Hello Alumni!

ROC Players has had a busy semester and we are excited to share with you all we have been working on. Aside from rehearsing our show we have been having weekly General Member Meetings, meeting together to study at the library, social gatherings and truly getting closer as friends.

This semester ROC Players is going back to our roots while putting on The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, which some of you alumni may have been involved in when we produced it seven years ago as our first performance. Since 2016, our club has changed so much. Not only have we grown with the numbers of students but since we received a generous donation, it has allowed us to span out and push our limits as a club. Read below to learn more about this semesters production, interviews with our members and our accomplishments from last semester.
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– Mikaila Son '26
Donations
We love theater and want to continue this club for years to come. We are also always looking for your support! You can donate to the club directly using this link: https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1676/giving19/giving19.aspx?sid=1676&gid=2&pgid=712&cid=1541&appealcode=23C4N

Once you fill out your personal information and payment all normally make sure to indicate our club as the place you want the money to be donated. To do this, 1) Click the box that says “Select Gift Designation.” 2) Then scroll down to where it says “Other - Write-in” click continue and write in the next field. 3) Then in the box that says please indicate the area of support, write “ROC Players.” The donation will then be sent to our club.

Member Spotlight
Meet Mikaila Son ’26 (She/Her), a new member from the cast

Tell us a bit about yourself.
"My name is Mikaila Son, I'm a first year student from River Edge, NJ and I'm double majoring in psychology and business down the marketing track."

Why did you pick to join ROC Players?
"I've done theater for about seven years now and the vast majority of my experience lies in musicals. I love to sing and dance so musical theater is my favorite to perform! I had a great run with it in high school and it was something I was not willing to let go in college, so I sought out ROC Players to continue pursuing my interests."

Tell me about the part in the show
"I portray the role of Olive Ostrovsky. She's quiet and unconfident, but she really wants to make friends with the other spellers there and is very sweet to everyone she meets. Throughout the bee, she forms a friendship with fellow speller William Barfee and learns a lesson or two about loss, giving her a new found hope to take on her life back home."

What has been your favorite part so far?
"I love the connections I have been making with everybody! The friendships I make while working on a show is one of my favorite parts of theater. Spelling Bee is one of my favorite shows, and I'm so thankful to have the opportunity to work with such talented and dedicated members. Everyone has been so welcoming and the club is starting to feel like a second home. I find myself looking forward to strenuous rehearsal sessions and tech week because I know I'll have so much fun with everyone there."

Fun fact about yourself?
"I play six instruments and I did this show in high school and played the role of Marcy."

Is there anything about ROC Players that you are looking forward to in the future?
"I'd love to direct a show or work in production! I've always been on the performing side of theater, never on the technical or directing aspect. That's definitely something I want to try out, so I'm hoping I get the opportunity to do so in the future!"

Theater Formal
At the end of the Fall semester ROC Players joined other student theater groups, Off Broadway On Campus and The Opposite Of People, to create a theater formal. Hosted at Drama House, we all got dressed up and had a night of dancing, singing, and getting to know each other. We had so much fun and hope to keep this as an annual tradition.
Last semester, ROC Players put on Urinetown. Attached are all photos from our show nights and tech week. It was an amazing show and turnout and we are so grateful for all of you who came out to see us perform. Thank you for all your support and we hope to see you this semester as well!

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