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Long Island High School for the Arts
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Weekly News for our LIHSA Families

December 9, 2022

Another Successful Stage the Change Conference



Fifty-three LIHSA Dance, Music and Theater students attended the 2023 Stage the Change conference at Tilles Center in November. [Click to read the blog and see more photos.](#)

Alumni News: Andrew Defrin



Last month, LIHSA alum Andrew Defrin (class of 2022) had the opportunity to shadow Work-Based Learning Coordinator Iris Wiener as she interviewed talent on the red carpet at the 23rd Annual Only Make Believe gala on Broadway. [Click to read more.](#)

In the Classroom: A Master Class with Jeremy Kaplan



On Tuesday, November 29, LIHSA alumnus Jeremy Kaplan returned to LIHSA to hold master classes attended by instrumental music, vocal music, and sonic arts students. Jeremy spoke about his years at LIHSA, receiving a scholarship from Billy Joel, attending Berklee College of Music, and currently touring with his band Dogs in A Pile. Students had the chance to ask questions and perform for Jeremy who gave helpful feedback.

Jeremy talked about touring, band management, booking agents, songwriting, copyright protection, recording, publishing, and royalty details, concert bookings, contracts, and ticket sale and merchandising revenue.

Jeremy Kaplan is a composer and multi-instrumentalist whose main instrument is piano/keyboards. Jeremy attended the Long Island High School for the Arts for two years (2015-2017) from the Bellmore-Merrick School District as an instrumental music major. In August 2017, Billy Joel awarded Jeremy a \$20,000.00 scholarship which allowed him to begin his studies at

Important Dates

December 18 - [Holiday Caroling at Old Westbury Gardens](#)

December 22 - Alumni Day

December 24 - January 2 - Holiday Recess

January 3 - Back to School!

January 16 - No School (MLK Day)

January 23 - Second Semester Begins

January 24 - 27 - Regents Week

January 28 - [Open House 11 am - 1 pm](#)

January 28 - Dance Open House 2 - 4 pm

February 16 - 1+1 Day 8 - 10:30 am, 12 - 2:30 pm

February 16 - Bring a Friend to Dance Night 6 - 7 pm

March 18 - [Open House 11 am - 1 pm](#)

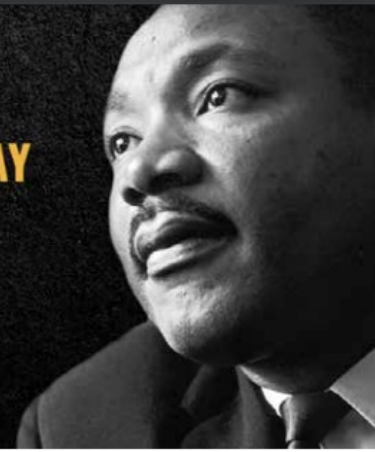
April 3 - 1+1 Day 8 - 10:30 am, 12 - 2:30 pm

Save the Date: MLK Day of Service



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#MLKDay



MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

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**Attention Students: Letters for service hours provided.*



**MOLLOY
UNIVERSITY**

Molloy University is once again holding its annual Community Volunteer Day of Service on Monday, January 16th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Instructions on how to register once the registration link is up and running. If you have any questions about the event, please email dayofservice@molloy.edu.

A Visit from Norwalk Conservatory



Norwalk Conservatory for the Arts visited LIHSA after Thanksgiving and provided students the unique opportunity to audition for their college program during the school day. Performing Arts students met in the Main theatre to discuss life in Performing Arts and audition etiquette. The presentation also included an overview on the differences between college programs; BA, BFA, Liberal Arts and Conservatories. Norwalk shared their philosophy of students working professionally as they complete their degree.

Students then broke into smaller groups based on discipline. In Dance, Ricky Lee Loftus, Dance Department Chairperson of Norwalk, led a warm up and taught a fast-paced, energetic combo to "Dancing in the Street" from *Motown, The Musical*. Students learned the combo at audition speed, performed in small groups and all students received feedback. Students then performed again, implementing that real-time feedback. After dancing, students enjoyed a Q+A with Ricky who share his story and career path. "Students received invaluable and insightful information that will aide them in their future endeavors," L'aura Bagdziunas, LIHSA Dance Teacher, reflected.

Musical Theatre and Theatre students prepared song and/or monologue and performed for Daniel George, the Acting Department Chairperson. They gave feedback discussed the TV/Film program and Theatre programs with the students. Chris Brick shared, "Students were able to work with the head of a conservatory program on skills that all colleges and universities are looking for when they look for students."

LIHSA is so thankful to the Norwalk team for giving such valuable notes and performance experiences to our student body!

Out on the Town: Discount Tickets for LIHSA Students!



Our friends at Tilles Center is offering a special \$25 ticket offer to LIHSA students for two spectacular shows this weekend:

Neil deGrasse Tyson: An Astrophysicist Goes to the Movies – Ilon Friday, December 9 at 8 pm

Legally Blonde - The Musical on Saturday, December 10 at 4 pm and 8 pm.

Call or visit the Box Office and mention LIHSA for this special priced ticket. Their regular business hours are 1 pm - 6 pm Monday – Friday and open 2 hours prior to the showtime. Check out all their wonderful offerings at tillescenter.org.

Opportunities for Students

*Sunday
December 18th
11:00 AM*



*The Long Island High School for the Arts
presents
Holiday Caroling
at*



Old Westbury Gardens



71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury NY 11568

Save the Date because A-Caroling we'll go. We are so excited to return to Old Westbury Gardens on December 18 at 11 am.

[Please click here to purchase your tickets to visit Old Westbury Gardens and listen to LIHSA students sing in the holidays.](#)

#FlashbackFriday



Corrine shared original artwork at LIHSA October '22 Student Showcase

[Click on the link](#) to see performances from October's Student Showcase. [@LIHSA_Official](#) Keep checking back for November's videos!

Announcements

FUN FRIDAYS



Join us for some dress up fun each Friday this December. \$1 hot chocolate will be sold each Friday.

LIHSA dress code policy still applies.

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Pajama Day

9

Crazy Sock Day

16

Represent your home district

23

Ugly Winter Sweater Day @ our Winter Carnival

LIHSA Winter Carnival: six rooms of silliness and fun as we head into winter break: Holiday karaoke, video game challenge, Mariah Carey dance party, snow ball toss, arts & crafts + the \$1 snack zone. More details coming soon.



FOOD DRIVE

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When: December 1-21, 2022

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THURS. DEC. 1 – FRI. DEC 16

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Faculty Focus: Christopher Fedorczak



LIHSA is so fortunate to have Christopher Fedorczyk teaching at LIHSA in our 3D Animation program. While he's been teaching within Nassau BOCES for many years, he started last year at LIHSA part-time, splitting his time between schools, and transitioned full-time at LIHSA this year. We thought you'd like to [read \(or re-read\) this blog about him and his background](#)

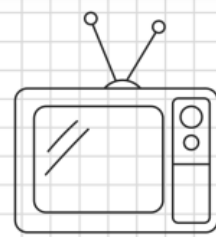
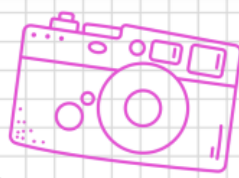
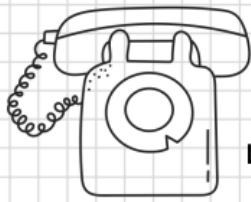


Pajama day on December 2

PTSA Corner

PTSA MEETING VIA ZOOM on Wednesday at 7:30. Check your Remind messages for the link.

Please note, the Skating event deadline has been extended to Monday. Please send in all money by Monday so that we can meet the minimum requirements to have this event! Thank you!



LIHSA PTSA PRESENTS:

RETRO 80's

ROLLER SKATE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY, 27
7PM TO 9PM

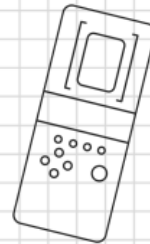
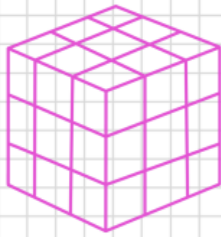
UNITED SKATES OF AMERICA
1276 HICKSVILLE RD. SEAFORD

\$15 ADMISSION & SKATES
\$10 NON-SKATERS

CAFE SPECIALS ALL NIGHT FOR PURCHASE
PIZZA, WINGS, PRETZELS, FRIES, NACHOS, COTTON CANDY, SODA, ETC.

GLOW IN THE DARK!

FEEL FREE TO DRESS IN YOUR BEST 80'S GEAR!



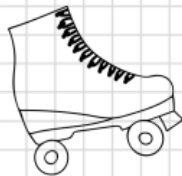
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STUDENT'S FULL NAME _____

PROGRAM _____ **AM/PM**

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CELL# _____



_____ **# OF TICKETS FOR SKATERS (\$15 EACH)**

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_____ **TOTAL \$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED**



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