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## Weekly News for our LIHSA Families

June 17, 2022

### A Look Back, A Wish Forward

As I reflect on this year, I am reminded of how grateful I am to serve such an incredible school community.

There have been so many highlights this school year including...

- The addition of several new faces, as we are excited to announce that our enrollment has increased from 200 to at least 280 artists (with applications still being processed for the 22-23 school year!)
- Over 50 Artistic Residencies and Master Artists visited and shared their incredible expertise with our curriculum and community.
- Exciting off-campus performances and culminations including: The Paramount, The Olmsted Theatre at Adelphi, The Argyle, Five Towns College, Huntington Cinema Arts Centre, 54 Below.
- 1.5 Million Dollar commitment from the Joel Foundation
- Several Art Honor Society led donation drives
- Our first class of Career & Technical Education completers/ recipients of a Technical Endorsement on their High School Diploma
- Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar-Artist Award Recipients: Nathaniel Eck (Dance), Samantha Edelman (Media Arts), Megan Bush (Theatre), Andrew Defrin (Tech Theatre)
- Ten LIHSA students in the Performing Arts Program received acceptances and scholarships to attend the Norwalk Summer Conservatory and will train alongside Broadway's elite.
- Media coverage for a phenomenal puppet performance at Long Island Children's Museum and Billy Joel's generous donation: Fox 5, NBC 7, News 12, and *Newsday*.
- The approval of a new Multimedia Journalism CTE program slated to run 2022-23.



To our families, Industry Advisory, Administration, PTSA, Nassau BOCES Board, and each and every department of our agency from Safety, to CIT, to Transportation, Communications, and beyond, thank you for your unwavering support.

To the LIHSA faculty, I am humbled every day by your talents and devotion to your art, education, and our students and I hope that each of you get many moments of well-deserved relaxation in the coming weeks.

I wish you all a healthy, happy, and art-filled summer and I look forward to welcoming our returning students back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting new year. To those who graduated, please keep in touch and don't be surprised when we reach out to you to serve on an alumni panel, perform, or to help lead a master class. You are forever part of LIHSA's story and we can't wait to see what the next chapter holds.

Yours truly,  
Erica Giglio Pac, Assistant Principal  
Long Island High School for the Arts

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## Spring Festival



The Spring Festival was held on June 13th at the Argyle Theatre. Our students were spectacular! [Click to see more photos.](#)

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## Spring Film and Media Arts Festival



On June 7, our LIHSA community celebrated the Spring Film and Media Arts Festival at Cinema Arts Centre in Huntington. It was a wonderful evening, from the first note sung by our songwriters who kicked off the event with a performance in the cafe, to the final credit running on screen. [Click to see some photos from this event.](#)

We are grateful to Cinema Arts Centre's Dylan Skolnick for allowing us to use this beautiful and newly renovated space.

## Last Day of School



Spectacular weather, beautiful music, good food, many hugs, plenty of smiles, and even some tears: [click here](#) to see more photos from the Last Day of

## Congratulations to our Class of 2022 Graduates



Congratulations to each one of our amazing graduates. [Click to see a slide show highlighting the Class of 2022.](#) The slide show features music from Senior Song Scholarship submissions.

[Click here to see photos of our June 14, 2022 graduation ceremony at Adelphi University.](#)

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**Congratulations to Gioianna DiGiorgio!**



Congratulations to LIHSA's Gioianna DiGiorgio who was one of four students to win a scholarship from the Long Island Music Hall of Fame. [Read more here.](#)

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## Happy Retirement Dr. Dale Stuckenbruck!

In addition to our graduating seniors, we also have to say farewell and good luck to a beloved faculty member - Dr. Dale Stuckenbruck - as he starts his retirement.

Dr. Stuckenbruck is a Grammy-nominated, multi-instrumentalist musician who has had an extraordinary and impactful career - leading and performing in diverse ensembles and notably founding the Long Island Vegetable Orchestra.

[Click to read a previous blog entry about one of Dr. Stuckenbruck's lessons, Newsday's Faces of Long Island article, and click here to see Dr. Stuckenbruck on the Conan O'Brien show.](#)

We will miss you!



HUNTINGTON ARTS COUNCILS SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL  
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# A CELEBRATION OF DANCE

*featuring*

Stars of Tomorrow  
The Red Hot Mamas  
Ohana Mokulua  
Long Island Ballet Theatre  
Long Island Academy of Dance Arts  
The Dance Theatre Company



FRIDAY, JULY 1ST

8PM

HARRY CHAPIN RAINBOW STAGE  
HECKSCHER PARK, HUNTINGTON NY

Free Admission



This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Huntington Arts Council.

Come on out and enjoy an evening of dance at the Chapin Stage at Heckscher Park! Admission is free and it's a great way to celebrate dance across Long Island!

## Holidays and Other Recognition Days to Note

June is....  
---Pride Month!

June 19 is Juneteenth  
June 19 is Father's Day

## Upcoming Events for Rising Seniors

Rising Seniors -- do not forget to sign up for a summer time slot to work on your college essays with your LIHSA Guidance Counselors.

Students Last Names [A - M Sign Up with Ms. Stencil HERE](#)

Students Last Names [N - Z Sign Up with Ms. Baloun HERE](#)



Have a good summer!

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