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Weekly News for our LIHSA Families

May 13, 2022

Education Partner Awards



LIHSA students, faculty and staff put on their party shoes and attended the Nassau BOCES Education Gala, performing at the cocktail hour and at the start of the ceremonies. Icing on the cake -- Ralph Macchio was also in attendance and posed for a photo with our group. A glorious night!

In the Classroom: Alum Chris Hlinka





Chris Hlinka, LIHSA Alum class of 2009, returned to his alma mater this week to adjudicate students' second mock audition of the semester in the Building Your Audition Book classes.

After graduating from LIHSA, Christopher made his Off-Broadway debut in *Most Likely Too* and *Awesome 80s Prom* while attending Marymount Manhattan College. He's traveled nationally and internationally performing at cabaret and comedy clubs. He wrote a musical called *Bradical And The Pink Socks*, which was staged in NYC, and is currently developing a new musical.

It was amazing to see how much the students have grown since their last mock audition!

Farber Awards: Congratulations Andrew Defrin



On May 6, 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.



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 was honored. Andrew is a senior from Roslyn.

More kudos to Leah Kelly from Smithtown who performed the National Anthem beautifully at the awards ceremony.

Senior Commitment Day 2022!



There was a lot of joy in the air as our seniors showed off logo wear and signage from their committed colleges. We wish every single one of the members of the Class of 2022 so much happiness and success! [Click here to see our photo gallery from Commitment Day!](#)

A LIHSA Student's Accomplishment: Eagle Scout



Recently LIHSA Student Jerry Ballas, a junior from Smithtown, became an Eagle Scout and two LIHSA faculty members - Jerry Nobile and Dr. Dale Stuckenbruck - were there to cheer him on. Jerry Nobile said, "Jerry worked

very hard to achieve the goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. I'm proud of him and was honored to be invited to witness his ceremony."

A Closer Look at the AP Art of Sam Edelman



This week, we take a closer look the AP Art Work of Sam Edelman [Please click here to see her gallery and read her artist statement.](#)

Dismissal Diaries: Megan Bush



Click here to read this week's edition of [Ms. Giglio Pac's Dismissal Diaries with Megan Bush](#).

Student Nominations: Hunting-Tony Award Nominations

Congratulations to several LIHSA students who have been nominated in different categories for the 12th Annual Hunting-Tony Awards.

Best Lead Actor in a Play nominee **Moore Theobald** – *Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic* (Harborfields High School)

Best Lead Actress in a Play Nominee: **Gioianna DiGiorgio** – *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* (Half Hollow Hills High School West)

Best Supporting Actress in a Play Nominee **Jiana Casazza** – *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* (Half Hollow Hills High School West)

Best Lead Actress in a Musical Nominee **Gioianna DiGiorgio** – *Merrily We Roll Along* (Half Hollow Hills High School West) and **Maddie Quigley** – *Legally Blonde* (Harborfields High School)

Best Supporting Actor in a Musical Nominee **Aidan McNamara** – *The Addams Family* (Elwood-John Glenn High School)

Best Supporting Actress in a Musical **Jenna Velez** – *The Addams Family* (Elwood-John Glenn High School)
Best Featured Actor in a Musical - **Sam Adler** – *The Addams Family* (Cold Spring Harbor High School)
Best Female Vocalist: **Jenna Velez** – *The Addams Family* (Elwood-John Glenn High School)

LIHSA Students Finish Strong at NYSSMA!

Three of our students attended the spring NYSSMA festival on May 6th & 7th at Syosset High School and did extremely well.

Lauren Marchand Grade 11 (Jericho UFSD) - Level **6 A+ All-State** - 100 - Vocal Soprano 2

Leah Romero Grade 10 (Mount Sinai UFSD) - Level **6 A+ All-State** - 100 - Vocal Soprano 2

B. Sam Adler Grade 11 (Cold Spring Harbor CSD) - Level **6 A+ All-State** - 98 - Vocal Tenor 1

Announcements: LIHSA's Summer Program

Please make sure you share with your friends, networks, neighbors, colleagues, and family: LIHSA's Summer program is art-filled fun! [Camp runs from June 27 - July 22, 2022 and more information is on our website.](#)

Thank you for helping to spread the word!

Announcements: Yearbook

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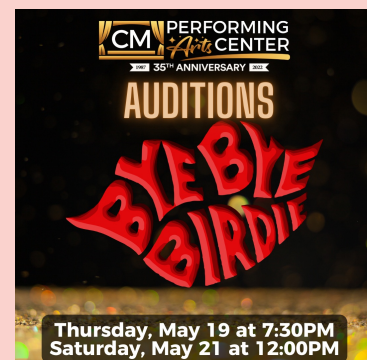
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Opportunities for Students

The CM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER is holding auditions for BYE BYE BIRDIE on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, May 21 at 12:00 pm.

LIHSA alum Melissa Rapelje is choreographer for the production.

[Click for detailed information on what to prepare.](#)



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Art in the Community

It's Asian Pacific Islander Appreciation Month and this week you can find a number of wonderful Asian art exhibits throughout New York.

[Click here to see what's happening](#) and please let us know if you see something you especially recommend to other students!



Holidays and Other Recognition Days to Note

May is...

- Asian Pacific Islander Appreciation Month
- Mental Health Awareness Month

Upcoming Events

May 23 - Student Council

May 26 & 27 - No School (Unused Snow Days)!

June 6-June 7: NOCTI Part II Assessments for second year seniors/ Alternate Workshop Schedule for those not testing.

June 8 & 9: Technical rehearsal for SPRING PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL during regular class time. All non- performing arts students will be in their regularly scheduled classes.

June 10: Graduation Rehearsal during regular school hours for Senior Students/ Regularly Scheduled Classes for all others.

End of Year Events

June 2 - 6:30 pm - Five Towns College:Docudrama Class performs final projects. Click here to reserve your seats.

June 7 - 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 three tickets per student max. Click here to reserve your seats

June 13 - 1 pm - Argyle Theatre:**Spring Performing Arts Festival** (Reservations Required by Clicking here)

June 14 - 5:30 pm - Adelphi PAC:**Spring Visual Arts Festival**

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