



*Youth Theatre Conservatory participants at Legacy VAPA High School prepare for their DEWISE FEST culminating performances.*

*“The ensemble became more of like family. I became a lot happier, 'cause theatre became one of those outlets. It also helps you grow as a person.”*



This spring, USTC held our inaugural **DEWISE FEST 2025**. The event showcased the creative talents of high school students from our 2024-25 Conservatory programs at four schools. Each site presented 2-4 short plays, written and performed by youth ensembles. For the first time, USTC brought participants to other schools to support one another in the audience, fostering a sense of unity and providing an opportunity for cross-community integration among youth who otherwise would lack opportunities to connect.

### DEWISE FEST 2025

**4**  
participating schools

**80**  
emerging artists

**12**  
original plays

**2,005**  
audience attendees