

# Mr. DHS 2017- Villians

*DHS senior guys compete as villians to win the title Mr. DHS*

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The 2017 Mr. DHS showcase was a night filled with comedy, spirit, and talented seniors.

This year's competitors were Genco Akaçik, Malik Cooke, Jared Coyle, Alonzo Jones, Derek Kyler, Dwayne Lacey, Jordan Nguyen, Ian Panke, Cole Tucker, and Michael Williams.

The theme for this year was "Villians." Each guy chose a "bad guy" to portray. Panke was White Goodman from the movie *Dodgeball*. Akaçik was Captain Hook from *Peter Pan*. Cooke was Scar from *The Lion King*. Lacey was the Big Bad Wolf from the *Three Little Pigs*. Nguyen was the Grinch from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Jones was Plankton from *Spongebob Squarepants*. Williams was Harley Quinn from *Suicide Squad*. Kyler was Swipper from *Dora the Explorer*. Tucker was Johnny Lawrence from the original



*Mr.DHS Michael Williams lip syncing the "Petty" cheer. Photo by Cris Rojo.*

*Karate Kid*. Coyle was the scariest villain of all, a Sycamore Spartan.

A lot of planning went into Mr. DHS. Junior Callie Borden was the head planner this year. Borden wrote, "Once we pick the guys a lot goes on behind the scenes. We have multiple dance practices to teach the boys the whole opening dance. We also have a photo shoot with the boys that make all the posters. From there the guys start working on their dances and talent. During that, I'm ordering posters, tickets, or anything involved with the show."

Seniors Gabbie Farrell and Val Koach helped choreograph the dances and practice with the guys. They taught the guys the opening dance and worked with them on their solos. They practiced twice a week. The guys helped make up their solo parts. Farrell wrote, "My favorite part was working with the guys and watching them as they picked up the dances."

Most of the guys practiced hard and put in many hours of work into coming



*Second runner up Jared Coyle performing a synchronized swimming routine with Jake Neidel, Morris Jones, Jack Murphy, and Ben Roelfsema. Photo by Cris Rojo.*



*Runner up Ian Panke lip syncing to Stacy's Mom. Photo by Cris Rojo.*

with their ideas. Others, like Jones, did not put in as much effort. Jones wrote, "I procrastinated a decent amount, so I didn't get to think in full on what I wanted to do. I just thought of the first talent and the first spirit idea I could think of, and my lip sync was a song my squad and I sung throughout football season."

The rounds stayed the same as last year's event. The rounds included the opening dance, talents, lip sync, spirit, and formal walk with their escorts.

The escorts had to be seniors, but they could be anyone the guys wanted. Akaçik was escorted by Kat Lamb, Panke by Grace Klonoski, Cooke by Mauriah Harris, Jones by Morgan Karolus, Nguyen by Amber Boyd, Kyler by Izzy Hayes, Tucker by Koach, Lacey by Natalie Vaughn-Low, Coyle by Molly Stawinoga, and Williams by Nyari Turner.

The guys were very excited to perform in front of the community. Nguyen wrote, "I've been wanting to do Mr. DHS for quite a while and now it's happening! I

really wanted to make something that is funny and enjoyable for all audiences."

Each guy chose a charity to donate money to if they won. This year most of the guys chose to support the school by donating to the Ode family, the Shakir family, and Mr. Gonzales. Coyle chose Hope Haven and Nguyen chose Samaritan's Purse.

All of the guys agreed that they're favorite part of this event was working with the other guys and practicing all of their skits and dances! All of their hard work paid off when Williams was announced the winner! Panke got second and Coyle got third.



*Jordan Nguyen lip syncing to Pen Pineapple Apple Pen. Photo by Cris Rojo.*



*Cole Tucker answering questions during the Formal Wear portion. Photo by Cris Rojo.*



*Emcees Serene Labadi and Emma Young. Photo by Cris Rojo.*