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## **Former Gateway High Students Hit The Lights Of Broadway**

The Osceola County School District is a place where students can discover their talents and ignite their passions. The following two Osceola graduates are proof that it is possible to go on and realize your greatest dreams:

### **George Salazar**

George Salazar, graduate of Gateway High School in 2004, will make his Broadway debut in "Godspell" on October 11, 2011, at the preview opening of the show at the Circle in the Square Theatre in New York City. George first appeared on stage at Gateway High in "Little Shop of Horrors," and he was honored with the "Overall Arts Student of the Year" Scholarship at the 2004 Arts Alive event for the Osceola School District. He went on to study at the University of Florida, where he earned a BFA in Musical Theatre. Upon graduation, he moved to New York City to begin his career as an actor, singer, and musician. George has appeared in the Public Theatre workshops of Venice and David Byrne and as Fatboy Slims in the new musical "Here Lies Love." He has appeared on television in CBS' *Late Show with David Letterman* and in national commercial spots, including a promo directed by Dough Liman for Moveon.org. He is just back from playing Otto in the 2010/2011 "Spring Awakening" National Tour.

### **Xavier Cano**

Xavier Cano, graduate of Gateway High School in 2001, is performing in the Off-Broadway revival of "Rent" playing at the New World Stage in New York City. Xavier's first show at Gateway High was "Godspell." He was awarded the Arts Alive Vocal Scholarship that year. He went on to double major in Computer Science and Musical Theatre at the University of Miami. There, he was featured in more lead roles than any other graduating student. The faculty at the University of Miami nominated Xavier overwhelmingly for the Emil Gould Award. During the summers, Xavier worked at Community Playhouses and as musical director for two churches. Upon graduation from the University of Miami, Xavier performed for Holland America Cruise Lines. He then moved to New York City to pursue a career as a professional actor. He made his Broadway debut in "Grease", playing the role of Sonny. He also appeared as Chino for a European Tour of "West Side Story."