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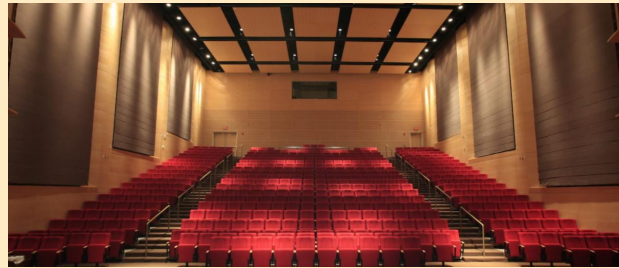
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## Weekly News for our LIHSA Families

March 18, 2022

### End of Year: Big Events to Add to Your Calendar

We are always thrilled to announce how we will showcase our students' hard work and celebrate their achievements at the end of the school year. Please "Save These Dates:"



6/2/22 - 6:30 pm - Five Towns  
College: Docudrama Class performs final projects

6/7/22 - 7 pm - Huntington Cinema Arts Center: Spring Film and Media Arts Festival. (Prior to the Festival, songwriting students will perform in the lobby)/ Due to the limited size of the venue, we can offer two tickets per student max.  
[Click here to reserve your seats](#)

6/14/22 - 5:30 pm - Adelphi PAC: Spring Visual Arts Festival

6/14/22 - 6:30 pm - Adelphi PAC: LIHSA Graduation (Certificate Ceremony)

### Congratulations Farber Award Winner Andrew Defrin



Congratulations to LIHSA's own Andrew Defrin, winner of the 2022 George Farber Outstanding Student Award! This is a very competitive award and Andrew's talent, character, passion, and good citizenship.

Andrew is a senior from Roslyn. He will be honored at the Faber Awards Ceremony on May 6th.

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### **In the Classroom: Craig Cosgrove**

Craig Cosgrove is continuing his two semester residency with our Digital Music Composing with an App Using Garageband & Voicey class.

Students are learning the basic steps to writing, recording, and mixing a song in GarageBand. Voicey is an app that connects singers, songwriters, artists, and producers through solo and collaborative songwriting. Record, publish, and share. Students are learning how to use Voicey to create original songs and connect them to other like-minded artists and creators in the cyberworld of social media and the internet.

Students are starting to create their beats and are becoming familiar with the various features of the app. The students are assessing and learning the subtleties of its use. This unique class is presenting students with creative challenges.



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## Dismissal Diaries: Erin Gerasimovich



This week, Erin Gerasimovich, a junior from Garden City spent time with Ms. Giglio Pac to discuss some of her recent exciting projects! [Read our latest entry in Dismissal Diaries.](#)

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### **In the Classroom: A Residency Spotlight**

LIHSA is lucky to have Taylor Mankowski as an artist in residence this year. She is working with all performing arts students on stage management skills that they need for their industry assessment exams.

[Read more about Taylor and her work with LIHSA students on our latest blog.](#)



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## A Look at the AP Art Work of Aaron Vecchio



This week we take a closer look at the AP Art work of Alicia Amian.

[Click here to see her work and read her artist statement](#)

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## Announcements



**Career and Technical Education  
should be available to all students.**

[Please watch this short video featuring LIHSA students!\) on the All Means All Campaign.](#)

## Opportunities for Students

### Calling All Juniors: Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar Artist:

If you are a junior with an unweighted average of 90 or higher and would like to be considered for Long Island Arts Alliance's prestigious Scholar Artist Award, it's time to apply! Please take note that Long Island High School for the Arts can nominate only one student per each of the following disciplines. All applicants must be nominated by their high school, and applications must be submitted by a district administrator. Please note the following steps and due dates.

#### Discipline: Referring Teacher/Mentor\*

Dance: Natalie L'Etoile

Media Arts: Jason Cuvelier

Music (Including Composers): Jerry Nobile

Theatre (Including Theatre Tech): Kim Larkin (Theatre)/Erik

Chocianowski (Tech Theatre)

Visual Arts : Jason Cuvelier

*\*This is the name of the teacher that will go on the nomination form. Teachers will discuss each candidate prior, as a department.*

#### Students:

1. Starting the week of March 21, 2022 please let the referring teacher/mentor (as noted above) in your discipline know of your interest by March 25, 2022.
2. Submit your high school transcript (unweighted) to Ms. Stencel by March 28, 2022.
3. Ms. Stencel will notify you, if you meet the academic criteria. If the academic criteria is met, you will proceed to the next step.
4. All checklist components (application form, 500-word essay, performance/ portfolio component..), found [here](#), are due by April 25,

## Do You Feel Lucky?



Conner Mastrosanti, a junior from Seaford, dressed up in his greens in honor of St. Patrick's Day!

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**In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we asked faculty and staff members about what made them feel lucky.**

**Submitted by Iris Wiener:**

My family was asked to puppy-sit Sofia when her owners went on vacation. We fell in love with her, and we were so thrilled when they decided a few months later that Sofia would be happier in a new home. Adopting her has brought so much joy to my life, and every time I look at her I remember how lucky I am that she found me.



## Lucky in Love:

[Read this lovely love story](#) that had its beginnings in Ireland, as told by Mary Gibbons Lees, the wife of LIHSA's own Francis Lees!

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## Art in the Community

Hofstra University Museum hosts Slow Art Day! Saturday, April 2, 2022, 12:00-2:00 pm Emily Lowe Hall, Behind Emily Lowe Hall, South Campus. The average museum visitor spends less than 30 seconds with each work of art. Why the rush? International Slow Art Day is a grassroots movement to support museums and art galleries around the world by empowering museum visitors to change their art-viewing experience. Together with our Museum staff, we invite you to engage in mindful looking – allowing for deeper reflection and a greater understanding of the work. Admission is \$10 for the public and free for Museum members. Limited to 15 people. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP to 516.463.5672



## Holidays and Other Recognition Days to Note

Women's History Month Continues in March. This week we celebrate the life of Frida Kahlo, one of the most visionary women visual artists. Kahlo was born in Mexico and lived from 1907 - 1954. She is known for her colorful and uncompromising self-portraits that often portrayed serious issues that Kahlo herself wrestled with.

There is an exhibit about Kahlo's life called "The World of Frida" at the Hudson River Museum. [More info here.](#)



## Upcoming Events

- March 19 - [Open House and Tour: Live at LIHSA](#) (Saturday) 11AM-2PM
  - March 28 - [Student Council Meeting](#)
  - March 29 - [Open House: March 29, 2022](#) (Friday) 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM (Virtual)
  - April 4 - [GSA Gay Straight Alliance Meeting](#)
  - April 7 - [Yearbook Meeting](#)
  - April 7 - [International Thespian Meeting](#)
  - April 11 - [Open House: LIVE at LIHSA](#) (6 - 8 pm)
  - April 12 - [National Art Honor Society Meeting](#)
  - April 13 - [National Technical Honor Society](#)
  - April 14 - [National Honor Society of Dance](#)
  - April 25 - [Student Council](#)
  - May 5 - [Open House: LIVE at LIHSA](#)
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