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**Three USI Theatre majors
headed for Miami**



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Three University of Southern Indiana theatre majors attended the Kentucky Theatre Association (KTA) screening in Louisville, Kentucky on October 27. Senior Tara Taylor of Bluffton, Indiana, junior Brooke Dennis of El Paso, Texas, and freshman Shannon Reck of Kouts, Indiana participated in the KTA screening.

Taylor, Reck, and Dennis earned the opportunity to audition at South Eastern Theatre Conference (SETC) in Miami, Florida in March. SETC is a four day convention that offers the opportunity for long-term and short-term employment, workshops, and over 30 productions. SETC is the largest conference of its type in the United States.

The KTA audition requires an enrolled student status at a University and either a 60-second monologue or a 90-second monologue/song combo. Each student is adjudicated by a panel of adjudicators from all over the United States. Each student received immediate feedback from the panel and will receive additional information on their audition by mail. To prepare for this audition, director of theatre, Scott LaFeber, worked with each participant privately and as a group for over four weeks. "The fact that three out of the five who went through preparation and tutorials the past four weeks got passed on is indicative of the work paying off," said LaFeber.

Taylor, Reck, and Dennis will have the opportunity to audition with over 110 theatre and 50 training programs that will be represented at SETC in March. The three students will be accompanied by The New Harmony Theatre and Lincoln Amphitheatre staff who will be looking for employees to fill various positions during the summer productions.

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