



# Help Support CTE aka TAM DRAMA

Conservatory Theatre Ensemble

Dear Tam Drama Parents and Community Supporters:

Tam High's unique theater program, Conservatory Theatre Ensemble (CTE), is a student-operated theatre company. The students run everything from directing and fund-raising to publicity for our productions. Two full-time teachers, Ben Cleaveland and Susan Brashear, direct the program. Students have the opportunity to act, write plays, design lights, create sets, and learn the important skills of leadership in a supportive community-oriented environment.

The cornerstone of our program is the professional guest artist workshops. CTE hires actors, directors, and technicians who are prominent in the theater community to lead small group workshops. Our students learn advanced techniques and acting skills that high-school drama students around the country could only dream about. CTE is only able to offer this nationally recognized program thanks to membership donations from the Tam community.

Members are a fundamental part of our company. In addition to funding guest artists, member support pays for tech expenses, sets, and costumes. Only five percent of our program budget is funded by the Tam High school district. Members receive free ticket passes and their names in the programs. Also, donations are tax-deductible.

This year, 400 students are enrolled in ten different drama classes. CTE will produce over sixty-five nights of live theatre. For the students involved, it is not just a class, but a smaller learning community that combines artistic, academic, and leadership skills. CTE students have gone on to some of the most prominent universities in the nation, and come back to say that their Tam Drama work was their most formative high school experience.

Our goal is for every parent to become a member. CTE is writing to remind you that now is the best time to support.

Please consider becoming a member. CTE has included a slip for you to fill out and send in. Checks should be made out to CTE Membership. An acknowledgement letter and information for your tax records will accompany your show passes. Thank you very much for your time, and we hope to see you at our shows. Anonymous donations are welcomed.

Sincerely,  
Erin McCauley and Sam Congdon: The Student Membership Team

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- \$50 Patron (3 tickets)**
- \$100 Angel (4 tickets)**
- \$500 Cornerstone (season pass card for two)**
- \$1000 Show Sponsor (season pass card for four)**
- \$2500 Season Sponsor (season pass card for six)**
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other amount**

Please circle donation level  
Checks can be made out to "CTE Membership"  
Anonymous Recognition? Yes/No

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