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Student Highlight: Lamise Witt

Denver Online High School student, Lamise Witt, dreams of one day becoming a fashion designer. As she finishes up her senior year in high school, she takes three tuition-free college courses through Denver Online's Concurrent Enrollment program, including one Studio Art class. Her creative spirit has launched her into her next step at School of the Art Institute of Chicago!

WATCH her student highlight here. See her full student highlight here.

Every day we get the chance to dream, do, and create. We get the opportunity to fashion artworks from a unique perspective and bring new ideas to fruition. We encourage you to live the **Denver Online DO** MORE motto this month by designing a life you love that is full of color.

6 Pillars to Success -Standouts-



-Isaiah Escamilla-

latest NEWS

Digital Student Art Show at Denver Art Society



Student artists showed off their digital artwork at the Denver Art Society gallery viewing on the evening of February 25th. There will be another student art show that is open to the public in May showcasing more of our talented students' work!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents met with teachers on March 1st for parent/teacher conferences. Parents had the choice of meeting with teachers either in-person or virtually through Zoom depending on their preferences. These are great times for parents and teachers to connect in order to ensure we are all working together to help students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally!

Children's Hospital Colorado Service Learning Days



-Samuel Jacobs-



-Marin Wasinger-



Teams of students have worked together over the past two months in organizing service projects for Children's Hospital Colorado. Students worked in groups to complete a mock grant application, develop a detailed budget and logistics plan, and ultimately lead out their projects for the hospital. One team made thirteen polar fleece blankets for inpatients, while the other two groups designed activities for the patients and their families to participate in while they waited at the hospital. Students served at the hospital on March 5th, 12th, and 19th, working with hundreds of kids at the hospital to help make their time there just a little brighter!

iLearn Collaborative Annual Conference



Our faculty had a wonderful time attending and presenting at the iLearn Collaborative Annual Conference on February 22nd-23rd! Assistant Principal Jennifer Wiebesiek presented on developing a "Professional Learning Community for Blended Learning Teachers." CareerConnect School Based Manager Dawn Bauer presented on "Building Career and Technical Education Pathways in an Online High School." Principal Ian Jones presented in a panel with other principals on the topic of "Online to Blended Schools: Transforming to Blended Models."



-Montserrat Cervantes



-Raevin Perlman-



-Justice Szotkowski-



-Alea Schaefer-



-Peyton Hammond-



-Soley Cobb-

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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Spring Break Bash

- What: The Student Action Association will be hosting a Spring Break Bash with lots of fun activities! Tickets are \$3 until March 19th! After that, tickets go up to \$5. The event will host an egg hunt for prizes, a water balloon fight, a potluck, and other fun activities! Everyone is expected to bring a food dish to share. Come for the fun!
- Who: All students and families welcome to attend!
- When: Friday, March 22nd, 1pm-4pm
- Where: Smedley Learning Center
- Cost (Cash or Check only, NO credit cards): Tickets to get in are \$3 until March 19th. Tickets will be \$5 after March 19th. You can purchase tickets during Connection Days and Grad Prep Fridays from the Student Action Association set up in the hallway downstairs. You can also purchase tickets at the event.

Smedley CLOSED: Spring Break

- **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

Vision/Hearing Test

- What: Please come to Denver Online HS to get your vision/hearing tested. A DPS Nurse will be at the school to conduct state-mandated testing. Please bring your glasses or wear your contacts.
- Who: All students encouraged to take advantage of this!
- When: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 830am- 3 pm.
- Where: Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

United Launch Alliance - Career Exploration Event

- What: Come explore the various engineering and tech careers available at ULA while touring this state of the art rocket facility.
- **Who**: We have space for up to 6 students-please fill out the Google Form below if you are interested.
- When: Friday, April 5 from 8:15am -12:30 pm-Please meet at Denver Online by 8:00 am, we will be taking a small activity bus and should be back at DOHS by 12:45pm.
- Where: United Launch Alliance Centennial, CO
- RSVP HERE: https://goo.gl/forms/waAruqljXgGKyAPf2

Connection Day Cancelled for Testing

- What: Denver Online will not be hosting a Connection Day on April 9th as a result of testing.
- Who: Only students testing on this day should be at Smedley. All others should plan to work from home this Tuesday.
- When: Tuesday, April 9th

Mandatory State SAT 11 Testing

- What: Mandatory State Testing Opt-Outs must be coordinated by no later than January w/Wiebesiek. Not testing hurts the school mandatory participation rate, so please help by being here and being ready. SAT is also required for about 99% of College Applications so this test benefits student applying to college.
- Who: All full-time 11th Grade Students
- When: April 11th from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM (Extended times for students w/Accommodations)
- Where: Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

FREE February (RESCHEDULED) Field Trip: Jumpstreet!

- What: Since the teacher strike pushed us to reschedule February's field trip, our Jumpstreet field trip is now happening in April! We are heading to Jumpstreet to bounce on some trampolines, compete in a bouncy dodgeball game, and jump into a foam pit!
- 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, April 10th. Students will meet at Smedley at 9am and get on the bus shortly after. Students will be dropped back off at Smedlye around 12:35pm.
- Where: Meet at Smedley to get on the bus. We will then be heading to the Jumpstreet (14500 W. Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80401).
- RSVP Here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LM6K6W2
- Required Permission Slip: See attached. All students participating in any field trip



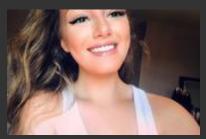
-Kiana DeLuna-



-Makayla Young-



-Alexx Herrera-



-Athena Mestas-



-Preston Haug-

Not Pictured
-Darrick Dobynes-Dazie Gross-Joyleyah Cabaccang-Jill Parker-Cody George-Arthur Walters-Jaylen Bignell-

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) in the main office before getting on the bus.

PSAT 10 Mandatory Testing for all 10th Graders in Spring of 2019

- What: Mandatory State Testing Opt-Outs must be coordinated by no later than January w/Wiebesiek. Not testing hurts the school mandatory participation rate, so please help by being here and being ready.
- Who: All full-time 10th Grade Students
- When: April 11th from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM (Extended times for students w/Accommodations)
- Where: Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

PSAT 9 Mandatory for all 9th Grade Students in Spring of 2018

- What: Mandatory State Testing Opt-Outs must be coordinated by no later than January w/Wiebesiek. Not testing hurts the school mandatory participation rate, so please help by being here and being ready.
- Who: All full-time 9th Grade Students
- When: April 11th from 8:30AM to 2:00 PM (Extended times for students w/Accommodations)
- Where: Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

Spring Play

- What: Come check out our drama club and their Spring play!
- Who: Everyone welcome to come!
- When: specific time tba
- Where: Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

Colorado Symphony - Career Exploration Event (Rescheduled from March 13)

- What: Join us as we explore creative careers at the Colorado Symphony! We will get a behind the scenes look at what it takes to be successful in the music/performing arts industry and will watch an open rehearsal of the Colorado Symphony. Lunch will be provided.
- Who: All students encouraged to attend!
- When: Wednesday, April 24 from 8:30am until 2:00pm.
- Where: Meet at Smedley to ride the bus together to Boettcher Concert Hall at Denver Performing Arts Complex (1000 14th St, Denver, CO 80202)
- RSVP: Please contact Dawn Bauer (dawn_bauer@dpsk12.org) if you'd like to attend.

FREE April Field Trip: Shakespeare Festival

- What: For April's free field trip, we are heading to the DPS Shakespeare Festival downtown! We will participate in the 3-block parade (dressing up is highly encouraged!) and then have some fun watching outdoor Shakespeare performances performed by DPS students. Students can also sign up to perform at the festival. Find out more details about signing up to perform here:
 http://shakespeare.dpsk12.org/student-opportunities/. English and drama credit are available for students who attend this field trip, and extra English credit will be given
- 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: Friday, April 26th. Students should meet at Smedley at 8:45am to get on the bus shortly after. Students will be back to Smedley around 1:45pm.
- Where: Meet at Smedley to get on the bus. We will then be heading to be dropped off at Skyline Park (1601 Arapahoe Street, Denver, CO 80202). Students will then be walking in the 3-block parade to Denver Performing Arts Complex (1101 13th St., Denver, CO 80204).
- RSVP Here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VY6P5LP
- Required Permission Slip: <u>See attached.</u> 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) in the main office before getting on the bus.

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: Monday, April 29th

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

-Contact Us-

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- 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)

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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-lan 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)