

One Act Play Competition

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Sparta and Athens are rising again. This time it is in Farmington, New Mexico at San Juan Community College. The 8th Annual New Mexico Activities Association State One Act Play Competition will be held November 6-8 at the San Juan College Henderson Fine Arts Center. The competition is held concurrently with the Four Corners Theater Festival. The Spartans are the 5A and 4A high school participants. The Athenians are students from classes 3A and lower. All member schools are eligible to participate in the High School One Act Play Competition with nearly 300 students taking part in this year's competition.

The Drama/One-Act-Play is an activity that promotes appreciation of theater, by encouraging students to take on all of the roles that go into a one act play. Students will perform and compete not only in one act plays, but many others as well. Other competitions include; dramatic and humorous monologue; musical theatre acting; dramatic and humorous duets; technical categories in stage management, set and props, lights and sound, costumes and hair and makeup; as well as a costume and set design. Drama/One-Act-Play is a great opportunity for high school students because it helps develop a student's academics, communication, social skills, and sportsmanship.

The public is invited to watch these aspiring New Mexico thespians, and spectators can attend the event free of charge. For further information or festival schedule, contact Theresa Carson, San Juan College Theatre Department director, at 566-3242 or carsont@sanjuancollege.edu.