Creativity thrives when students are able to pursue a personalized education that fits their passions. Denver Online High School junior Darrick DoBynes is taking advantage of the CareerConnect internship program with Arts Street and the mentorship program with Amazon. He’s gaining career skills while also being able to creatively apply them to his passion of cosplay.

WATCH his student highlight here.
See his full student highlight here.

Fill the Bag Challenge!

Even though the October snow storm delayed the kick-off for the Fill the Bag Challenge, we can’t wait to have this challenge back in full-swing for November! Students are challenged to take a maroon reusable grocery bag (supplied by DOHS) home, fill it with nonperishable food items, and return it back to the school by November 15th. The homeroom that brings in the most items will win a pizza party! All items donated through this challenge will be used to re-stock our school’s food pantry and will also be donated back to Denver Online’s most in-need families and hand-delivered to their homes right before Thanksgiving. We all go through hard times at some point in our lives, but doing life together can make things a little easier. So help spread some love by donating items! If you are a family that is in-need and would like some extra food before Thanksgiving, please contact Community Development Coordinator Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org).

Parent Support Group

Our Parent Support Group series is back! The first one will kick off on the evening of Thursday, November 7th at 6pm. Meet with Principal Ian Jones and other Denver Online parents about the challenges, successes, and wonderings of being a parent of a teenager. The first meeting will host a team of therapists from our friends at Mental Health Center of Denver. Find more details below in the calendar of events section. RSVP here to attend!
Bring a Friend Shadow Day is Back!
Do you have a friend who may want to come to Denver Online or is wanting to learn more about how the school works? Bring them to our Bring a Friend Shadow Day on Tuesday, November 12th! Register your friend here.

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Indoor Rock Climbing October Field Trip

Denver Online students climbed to great heights at our free October field trip to Ubergrippen on October 7th. Students were belayed by the climbing gym reps and also used the auto-belay systems too. The group of students also participated in a bouldering challenge and got to watch a lead climber show off some of the techniques they use!

Career Chats-Virtual Career Exploration Events
Career chats are a way for students to connect with business representatives and learn more about what they do and how they do it. Denver Online hosted two virtual Career Chats this month. The first was on October 18th with Dominic Nell who is a farmer who helped change the narrative around food sustainability and bringing communities together. The second was on October 25th with Joshua Leonard who is the creator of Team Supreme and Joshua Leonard Art.

Halloween Bash

-Soley Cobb-
-Emila Eggemeier-
-Charles Korman-
-Abigail Liang-
-Isabel Macintosh-
Our annual Halloween Bash brought out some great costumes and a great time! The Student Action Association and the National Honor Society teamed up to put on the event on October 24th. The event hosted a spooky haunted house, a short play put on by our Performance Club, a movie room, and more themed activities!

Girls in Future Technologies STEM Day at AT&T
Students from around DPS, including Denver Online High School representatives, joined together on October 25th for a day at the AT&T campus. Students participated in various hands-on activities including robotics, building circuits, and coding. Students also got to hear from a diverse group of women in STEM fields.

Halloween Costume Contest

Since our Halloween Spirit Day got snowed out, we went to Schoology instead to pick a winner for best costume! Students submitted pictures of them in their costumes, and then
the school voted on their favorite one! Jillian Fudali received the most votes, winning her $30 credit to our school store!

College Application Day

DOHS seniors made the leap on November 1st to apply for college at the College Application Day! Students got to meet with college representatives and many colleges waived the application fees. Way to go seniors!

CALENDAR of EVENTS

SEE THE FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR HERE

Fill the Bag Challenge Begins!

- What: On October 29th, the Fill the Bag challenge will start, where all students at Connection Day will be given a bag to take home and fill. The goal is to fill the bag with canned food and nonperishable items, and then bring it back to the school by November 15th. The homeroom with the most items per student will win a Pizza Party. All items donated through this challenge will go back to support our most in-need families inside of Denver Online High School. Should you wish to be on the list of families that receive food from this canned food drive, please simply send our Social Worker Jaime Smith (jaime_smith@dpsk12.org) or Communications Specialist Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org) a quick message stating this by November 15th.
- Collected food items will be given to deserving families, with some being used to keep our school food bank stocked.
- Who: All students and families highly encouraged to participate! You can participate by either donating food or signing up to receive the donated food!
- When: The challenge will start on October 29th and conclude on November 15th.
- Where: All students will receive a red bag to take home, fill up, and bring back to Smedley. Please take those filled red bags to your homeroom. Food bags from each homeroom will be collected and counted on November 15th.

Parent Support Group

- What: This is a time for Denver Online parents to connect and talk about the challenges, successes and wonderings when it comes to being a parent of a teenager. We will be joined again by a team of therapists from our friends at the Mental Health Center of Denver. This year, our group (with the help of our friends at MHCD) will focus on a variety of topics that will interest parents of any teenager including setting boundaries, executive skills, communication, accountability systems and other important topics surrounding supporting our young adults.

This group also provides an opportunity for Denver Online parents to form strong and lasting relationships with other parents who may be having similar experiences. The thing Principal Ian Jones values the most about these groups are the connections our parents are able to make with each other and the connection he is able to make with your family. Please understand that these monthly groups are for Denver Online parents ONLY and students are not welcome (sorry, students!). We also maintain a strict confidentiality rule as sometimes parents choose to share some sensitive stories and feelings.

We will do our best to order or plan for food for each meeting as we are aware that it takes place during dinner time! If you are interested in coming, please complete the form linked below! It's so helpful when we know who is coming so we can plan in

advance. I am also planning to purchase copies of a text that will coincide with some of our discussions around executive skills support and development, *Smart but Scattered* by Peg Dawson and Richard Guare.

- **Who:** All DOHS parents encouraged to come!
- **When:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 6:00-7:15 p.m.
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone St, Denver, CO 80211)
- **RSVP HERE**

### 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, November 12th, 9am-2pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **RSVP HERE by November 8th**

### CareerConnect Xploration Event - Denver Center for Performing Arts

- **What:** Students will get to attend rehearsal for *Twelfth Night*. They will also get to see the different departments within DCPA including costumes. Lunch will be provided.
- **Who:** All students are welcome - there is room for 13.
- **When:** Tuesday, November 12th from 10am-1:30pm. We will all meet at Smedley to leave by 9:30am and return by 2pm.
- **Where:** Meet at Smedley to get on the bus to ride together to Denver Center for Performing Arts (1101 13th St, Denver, CO 80204).
- **RSVP HERE**

### CareerConnect Coach Mentoring Program with Amazon

- **What:** Students will work with their Amazon coaches to discuss career goals and complete informational interviews with business professionals in their chosen careers.
- **Who:** All students who are participating in the Coach mentoring program with Amazon should attend this virtual session in the Creative Tech lab.
- **When:** Meet at 12:45pm on November 13th. This will run until 2:30pm.
- **Where:** Meet at 12:45pm in room 122, the Creative Tech Lab

### Free November Field Trip: History Colorado

- **What:** Democratic Principles in Conflict: Students explore how democratic principles have shaped Colorado history in times of conflict. The program is designed for middle and high school civics and US history classes. Program includes a pre-visit classroom activity that introduces students to principles of democracy, an exploration of the History Colorado Center’s exhibits, and post-visit classroom activities
- **Who:** All full-time DOHS students welcome to come!
- **When:** Thursday, November 14th. Meet at Smedley at 8:30am where we will all get on the bus shortly after. We will be to the school around noon.
- **Where:** Meet at Smedley to get on the bus to ride together to History Colorado, 200 N Broadway, Denver, CO 80203.
- **RSVP HERE**
- **Required Permission Slip:** See attached.
  - [Permission Slip](#)

### 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 6:45p.m to 8:30p.m
- **Where:** Attend via Zoom by clicking this link to join the virtual meeting space. You can also join by phone by calling +1 646 568 7788 (US Toll) or +1 415 762 9988 (US toll)

### Smedley CLOSED: Thanksgiving Break

- **What:** Smedley will be closed and faculty will be unavailable in order to celebrate Thanksgiving Break. 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:** November 25th-29th

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**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 (ericamacintosh@dpsk12.org)
- Book Club-Jennifer White (jennifer_white@dpsk12.org)
- Robots and Paintbrushes-Eliza Narizhnaya (eliza_narizhnaya@dpsk12.org)/Justin Bale (justin_bale@dpsk12.org)
- Performance Club-Jennifer Carpenter (jennifer_carpenter@dpsk12.org)
- Balarat Outdoor Education-Nadia Coleman (nadiaColeman@dpsk12.org)
- Pregnant and Parent Group-Florence Tracy (florence_tracy@dpsk12.org)
- Jigsaw Puzzle Club-Sue Nelson (susan_nelson@dpsk12.org)