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## Weekly News for our LIHSA Families

September 22, 2023

**L'Shana Tovah to all who celebrate. Wishing you a meaningful fast on Yom Kippur.**

**To the Farmingdale Community:  
Our Hearts and Thoughts are with You**



**Introducing our 2023-24 Scholar Artist  
Alessandra Hermes-Bevans**



For the next three weeks we are thrilled to introduce you to our three Scholar Artist winners.

The Scholar-Artist Awards program was developed by the Long Island Arts Alliance (LIAA) to recognize outstanding high school-age artists to the public in monthly profiles that will appear in *Newsday* and on *Newsday.com*. Scholar-Artists are chosen from five disciplines: Visual Arts, Music, Theater, Dance, and Media Arts. Selections are made from a pool of students nominated by Long Island's high schools. In addition to the twenty students selected to receive Awards of Distinction, twenty additional students are selected to receive an Award of Merit at a year-end LIAA recognition event.

This week we are introducing you to Alessandra Hermes-Bevans, a senior from Wantagh who is studying Dance at LIHSA. [Click to read more about](#)

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## Important Dates

September 25 - School Closed (Yom Kippur Observance)  
September 28-29 - Technical Assessments (All Students)  
September 30 - [Open House 11 am - 1 pm](#)  
October 7 - LI Fall Festival in Huntington, Music Performance 1 - 2 pm  
October 9 - School Closed (Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day)  
October 11 - College Fair 8 am & 12 pm  
October 12 - Graduation Photo (Seniors)  
October 19 - Rosemary Kennedy/LIHSA Dance Buddies Program  
October 22 - [Open House](#)  
October 26 - 1+1 Day/Bring a Friend to LIHSA

## In the Classroom: Verbatim Theatre



Students in the Verbatim Theatre classes welcomed master artist Ryan Howland, who engaged them in a number of activities that introduced them to the mission of NYU's Verbatim Theatre Lab. [Click for more information about this artist residency and to see more photos.](#)

**LIHSA on Stage: Join us at the Huntington Fall Festival!**



Our LIHSA music students will perform from 1 -2 pm at the Long Island Fall Festival in Huntington's Heckscher Park on October 7. Please join us!

[Click here for more information about the Long Island Fall Festival.](#)

**Open House!**



**LONG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS**

# OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 30th  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Performing Arts**

**Visual & Media Arts**

**Production & Managerial Arts**

**3D Animation**

**Game Design**

**Sonic Arts**

**Multimedia Journalism**

**Learn More About Our School**

For More Information Regarding this event  
Email Jerry Nobile  
jnobile@nasboces.org  
or register to attend by  
scanning the QR code below





Our first Open House for the year will be held on September 30 from 11 am - 1 pm. Please share the date and [sign-up information](#) with the talented students and their families who live in Nassau and Suffolk Counties in your life.

## LIHSA Video: Music, Theater & Dance Program

**Natalie L'Etoile**

LIHSA Dance Faculty

- I think what sets  
LIHSA apart as a school,

Last year, we created a series of videos to share with students, families and community members interested in learning more about our programs. We're excited to share them with you. [Please click here to view the new video about our Music, Theater, & Dance Program.](#)

### Out on the Town



[See what's happening at the Cradle of Aviation.](#) Including this immersive film!

## An Opportunity for Students



### THE CENTER FOR SCIENCE TEACHING AND LEARNING NEEDS YOU!

Come volunteer and be a part of Spooky Fest! The Center for Science Teaching and Learning (CSTL) celebrates Halloween with SpookyFest each year. How much do you love Halloween? Be a part of the SpookyFest family and sign up to help. You will even earn LIHSA Work-Based Learning hours. See Iris Wiener or email her at [iwiener@nasboces.org](mailto:iwiener@nasboces.org) with questions.

There are several positions:

- Dino Woods - Guides, through the robotic dinosaur woods – no zombies, no one jumps out.
- Enchanted Walk – Guides, colorfully dressed in a beautiful walk
- Princess and Prince - to stay by our new coach and take pictures with children
- Merry Monsters - characters to greet the children, CSTL provides the costumes
- Face Painting- CSTL provides the pictures and paint to use
- Fortune Telling – CSTL will help you to predict the “future”
- Glow Tent – guides through this glow in the dark attraction
- Crafts - help kids do fun Halloween crafts
- Entry table - check in and distribute tickets

To volunteer, fill out the online volunteer registration form at [Fest - Tanglewood | Center for Science Teaching & Learning \(cstl.org\)](https://www.cstl.org). Spooky Fest 2023 takes place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the following weekends: October 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 & 27-29 (RAIN OR SHINE!). Volunteers are needed from 5:30pm – 10:00pm at CSTL located at 1450 Tanglewood Preserve in Rockville Centre. Volunteers must be 16 years or older. Volunteers under 18 must bring



a completed Minor Volunteer Parent Consent Form: [click here for consent form.](#)

### Another Opportunity for Students



Calling all high school musical theater songwriters! 🎵 The Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge is giving you the opportunity to showcase your talents. [Click for more information.](#)


### Another Opportunity for Students





YoungArts identifies exceptional young artists, amplifies their potential, and invests in their lifelong creative freedom. They invite 15- to 18-year-old visual, literary, or performing artist based in the United States to apply for the 2024 YoungArts Competition. The application closes on October 13, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET. [Click to learn more!](#)

### **Another Opportunity for Students**



# LIHSA DANCE BUDDIES

LIHSA DANCE BUDDIES IS SEEKING STUDENT  
VOLUNTEERS **FROM ALL PROGRAMS** TO VOLUNTEER  
AS DANCE PARTNERS WITH STUDENTS FROM  
ROSEMARY KENNEDY SCHOOL

LIHSA BUDDIES WILL ASSIST STUDENTS FROM RKS  
IN SOCIALIZING, LEARNING A DANCE ROUTINE,  
AND PERFORMING AT THREE SPRING EVENTS

REHEARSALS ARE ONCE A MONTH FROM  
10:30AM - 11:50AM

**LROGAN@NASBOCES.ORG FOR MORE INFO**



We hope all LIHSA students will consider volunteering for this special program with Rosemary Kennedy School.

### Assessments This Fall





Reminder that ALL 2nd year students will be taking Baseline Assessments in all classes. These assessments are NOT counted in the student's average and help to measure student growth.

### Flashback to 50



In honor of LIHSA's 50th anniversary, we will be sharing different memories of our talented alumni, faculty, and staff over these five decades. This [Ride the Bus video](#), was written and directed by LIHSA alum Buddy Casimano, and features students throughout LIHSA shows what makes our school so special.

Buddy was inspired to write the song and create the video because when he was a LIHSA student, he was often asked at his homeschool why he was getting on the bus. "And so I wrote this song. And then a friend of mine was supposed to sing it for me so I sent a demo of me singing it to him and he got sick and could not record it and so the voice that you hear is just my demo."

### PTSA Corner

Please join the LISHA PTSA! Joining the PTSA does NOT obligate you to volunteer any time! We love volunteers, but we really need members! Membership is the PTSA's most important fundraiser. [Click this link to join today!](#)

The PTSA spirit wear sale is open for a limited time. The last day to order is 9/29. Hoodies, crew necks, class of 2024 senior shirts and more. [You can purchase here.](#)



Please follow us on Remind at @lihsapta.

## Catching Up on Your Reading

Want to read an earlier edition of our newsletter? [Check out our newsletter archives.](#) [Or click here to see our blogs.](#)

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