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Weekly News for our LIHSA Families

June 9, 2023

End of Year Thoughts from the Principal

As each new school year begins, we know it's the beginning of a new cycle and that in the distance, there will be an end.

But first we live in the present and surround ourselves with tasks at hand and focus on the day-to-day routines and activities. Sometimes we're working out the big things like how to approach a blank canvas to create a meaningful piece and other times it's mastering something more specific like a new dance move or musical transition. We meet new teachers, new students, new artists-in-residences. And one-by-one and day by day, all those experiences, all the lessons, all these interactions change us, shape us, and help us find our direction and our voice.



While I've been in academia a long time, this marks the end of my first year as LIHSA's Principal and I, too, have grown, stretched, and been profoundly touched by every single person in our LIHSA community. It's been an absolute marvel to watch our students strive to learn, engage in the arts in new and creative ways, and become their own artist with their own voices. And I've seen how you support each other and cheered each other on. You may not remember each individual high five or hug, but you'll always remember how your classmates had your back. I'm proud of what we accomplished together and all those individual moments throughout the year.

It's been wonderful meeting LIHSA alum as they've returned, and I can't wait to welcome our 125 graduating seniors back as alums over the coming years too.

The cycle of the 2022-23 school year may be ending, but we say hello to new beginnings too. For our graduates, it's welcoming their next chapter and for all of us it's welcoming the more relaxed summer months. To students, families, faculty, and staff who will be returning next fall, I'll look forward to starting a new year of discovery.

Have a happy, peaceful summer.

- Laura Vega, LIHSA Principal

Certificate Ceremony Information!



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Important Dates

June 9 - Last Day of School and Carnival

June 9 - Prom

June 13 - [Certificate Ceremony](#)

In the Classroom: A Residency Spotlight



Broadway came to LIHSA this week when one of *Juliet's* stage managers, Danielle Ranno, and dresser, Eric Strauss, worked with students in the Scenic Construction & Production Technologies and Performing Arts programs. In an exciting workshop, students learned how to problem solve while producing a piece of theatre in only 50 minutes.

[Click here to read more and see additional photos!](#)

DMC Visits LIHSA!



On Thursday, AM students had the opportunity of a lifetime when they met and enjoyed a guest artist speech with Darryl McDaniels - aka DMC!

[Click here to read more about this special day and see photos.](#)

Dance Festival!



LIHSA DANCE DEPARTMENT 2022-2023

Our students performed beautifully on June 2 at the Spring Dance Festival.
[Click here to see photos.](#)

Theatre and Music Festival!



Kudos to our students in the Music and Theatre Festival held June 3. It was a beautiful evening!

Photos and videos will be available next week.

Film and Media Festival!



On Monday, June 5, LIHSA welcomed friends and family at Huntington Cinema Arts for our annual Film and Media Festival. Students from 3D Animation, Computer Game Design and Multimedia/Film shared their work on the silver screen! [Click here to read more and see additional photos](#)

Senior Day!



On Thursday, June 8, we schmoozed, we signed yearbooks, we laughed, we cried...and we honored our 125 graduating seniors on Senior Day! [Click for more photos.](#)

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