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## From the Principal's Desk for our LIHSA Families

April 23, 2021

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**Happy Earth Day**



**Look deep  
into nature,  
and then  
you will  
understand  
everything  
better.**

**—Albert Einstein, physicist**

This week we celebrated the 51st anniversary of Earth Day! Please continue the celebration of our

Earth every day.

At LIHSA, we celebrated by planting White Pine Trees on our campus that were donated to us by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. Throughout the week, our LIHSA community had the opportunity to take White Pine Trees to their own homes to plant them in their own yards.



More beautification of our grounds will be underway over the coming weeks thanks to Hana Draskin. Hana has chosen to focus her Girl Scouts Gold Award Project on LIHSA's Courtyard. For Hana, LIHSA is more than just a High School. She says, "It is a place of creativity, learning, and experiences that you cannot find anywhere else. LIHSA is so unique and special to the students and faculty that attend. It was a no-brainer choosing LIHSA to be a part of my Gold Award Project." The project goal is to make the LIHSA courtyard a safe space for stress relief, especially in a complicated world.

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## George Farber Outstanding Student Award Winner



Sixteen exceptional Nassau BOCES students earned the agency's prestigious George Farber Outstanding Student Award. These students have demonstrated a variety of remarkable attributes including talent, commitment, honesty, diligence, compassion and high moral standards. Each winner received a personalized plaque, lawn sign and check for \$100 from Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation.

Congratulations to all the students, and especially LIHSA's own winner Giannina Maresca.

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## LIHSA Students Compete in Monologue Competition



On Saturday April 17, LIHSA Performing Arts students junior Megan Bush, junior Jiana Casazza, and senior Emma Kotkin participated in the Nassau Monologue Competition. Megan performed a monologue from *Most Likely To: The Senior Superlative Musical* by Michael Tester. Jiana performed a monologue from *By the Sea, By the Sea, By the Beautiful Seaby* Lanford Wilson. Emma performed a monologue from *The Undoing* by William Mastrosimone. The judges felt all three actors gave impressive performances.

Congratulations to Megan Bush on taking first place! This is the second year in a row a LIHSA student has won the competition.

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### **American Legacy Theatre and Cameron Conte**

Congratulations to LIHSA Student Cameron Conte who was accepted to the American Legacy Theatre's prestigious "Students Create Change" summer program.

This program is to help nationwide leaders of tomorrow to #BreaktheWalls.



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### **A Visit with HBO**



Students participated in a virtual event with industry experts from HBO.

The speakers are all crew members working on an HBO series soon to be filmed on Long Island, holding positions of Supervising Art Director, Construction Coordinator, Charge Scenic, and Key Shop Electric.

Moderated by an HBO Production Supervisor, the speakers gave the inside scoop about working in the industry. They spoke of their backgrounds, how they got into the field, transforming a location into a working set for a period piece and what it takes to work in the industry.

## End of Year Activities and Graduation!

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# Commencement CEREMONY

— TUESDAY —  
JUNE 15, 2021

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Commencement will be held this year on Tuesday, June 15. The ceremony will include honor society inductions. Please note your student's specific time slot.

Ceremony #1: AM Performing Arts Students: 9 - 10 am

Ceremony #2: AM & PM Visual & Media Arts/ Production & Managerial Arts 11 am - 12 pm

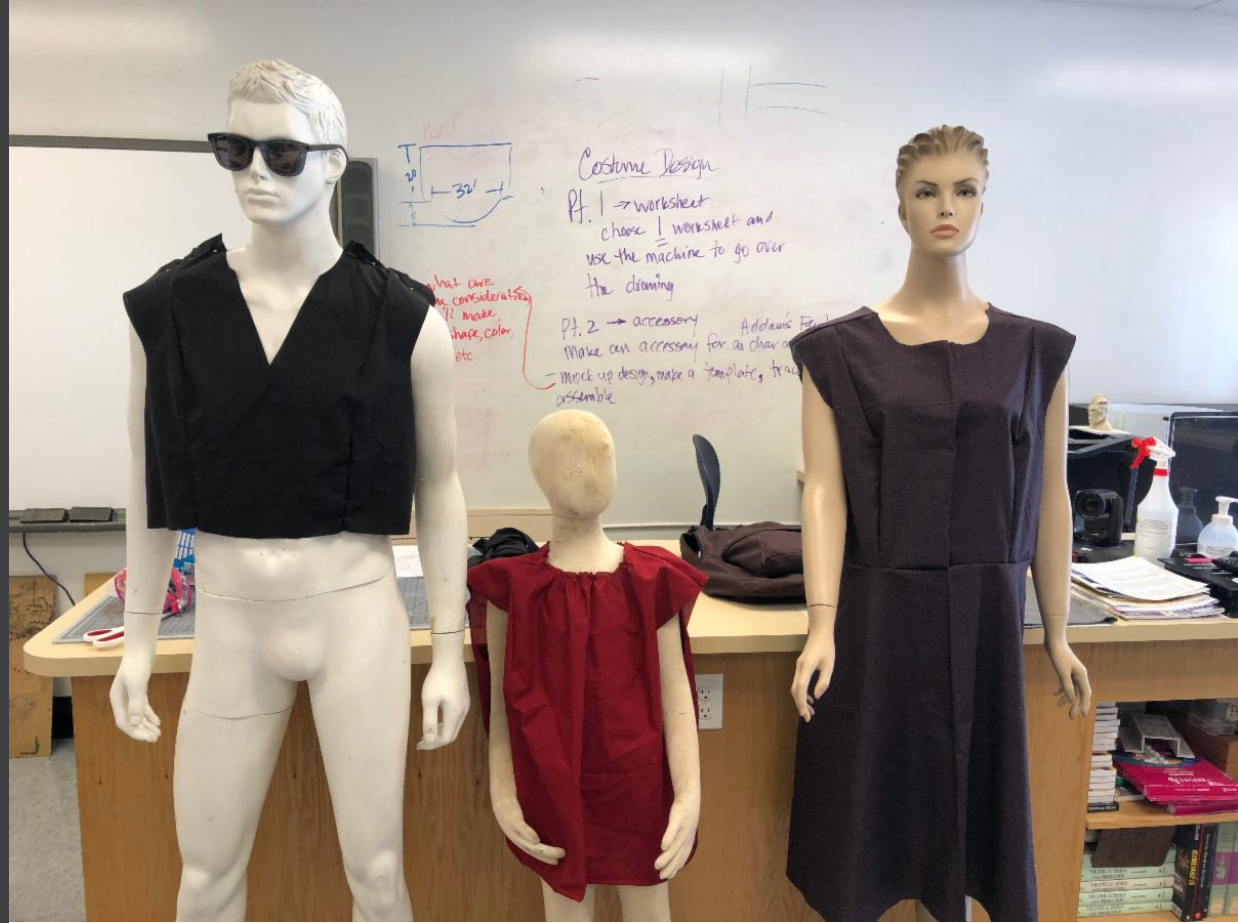
Ceremony #3: PM Performing Arts Students: 1 - 2 pm

In order to prepare a wonderful Spring Festival, normal class schedule for the first two weeks in June will be suspended for our Performing Arts and Production and Managerial Arts Students to accommodate rehearsals and recording performances. We have planned daily enrichment options and field trips for all students to participate in ranging from the New York Botanical Gardens for the Kusama Exhibit and a live city tour with our Artist-in-Residence Rich Garr. More information and details will be out soon about these exciting trips.

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### In the Classroom: Artistic Residency with Peter Fogel







The students completed a three session master class series with Peter Fogel where he provided strategies for making a costume out of a basic sloper design. The students learned all of the steps of costume construction including measuring an actor (in our case a mannequin), finding and tracing a pattern, adapting the pattern for a specific design and cutting and assembling fabric

with a sewing machine. The students went over many "tricks of the trade" and were able to see their work come together in a very empowering way. We all realized that there are so many overlooked techniques that going over them in detail with Peter proved to be very enlightening. A favorite tip among the afternoon students was Peter's pinning techniques for ease of removal during sewing. Peter also brought in a variety of professional tools and let the students work with them!

Armed with the knowledge of how to put these costumes together, students are going to finish up their costume designs for their selected Addam's Family character and fit them to our very willing models! Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for some finished costumes and accessories!

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## A Classroom Performance



In LIHSA's Creativity and Collaboration class, a group has been working with artist-in-residence Joseph Baker on creating an original song inspired by the classic song "The Rose." The group changed the key from C major to C minor and will be writing about different social issues that will be represented by different rose petals.

Enjoy this lovely performance by student Isabel Segal accompanied by teacher Mark Cocheo.

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## Artistic Residency Begins This Week: Peter Wilson

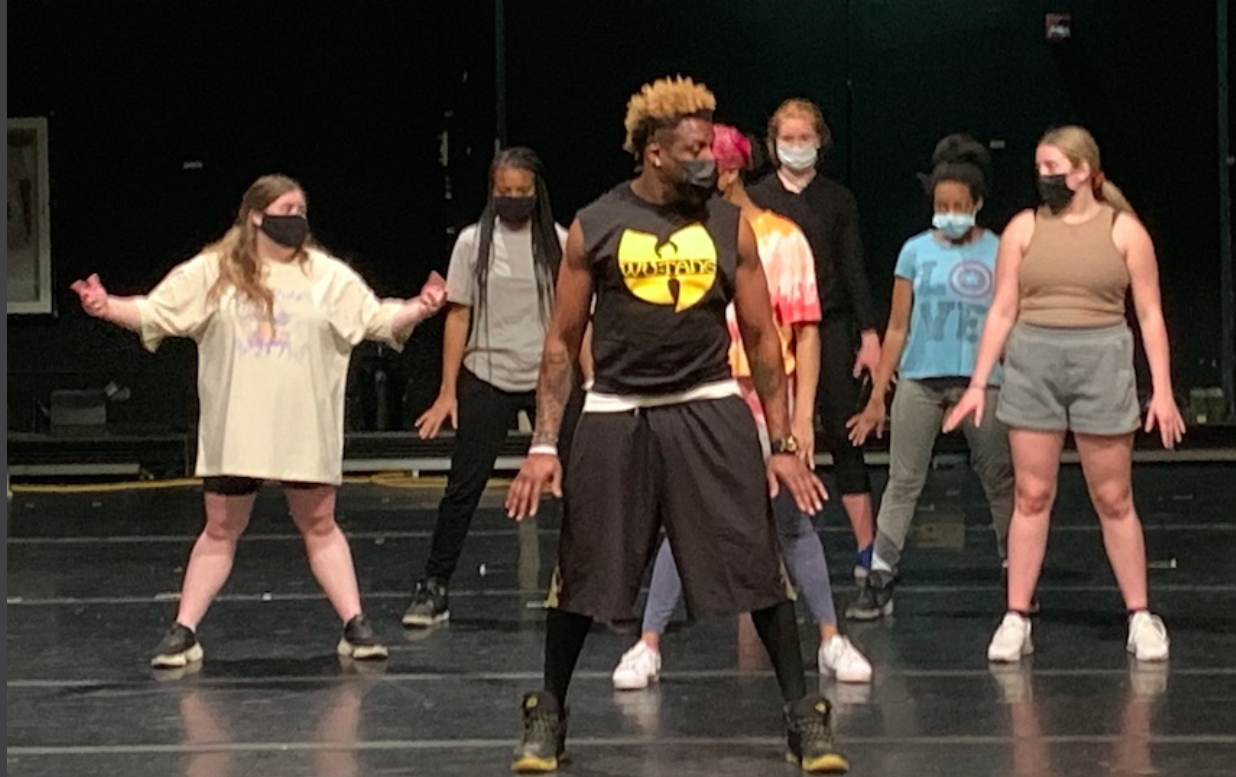




Peter Wilson began his residency this week, working specifically with our juniors on the college process. Peter has a deep appreciation for high schools for the arts: he is a graduate of LaGuardia Arts High School with a concentration in visual arts and began his career as a dancer. Peter has over 30 years advising students in all aspects of the college admissions process. For the past 18 years, he has directed the College and Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) programs at the prestigious middle and high school, The Baccalaureate School for Global Education, the first all-public International Baccalaureate School in New York City. Peter earned his Bachelor's Degree from Columbia University in Pan African Studies with a concentration in history and social anthropology. A member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC), Peter's distinguished work has been recognized by Harvard University's Family Research Project and New England Counselors of Color Bridging Access to College (NECBAC). He is a seasoned professional musician, performing in the NYC-based Hard Rock Band Four Trips Ahead. He was NY1's New Yorker of the Week in 2018.

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**In the Classroom:  
Kershel Anthony Residency Culminating Performance**



Our Street Styles graduating class are getting ready for their last student showcase at LIHSA as they move into the next chapter of their lives!

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## Streaming Opportunity: Into the Woods

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### INSIDE THE REVIVAL

# INTO THE WOODS



**LAURA BENANTI**

Broadway's **Todd Almond**, **Laura Benanti**, **Philip Boykin**, **Judy Kuhn**, **Ruthie Ann Miles**, and **Donald Webber, Jr.** join with NYC public school students in the celebration of **Stephen Sondheim** and **James Lapine's *Into the Woods*** in the final installment of **Encores! Inside the Revival** released this week.

Hear from Encores! Artistic Director **Lear deBessonnet** and Encores! Producing Creative Director **Clint Ramos** about a new annual tradition at City Center where the performance of a classic title will celebrate the ways musical theater connects us across generations. [Watch here!](#)

## Carnegie Hall Event



What is your vision for the world? Join Carnegie Hall on Wednesday, April 28 at 7 pm eastern for an evening of original music written in response to this question. Songwriters and composers of all ages reflect on the life-affirming power of music during times of crisis in this inspiring hour-long program, presented as part of the *Voices of Hope* festival. With compositions that include pop, R&B, spoken word, folk, classical, bluegrass, and more, *In Response* is a testament to the resilience of artists and the many ways music can empower communities in the face of the world's challenges.

## In Response

[Watch the video trailer for \*In Response\*.](#)

[Explore the full \*Voices of Hope\* festival.](#)

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