @ 7:30 pm March 6-7 @ 2:00 pm	Black Box Theatre
Antigone	April 22-23 @ 7:30 pm April 24-25 @ 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm	Betsy Lovett Amphitheatre

** Show dates and times are subject to change **

Your contribution helps the department provide our students with the very best in artistic development through training and/or performance opportunities, preparing them to live their passion and realize their artistic dreams.

Please join us in providing invaluable educational experiences for our students and quality entertainment for our community. It's easy to join! Go to datheatreboosters.org to select your level and pay!

If you have any questions or would like to discuss additional ways to support the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Theatre Boosters/Department, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Shannon Voce & Michelle Chaffin
Co-VPs of Operations/Theatre Patrons and Show Season Partner Programs
patrons@datheatreboosters.org

THEATRE BOOSTERS

PATRON LEVELS

Invest in the Arts. Inspire the Future

Individual and family support, with benefits that grow with your generosity

THEATRE BOOSTER $100	STAGE MANAGER $250	ARTISTIC DIRECTOR $500	PRODUCER $1,000	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER $2,500	VISIONARY PRODUCER $5,000
✦Program recognition	✦Program recognition	✦Program recognition	✦Program recognition	✦Program recognition	✦Program recognition
✦Ability to purchase show tickets during the Patron Presale	✦Ability to purchase show tickets during the Patron Presale	✦Ability to purchase show tickets during the Patron Presale	✦Ability to purchase show tickets during the Patron Presale	✦Ability to purchase show tickets during the Patron Presale	✦Ability to purchase show tickets during the Patron Presale
✦Fall Musical Patron Reception	✦Fall Musical Patron Reception	✦Fall Musical Patron Reception	✦Fall Musical Patron Reception	✦Fall Musical Patron Reception	✦Fall Musical Patron Reception
	✦2 reserved seats for 2 season show	✦Complimentary snack & bottled water for all shows	✦Complimentary snack & bottled water for all shows	✦Complimentary snack & bottled water for all shows	✦Complimentary snack & bottled water for all shows
		✦Cast autographed show poster for all shows	✦Cast autographed show poster for all shows	✦Cast autographed show poster for all shows	✦Cast autographed show poster for all shows
		✦½ page Break-A-Leg Ad in the program for the season	✦½ page Break-A-Leg Ad in the program for the season	✦Full page Break-A-Leg Ad in the program for the season	✦Full page Break-A-Leg Ad in the program for the season
		✦2 reserved seats for all 5 season show	✦4 reserved seats for all 5 season show	✦Photo link for 2 season shows	✦Photo link for all season shows
				✦8 reserved seats for all 5 season show	✦12 reserved seats for all 5 season show
				✦Reserved parking spot for all shows	✦2 Reserved parking spot for all shows

Questions about Patron Levels?

Contact your Theatre Boosters
at **patrons@datheatrebooster.org**

Become a Member Today!

Terms & Conditions:

The 2026-2027 Patrons Membership Benefits are applicable to A View from the Bridge, Men on Boats, Les Mis, Little Shop of Horrors and Antigone. Curtain Call is not included. All Program Break-a- Leg Ads must be submitted by the deadline stated for each show.

THEATRE BOOSTERS

SHOW SEASON PARTNER LEVELS

Invest in the Arts. Inspire the Future

Business partnerships that put your name in front of our full theatre & school community.

PLAYBILL PARTNER
$500

- ½ page business ad in the program for the season
- Logo recognition on lobby banner
- 2 flexible complimentary tickets
- Website recognition
- Social media recognition 2 times a year
- Newsletter recognition
- 2 passes to VIP reception at the Fall Musical

SPOTLIGHT PARTNER
$1,000

- ½ page business ad in the program for the season
- Logo recognition on lobby banner
- 4 flexible complimentary tickets
- Website recognition
- Social media recognition 4 times a year
- 1 dedicated business feature email blasts per year
- Newsletter recognition
- 4 passes to VIP reception at the Fall Musical

CENTER STAGE PARTNER
$2,500

- Full page business ad in the program for the season
- Logo recognition on lobby banner
- 8 flexible complimentary tickets
- Website recognition
- Social media recognition 5 times a year
- 2 dedicated business feature email blasts per year
- On-stage recognition at all season show
- Newsletter recognition
- 8 passes to VIP reception at the Fall Musical

MARQUEE PARTNER
$5,000

- Full business ad in the program for the season
- Logo recognition on lobby banner
- 12 flexible complimentary tickets
- Website recognition
- Social media recognition monthly
- 4 dedicated business feature email blasts per year
- On-stage recognition at all season show
- Newsletter recongnition
- Individual company signage in lobby at all show
- 12 passes to VIP reception at the Fall Musical

SEASON PRESENTING PARTNER
$10.000+

- Presenting partner on all advertising for the season
- Full page business ad, premier placement in the program for season
- Logo recognition on lobby banner
- 16 flexible complimentary tickets
- Prominent website recognition
- Monthly social media recognition with customized show integration
- 4 dedicated business feature email blasts per year
- On-stage recognition at all season show
- Newsletter recognition
- Individual company signage in lobby at all show
- 16 passes to VIP reception at the Fall Musical
- Customized advertising and partnership opportunities

Become a Partner Today!

ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHP OPPORTUNITIES

Concessions Partner
$5,000 for one partnership
or split $2,500 for two partners

Partner with us on our concessions tables at all shows, with custom signage naming your business as the concessions partner-
your name in front of every audience, every night, across all 5 shows

In-Kind Restaurant Partner
$500 value, paid in full

For restaurants who'd like to donate a meal for cast & crew on a tech night.

Receive all the benefits of a $500-level partner - your contribution just comes in the form of food instead of cash.

Email patrons@datheatreboosters.org with any questions

Terms & Conditions: The 2026-27 Membership Benefits are applicable to *Season Shows only.* **Curtain Call is not included.** All Program Break-a-Leg Ads must be submitted by the deadline stated for each show. Curtain Call ads sold separately. Break-a-Leg Ads can be upgraded to a larger size than what is offered within a package.



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