

DENVER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH newsletter

SERVE

While we've got students serving everything from hockey pucks on sports teams to hamburgers at work, we have one type of serving that might be our favorite. The value of serving in our local communities by giving back is something that we work to instill in all of our students. Whether that's serving at Children's Hospital Colorado, at Balarat Outdoor Education Center as a high school leader, in National Honor Society, or in any other form, we dare you this month to live the [Denver Online DO MORE motto](#) and make a difference. One person CAN make a difference, so hop to it!



Student Highlight: Iain Riordon

Denver Online High School sophomore, Iain Riordon, is chasing his dream of one day becoming a goalie in the National Hockey League. [Watch his Student Highlight Story here.](#)

6 Pillars to Success -Standouts-

PROGRAM highlight

Children's Hospital Colorado Service Learning Program

Denver Online High School's Service Learning Program with Children's Hospital Colorado is underway. Six teams of students are developing service projects by completing a mock grant application and preparing a detailed budget and logistics plan.

Some teams will be preparing gifts to be given to inpatients, while others will be leading out events in the hospital's main lobby

throughout three different service days in April. [Check out the video highlight of the program here.](#)



ATTENDANCE
-Ahlaysha Sipes-

latest NEWS

Free February Field Trip to The Great Leap Play





We headed to the Denver Center for Performing Arts Complex for the February field trip on February 28th. Students got to watch the performance of The Great Leap play and then ask the actors some questions in a Q and A session.

Free March Field Trip to the Growhaus

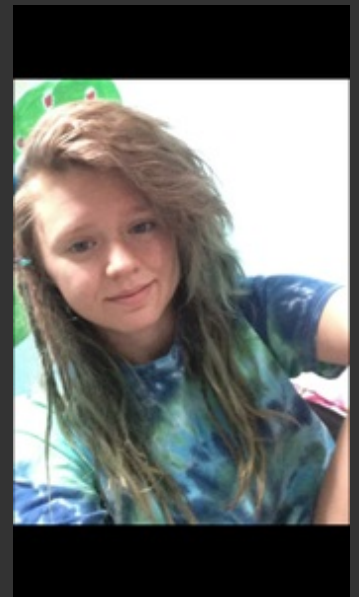


RESILIENCY
-Kelsey Vigil-



RESILIENCY
-Chun Lee-

RESILIENCY
(not pictured)
-Draidan Portress-



SELF ADVOCACY
-Robyn Young-

SELF ADVOCACY
(not pictured)
-Anthony Roedel-





Students had a wonderful time on March 14th at the Denver Growhaus for our free March field trip. Students participated in a salsa cook-off between teams, each group picking their own fresh ingredients from the market for their particular salsa. The group got to tour the entire space, learning about things such as aquaculture and how mushrooms grow. They concluded the day by helping around the greenhouse with some service-learning hands-on activities.

9th Grade College Expo at Auraria Campus



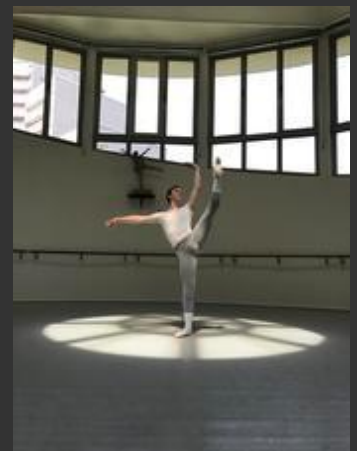
Students attended the Auraria campus college field trip on March 20th. The field trip included learning from a student panel, checking out booths in the college fair, and eating at the campus food court.



COMMUNICATION
-Ary Neill-



COMMUNICATION
-Vi Ramirez-



COMMUNICATION
-Kenny Allen-



COMMUNICATION
-Sammie Little-

COMMUNICATION
(not pictured)
-Amirah Earlix-
-Brooke Hahn-
-Xander Bowman-

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT
(not pictured)
-Johnny Perez-
-Anina Herrera-

CALENDAR of EVENTS

[See Full Calendar Here](#)

Smedley CLOSED: Spring Break

- **What:** Due to Spring Break, Smedley will be closed and faculty will be unavailable.
- **When:** March 26th-April 2nd, 2018

Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking Book Study

- **What:** Share a meal with other parents while discussing the book Quiet. Books are available for free from Social Worker Jaime Smith (jaime_smith@dpsk12.org).
- **Who:** All parents encouraged to attend!
- **When:** Thursday, April 12th, 6-8pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center
- **RSVP:** Email Jaime Smith (jaime_smith@dpsk12.org) to RSVP by March 4th so that we can get an accurate head count for food.

-Fun Spotlight-

Parent Satisfaction Surveys Distributed Online

- **What:** The Parent Satisfaction Survey is run by the district in order to help schools better understand what they are doing well, and what areas they need to improve in. Your feedback is critical to our success. It not only helps shape the future goals and actions of Denver Online, but our school is also accountable to the number of parent participants we have take the survey. Survey participation rates and the ratings each participant gives us are both integral to Denver Online High School's overall School Performance Rating. This year's Parent Satisfaction Surveys will be distributed online this year as to make it easier for our families to participate.
- **Who:** All full-time and part time/supplemental parents should complete this survey
- **When:** Parents may take the survey online between April 9th-May 4th.
- **Where:** We will be sending more information with the link to take the survey as the window gets closer.

Children's Hospital Colorado Service Days

- **What:** Many students have been working hard at Connection Days to organize team service projects. While some teams will develop gifts for the patients, others will lead an event on either April 12th, April 20th, or April 26th for patients to participate in. All teams will be assigned a specific service day. All students participating in their service day at the hospital will be excused from their Connection Day that week. There will be transportation provided. If a student is volunteering that day, they MUST be in good health (e.g. no coughing, runny noses, fevers, etc) or they will not be able to volunteer as the patients at the hospital are incredibly susceptible to getting sick with enormous consequences.
- **Who:** Students who have participated in the full Children's Hospital Colorado service learning program
- **When:** All teams will be assigned a specific service day out of the following:
 - Thursday, April 12th, 9:30am-2pm
 - Friday, April 20th, 9:30am-2pm
 - Thursday, April 26th, 9:30am-2pm
- **Where:** We will meet at Smedley like a normal Connection Day at 9am and then leave shortly after on a bus to head to Children's Hospital Colorado (13123 E 16th Ave, Aurora, CO 80045). We will be back to Smedley by 2pm.
- **Wear:** All students should wear their Denver Online High School t-shirts. If you do not have one, please see Kaci Sintek to get one.
- **Required Permission Slip:** [FIND IT HERE](#). Permission slips need to be in to Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org) before the field trip. It MUST be hand signed (not a typed signature) using the form provided.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- **What:** Parent/Teacher conferences are a great time for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their student's academic and social progress at school. It is also an excellent time for families to discuss plans of action for getting caught up, getting ahead, or taking advantage of other opportunities available to students to further their success in school and life.
- **Who:** All DOHS parents welcome to attend conferences! Students may also come to conferences if parents prefer to have them there as well.
- **When:** Wednesday, April 18th
 - **DROP IN:** 11am-4pm are drop in conference times where no appointment is necessary.
 - **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:** 4-7pm are by appointment only conference times. If a parent wishes to attend this conference time, they must contact all teachers they would like to meet with by 4pm on 4/18 via email or phone call. To contact all teachers that you would like to meet with during the by appointment

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EVEN
KNOW WHY
I LIKE YOU,
BUT I JUST
DO.



February Facebook
Competition Winners

-Jill Parker-

-Contact Us-

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[Faculty Contact Information](#)



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conference times, [please find the contact list here.](#)

- **Where:** Conferences are located at Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211).

Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meeting

- **What:** The CSC team meets monthly and is composed of Denver Online faculty, parents, students, and community members. The primary goal of the CSC is to align school processes, activities, and budgets to reach Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) goals.
- **Who:** Anyone is welcome to join and be part of the CSC!
- **When:** Primarily the last Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30pm
- **Where:** [Attend via Zoom by clicking this link](#) to join the virtual meeting space. You can also join by phone by calling +1 646 568 7788 (US Toll) or +1 415 762 9988 (US Toll)

FREE April Field Trip to Weather & Science Day and Rockies Game at Coors Field

- **What:** The annual Weather and Science Day at Coors Field is awesome! There are huge science experiments on the field! The weather/science day is then followed by a Rockies game where we get to root for our home team!
- **Who:** All full time students welcome to come!
- **When:** Wednesday, April 23rd. We will meet at Smedley at gam to take a bus to the stadium. We will return to Smedley by 3pm.
- **Where:** Meet at Smedley Learning Center to ride a bus together to Coors Field (2001 Blake St, Denver, CO 80205).
- **RSVP:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CF9LQ5G>
- **Required Permission Slip:** [FIND APRIL FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP HERE.](#) This must be turned into Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org) by April 23rd.

FREE DOHS May Field Trip: Denver Zoo

- **What:** For May's field trip, we are heading to the Denver Zoo! Come check out the awesome world of animals with us.
- **Who:** All students welcome to come!
- **When:** Tuesday, May 8th. Student must be at Smedley at 9:30am to get on the bus. The bus will be back to Smedley at around 2pm.
- **Where:** Meet at Smedley to get on bus. The bus will then be going to the Denver Zoo (2300 Steele Street, Denver, CO 80205-4899).
- **RSVP:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KKFKYNB>
- **Required Permission Slip:** [FIND MAY FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP HERE.](#) Must be turned into Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org) by May 6th.

DPS Aspire Leadership Program

- **What:** Engage, reflect and have fun while learning about how you, as a leader, can transform your values into action, vision into reality, obstacles into innovation and risks into rewards during this two-day program for DOHS students. This workshop is lead by the DPS Culture, Equity, and Leadership Team, covering the following areas:
 - Identify individual leadership capacity, style, and strengths
 - Build meaningful relationships with peers
 - Learn how to lead through the lens of cultural responsiveness and equity
 - Learn how to leverage and take action through sphere of influence
 - Understand the importance of cultivating greatness in others
 - Learn how to navigate a difficult conversation
 - Identify strengths and opportunities for growth with integrating your values
 - Learn how to lead for change through Mission and Values
 - Develop strategies and action plan to grow and improve
- **Who:** All full-time DOHS students welcome to attend!
- **When:** Monday, May 14th and Tuesday, May 15th, 9am-2pm. Students should plan to

- **When:** Monday, May 14th and Tuesday, May 15th, 9am-12pm. Students should plan to come both days for the full gam-2pm timeslot.
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

DOHS Student Art Show at Denver Art Society

- **What:** DOHS art students will be showing off the art they have spent countless hours creating at The Denver Art Society. This gallery viewing is a fun event for anyone to come check out!
- **Who:** Anyone is welcomed to come to the art show! Please support our artists!
- **When:** Monday, May 14th from 7pm-10pm
- **Where:** Denver Art Society (734 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, CO 80204)

Graduation Rehearsal

- **What:** This is a rehearsal for graduation and is a required event for all graduating seniors and selected junior escorts.
- **Who:** Required for all graduating seniors and selected junior escorts
- **When:** Friday, May 18th, 2:30pm-4:30pm
- **Where:** Concert Hall in the King Center on Auraria Campus (855 Lawrence Way, Denver, CO 80204)

2018 Graduation Ceremony

- **What:** It's time to celebrate our 2018 DOHS graduates! This amazing event showcases our graduates in a very personalized graduation ceremony. Light beverages and desserts will be available in the reception following the ceremony. Interpretation services will be available for any Spanish speaking families.
- **Who:** All graduates will be able to welcome a select amount of family and friends to join them at the event. The specifics about how many guests each student may bring will be communicated by Counselor Casey Burton as the event gets closer.
- **When:** Wednesday, May 23rd from 5pm-7pm
- **Where:** Graduation will be held in the Concert Hall in the King Center on the Auraria Campus (855 Lawrence Way, Denver, CO 80204).
- **Interpretation Services:** Spanish interpreters will be available at the event for any Spanish speaking families.

Smedley CLOSED: Memorial Day

- **What:** Due to Memorial Day, Smedley will be closed and faculty will be unavailable.
- **When:** Monday, May 28th, 2018

Last Day of 2nd Semester/4th Quarter

- **What:** This is the last day of 2nd Semester/4th Quarter
- **When:** Wednesday, May 31st, 2018

[SEE FULL CALENDAR HERE](#)

get **INVOLVED**

APRIL FACEBOOK COMPETITION





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April Facebook Competition

One thing that Denver Online tries to instill into all of our students is the value of service. April will be filled with Children's Hospital Colorado service projects that Denver Online students will lead, as well as service events by our National Honor Society. To shed some focus on service, post a picture to [our school's facebook page](#) of a time you've served or share one of your favorite organizations that gives back. We will be sharing some of our favorite organizations and pictures of past service projects as well! Participating enters you to win a free pair of movie passes!

Don't have a facebook page? No problem. Just email your submission to Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org).

CLUBS

Join one of our great clubs! Get involved while meeting some new friends along the way. Just contact the club leader to get a schedule of club meetings and upcoming events.

- National Honor Society-Casey Burton (casey_burton@dpsk12.org)
- DO MORE Leadership Team-Ian Jones (ian_jones@dpsk12.org)
- Gender Sexual Alliance-Jaime Smith (jaime_smith@dpsk12.org)
- Gaming Club-Erica MacIntosh (erica_macintosh@dpsk12.org)
- Book Club-Jennifer White (jennifer_white2@dpsk12.org)
- Art Club-Elisa Narizhnaya (elisa_narizhnaya@dpsk12.org)
- Performance Club-Jennifer Carpenter (jennifer_carpenter@dpsk12.org)
- Hiking Club-Ben Eisen (ben_eisen@dpsk12.org)
- Movie Club-Jennifer Wiebesiek (jennifer_wiebesiek@dpsk12.org)
- Chess Club-Sue Nelson (susan_nelson@dpsk12.org)
- Balarat-Nadia Coleman (nadia_coleman@dpsk12.org)
- Anxiety Group-Jaime Smith (jaime_smith@dpsk12.org)
- Pregnant and Parent Group-Florence Tracy (Florence_Tracy@dpsk12.org)