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

June 11, 2021

### Our Last Newsletter for 2020-21!

#### **An End of Year Message: Thoughts and Thank You**

Proud. Grateful. Amazed. Relieved. These are just a few of the emotions I'm feeling as I look back and reflect on the last year. A full school year spent in pandemic. A full year where we exercised our minds, our skills, our creativity, and produced work together, as a LIHSA community. Work that was both beautiful and reflective of the times we're in.

Thank you to our entire LIHSA Community:

- Our Faculty who worked differently than ever before to make things as much the "same" for our students as possible.
- Our Staff who oversaw changes on a weekly, and sometimes daily, basis and kept our community safe and connected.
- Our Parents who not only supported the hard work their children were doing, but also stayed flexible and understanding as updates were made along the way.
- Our Students. Thank you to our talented, hard-working, resilient students who found the inner strength to continue to grow and learn even while the world around them was ever-changing and confusing.
- Our Advisors who work hand-in-hand with LIHSA on curriculum development and to provide meaningful work-based experiences and opportunities for our students.
- Our 67 artists-in-residence. Yes, 67 different artists worked with our students over the course of the year to provide valuable insights, teach new skills, and allow our students to expand their knowledge.

I could not be prouder of each member of the LIHSA community for the role

they played to make this "COVID Year" not just happen, but made it - truly - extraordinary.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

- Dr. Chris Rogutsky

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### Field Trip: Parish Art Museum







Our visual art students enjoyed one final field trip this week to the Parrish Art Museum.

The Parrish Art Museum was founded in 1898 on Long Island's East Ed. Its current location (since 2012) is in a light-filled, purpose-built facility in Water Mill and showcases contemporary and modern art.

The museum was closed to the public, but welcomed LIHSA students with a private tour guide.

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### Guest Speaker: Choreographer Maria Torres

This week we welcomed Maria Torres, a renowned Broadway choreographer who choreographed *In the Heights* and was featured in *Swing*. [Learn more about Maria through this short video.](#)

Maria spoke to our graduating dance students. Students shared their hopes and dreams and Maria spoke about her inspirational journey as a person of color.



## Guest Speaker: Austin Sora

This week, our dancers welcomed Austin Sora as a guest teaching artist. Austin taught a master class for the Creativity and Collaboration dance focused class. The students learned a theater jazz combination and had a Q&A session with Austin where they spoke about the concert and theatre dance world.



Originally from Toronto, Canada, Austin Sora was most recently seen in the North American tour of *The Phantom of the Opera*.

She was a company member with Bruce Wood Dance for three years. Other credits include "A Chorus Line" (Connie), Buglisi Dance Theatre, as well as pre-production for The Public Theater and Disney Cruise Line.

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## In the Classroom: Creative Drama



Students in our Creative Dramatics class performed their final monologues this week. Pictured is Madison Loscalzo playing Hazel with an emotional version from the movie "Fault in Our Stars," delivering a live eulogy to Gus.

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## Filming Our Graduation and Final Spring Festival



It's been a fantastic week of filming both our Spring Festival and Graduation Ceremony. Thank you to our students and faculty for their hard and professional work. We can't wait for you to see the polished pieces! In the meantime, please enjoy these "sneak peek" screen shots from Graduation and our Spring Festival Visual Art and Film video.

The Graduation link will be emailed to you Monday for a Tuesday, June 15th at 5 pm debut!



### More Filming





Over the last year, LIHSA has worked on our branding including a redesign of our website and materials. This week we filmed interviews with some of our current LIHSA students to be included in promotional videos to share with prospective students and their families. Look for these interviews when their debut on our website and social media sites over the summer!

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## Important End of Year Dates!

It's a busy time of year. Please make note of these important end-of-year dates:

Monday, June 14: Last Day of Classes.

Tuesday, June 15: Certificate Ceremony ([click here to read letter from Nassau BOCES](#); [click here to view invitation flyer](#))

Saturday, June 19: Virtual Spring Festival ([click here for flyer](#))

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## LIU Summer Honors College

This summer, Long Island University is launching an exceptional new program called the **Summer Honors College**.

Through the Summer Honors College, current grades 10, 11, and 12 students can earn college credit at less than 15% of the normal college tuition cost while immersing themselves in the college experience at the beautiful Post Campus.

Students can choose from an extensive list of two-week long classes. Tuition is \$500/3 credit course. Explore course offerings by following the links below:

### Session I:

July 12 – July 23

[Computer Science](#)

[Entrepreneurship](#)

[Fashion Merchandising](#)

[Sports Management](#)

[Nursing](#)

[Music Production](#)

[Journalism](#)

[Game Design](#)

### Session II:

July 26 – August 6

[Crime Scene Investigation](#)

[Investing](#)

[Musical Theatre](#)

[Film](#)

[International Relations](#)

[Pre-Med Sciences](#)

[Counseling](#)

[Veterinary Science](#)

Students may commute, but also have the option to **live on campus** for an additional fee of **\$250**. **For those who decide to take two courses, we will waive the housing fee.** Students are responsible for purchasing their own food. Food for purchase will be available on campus.

For further details, please visit our web site: <https://www.liu.edu/honors/>.

Apply today via this link: <https://apply.liu.edu/LIUSummerHighSchool/>

If you have more questions about registration, courses or costs, please call the LIU Promise office at 516-299-3737.

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