



Student Highlight: Jade Teegarden

The first ever Rae Harris Award for the intellectually curious was given to only two high school students in Denver Public Schools, one of which was Denver Online's student, Jade Teegarden. Jade shows us what it looks like to go above and beyond in learning, especially inside a personal example within the nature versus nurture debate. [WATCH her story HERE.](#) [Find her full Student Highlight Story HERE.](#)

-Principal Corner-

Greetings from Denver Online! I hope that you are enjoying the beginnings of a relaxing summer!

It seems that we have a significant number of students taking advantage of the Summer School Extension that runs through July 1. It is very important that, if a student did not pass a class but completed more than 30% of it, he/she put in the additional time during this period to complete it as the grade will be final at the end of the extension. If a student does not complete and pass a course from the 2017-18 school year by the end of this extension, he/she will be required to retake it. Our teachers, while on summer break, are working part-time to ensure that students are supported in completing their courses. Communication from teachers during the summer may have a slight delay when compared to our typical 24-hour expectation.

As you prepare for the 2018-19 school year that starts on August 20, I want to highlight a few changes to our in-building schedule so that you are able to make plans to ensure students are attending their Connection Days as they are a required part of our program.

Mondays - Flexible Learning Day - 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All students are welcome in the building, but not required (unless by their advisor, teacher mentor, or school administrator). There will be at least one teacher per content area available for individual and small-group tutoring and intervention services available for literacy and mathematics. All classrooms will operate as open labs and the campus will be operating on a drop-in basis.

Tuesdays - 9th/10th/11th Grade Connection Day - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All 9th, 10th and 11th graders are REQUIRED in the building for Connection Days. These days will operate like the Thursday Connection Days of past years, but will now be held on Tuesdays to ensure we are more proactive about supporting student engagement and planning for meeting their weekly progress goals. Students will earn Advisement credit for their attendance. All 9th, 10th, and 11th graders are expected to be in attendance, with one exception. If a 10th or 11th grader is enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses, then that student will attend the Friday Grad Prep Days twice/month instead of these Tuesday Connection Days.

Wednesdays - Flexible Learning Day - 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All students are welcome in the building, but not required (unless by their advisor, teacher mentor, or school administrator). There will be at least one teacher per content area available for individual and small-group tutoring and intervention services available for literacy and mathematics. All classrooms will operate as open labs and the campus will be operating on a drop-in basis.

GO THE EXTRA MILE

With summer break just getting started and summer school just finishing up, going the extra mile can look a bit differently for each person. But whatever your extra mile looks like, we hope you push yourself to reach for your highest potential. Whether that's passing all of your courses, spending more time on your health and fitness, or starting a summer job, we hope you stay committed to the [Denver Online DO MORE motto](#). Make this summer count!

6 Pillars to Success -Standouts-



FOLLOW THROUGH
-Julia Martinez-



FOLLOW THROUGH
-Christian Campbell-



FOLLOW THROUGH
-Seraphina Thiare-

Thursdays - Academic Support Day - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Academic Support Day will be

REQUIRED for all 9th grade students to start the year and will seek to sustain their engagement throughout the school year by offering additional support in their academics, as well as help with executive functioning skills such as time management, weekly planning, self-regulation, and self-advocacy.

As 9th grade students demonstrate their ability to get on-track and stay on-track, they will earn an exemption from Academic Support Day. All other students are welcome to attend and will be invited to participate in these days when more targeted support from teachers and advisors is needed. All teachers will be in the building on these days, so there will be substantial support for students. The goal of Thursdays is that faculty will be very focused on academically supporting students in-building.

Fridays (bi-weekly) - Grad Prep Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All 12th grade students are REQUIRED to attend this meeting every other Friday.

10th and 11th graders who are enrolled in college courses are also required in lieu of their exemption from Tuesday Connection Days. This day will be focused on ensuring students are mindful of their graduation requirements, aware of college/career opportunities, and making connections with their teachers and advisors. While official Grad Prep programming is from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., teachers will be offering (and, in some instances, requiring) students tutoring from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We are very excited to take a more proactive, needs-based approach to supporting our students and have collected feedback from students, teachers, advisors, and parents to develop this strategy as we continue to improve our program at Denver Online. You can find the 2018-19 school calendar in Schoology or on our website. [Find it here.](#)

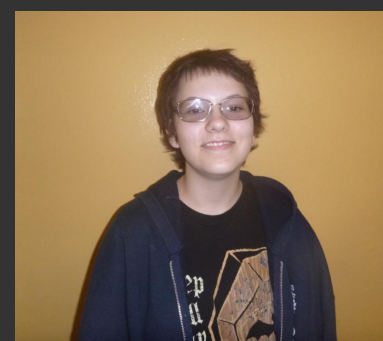
The success of our students is the key to the success of our school! Thank you so much for being part of our vibrant and growing school community! We look forward to moving into the 2018-19 school year with you! Enjoy your summer!



FOLLOW THROUGH
-George Ristovski-



FOLLOW THROUGH
-Ryan Huitt-



FOLLOW THROUGH
-Savannah Mefford-



FOLLOW THROUGH
-Hunter Mudd-

FOLLOW THROUGH
(not pictured)
-Jade Teegarden-
-Alyssa Monreal-
-Xander Bowman-
-Amirah Earlix-
-Ian Bruce-



COMMUNICATION
-Max Allen-

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SCHOOL & PROGRAM highlights

Journalism and Newspaper Club

Our Journalism and Newspaper Club is off and running! Get involved and write real news stories and get published in a real newspaper that real people read. This club also offers guest speakers in the journalism industry with years of experience and the chance for photographers and designers to hone their skills as well. Check out their online newspaper, the



[Denver Online Times](#), including recently published material: creative writing inspired by [Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close](#), opinion pieces on the Me Too movement, philosophy and conspiracy theories, and an article about the Colorado Conservatory of Dance's anti-bullying campaign.

latest NEWS

2018 Graduation



We were proud to see nearly 50 graduates grace the stage at our 2018 DOHS Graduation

held on May 23rd at the King Center on the Auraria Campus. Graduating Seniors Violetta Ramirez, Dominic Smith, Cassidy Cole, Alex Jones, and Sierra Karas all gave speeches at the ceremony, while Junior Hiadya McNeal performed the National Anthem. Find pictures from Graduation on [our facebook page](#), or watch the ceremony on our [YouTube page](#).

Free May Field Trip to the Denver Zoo



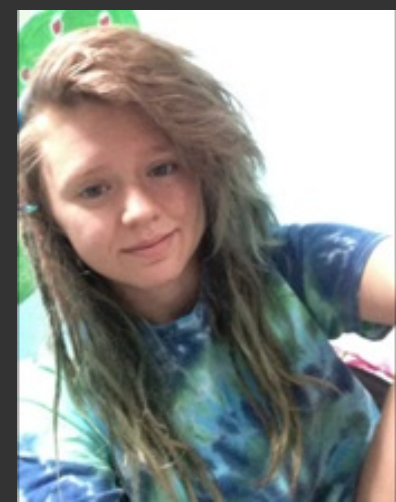
Students had a wonderful time in the sun hanging with some animals at the Denver Zoo for May's Free Field Trip on May 8th. Field trips have been sponsored by the Groove Auto Drive for Education Grant, making transportation and admission all free for students!

DOHS Student Talent Show



Our talented performers worked it on stage as they sang, danced, played instruments, and acted on stage at this year's Talent Show on May 17th! All videos of student performances can be found on [our school's facebook page](#).

DPS Rae Harris Award for Intellectual Curiosity



COMMUNICATION
-Robyn Young-



RESILIENCY
-Jacob Perry-



ATTENDANCE
-Seamus Bacon-

ATTENDANCE
(not pictured)
-Savannah Andrews-



ACADEMIC COMMITMENT
-Chun Lee-



ACADEMIC COMMITMENT
-Jessica McPherson-



Denver Online student, Jade Teegarden, won the first annual Rae Harris Award for Intellectual Curiosity through the DPS Gifted and Talented Department. She was recognized for her work that consistently goes above and beyond that of her peers. The prestigious award was given to only one other high school student. The ceremony took place on May 7th at Dora Middle School.

Mile High Scholar Award



Denver Online's Mile High Scholars, Clay Griffin-Derr and Ashlynn Skolnick, were recognized on May 19th at the Buell Theatre at Denver Center for Performing Arts. These students were selected by school faculty for modeling leadership, respecting the school environment, and supporting their peers.

DPS Aspire



ACADEMIC COMMITMENT
-Johnny Perez-

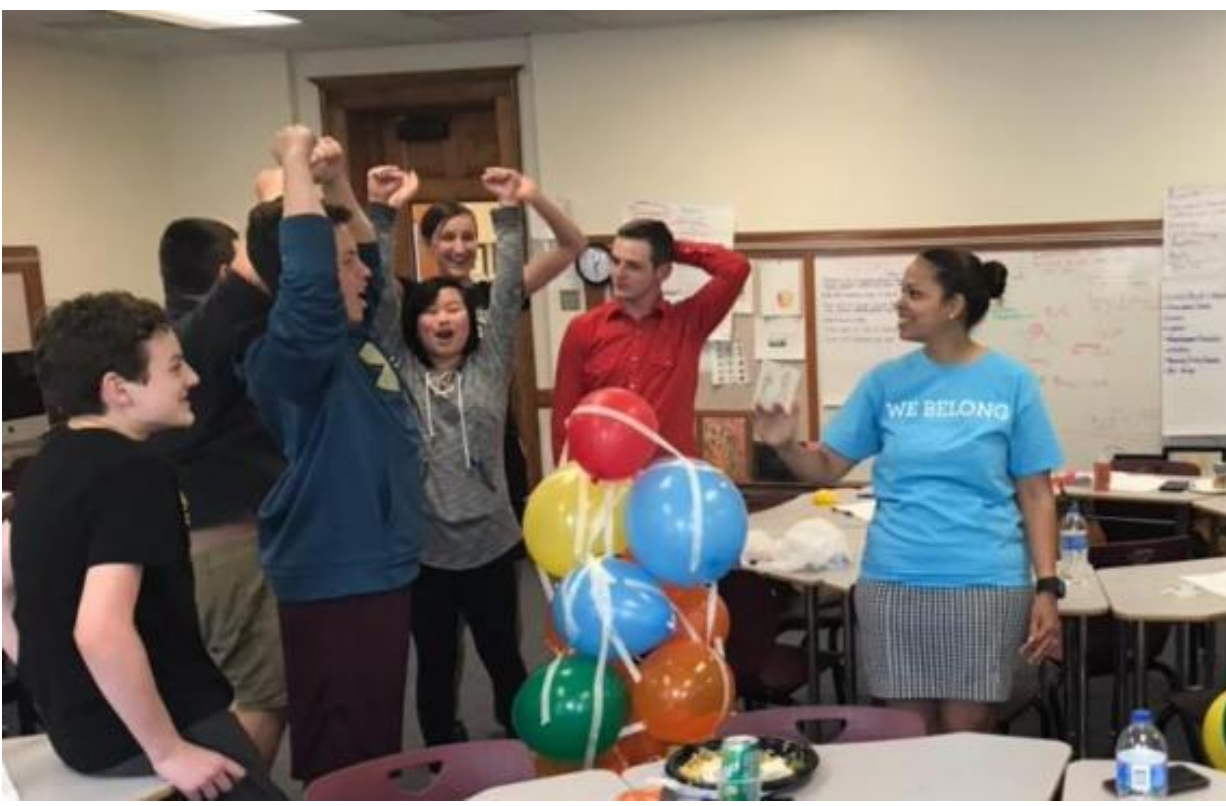
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-Stay Connected-





Students participated in the District DPS Student Aspire Leadership Training on May 14th and 15th. During this training, students were encouraged and challenged to dig deep, be open and vulnerable, and dive into the true traits of great leaders. Students also worked in teams and will be leading out activities for the school in the upcoming year. If you'd like to be part of this leadership team, please join the "Denver Online Student Action Association" group in Schoology.

DOHS Prom



Students were lookin' fancy at our 3rd annual DOHS Prom on May 4th. Students danced it up, ate some delicious food, had some fun taking down the piñata and choosing a duck for a prize, and participating in team trivia.

Student Art Show at the Denver Art Society



Our students have some pretty incredible talent, and we always love showing it off! This year's Student Art Show at the Denver Art Society was held on May 14th. The gallery displayed student artwork and welcomed students, faculty, and families to come view the beautifully creative work.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

[See Full Calendar Here](#)

Last Day of DOHS Summer School

- **What:** All schoolwork must be turned in by midnight on July 1st.
- **Who:** All students participating in DOHS summer school courses
- **When:** Sunday, July 1st

Returning Student Course Scheduling Meetings

- **What:** Returning students should participate in this meeting with their counselor should they want to have a say in helping create their course schedule for the upcoming school year. If they do not attend this meeting, then their counselor will automatically just create a schedule for the student.
- **Who:** All returning students
- **When:** Students need to make an appointment with their advisor by signing up for a meeting time here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094dada82aa6fdo-make>
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **Bring:** Proof of Residency (eg. utility bill). This document must be dated for after July 1st.

New Student Registration Days

- **What:** Every new student will need to come to a Registration Day in order to get their course schedule, turn in all required enrollment paperwork, check in with all of their teachers, ensure that their computer has all required programs and applications, and more!
- **Who:** All New Students starting 1st Quarter/Semester of the 2018-19 school year are required to attend their scheduled registration time (sign up below)
- **When:** August 16th and August 17th. Students must sign up for a time using the link below. Each time slot chosen reflects the time a student should arrive at the building to start the registration process. All activities occurring during the registration time should take a family about an hour and half total to complete. It is

the responsibility of the family to write down and know the time slot the student is signed up to attend once they have signed up using the link below.

- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **Sign Up Here:** Please sign up at the following link: <https://doodle.com/poll/xfkyzbktwnc3hyme>
 - This sign up is on a first-come, first-served basis, with only four students able to sign up for each session start time. If a session time is full, please select your second choice.
- **What to Bring:**
 - **Proof of Residency:** Please bring the latest utility bill from your residence
 - **Laptop:** If you will be using your laptop for schoolwork, please bring it so that it can be checked by our tech team to ensure it has all necessary updates and applications ready for you to have a great start to the school year.
 - **\$50 for Senior Fee:** If you are a senior, please bring \$50 in cash or a check for the senior fee. This will go towards graduation costs.
 - **Needed Information for MyDenver Card, Library Card, and Free/Reduced Lunch Applications:**
 - DPS student ID numbers, school names, grades, and birthdates for each DPS student in your household.
 - Names and incomes of every member of your household.
 - If you have a SNAP case number from the State of Colorado, it must start with 1B. It is NOT the 10-digit number from your Colorado Quest Card.
 - The last 4 digits of your social security number.

First Day of 1st Semester

- **What:** This is the first day of first semester. All students should begin working in their courses.
- **When:** Monday, August 20th, 2018

New Student Orientation

- **What:** Student Orientation prepares students to be successful by introducing them to the online programs, their teachers and peers, ways to get involved in the school, and extra credit earning opportunities.
- **Who:** This is a mandatory three-day orientation for all incoming students so please ensure that you mark your calendars for this event. Parents may attend this orientation but are not required to be there. We instead highly encourage parents to attend the New Parent Orientation.
- **When:** August 20th-22nd, 9am-2pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **Contact:** If you have any questions concerning New Student Orientation, please contact Assistant Principal Jennifer Wiebesiek (Jennifer_Wiebesiek@dpsk12.org).
- **Bring:** Laptops to work on if a student has one and lunch money or something to eat.

Required Returning Student Back to School Night

- **What:** All returning students are required to attend this Back to School Night to check in with all teachers, acquire required course materials, and check out with the registrar. There will be a Back to School BBQ directly following, so please bring a side dish and plan to stay to enjoy some burgers/potluck and activities for the whole family.
- **Who:** Required for all Returning Students and parents
- **When:** Thursday, August 23rd, 5:30pm-6pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **Bring:** Proof of Residency (must be dated after July 1st, 2018).

Back to School BBQ and Potluck

- **What:** Denver Online is hosting its annual Back to School BBQ, potluck style! The school will be cooking up burgers, but please bring a side dish to share. We will also have activities that will be fun for the whole family!
- **Who:** All DOHS families welcome to attend!
- **When:** Thursday, August 23rd from 6pm-7:30pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center on the playground out back (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **RSVP HERE** (by August 20th): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSGG758>

1st Grad Prep Friday of the Year

- **What:** Grad Prep Fridays are meant to prepare seniors for college and career readiness. Students receive credit for attending these days. If a student is unable to attend, please call the Attendance Hotline: 720-424-8286.
- **Who:** All full-time 12th graders at Denver Online HS and any student taking concurrent enrollment college courses.
- **When:** The first one of the year will be held on Friday, August 24th. These will take place two Fridays each month (primarily every other Friday), 10am-1pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

1st Connection Day of the Year

- **What:** Connection Days are an important time for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students to meet with their teachers in-person and work on coursework, participate in college

and career readiness activities, get involved in service learning projects and clubs, and connect with their peers. Students receive credit for attending Connection Days. If a student cannot attend their Connection Day, please call the Attendance Hotline: 720-424-8286.

- **Who:** All full-time 9th, 10th, and 11th graders at Denver Online HS
- **When:** The first Connection Day of the year will be held on Tuesday, August 28th. These will happen every Tuesday, 9am-2pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

Collaborative School Committee 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 the following link to join the virtual meeting space: <https://dpsonline.zoom.us/j/5848668981> You can also join by phone by calling +1 646 568 7788 (US Toll) or +1 415 762 9988 (US Toll)

New Parent Orientation

- **What:** This orientation teaches parents how to navigate the online programs so that they can monitor their student's progress, grades, and attendance. It also introduces parents to faculty at Denver Online, to other parents, and to special opportunities for parents and their students (e.g. volunteer opportunities, tuition-free college credit, committees to serve on, etc).
- **Who:** We strongly encourage all new parents to attend this event.
- **When:** Wednesday, August 29th from 6pm-8pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211) in the auditorium

1st Academic Support Day of the Year

- **What:** Academic Support Day is a day of intentional support for 9th graders using small group and one-on-one tutoring sessions. Academic Support Day will be REQUIRED for all 9th grade students to start the year and will seek to sustain their engagement throughout the school year by offering additional support in their academics, as well as help with executive functioning skills such as time management, weekly planning, self-regulation, and self-advocacy. As 9th grade students demonstrate their ability to get on-track and stay on-track, they will earn an exemption from Academic Support Day. All other students are welcome to attend and will be invited to participate in these days when more targeted support from teachers and advisors is needed. All teachers will be in the building on these days, so there will be substantial support for students. The goal of Thursdays is that faculty will be very focused on academically supporting students in-building.
- **Who:** All 9th graders will be required to attend at the beginning of the year, but will earn exemptions as they prove their ability to stay on track. All other students are welcome to attend and will be invited to attend if extra support is needed.
- **When:** The first Academic Support Day of the year will be on Thursday, August 30th. These will be held every Thursday, 9am-2pm.
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

Smedley Closed: Labor Day

- **What:** Smedley will be closed and faculty will be unavailable in order to celebrate Labor Day. However, students can still feel free to work in courses during this time should they need extra time to get ahead or catch up.
- **When:** Monday, September 3rd

[SEE FULL CALENDAR HERE](#)

get **INVOLVED**

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.

- Student Action Association-Ian Jones (ian_jones@dpsk12.org)
- National Honor Society-Casey Burton (casey_burton@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)

