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Queen of the Court

by Sharon Kays



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She and some of her friends get together and donate the blankets to the homeless shelters, people on the street, Boys and Girls Country, CyFair Helping Hands, and Teen Life Center (for pregnant teens). In the last four years, she is very proud that she has donated over 600 blankets to people in need while learning a few life lessons along the way.

We all know that giving one's very best is required of leading athletes both individually and collectively as they strive to achieve their goals in the game. For Karrington and her sister Kennedy, that has carried over into their private lives where they have given their very best to share their blessings with others. Photos courtesy of VYPE Houston.



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Bridgeland High School Welcomes New Theatre Director

By Steven W. Murray

As Bridgeland High School enters its fourth academic year since opening in 2017, Ursa Major Theatrics — the school's award-winning theatre company — welcomes Mr. Adam W. Delka as the new Director of Theatre. Leading the program with him is Mr. Nathan Stanaland who joined the program in the 2018-19 academic year as the Director of Technical Theatre.

Delka first started performing with the Superior Thespians in his hometown of Superior, NE. He is a graduate of the musical theatre program from the American Musical & Dramatic Academy (AMDA) of NYC, and also holds a Bachelor of Arts, music (BA) and a Master of Arts in Education, music (MAT) from Austin College in Sherman, TX.

The 2020-2021 academic year will mark Delka's 15th year in education. As a full-time teacher, director, choreographer, and performer, Delka is involved in a variety of local theatrical endeavors. He teaches private voice lessons, teaches classes at the Stageworks Acting Academy and the Tribble School for the Performing Arts, and maintains a professional performance and directing career in the Houston theatre community.

Delka received the BroadwayWorld Houston award for Best Choreographer in 2013 for his work with Little Shop of Horrors by MJR Theatricals. He directed the Houston Family Arts Center/Stageworks production of Les Misérables, which received the BroadwayWorld Houston award for Best Musical in 2014. In 2015, he again received the BroadwayWorld Houston award for Best Choreographer for his work on Evita at the Houston Family Arts Center. He was nominated in several categories in both 2016 and 2017.

Earlier in 2020 at the Texas Thespians Educator Conference, receiving the first-ever Thespis Award from the Texas Thespians Association for his work as a theatre director and performing artist while educating students at such a high standard honored Delka.

Ursa Major Theatrics has accomplished much in their three years of providing theatrical education and experiences for both students and audiences alike. At the annual Texas Thespians Festival held each fall, they've had dozens of students qualify each year for nationals the following summers in categories such as monologue acting, duet acting, group acting, solo musical, group musical, and costume design. In 2019, the troupe's entry All Rights Reserved was selected from among all entries at the Texas Thespians Festival to represent the state at the national competition.

Supporting Ursa Major Theatrics this year as Bridgeland Theatre Arts Booster Club executive board members are Amy Burns (President), Grace Cabaniss (VP of Operations), Leanna Miday (VP of Productions), Bonnie Cate (Treasurer), and Sandy Walding (Secretary).

Bridgeland High School and Ursa Major Theatrics began in 2017 in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and with a delayed start to the school year. As CFISD adjusts to the COVID-19 pandemic, Delka, Stanaland, students, and Booster Club members are also ready to adapt to whatever this year brings! Keep up with what's happening within Ursa Major at BridgelandHSTheatre.org and follow them on Facebook (BHSUrsaMajorTheatrics).



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