

## **Los Alamos Monitor - Kaleidoscope – Thursday, 11-22-07**

### **LAHS Students to Perform in Musical**

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Los Alamos High School students Tess Montoya and Ashley Lopez will be teaching people how to triumph easily in the business world through the musical “How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying.”

The National Dance Institute of New Mexico (NDI-NM) School for the Performing Arts is presenting the Tony-Award-winning musical at 7 p.m. Nov 30 and Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at the NDI-NM Dance Barn, located at 1140 Alto St. in Santa Fe.

The musical focuses on J. Pierrepont Finch, a window washer who finds the secret to corporate success within the pages of the book, “How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying.”

Finch climbs to the top of the corporate ladder but still has to tackle a few obstacles along the way, including an aggressively compliant company man, the boss’ whiny nephew, the office party, backstabbing co-workers, caffeine addiction and true love.

His true love is Rosemary, played by Montoya. Montoya said her character is a secretary who is bent on getting married and having a family.

Lopez is part of the ensemble cast.

Montoya and Lopez have both been involved in NDI-NM since elementary school. Additionally, they each participated in the musical last year, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.”

Montoya explained she has been enjoying her experience with NDI-NM. “I enjoy doing something I love... I really love performance musical theater and dance.”

Lopez also has had a positive experience with the school. “I’ve gained a lot of discipline and a lot of confidence,” she said.

Being a part of the musical, Lopez said, “(has been) really fun because you get to interact with kids of all ages.”

Montoya added she was interested in being a part of the “How to Succeed in Business” production. “I really love musical theater and I wanted to be a part of the show,” she said.

Montoya and Lopez encourage people to see the show

“I think, of course, if people love musicals (they’ll love this play)... it’s kind of fun,” Montoya said.

Lopez added, “I think its funny... anyone would like it.”

Tickets for the musical cost \$15/\$10. For tickets call 505-983-7661