

Bucknell Theater and Dance Presents

# Alm♥st, Maine

Written by John Cariani  
Directed by Ava Zappulla

Tustin Studio Theater

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September 19  
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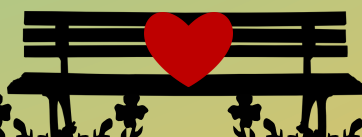
BY JOHN CARIANI

DIRECTED BY AVA ZAPPULLA '27

Stage Manager.....Eryn Drobins '29  
Assistant Stage Manager.....Nyah von Haam '29  
Light Design. and Operator.....Nyah von Haam '29  
Sound Design and Operator.....Andy Galan '29  
Props, Scenery, and Costume Designers.....Kayle Brody '29, Regan Muto '29  
Run Crew.....Kayle Brody '29, Regan Muto '29, Roman Neidinger '29  
Publicity.....Paige Gilmartin '26, Aisling McGrath '26, Jennaye Pointer '26,  
Katie Schadler '26, Jaycee Birkemeier '27, Abby Campion '27,  
Zoe Fleury '27, Abby Spitzmiller '28

## CAST LIST

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Abena Ahenkorah     | Ginette      |
| Fadil Asil          | Phil         |
| Nate Carswell       | Pete         |
| Dami Daramola       | Glory        |
| Christopher Godek   | Jimmy        |
| Jay Granholm        | East/Lendall |
| Nicole Irwin        | Marvalyn     |
| Atlas Johnson       | Dave         |
| Jack Kendron        | Steve/Man    |
| Addison McWayne     | Deena        |
| Rosemary Ostrowski  | Shelley      |
| Ali Profitt         | Sandrine     |
| Leah Strohmier      | Waitress     |
| Maddie Tofias       | Gayle        |
| Maddie Wensel       | Rhonda       |
| Sienna Werley       | Hope         |
| Emily Kate Wisnesky | Marci        |







## ABENA AHENKORAH

**(she/her)** a lover of art and all things cute and pastel, she comes from Virginia and is a management and organizations major! She did acting and theatre all throughout high school and is happy to have found a way to continue doing it at Bucknell too.

**Relationship advice:** When the silence gets too awkward, sometimes you either gotta break out into song or start asking hypothetical questions.

## FADIL ASIL

**(he/him)** is a proud Lahori studying Economics and Political Science. His favorite color is red, though most of his caf food experiments turn out far less appealing. He plays football just enough to prove he is not completely unathletic and spends the rest of his time watching goofy comedies with friends so he can feel better about his own sense of humor.

**Relationship advice:** Always stay locked in.



## KAYLE BRODY

**(she/her)** is from Chatham, New Jersey. She is majoring in Marketing and Creative Writing. With her short time at Bucknell, she has already joined The Bucknellian, Club Basketball, Club Field Hockey, and Cap and Dagger. She is also working on costumes for the first year showcase. Enjoy the fashion show!

**Relationship advice:** Be comfortable to be yourself.



## NATE CARSWELL

**(he/him)** is majoring in Computer Science in Engineering, he is from Morganton, North Carolina, is involved in Horror club, Wizardry club, Swim club. His hobbies include; reading, swimming, sketching, listening to music, and playing games and his favorite color is purple.

**Relationship advice:** Watch "Friends", then do the exact opposite of what Ross does.





## DAMI DARAMOLA

(she/her) is an environmental engineering major with a passion for theatre. She is excited to start her Bucknell theatre career with *Almost, Maine* and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Relationship advice:** Don't let your heart turn to slate.

## ERYN DROBINS

(she/they) is from Boyertown, Pennsylvania. She plans to double major in History and Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies with a minor in Theatre Tech and Design. She is at Bucknell University on an Arts Merit Scholarship and is super excited to be involved in theatre in college!

**Relationship advice:** Genuinely, communication. It's cliché, but it works.



## ANDY GALAN

(she/her) is a first-year from New Jersey who is coming to Bucknell to double major in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies and Theatre. She is excited to be participating in her first production at Bucknell. Along with the theatre department, she is also apart of the ASL club, Bison Bakers, and more.

**Relationship advice:** Communication is key.

## CHRISTOPHER GODEK

(he/him) is originally from Milford, Connecticut. He is a first-year student, majoring in Biology on the pre-health track. In his short time at Bucknell, he has joined The Bucknellian and is a member of the Arts Residential College. He is excited for future shows and hopes you enjoy *Almost, Maine*.

**Relationship advice:** Communication is key.







## JAY GRANHOLM

**(he/him)** is a Music Education major and is very excited to be participating in the first-year show. He is from Andover, NJ, and is currently involved in the University Choir and the a cappella group, Beyond Unison. He would like to thank everyone who made this show possible!

**Relationship advice:** Be honest, especially when something is bothering you.

## NICOLE IRWIN

**(she/her)** is a first-year mechanical engineering major from Warminster, Pennsylvania. In her free time, she enjoys participating in plays and musicals as well as reading and making ceramics. On campus, she is involved in Cap & Dagger, Club Field Hockey, e-Nable, and The Society of Women Engineers.

**Relationship advice:** Always listen to what each other has to say.



## ATLAS JOHNSON

**(he/they)** is actually from Burtonsville, Maryland, but says Silver Spring because not many people know where Burtonsville is. Small fun facts about them are that they play video games, watch WWE, and are a movie Fein. They are majoring in Biology planning on doing the research track. Not only are they involved in this lovely first-year show they're also in the Orchestra and in We Brake for Nobody here at Bucknell.

**Relationship advice:** Love shouldn't feel draining it should feel like you're on cloud 9

## JACK KENDRON

**(he/they)** is a first-year from Berwick, PA, who is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and minoring in Theatre Tech. Outside of the theater space, he is a member of Band Club and is an avid guitar player and album collector.

**Relationship advice:** Don't be evil.





## ADDISON McWAYNE

(she/her) is a double major in Environmental Science and Theatre and is from Boston! She is involved with the theatre social club Cap & Dagger and plans to start volunteering at the farm on campus and the local cat shelter in Lewisburg. In her spare time, when she is not acting, she loves to do crafts, read books, play soccer, and be in nature. She is very excited to share this show with everyone and she hopes you enjoy it!

**Relationship advice:** Find someone that matches your weird! :)

## REGAN MUTO

(she/her) is originally from Pittsburgh, PA. She is a first-year political science major on the pre-law track. In her short time at Bucknell, she has joined Bucknell's Improv Club, Cap & Dagger, and is in the Social Justice Residential College. Regan is working costumes for the first-year showcase as well. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Relationship advice:** Ask Hutch for Relationship Advice!



## ROMAN NEIDINGER

(he/him) is a bio major. He has wanted to be a vet ever since he was young and chose Bucknell to pursue his dream as he prepares for vet school. His favorite color is red, he is a part of the Bucknell Choir, and he is from Pittsburgh.

**Relationship advice:** To be able to laugh with your partner is the most important part.

## ROSEMARY OSTROWSKI

(she/her) is an Art and Design major from Toronto, Canada. She is on the Women's Rowing team at Bucknell, loves all things theatre, and her favourite colour is green.

**Relationship advice:** Relationships are meant to be fun!!







## ALI PROFITT

**(she/her)** is a psychology major from Pittsford, NY. Outside of theatre, she is involved in the women's club volleyball team, philosophy club, pre-health society, amongst other clubs. Her favorite color is baby blue. She enjoys reading, photography, acting, and singing.

**Relationship advice:** My best piece of relationship advice is to express all the emotions, even hard, ugly ones. A real relationship will overcome hard moments.

## LEAH STROHMIER

**(she/her)** is an environmental engineering major from Patton, PA. She is involved in ESA, Merit Scholars, Animal Rescue Club, Bison Pals, Bison Bakers, Space Club, Bison Horror Society, and her favorite color is pink.

**Relationship advice:** Don't be in one!



## MADDIE TOFIAS

**(she/her)** is from Short Hills, New Jersey, and loves all things Theatre! When she is not acting, she loves to sing as a member of one of the campus a cappella groups, the Offbeats!

**Relationship advice:** Be open and honest with each other!

## NYAH VON HAAM

**(she/her)** is from Raleigh, North Carolina, and she's figuring out her major! She's in Bucknell's improv group We Brake for Nobody (come to their show on Saturday!), Cap & Dagger, and the Bucknellian newspaper. She hopes you enjoy *Almost, Maine*, and looks forward to future projects at Bucknell. Shoutout to her show buddy Kayle Brody!

**Relationship advice:** Be their biggest hype person!!





## MADDIE WENSEL

**(she/her)** is a Computer Science and Theatre double major from Connecticut. In addition to being an actor, she is a classical guitarist, painter, writer, and athlete. She enjoys hiking, camping, and listening to music, and can often be found with a coffee mug in her hand.

**Relationship advice:** Give them food; that usually works.

## SIENNA WERLEY

**(she/her)** is a freshman Biochemistry major from Long Valley, New Jersey. She is an avid musical theatre enthusiast and a driven violist. She is looking forward to volunteering around Lewisburg and seeing new movies with her friends at the campus theatre.

**Relationship advice:** Never change who you are for someone else!!



## EMILY KATE WISNESKY

**(she/her)** is an intended creative writing major from Punxsutawney, PA. She's been involved in theatre since elementary school; some of her favorite roles have been Portia (the ugly stepsister) in Cinderella and Donkey in Shrek. Aside from theatre, Emily Kate loves writing poetry, eating ice cream, and watching TV with friends.

**Relationship advice:** You are a product of everyone you've ever loved; choose them wisely.





## DIRECTOR'S BIO

Ava Zappulla is a Junior from Morristown, NJ. She is majoring in Psychology and Theatre and studying on the pre-med track, and has been involved in many different aspects of the Theatre & Dance department. Her most recent endeavors include Twelfth Night (Assistant Stage Manager/Wardrobe Crew), Macb\*tches (Wardrobe Crew), Cocktail Theatre (Director: Admittance), and The Sweet Science of Bruising (Wardrobe Crew). She is also having lots of fun working in the costume shop this semester!

Ava is extremely excited to be directing this year's first-year show: "Almost, Maine encapsulates moments of love, grief, hope, and many other emotions that come with the transition to college. My goal in directing this show was to build a community in which the cast and crew felt supported in exploring these emotions and storylines while experiencing their own time of change. I feel incredibly lucky to have had the privilege of working with everyone over the past month and cannot wait to see where their journeys take them next!"



## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Sam Norton for her fight choreography, Dustyn Martincich for assistance with intimacy choreography, The Hutchinsons for guiding and supporting Ava throughout this process, and Heath Hansum for his help with technical aspects.

## DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE

Catri Barba.....visiting dance technique (spring 2026)  
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Carly Holzwarth.....costume design and history (on leave fall 2025)  
Cole Hudson.....costume studio manager  
Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson, chair.....acting, directing, devising  
Mark Hutchinson, co-director of theatre.....technical coordination, stage management  
Kelly Knox.....dance technique and theory (sabbatical spring 2026)  
Ella MacZura.....assistant costumer  
Dustyn Martincich, director of dance.....theatre and dance technique and theory  
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Bryan M. Vandevender.....theatre history, dramatic literature  
F. Elaine Williams.....scenography  
Jarum Xavier.....dance technique and theory



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Theatre and Dance respectfully acknowledges and recognizes our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, water and air: the Susquehannock peoples and all of their ancestors and descendants, past, present and future. We live and create our art here within the Bucknell community and we strive to honor those caretakers of this homeland in our presence and work

Taking photographs, and the use of recording devices are strictly prohibited. Please turn off your cell phones and other electronics before the performance begins. Thank you.



## 2025-2026 THEATRE AND DANCE CONTRIBUTORS

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