JACKSON VAUGHN BARNES

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EDUCATION

High Point University: Bachelor of Arts Theatre Performance – Minor in Musical Theatre

Master of Arts Communication and Business Leadership | Magna Cum Laude Honors

The Broadway Collective: Premiere New York City Musical Theatre Academy – Gathered and Hello Broadway

QUALIFICATIONS

Theatre Teacher at Trinity High School	Teaches four Theatre courses, Beginning-Advanced Level and Technical Theatre Elective. Directs four Mainstage productions per year. Manages Theatre program of 86 students. Fine Arts Department Chair. SIT Team Member.
Piedmont Triad Regional Director with NC Educational Theatre Association	Provides support to Piedmont Triad Theatre Teachers who are members of the International Thespian Society, NC Chapter. Help organize annual NC State Thespian Festival.
Randolph County Arts Council Board Member	Serves on the Development and Education Committee. Supports Executive Board. Leads County Artistic Endeavors.
Penn Griffin School of the Arts Theatre Department Tutor	Trained students in Musical Theatre principals and provided sessions in scene-production work. Provided in-class support and instruction to students.
Former President of Alpha Psi Omega	National Theatre Honors Society, President of the Upsilon Xi chapter at High Point University. Responsible for maintaining 50+ members and organizing chapter events.
Co-Founder of HP Community Theatre's Teen Thespian Organization	Organization sponsored by HP Community Theatre that produces musical theatre for teens. This included summer workshops, productions, and camps.
Former NC State Thespian Officer with NC Educational Association	Responsible for planning the NC State Thespian Festival. Travelled to Piedmont High Schools to teach workshops and masterclasses. Helped to create Middle and High School Theatre programs.
Junior Theatre Festival Internship with iTheatrics	Provided general Festival assistance. Served as an Adjudication Room advisor. Managed 500+ Open Call Auditions. Co-Taught Intermediate Dance Workshops.

PRODUCTION TEAM EXPERIENCE

Mamma Mia!	Director-Choreographer	Trinity High School
Chicago: High School Edition	Director-Choreographer	Trinity High School
The Amish Project	Director	Trinity High School***
Radium Girls	Director	Trinity High School
PUFFS	Director	Trinity High School
Mean Girls JR.	Director	High Point Community Theatre
Descendants: The Musical	Director	High Point Community Theatre
Our Town	Director	High Point University – Directing Scenes
Color My World Solo Concert	Creator and Director	High Point University
Backwards Broadway	Creator and Director	High Point University
Chicago: High School Edition	Assistant Director-Choreographer	Penn Griffin School of the Arts*
Into the Woods	Assistant Director-Choreographer	Penn Griffin School of the Arts
13: The Musical	Assistant Director-Choreographer	Northwest Guilford Middle School
Junior Theatre Festival Troupe: Godspell	Co-Choreographer	High Point Community Theatre
Waitress (NC Regional Premiere)	Choreographer	Winston Salem Theatre Alliance**

Memphis	Choreographer	Lexington LIVE
Fiddler on the Roof	Choreographer	First Presbyterian Church High Point
Shrek JR.	Choreographer	High Point Community Theatre
Willy Wonka JR.	Choreographer	High Point Community Theatre
The Addams Family	Choreographer	Joseph P. Gamble PAC
Anything Goes	Choreographer	Joseph P. Gamble PAC
Beauty and the Beast	Choreographer	Joseph P. Gamble PAC

AWARDS & HONORS

Randolph County Schools STAR Employee Award – 2025 | Recognized by the Board of Education for outstanding achievement and contributions in role as Theatre Teacher at Trinity High School

FOX8 WGHP Educator of the Week – March 2025 | Honored by local community for contributions to Arts Education

High Point University Extraordinary Leader | Recognized by HPU Faculty for Excellence and Service in Campus and Local Community

Joseph P. Gamble Award | Honored for Artistic Achievements in Local Archdale-Trinity Community

Trinity High School Theatre Hall of Fame – Class of 2025 | Selected by Trinity High School Alumni to be inducted into inaugural class for outstanding achievement during tenure at Trinity High School

Excellence in Performance Awards | Recognized by HPU Faculty and Peers for Portrayal of Jimmy Ray Dobbs in Bright Star (2019) and Jesus in Godspell (2020)

Excellence in Directing Award | Recognized by HPU Faculty and Peers for Solo Concert Performance in "Color My World"

* North Carolina Triangle Rising Star Outstanding Choreography Nomination

** BroadwayWorld Award Nomination – Best Choreography of a Musical

*** 2026 North Carolina State Champion One Act Production – First Place (Perfect Score)