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**Howard College Theater Department  
Stands Out At State Play Fest**

**BIG SPRING** – The Howard College Theater Department got rave reviews during their recent participation in the Texas Community College Speech & Theatre Association (TCCSTA) State Play Fest, February 18-21 hosted at Weatherford Community College in Weatherford, Texas.

With their performance of “Boy Gets Girl” the cast and crew brought home numerous awards for their individual roles in the play as well as technical awards for production.

“Every actor with a speaking role was recognized,” said Mr. Kirk Davidson, Associate Professor of Drama at Howard College. “Their hard work and discipline has paid off and I could not be more proud of the cast and the crew.”

TCCSTA is a membership group specifically designed for community colleges. The play fest is designed to give community colleges another opportunity to take on different types of material other than works they typically perform in the community theatre setting.

“This venue allows us to be a little more aggressive and risky with the material we select for production,” Davidson added. “We get the chance to jump out on the edge, go for some edgier material and push our students a little farther, so it is a great experience for us.”

At the TCCSTA festival, each play is judged/scored based upon their own performance and not against the performance of their peers.

The recognition given to the Howard College Theater Department was handed out as follows: Acting Excellent: Lett Hernandez, Nick Ross, Kady Knox and Logan Nyquist; Acting Superior: Jason Worthington, Vera Brumley and Maurice Africh; Technical Excellent: Casey Moore for program design, Chris Weihart for program design and student direction, Amanda Denton for costume design, Brody Smith for prop/set dressing and Jason Worthington for set design; Technical Superior: Michael Loftis for stage management, Geoffrey Treece for sound design and the Entire Company for set change.

Vera Brumley also received the Bill Morton Challenge Award which is handed out to only one student during the play fest.

At a special invitation only presentation of Boy Gets Girl at Hall Center for the Arts, Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President of Howard College, recognized the students for their achievements.

“I am so pleased to be a part of this recognition for these students,” said Sparks. “They do outstanding work and only continue to get better and better. They are a terrific group of students and Kirk (Davidson) has really done a great job leading them to this level of success.”

For more information about the Howard College and the Theater Program, visit [www.howardcollege.edu](http://www.howardcollege.edu).



Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President of Howard College, commends the 'Boy Gets Girl' cast for a job well done following a special invitation only performance on Tuesday, February 24, 2009.