

# DENVER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## APRIL newsletter



### Student Highlight: Essence Minter

Denver Online High School Senior, Essence Minter, is pursuing her certification in Cosmetology through Pickens Technical College as part of Denver Online's Concurrent Enrollment Program. She also plans to pursue the ASCENT Program following her high school graduation which will allow her to go a full extra year completely tuition free.

[WATCH her student highlight here.](#)

[See her full student highlight here.](#)

### Xplore

Colorado attracts adventure seekers who are always exploring all that this great state has to offer! With that same mindset, Denver Public Schools created DPS CareerConnect to help students explore the many different career choices available to them. April has been chocked full of CareerConnect Xplore events that allow students to get a front seat in experiencing many of those career options. We encourage you to live the [Denver Online DO MORE motto](#) this next month by continuing to explore all the college and career options afforded to students!

### 6 Pillars to Success -Standouts-



-Jaydon Aguilar-

## SCHOOL & PROGRAM highlights

**BRING A FRIEND!**

### Bring a Friend Shadow Day

Do you have a friend who may be interested in enrolling at Denver Online High School? Now is the chance to invite them to check out the school for the day on Tuesday, April 30th and learn more about our program! Guests will get to see how Connection Days run, experience Schoology and in-person activities, and meet the faculty and other students. If you'd like to invite a friend, [please complete this application by April 24th.](#)





## DOHS Masquerade Prom and Art Show Viewing

Bring a friend ([by completing this guest form and turning it into Principal Ian Jones by May 3rd!](#)) or just yourself to our Masquerade themed prom and student art viewing party! The event will be held on Friday, May 10th from 6-10pm, with catering from the Olive Garden starting at 6pm. This year's prom will be held at the Denver Art Society, with a special salsa dance class at 7pm. We will also have food, the student art show pieces up on display, and other activities, so come and check it out! [Find more information here.](#)



-Trinity Valdez-



-Ethan Swaidner-

## latest NEWS

### CareerConnect Xplore Event: United Launch Alliance



As part of our [CareerConnect Program](#), students went on a Career Exploration field trip to United Launch Alliance on April 5th. They learned about how ULA is harnessing the potential of space for humanity.



-Xander Fudali-

### Spring Break Bash



-Rayna Miller-



Who doesn't love a good water fight?! The Spring Break Bash on March 22nd brought great weather and a lot of fun! Students had a potluck, participated in an egg hunt for prizes, and of course, had an epic water balloon fight!

### Jumpstreet Field Trip



-Rhys Francis-



-Xavier Quintanilla-



-David Lindgren-

### **-Contact Us-**

**Denver Online HS**  
Smedley Learning Center  
4250 Shoshone St.  
Denver, CO 80211  
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Students bounced right on into Spring at our Jumpstreet field trip on April 10th! Our next monthly field trip will be on April 26th to the Shakespeare Festival downtown.

## Food Bank of the Rockies Faculty Volunteer Event



Denver Online faculty volunteered at the Food Bank of the Rockies on April 1st as part of a faculty wellness challenge. The team of volunteers sorted and organized nearly 4,000 pounds of food for our local community.

## 9th Grade College Expo



**-Stay Connected-**



A group of 9th graders explored the Auraria Campus at the 9th Grade College Expo on March 22nd! Students got to learn about the different colleges and tour the campus.

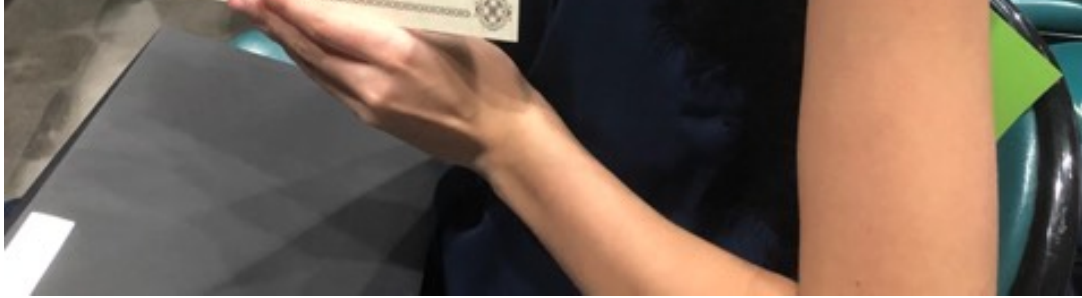
## Spring Play



The Drama Club had a fun filled night on April 23rd with their showcase of 10 Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse! With an auditorium full of family and special guests, the students worked their magic on stage in their laugh-out-loud play. For those who missed the action, a video of the play will be up soon on [our YouTube channel!](#)

## Mile High Scholars Award





Congratulations to Denver Online High School's Mile High Scholars, Cordelia Kelly and Ryan Huitt! These two students were chosen by faculty for their work as leaders in the school in creating a welcoming environment where all students feel included and inspired to succeed. These students were celebrated in a special Mile High Scholars ceremony on April 23rd.

# CALENDAR of EVENTS

[SEE FULL CALENDAR HERE](#)

## CareerConnect Xplore Event: Aveda Institute

- **What:** Are you interested in a career in cosmetology? Come check out Aveda Salon and learn about their programs for hair and skincare.
- **Who:** This is open to all DOHS students! Space is limited to 6 participants so please RSVP at the link below.
- **When:** Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will leave DOHS at 8:30 and return by 11:00am.
- **RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/nZjeujzZuVTozwAL8>

## 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. English and drama credit are available for students who attend this field trip, and extra English credit will be given to any student who performs.
- **Who:** All students encouraged to come!
- **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:** [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) 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

## Bring A Friend Shadow Day

- **What:** Bring a friend who may be interested in coming to Denver Online High School for the upcoming school year! Guests will shadow the DOHS students to learn about a day-in-the-life of a DOHS student.
- **Who:** Current outside 8th-11th grade guests welcome to come after being invited by a current DOHS student.
- **When:** Tuesday, April 30th, 9am-2pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **Register the Friend here by April 24th:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVL2VPK>

## 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)

## CareerConnect Xplore Event: SparkFun Electronics

- **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 May 3rd.
- **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:** May 3rd. We will leave Smedley campus at 1:00 pm and should be back at 4:00pm.
- **Where:** SparkFun in Niwot, CO
- **RSVP:** Please contact Justin Bale ([justin\\_bale@dpsk12.org](mailto:justin_bale@dpsk12.org)) or Elisa Narizhnaya ([elisa\\_narizhnaya@dpsk12.org](mailto:elisa_narizhnaya@dpsk12.org)) if you'd like to attend.

## FREE May Field Trip: "Sweat" Play at the Denver Center for Performing Arts

- **What:** For May's field trip, we are heading to the Denver Center for Performing Arts to watch the play "Sweat." DCPA explains, For the people of Reading, Pennsylvania, work is so much more than a paycheck - it's the glue that holds the town together. The floor of their central factory is where lifelong friendships are made, where love blossoms and where family members work side-by-side. But as layoffs become the new norm and a cheaper workforce threatens the viability of the local union, the threads that once kept the community together begin to fray. Sweat is an "extraordinarily moving drama" (The New York Times) that powerfully contrasts life's happiest highs with the heart-wrenching struggles of survival. Using warm humor and deep empathy, this 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner from Lynn Nottage (Ruined) paints a moving portrait of today's working-class America in decline." Drama credit 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:** Wednesday, May 8th. Students will meet at Smedley at 9:15am and get on the bus shortly after. Students will be dropped back off at Smedley around 1:30pm.

- **Where:** Meet at Smedley to get on the bus. We will then be heading to the Denver Center for Performing Arts (1101 13th St, Denver, CO 80204).
- **RSVP Here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VHHFTCC>
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### DOHS Masquerade Prom and Art Show Viewing

- **What:** This Masquerade Prom held at the Denver Art Society is a fun event with music and dancing, food, and lots of activities! Attire is semi-formal to formal... so that means have some fun and dress up a little! The theme is Masquerade so bring your own mask to wear, or have some fun decorating one at the party! We will have a salsa dancing workshop starting promptly at 7pm so please arrive before then! Our amazing DOHS Student Artwork will also be on display in the gallery.
- **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 May 3rd. See the form attached.](#)
- **When:** Friday, May 10th, 6pm-10pm. Salsa dancing workshop starts promptly at 7pm.
- **Where:** Denver Art Society (734 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, CO 80204)
- **Cost:** \$5 suggested donation/person paid at the door

### 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:** Monday, May 20th, 3:00pm-5:00pm
- **Where:** Concert Hall in the King Center on Auraria Campus (855 Lawrence Way, Denver, CO 80204)

### 2019 Graduation

- **What:** It's time to celebrate our 2019 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 22nd 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.

[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)



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- 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)