Student Highlight: Charlie Korman

One, two, three, action!

Denver Online High School senior, Charlie Korman, knows all about what it's like to be in the limelight. Starting his professional acting career at the age of five, he has been living his passion ever since. "Being able to transform into different characters gives me so much freedom that I can't find in normal life," he said.

His first major role was as Tiny Tim in A Christmas Carol at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA). Since then, he has appeared in many more shows at the DCPA including Frankenstein, Sweeney Todd, and The Who's Tommy.

While he got his start in theater, he recently became interested in film. As a result, he lives in Los Angeles most of the year. "Out in LA, I am able to audition for TV shows and movies with the help from my agents and manager. I've been able to meet so many awesome people, some of which have directed/produced/acted in some immensely popular movies and TV shows."

Recently, he has even had the opportunity to create relationships with industry higher ups and meet with some top Oscar-winning directors. He has also been screen-tested for multiple projects and even landed a contract with a top network.

Joining the Actors' Equity Association a few years back has allowed Korman to find a community of people he can support. "This allows me to fight alongside my fellow actors for fair pay and great benefits."
For someone who spends a lot of time reading script lines, reading is an area that Korman has had to work extra hard in. He struggles with dyslexia that greatly impairs his ability to read and write. "Reading a simple book can take me double the time than it takes my peers, because my brain often confuses the letters," he said. As a result, subjects such as English have been extremely difficult for the student in the past. Committed to improving, Korman worked with a tutor many hours a week through middle school and high school.

"Sometimes, I wanted to quit when I felt myself struggling too much with reading. Instead of quitting however, I decided that I needed to work even harder in the areas where I was lacking." And that he did, now able to read efficiently and write papers he is proud of.

Korman thrives in both acting and in school simultaneously. He came to Denver Online High School after making the decision to move to Los Angeles for acting. He completes around eight auditions every month and puts in multiple hours each week with acting lessons and preparing for auditions. "Regular school would not be possible for me to have the intense audition schedule that I do. By attending online school, I am able to devote my time to acting," he noted.

The flexibility of online education also seems to be a perfect fit for the busy actor. "I love online education. It allows me to work at my own pace, and gives me a flexible schedule," he said. While attending more traditional academic programs in the past, Korman expressed that he often found himself bored and losing interest in learning. However, at Denver Online, he says he is able to move at his own speed. "If I find something very easy, I don't have to wait for the rest of the class to understand it. This has pushed me to work harder, and has kept me interested in school," he said.

With his sights set on a four-year university in the future, the senior plans to explore new interests in college while continuing to pursue a career in acting. "It would be a dream of mine to be able to make a living doing what I love," he said. "It doesn't matter if it comes in the form of film or theater, I just love to act and would like to continue for the rest of my life."

See his full story here.

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### SCHOOL & PROGRAM highlights

#### Halloween Themed School Contests and Events!

Get creative and join the fun this month! There are 3 contests going on!

- **Costume Contest** (Winner will receive $50 to school store)
- **Halloween Themed Art Contest** (Winner will receive $50 to school store)
- **Pumpkin Carving Contest** (Winner will receive $25 to school store)

Participate in one contest or all three! Pictures of entries for all three of the contests are due to Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org) by Friday, October 23rd at noon. We will then have an all-school vote to choose the winners for each contest. The winners will be announced at the all-school meeting on Wednesday, October 28th!

We also have a Pumpkin Carving event on Thursday the 22nd at 3pm and a Goosebumps viewing party with a game of Kahoot to follow on Wednesday the 28th at 3pm!
Art from Ashes
Art from Ashes is a creative writing workshop that is currently happening every Wednesday at 12:30pm and is open to all students! English credit is awarded to any student who participates. Contact English Teacher Jessica Glynn (jessica_glynn@dpsk12.org) to participate!

October is College and Career Readiness Month!
There are so many opportunities for students to help prepare for college and/or careers! Whether it's taking tuition-free college classes through Concurrent Enrollment, filling out the FAFSA for funding, or getting a letter of recommendation for a job, there are so many ways to prepare for college/careers. Please find a wealth of information here about.
opportunities happening now for students, especially for high school seniors.

**DPS Apprenticeship Program**
The DPS Apprenticeship Program allows students to get a jump start in career and college pursuits. As an apprentice, students are learning valuable work skills, getting paid, and earning industry credentials or college credits. There are 2-4 year apprenticeships available in technology, healthcare, manufacturing, education, business, finance and more through CareerWise Colorado. Please connect with Assistant Principal Dawn Bauer (dawn_bauer@dpsk12.org) to learn more and get started! You can also find more information here on the DPS website.

**Parent Engagement**

**Parent Schoology Account Login Information**

- **Primary Parent Account**: Every primary parent has a Schoology account that has already been created. Your username is the first initial of your first name followed by your last name (example: Ian Jones would have the username of ijones). Then your password is your student's 8 digit birthdate (example: a birthdate of 10/12/2000 would have a password of 10122000).
- **Need an account?**: If you are listed as the secondary parent and would like an account, we'd love to make one for you! Please just email kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org to get an account set up for you.
- **Can't access your account?**: If you cannot access your parent Schoology account for any reason, please contact kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org and we will make sure you're all set moving forward!
- **Specific Schoology Login Link**: To access Denver Online High School's Schoology account, you'll need to access it through our specific school link. Find it here.
Navigating Schoology
Wondering where to start once you've logged into your parent Schoology account? Check out the above video where Principal Ian Jones brings you through how to check in on your student's progress.

Parent To-Do List
If you haven't already, please check out this Parent To-Do List. This list is aimed to equip parents with all the necessary resources to help their student find academic and personal success.

Parent/Teacher Conferences
We encourage all parents to check-in with their student's teachers during October. Parents can email, call, Schoology message, or schedule a Zoom virtual meeting with teachers. Please find the faculty contact list here.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

No School: Staff Professional Development
- **What:** Faculty will be unavailable and 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:** Friday, October 16th; Monday, October 19th; Tuesday, October 20th

Pumpkin Carving Event
- **What:** Grab your pumpkin and carving tools, and let's all come together online to carve our pumpkins! This is just a fun time to get together virtually with each other to have some festive fun.
- **Who:** All students are invited!
- **When:** Thursday, October 22nd, 3-4pm
- **Where:** [https://dpsonline.zoom.us/my/kacisintek](https://dpsonline.zoom.us/my/kacisintek)

Halloween Art Contest--Submissions DUE
- **What:** Show off your best art skills be participating in the Halloween Themed Art Contest! Your art piece can be any type of art you'd like. All submissions will be posted on the DOHS Schoology homepage for the whole school to vote on. The winner will receive $50 towards the school store. All students who participate will also receive Art credit as well. All art pieces will also be showcased at the All School Meeting on
Wednesday, October 28th where the Halloween Art Contest winner will be announced. The student must be present at the All School Meeting to win, unless otherwise excused.

- **Who:** All students welcome to join!
- **When:** A picture of the student art must be submitted by Friday, October 23rd at noon. Voting will start that afternoon.
- **Where:** Please send all submissions to Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org)
- **Prize:** $50 towards school store

**Halloween Costume Contest--Submissions DUE**

- **What:** Get dressed up in your Halloween costume and submit a picture of yourself to the Denver Online High School Costume Contest! All submissions will be posted to the DOHS Schoology homepage for the whole school to vote on a winner. The winner will receive $50 to be used in the school store. Please make sure that all costumes are school appropriate and abide by the School Handbook. The winner will be announced at the All School Meeting on Wednesday, the 28th and the student must be present and dressed in costume to win, unless otherwise excused.
- **Who:** All students welcome to join!
- **When:** All picture submissions due by Friday, October 23rd at noon. Voting will start that afternoon.
- **Where:** Please send all submissions to Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org)
- **Prize:** $50 towards school store

**Pumpkin Carving Contest--Submissions DUE**

- **What:** Get creative and carve your best pumpkin! All pumpkin carving submissions will be put on the DOHS Schoology homepage for the whole school to vote on! Have some fun and get to carving! The winner of the Pumpkin Carving Contest will be awarded $25 towards the school store. The winner will be announced at the All School Meeting on Wednesday, the 28th and the student must be present and dressed in costume to win, unless otherwise excused.
- **Who:** All students welcome to join!
- **When:** A picture of the pumpkin must be submitted by Friday, October 23rd at noon. Voting will start that afternoon.
- **Where:** Please send all submissions to Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org)
- **Prize:** $25 towards school store

**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. This specific meeting is scheduled for October 27th.
- **Where:** Attend via Zoom by clicking the following link to join the virtual meeting space: [https://dpsonline.zoom.us/my/ianjones](https://dpsonline.zoom.us/my/ianjones)

**Whole School Meeting**

- **What:** This All School Meeting is Halloween themed! Wear your best Halloween costumes and have some fun! We will be announcing the winners of the costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, and Halloween art contest, where the winners must be present at this all school meeting to win! All submissions for those contests are due the Friday before on October 23rd at noon to Kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org.
- **Who:** All students and staff! Parents also welcome to join as well!
- **When:** Wednesday, October 28th at 9:15am-10am
- **Where:** [https://dpsonline.zoom.us/my/ianjones](https://dpsonline.zoom.us/my/ianjones)

**Movie Viewing Party and Kahoot**

What: Come watch Goosebumps 2 with us and play a game of Kahoot after! This event is just for fun to get students together and share some laughs!
Who: All students welcome!
When: Wednesday, October 28th, 3pm
Where: https://dpsonline.zoom.us/my/ianjones

SEE FULL CALENDAR HERE

get INVOLVED

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)
- Game Club: Erica MacIntosh (Erica_macintosh@dpsk12.org)
- Jigsaw Puzzle Club: Susan Nelson (Susan_Nelson@dpsk12.org)
- Art from Ashes: Jessica Glynn (Jessica_glynn@dpsk12.org)
- GSA Club: Social Worker Jaime Smith (jaime_smith@dpsk12.org)
- Denver Online Social Justice Activists: Jessica O'Neal (Jessica_oneal@dpsk12.org)
- Robots and Paintbrushes TSA Club: Justin Bale (Justin_bale@dpsk12.org)
- National Honor Society: Casey Burton (casey_burton@dpsk12.org)
- Music Club: Grace Montenegro (grace_montenegro@dpsk12.org)
- Book Club: Jennifer White (jennifer_white2@dpsk12.org)
- Pregnant and Parenting Group: Florence Tracy (florence_tracy@dpsk12.org)