



**PSD Champs in Dramatic Monologue Contest
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Philippine School Doha snagged the Championship title in the Interschool Elocution of Bright Future International School (BFIS), surpassing 8 other schools in the dramatic monologue category last September 28.

Grade 11 representatives, Shanah Sahidjuan and Naira Sali represented PSD in dramatic monologue and classical poetry, respectively.



Participants, Shanah Sahidjuan and Naira Sali, alongside their mentors, flaunt their certificates of recognition.

Prior to the competition, Sahidjuan and Sali competed with fellow students in the classroom eliminations held at 12 - Tantalum. After being selected, they were trained by Senior High School teachers Ms. Monaliza Cayatoc and Mr. Lochlan Villacorte for two consecutive weeks.

Sahidjuan's training consisted of doing vocal warmups and practicing acting techniques to deliver various emotions. These helped her successfully interpret her character, Eponine from Les Misérables who required strong emotions ranging from anger to grief. She stated:

“Seeing people’s eyebrows furrow as I cried and whined about losing the love of my life was a sight I’ll never forget.”



Meanwhile, Sali said that her practice consisted of internalizing a character with a contrasting personality from herself. An advice given by her mentors was adapting the mindset of haunting everyone in the room which helped in her performance of Haunted Houses by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Both of the participants said their preparations not only helped in their performance but also developed their love for public speaking and performing. According to Sali,

“The experience was rewarding because I got to go out of my comfort zone and develop my skills in expressing emotions through my delivery.”

The Interschool Elocution contest of BFIS aimed to encourage the students to enhance their public speaking skills.

