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Polk State Theatre Presents ‘The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee’

Winter Haven, November 6, 2017 — Polk State College continues to celebrate 50 years of theatre with the upcoming production of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

The musical comedy follows six quirky adolescents as they participate in a middle school spelling bee run by three equally as wacky adults.

The play directed by Mark Hartfield with musical direction by Philip King opens Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Winter Haven Campus Main Stage Theatre, 999 Ave. H N.E.

Performances will take place Nov. 9 through Nov. 12 and Nov. 16 through Nov. 19, with a 7:30 p.m. curtain time each day except for Sundays, which will have 2:30 p.m. curtain times.

Tickets for the public are \$10 each. The box office opens one hour before curtain time. Seating is limited and it is recommended that reservations be made online at polk.edu/the-arts/box-office or by calling 863.297.1050. The play is free for students, faculty, and staff with their Polk State IDs.

“The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” is a play by William Finn and a book by Rachel Sheinkin.

“It’s a funny, quaint, and nostalgic play that takes you back to the awkward adolescent phase of being a 12-year-old,” said Hartfield, Theatre Program Coordinator. “It’s contemporary, the songs are beautiful, and the show is interactive with four audience members having the opportunity to come on stage and participate in the spelling bee.”

Hartfield warned that it contains some adult language and humor.

About Polk State College

Located in Winter Haven, Florida, and established in 1964, Polk State College is a multi-campus institution serving more than 16,000 students with Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees, as well as a wide range of certificate and workforce training options. The College also operates three charter high schools. Polk State’s advantages include small class sizes; hands-on learning; dedicated faculty; day and night classes; online options; affordable

tuition; excellent financial aid; and a diverse community and vibrant student life, including fine arts opportunities, clubs, and intercollegiate athletics.