

Coming to you this **October, the 20th through the 22nd**, Davis & Elkins College is excited to present to you *She Kills Monsters*. Each evening on those dates, performances will be held at **the Harper-McNeely Auditorium at the Myles Center for the Arts at 8:00 pm on the campus of Davis and Elkins College**. Directed by Aubrey Helene Neumann, this wonderful production stars Maggie Gunning as the Stage Manager, Nicole Schumacher as Agnes, and Heather Humphrey as Tilly. There are also many other great performers in the show as well (see full cast list at the bottom, along with show ratings).

She Kills Monsters is a dramedy theatrical production that was originally written by Qui Nguyen in 2011. Set in Athens, Ohio, around 1995, the story follows Agnes Evans, an average teenage girl who is left all alone during some of her most vulnerable stages following the tragic death of both her parents and her older sister, Tilly. Feeling very lonely and always having been distant from her sister even when she was alive, Agnes embarks on an adventure of her own and quickly gets swept up in Tilly's secret world of Dungeons and Dragons. Come follow Agnes on her journey of finding herself through her family's past as this amazing group of talented D&E thespians brings this magical story to life.

Nicole Schumacher, the Agnes star, comments, "I am very excited to be a part of this production. It's my first one here at D&E, I'm hoping everyone enjoys it, and everyone should come and see it."

Star Eakle, who portrays Lillith Morningstar, "the Demon Queen" in the show, states that she started acting at D&E last year. She says she loves acting most "because it's a time to become a different person and be creative." Eakly says that she loves her character because "she is a complete rebel" and also reports that she gets into character by listening to hardcore music as it "really pumps her up."

Second year D&E thespian Quinn Staunton also reports great enthusiasm for this production; "I'm very excited, I was looking forward to this one, and I think it's gonna be really, really great."

So, whether you treat yourself to a mid-week performance to get in the Halloween mood or reward yourself after a long week with some weekend entertainment, we hope you come out to see the show. Go to <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/dewv> or call our box office at 304-637-1255 to purchase tickets. See you there!

Full Cast List:

Nina Arbogast Narrator, Monster, Understudy for Vera
Caden Blizzard Chuck
Emills Diaz Evil Gabbi/Tina, Monster, Understudy for Tilly
Harley Drogone Vera
Star Eakle Lillith
Trinity Fleming Kalliope
Doug Gabbert Miles
Sabastian Hicks Monster, Understudy for Steve
Heather Humphrey Tilly
Mackenzie Jones Farrah, Monster
Marissa Mallow Evil Gabbi/ Tina, Monster, Understudy for Lillith
Kyia McGill Evil Gabbi/Tina, Monster, Understudy for Agnes
Nicole Schumacher Agnes
Quinn Staunton Orcus
Walter Ridgley Steve

Crew

Sydney Apanowicz Assistant Stage Manager

Joseph Daniels Assistant Stage Manger
Emma Engle Hair and Makeup Design
Willow Ferguson House Manager (Ticketing)
Maggie Gunning Stage Manager
Emily Reeves Run Crew
Giovanni Romero Light Op
Jonothan Shields Sound Design, Board Op
Emma Watson House Manager

Show ratings and LGBTQ+ Notice:

Rated PG-13

This play is intended to resonate with an older audience and consequently includes the following:

Mild profanity

Homophobic slur

Simulated violence

Language of a sexual nature

The show is largely a depiction of LGBTQ+ pride and includes a coming out narrative, supportive friends and family members as well as same sex kiss. However, the show also depicts some of the bullying which the main character must overcome. In doing so, the production also includes a lesbian slur. Please reach out to neumanna@dewv.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Extra LGBTQ+ Resources

Trevor Project: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/resources/>

Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network: <https://www.glsen.org/>

Trans Student Educational Resources: <https://transstudent.org/graphics/5-ways-to-make-schools-safer/>

