

## A Night of Stars at the DPAC

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[Before the magic]

Triangle Rising Stars is a more-than-memorable show. Ambassadors were beyond excited and ready to cheer on their classmates. We even had an ambassador participating in the show!

But, before the magic of Triangle Rising Stars, I was downstairs handing out programs. While handing out programs, I spoke with family members who told me how eager they were to see their children, cousins, siblings, and grandchildren performing! I have never seen a show bring so many different people together! Additionally, before the show, ambassadors were fortunate to have a photo opportunity with a sparkling woman known as Beth Leavel!

[After the magic!]

Triangle Rising Stars was one of my favorite events that I have attended at the DPAC! A show I might not have heard of if I wasn't an ambassador has turned into a show I can't wait to see next year! The students work incredibly hard to hone in on their gifts and perform their hearts out! You don't even need to be a student of a participating school to attend. Coming from a school with a minuscule participation in the arts, I found myself cheering and standing for countless ovations. Additionally, the funds from the show go to support the participating students! How amazing is that?

I was joyful to communicate with one of the twenty finalists after the show! Zari Alexandria McIntosh, a senior at DSA, was a face I had seen before. In speaking with her, she expressed how happy she was that her energy translated well. And talking to Belle Rich, a theater student from DSA, she explained how her peers constantly praised Zari for her talents! Many of her fellow students gathered in the theater to support a close friend and the whole idea of Triangle Rising Stars!

Congratulations to every school and student represented in the theater. Triangle Rising Stars is already on my calendar for next year! The students are sure to come back better than ever! I hope to see you there!

And an additional Congratulations to the lovely Triangle Rising Stars winners Lilly Pritchard and Noah Colvin! And much luck at the Jimmy Awards!

