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Melody C. Herrold didn’t expect he would be on a stage receiving an award as she was helping drama students with their productions. But after a year that was so difficult for all, she said, she was looking forward to the event.

On April 15, Herrold was awarded the 2021 Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical, which was presented to her for her work on the musical "Choir Boy." The award was announced on April 10, and Herrold received her trophy at a ceremony held at the Winter Garden Theatre in New York City.

"It was an incredible moment for me," Herrold said. "I’ve been a part of the theater community for many years, and this is a huge honor for me. It’s a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and faculty at Stoneman Douglas High School."