



Zachary Schwengler, Senior

2021 Senior Spotlight

School Attended: Sheyenne High School

Length of Trollwood Involvement: 7 Years

Trollwood Production Involvement: *Hello, Dolly!*, cast (Policeman & Ensemble), 2018; *Freaky Friday*, cast (Mr. Blumen & Ensemble), 2019; *Cinderella*, cast (Ensemble), 2021

As a result of my Trollwood involvement I have learned...

I learned to be more confident, how to withstand the extreme heat while doing what can only be called extreme exercise and made great friends. I learned about the audition process as well as how some professionals in the industry made their way/navigated through the process to get where they are now.

I would tell someone who has never participated in Trollwood that...

I would say that they should try it out! Join a musical or just do the classes; find what you are interested in or find something new - there is a lot that Trollwood has to offer. Some of the best things you will take away from it aren't even the things you signed up for. It's the people that you meet there that can really make you fall in love with it. Give it a try and see how much more confident and happy you'll be!

Three of my most vivid Trollwood memories are...

1. I remember in Advanced Improv, we were playing a little improv game of four square where we did scenes and they were devolved into the same universe, where it got weirder and more funny, and surprisingly more coherent.
2. The guys and girls night during the mainstage musicals where we just had to find the seniors and then rack up points to beat the girls! The talk at Bill's house was fun and watching the sunrise with the cast and crew really made staying up all night worth the silence we had to endure for the sun to actually come up. 😊
3. This is a bit of an odd one, but I remember in *Hello, Dolly!* after a singing rehearsal, I was tired and hungry, so I walked out and stood there eating a pop tart. Michael W. came up to me and started to question how I thought the practice went and how I enjoyed it. I was taken aback and didn't really know how to answer the question, so I

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answered in “yes” and “no”, and then proceeded to tell him “I just wanted to eat my pop tart, man.” In hindsight, it was funny! 😊

My future plans are...

Attend the University of Nebraska for Architectural Engineering as well as serve in the NE Air National Guard

Any additional comments...

My first Trollwood performance was *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* musical in the summer of 2014. I have been involved in Trollwood ever since!