

# DENVER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## FEBRUARY newsletter



### Student Highlight: Amy LeClaire

Denver Online High School senior, Amy LeClaire, is completing her high school diploma while also pursuing her dream of barrel racing, with her ultimate goal of one day competing at the National Finals Rodeo. [WATCH her Student Highlight Story HERE.](#) [Find her full Student Highlight Story here.](#)

### TIME

Whether it's barrel racing on your horse or running towards the finish line of school year, time goes quickly. Now is the time to pick up the speed and make every step count. Live the [Denver Online DO MORE motto](#) this month and kick some dust up!

### *6 Pillars to Success -Standouts-*



-Marin Wasinger-

## latest NEWS

Planning for Success, College and Career Readiness Conference



We celebrated one of our favorite days of the year on Saturday, February 9th at our annual Planning for Success, College and Career Readiness Conference. This year's event hosted 27 workshops and 19 colleges and organizations at the college fair. It also featured entrepreneur and community leader Heidi Ganahl. [Watch her keynote here.](#) If you missed the event or are looking for resources from the event, please find a compilation of resources in Schoology. Should you have any feedback or suggestions for next year's event, please contact event coordinator Kaci Sintek ([kaci\\_sintek@dpsk12.org](mailto:kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org)) as we always use feedback to help make the following year's event more meaningful and helpful.

## January Field Trip to Colorado State Capitol



-Montserrat Cervantes-



-Brooke Hahn-



For January's free field trip, students headed to the Colorado State Capitol on January 31st. Students enjoyed sitting in on a legislative session, visiting the attic and dome, and learning about the history that our capital offers.

### **New Student Orientation**

Nearly 40 new students were welcomed into Denver Online High School for second semester at our New Student Orientation on January 9th-11th. Students met with their teachers, learned how to effectively navigate Schoology, and learned about other credit-earning opportunities and ways to get involved.

### **New Parent Orientation**

New parents joined for an evening on January 16th to meet for New Parent Orientation. Parents learned how to navigate their parent Schoology account, met faculty members, learned about ways to get involved, and learned how to help their student be successful in this new learning environment.



-Ary Neill-



-Xavier Quintanilla-

# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## [SEE FULL CALENDAR HERE](#)

### Smedley CLOSED: Presidents' Day

- **What:** Smedley will be closed and faculty will be unavailable in order to celebrate Presidents' 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, February 18<sup>th</sup>

### Smedley CLOSED: Faculty Professional Development

- **What:** Smedley will be closed and faculty will be unavailable. Faculty will be participating in professional development during this time. 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:** Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

### Digital Art Show

- **What:** Denver Art Society, an art gallery in the Santa Fe Arts District will be hosting our student Digital Art Show! Come check out students' digital artwork on display at the gallery viewing.
- **Who:** Everyone welcome to come and support our students and check out their artwork at the Denver Art Society!
- **When:** Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-10:00pm.
- **Where:** Denver Art Society (734 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80204)

### Collaborative School Committee

- **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)



-David Lindgren-



-Taylor Morales-

### In-Person and Virtual 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:** Friday, March 1st. You must sign up for a meeting time [at this link](#).
- **Where:** Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held both virtually using Zoom and in-person at Smedley Learning Center. Each parent/guardian can choose which they prefer. If you plan to attend in-person, please be prompt to each appointment at the office of each faculty member you are meeting with. If you plan to attend virtually using Zoom, please be prompt in clicking the teacher's personal Zoom link at the appointment time. Zoom links for each faculty member can be found directly below their name on this sign-up sheet (link above).

### Tour of SparkFun

- **What:** Ever heard of Raspberry Pi, Makey Makey or LillyPad? There are so many creative technology devices out there and Colorado has a company that makes them all. Come check out SparkFun with Mr. Bale and Ms. Narizhnaya on March 1st.
- **Who:** We can bring up to 13 students to visit SparkFun in Niwot, CO. Please talk to Mr. Bale or Mrs. Narizhnaya to sign up.
- **When:** March 1st. We will leave Smedley campus at 1:00 pm and should be back before 4:00pm.
- **Where:** SparkFun in Niwot, CO

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-Sam Horak-



-Torin Mooney-

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- **When:** Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Children's Hospital Colorado Service Day**

- **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 in April for patients to participate in. All teams have been assigned a specific service day as shown below. 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 as shown below. Students will need to meet at Smedley by 9:30am on their service day to get onto the bus shortly after to head to the hospital. Students will arrive back at Smedley around 1:40pm.

**March 5th:** 9:30am-1:40pm: Lemon Drops (Alexx, Dazie, Kai)

**March 12th:** 9:30am-1:40pm: The Bagel (Alea, Raevin, Kiana, Madison, Makayla, Cydney, Justice)

**March 19th:** 9:30am-1:40pm: Dat Team (Preston, Cody, David, Isaiah)

- **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.



-Joli Thomson-



-Grace Moffatt-

- **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** (attached here): Permission slips need to be in to Kaci Sintek ([kaci\\_sintek@dpsk12.org](mailto:kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org)) before the field trip. It MUST be hand signed (not a typed signature) using the form provided.

### FREE March Field Trip: Denver Mint (U.S. Coin Making)

- **What:** Take a look into the United States produces billions of coins each year at Denver Mint for March's free field trip! Social Studies credit will be available for students who attend.
- **Who:** All students encouraged to come! We have a limited amount of space available per field trip, so field trips will be on a first come, first served basis in most circumstances. All students must RSVP through the link below to attend. If more students RSVP than field trip space allows, then academic standing will be considered. Those students who are on track in their courses will have precedence to participate over those students who are off track in their courses. Students also must be on time for the field trip or their spot may be given to another student.
- **When:** Thursday, March 14th. Student will meet at Smedley at 9:30am and get on the bus shortly after. Students should arrive back at Smedley around 12:15pm.
- **Where:** Meet at Smedley to get on the bus. We will then be heading to Denver Mint (320 W. Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80204).
- **RSVP Here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LH3FHQ3>
- **Required Permission Slip:** See attached. All students participating in any field trip throughout the year must complete and return the attached permission slip form. There is only one permission slip that covers all monthly free field trips. Permission slip must be returned to Kaci Sintek ([kaci\\_sintek@dpsk12.org](mailto:kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org)) in the main office before getting on the bus.

### Spring Break Bash

- **What:** The Student Action Association will be hosting a Spring Break Bash with lots of fun activities! Come for the fun!
- **Who:** All students welcome to attend!
- **When:** Friday, March 22nd, 1pm-4pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center

**Smedley CLOSED: Spring Break**



-Alyssa Villa-



-Peyton Hammond-

- **What:** Smedley will be closed and faculty will be unavailable during Spring Break. However, students can still work in their courses should they need to catch up or want to get ahead.
- **When:** March 25th-29th

[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)
- Journalism and Newspaper Club-Jessica Glynn (jessica\_glynn@dpsk12.org)
- Gender Sexuality 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)
- Balarat Outdoor Education-Nadia Coleman (nadia\_coleman@dpsk12.org)
- Anxiety Group-Jaime Smith (jaime\_smith@dpsk12.org)
- Pregnant and Parent Group-Florence Tracy (florence\_tracy@dpsk12.org)
- The Altered Reality Club-Justin Bale (justin\_bale@dpsk12.org)



-Xander Fudali-



-Marshall McGrigg-





-Kai Moore-



-Alexx Herrera-



-Lily McPherson-



-Jose Paez-Chavez-



-Alea Schaefer-



-Justice Szotkowski-

**Not Pictured**

-Maddie McDonald-

-Dazie Gross-

***-Contact Us-***

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