

# POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

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## Point Park University's Conservatory of Performing Arts named to Playbill.com Top 10 list for Broadway representation

PITTSBURGH, PA – Point Park University is ranked No. 8 on [Playbill.com's list of the Ten Most Represented Colleges on Broadway](#), ahead of schools such as the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, The Juilliard School and Northwestern University.

It's the third time in the last three weeks that Point Park University's Conservatory of Performing Arts has found itself on a national Top 10 list. In August, OnStage Blog ranked Point Park's Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance program at [No. 3 in the nation](#). Earlier this month, OnStage Blog put the University's BFA in Musical Theatre at [No. 9 in the nation](#).

"Being perennially ranked among the most-represented schools on Broadway is confirmation of our Conservatory's consistent track record in developing successful artists," said Paul Hennigan, president of Point Park. "Our program attracts immensely talented young people who learn under a dedicated faculty of artist educators and national guest artists. The University's new [Pittsburgh Playhouse](#) will only serve to increase the opportunities we can provide students."

Playbill.com's ranking is based on its own research, which only includes Broadway shows currently open, along with some shows that have announced casting for the 2018-2019 season.

The list of Point Park alumni recognized by Playbill.com includes:

- **Mike Cannon**, "Aladdin," Woodside, N.Y.
- **Bobby Pestka**, "Aladdin," New York
- **Ahmad Simmons**, "Carousel," Fort Worth, Texas
- **Callan Bergmann**, "Kinky Boots," Gowanda, N.Y.
- **Jessica Ernest**, "Chicago," Gorham, Maine
- **Conner John Gillooly**, "School of Rock," Cranberry Township
- **Alexandra Pernice**, "Anastasia," Winter Springs, Fla.
- **Tory Trowbridge**, "The Cher Show," Valley Village, Calif.
- **Nili Bassman**, "Chicago," New York
- **Kali Grinder**, "Frozen," Henderson, Nev.
- **Ross Lekites**, "Frozen," Louisville, Ky.

- **Gabriella Sorrentino**, “Hamilton,” Staten Island, N.Y.
- **Marty Lawson**, “King Kong,” Uniontown
- **Stephanie Lynn Bissonette**, “Mean Girls,” Massena, N.Y.
- **Katie Sexton**, “The Play That Goes Wrong,” Merrimack, N.H.
- **Harris M. Turner**, “Summer: The Donna Summer Musical,” West Henrietta, N.Y.

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