

DENVER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL newsletter



Student Highlight: Alex Jones

Not very often does someone graduate from college before they graduate from high school, but this year Denver Online High School's Alex Jones is doing just that. By capitalizing on tuition-free concurrent enrollment college credit, Alex will be the first student in Denver Public Schools' 159 years of existence to graduate with his four-year Bachelor's Degree in the same month that he graduates from high school. [WATCH the 9 News Story about Alex HERE.](#) [Find his full Student Highlight Story HERE.](#)

DO IMPOSSIBLE THINGS

The world will always volunteer countless reasons why you can't accomplish something. You're too young, too short, too uncoordinated, too introverted, too... you name it. But we are here to tell you that you can do impossible things. You can climb Everest, rescue someone's life, become a movie star, make the Olympics, or grow a million dollar company. You can even graduate with your Bachelor's Degree before you even receive your high school diploma. You are smart and capable. All you have to be is willing. Willing to work harder than the next guy, commit to grit, and keep going in the midst of adversity. We dare you to live the [Denver Online DO MORE motto](#) and do something impossible today.

SCHOOL & PROGRAM highlights

Parent & Guardian School Satisfaction Survey

How are we doing at Denver Online High School? We want to hear your thoughts! If you are a parent/guardian of a full-time student at Denver Online High School and haven't done so already, please click the following link, use your student's school ID number to log in, and share your feedback about our school. Participation rates from our parents/guardians and

how we score in each area impact our rating for the School Performance Framework, which is like a report card for schools.

Please help us better support students moving forward by sharing your feedback in the survey at the following link:

<http://dpsare.com/2018.sis/>



6 Pillars to Success -Standouts-



DOHS Prom!

Come solo or grab a friend and come to Denver Online's upcoming Prom! Prom will be held on Friday, May 4th, from 6-10pm in the auditorium at Smedley. Students are each able to invite one friend, but [all outside guests must complete and return this guest form to Principal Ian Jones by April 27th.](#) It's a \$5 suggested donation per person, with all donations going to support Blue Bench. Blue Bench's mission reads, "To eliminate sexual assault and diminish the impact it has on individuals, their loved ones and our community through comprehensive issue advocacy, prevention and care." Denver Online's Prom will host a student DJ, a talent show, and an array of carnival themed activities with some fun prizes to be given away to winners.



FOLLOW THROUGH
-Jade Marker-

Talent Show!

We've got our annual school Talent Show coming up on May 17th! Join in on the fun and show off your individual talent. Try outs will be held May 3rd and 4th, so get to practicing!



FOLLOW THROUGH
-Tia Gregg-

Summer School

There are 3 options for summer school this year for Denver Online High School full-time students: Denver Online Summer School, DPS Regional Summer School, and Colorado Digital Learning Solutions Summer Program. [Please review all 3 options here and contact your advisor to get registered ASAP.](#)



RESILIENCY
-Brenden Gonzales-

CareerWise Paid Apprenticeship Program

Denver Online High School is starting to develop strong relationships with the [CareerWise program](#). CareerWise creates competency-based work plans for students to develop the necessary skills to thrive in the workforce, connecting students with apprenticeship jobs with local businesses. Students who pursue this opportunity are equipped with a clear career and education pathway, nationally recognized certifications, and debt-free college credit. While hiring is closed for most students, [Pinnacol](#) was so impressed with Denver Online High School students that they have reached out to hire DOHS students directly. Contact Nadia Coleman (nadia_coleman@dpsk12.org) if you are interested.



Hands-On Career Education Courses-Sign Up Now for Fall Courses

Hands-on courses taken at the Career Education Center (CEC) are a great way for students to get the best of both worlds in their academic pathway. CEC courses are highly interactive with some courses even offering free college credit. They offer everything from Fashion Design to Welding to everything in between. [Check out the full list of courses they offer here.](#) Contact Student Advisor Nadia Coleman (nadia_coleman@dpsk12.org) ASAP if you'd like to take a CEC course in the Fall.



ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

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Free April Field Trip to the Weather/Science Day and Rockies Game at Coors Field



Students experience some larger than life science experiments at the annual Weather and Science Day on April 25th at Coors Field. Students then got to root for the home team at the Rockies and San Diego Padres match up.

Children's Hospital Colorado Service Projects



ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

-Abriana Wilson-

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Competition Winners

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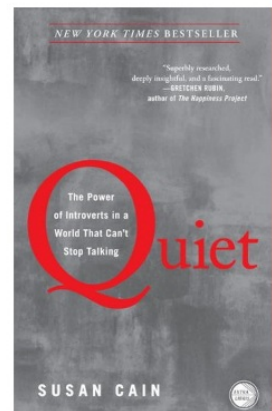
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This is Denver Online's fifth year of running Children's Hospital Colorado Service Learning Program, with this opportunity made possible through the support of the A to Z Grant. This year, six teams of students designed service events and gifts for the patients at the hospital. Student teams worked through a mock grant application and detailed budget in preparation, finally creating gifts for the in-patients and leading out activities in the main lobby on April 12th, 20th, and 26th for families to participate in. Students helped patients do everything from decorate superhero capes and princess crowns to posting their dreams on a special dream board.

Denver Online Quiet Revolution

Being an introvert himself, Principal Ian Jones was fascinated by two specific books about introverts: [Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking](#) and [Quiet Power: The Strengths of Inverted Kids](#). In order to start more dialogue surrounding how we can better understand and support our introverted students, he kicked off the Denver Online Quiet Revolution on April 12th. He will continue to host a series of events, with the next event on Wednesday, May 16th, in which our school community can dive deeper in how we might help students unleash their true power on the world.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences were held on April 17th at Smedley where teachers met with parents about their students' progress and how to help get them on the track moving forward.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

[See Full Calendar Here](#)

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:** Click the following link and log in with your student's school ID number: <http://dpsare.com/2018.sis/>

DOHS Student Talent Show

- **What:** Have some fun and perform or watch the school talent show!
- **Who:** All DOHS students encouraged to try out! All DOHS families welcome to attend the show.
- **When:** Try-outs will be held on May 3rd and 4th, 2-3pm. The actual show will be held on May 17th during Connection Day.
- **Where:** Smedley Auditorium

DOHS Prom!

- **What:** This is a fun event with dancing, a dj, food, and lots of activities! We will be having student talent performances, team trivia, karaoke, and more. If you want to go all out and dress up but can't necessarily afford it, check out the following organization

that helps you get all dressed up for free for the big night:

<https://www.bellaboutiquedenver.org/>

- **Who:** All DOHS full time students welcome to attend with one guest. [Each outside guest MUST complete the attached Prom Guest Form and return it to Principal Ian Jones by April 27th. See the form attached here.](#)
- **When:** Friday, May 4th, 6pm-10pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center auditorium (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **Cost:** \$5 suggested donation/person

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.

Virtual Information Session about Denver Online High School (invite your friends to participate!)

- **What:** This is an informational meeting (using Zoom video conferencing system) for all individuals interested in Denver Online High School. A Denver Online HS rep will lead a presentation about Denver Online, including enrollment options, what is expected of students and parents, what the learning management system looks like, extra credit-earning opportunities such as tuition-free college courses, and more. Participants will also be able to ask any questions they have about the school. Zoom is very easy to use and simply requires participants to click the link provided below at the time of the meeting using a computer, ipad/tablet, or smart phone.
- **When:** Thursday, May 10th, 6:30pm. Please click the link below at 6:30pm to be launched into the virtual meeting room

- **Where:** Click the following link at the time of the meeting:
<https://dpsonline.zoom.us/j/denveronlinehs>

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 come both days for the full 9am-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)

Smedley Closes at 1pm on May 23rd

- **What:** Due to the graduation ceremony happening on the evening of May 23rd, Smedley will be closed at 1pm.
- **Who:** All students must be picked up by 1pm
- **When:** Wednesday, May 23rd, 1pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

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](#)

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MAY FACEBOOK COMPETITION



It's graduation season so let's have some fun! There are some pretty fun ways to decorate your graduation caps, so let's see what you've got! Share a picture with us of your own personally designed cap, or share a picture of one of your favorite designs you've seen. Just post your picture on [our school's facebook page](#) to be entered 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)

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