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## **Talihina students have Shakespearian experience**

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### TALIHINA GEAR UP STUDENTS ATTEND ROMEO & JULIET IN ALMA, ARKANSAS

Several GEAR UP students from Talihina High School recently attended a production of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet at the Alma Performing Arts Center. The American Shakespeare Center of Staunton, Virginia, traveled to Alma to perform the drama, one of the best known plays in the history of live theatre. The event was presented by the Alma Education and Arts Foundation.

The students were treated to a true Elizabethan experience. Before the show, the actors were performing songs and selling wares in the audience. Students danced with the actors during the pre-show.

The students were also allowed to sit on the stage and were made a part of the performance.

"The students had a great time," said GEAR UP Education Coordinator Peery Lee. "It was an evening they will remember for a long time."

Caption: Talihina English teacher Kim Wallace, Rheanna Maudy, Staysha Pugh, and Cheyanne Upton at the Alma Performing Arts Center.

