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### **MAMS Students Receive Honorable Mention in Pittsburgh Public Theater's Shakespeare Contest**



*Ashley Hall and Chelsea Steffes perform a portion of their winning scene from William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," which secured them an honorable mention in a local competition.*

Moon Area Middle School eighth-grade students Ashley Hall and Chelsea Steffes were awarded an honorable mention in the 2010 Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest sponsored by the Pittsburgh Public Theater.

More than 1,000 students participated in the yearly contest that is open to elementary, middle and high school students in grades four to 12. A fraction of students were selected as finalists and five first-place winners were chosen.

To prepare for the contest, Ashley and Chelsea rehearsed and memorized a scene from "Twelfth Night." The piece was required to be under five minutes and the pair practiced it twice each week for six weeks under the tutelage of Moon Area Middle School teachers Erin Ruggiero and Pittsburgh Public Theater actor David Early.

The pair then performed their pieces at the Pittsburgh Public Theater's main stage before a judging panel.