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AUDITIONS SET FOR *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

The Joliet Junior College Fine Arts Department will hold auditions for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* with music and lyrics by William Finn and Book by Rachel Sheinkin on Wednesday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 15 at 6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre in 'K' building on the Main Campus at 1215 Houbolt Road. This production is directed by Clay Kirkland and music direction is by David Nuccio.

Vying for the county spelling championship are six delightfully quirky adolescents: an overachiever who speaks six languages, a young man with unfortunate allergies, the slightly befuddled offspring of hippie parents, a shy newcomer, the politically-aware daughter of same-sex parents, and a boy scout who was last year's winner. Shepherded by a former champion still reveling in her past victory, a somewhat bitter vice-principal, and an ex-con "comfort counselor," the contestants learn that "winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser."

Please prepare 16 bars of music from a Broadway musical for this audition. For further information call the theatre office at 815-280-2200, director Clay Kirkland at 815-280-2706 or music director David Nuccio at 815-280-2589.