



LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CTE Pathways Newsletter

November 2022

Happy Fall

The weather has cooled off and the leaves are changing colors. Our CTE Students are pressing on towards the end of the first semester. Many exciting events and activities happened in our CTE Pathways during the month of November, as students performed or prepared for upcoming productions.

This newsletter is a monthly tool to share with our students, parents, and community about some of the amazing learning happening in our CTE Pathways. Many of our CTE Courses are made possible through our partnership with College and Career Advantage.

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What happened in November?

Professional Theatre Pathway at Thurston

The Thurston Middle School Theatre Career Pathway is proud to present their fall musical on December 15th and 16th. The 7th and 8th Grade Musical Theatre students are teaming up on a production of **Frozen KIDS**, a 30 minute adaptation of the Broadway musical, featuring all of your favorite songs and characters from the animated film.

The students have learned all of their music and they're now deep in the staging process. An important aspect of our career pathway is the opportunity to work with industry professionals and learn from the experts. The Musical Theatre students are working with a guest choreographer to learn critical techniques for a strong performance. The student stage managers are getting ready to integrate lighting, sound, and projections with our new QLab technology; another vital feature of our career pathways is engaging with industry-specific equipment. .

The students look forward to sharing their final product with audiences in December!



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Join all the Frozen characters at TMS for a fun afternoon



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Also in November...

Collaboration between
Engineering Design &
Graphic Design Pathway
at LBHS

REUSE
RECYCLE
RePURpose



One fabulous aspect of our Career Pathways is the opportunity to collaborate between industry sectors. Students from different pathways can implement the unique skills they are learning in both pathways to accomplish a project.

Students in Multimedia Production (Graphic Design) and Engineering Manufacturing & Technology Honors (Engineering Design) courses collaborated on a Repurpose project. Students were given a COVID plexiglass desk shield from the LBHS Front Office to design a new purpose for the shield instead of just throwing the item away.

Students in both pathways devised plans to turn the old desk shield into a new 60-gallon live plant and fish tank. Engineering students needed to design the tank to hold the pressure of water. Graphic Design students designed the dimensions of the tank.

Working together, these students saved the desk shield from the trash dump and reused, recycled, and repurposed the plexiglass into a useful item.



Continuing in November...

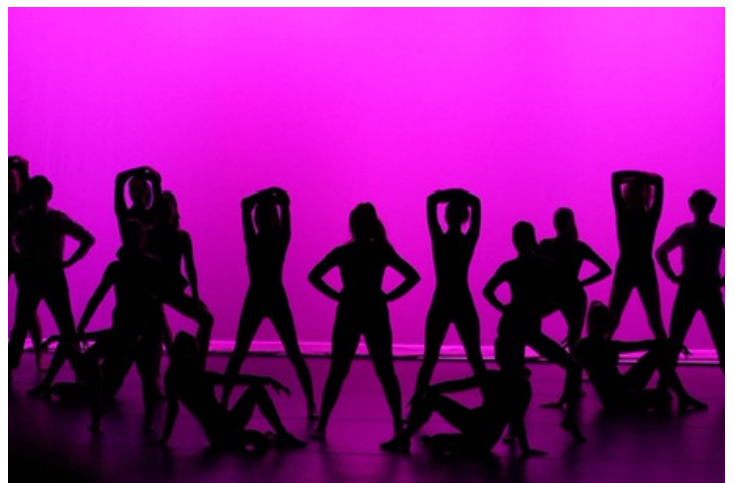
Dance/Choreography Pathway

Dancers in our CTE Pathway performed in their Fall Dance Concert - **INSPIRE...Dancing through Moments of Inspiration**, on November 18th and 19th. Students shined on the stage to a **SOLD OUT** show on the 19th. Dancers performed each dance from style to style with grace and athleticism, with one common goal to create an inspirational moment through the art of dance!

Hopefully you were able to attend. The concert was a pure delight!



*Performers from our
Dance Pathway courses*



More in November...

Professional Theatre Pathway

On November 10th, our theatre performance and tech volunteer students were invited to attend UC Irvine's production of **Romeo and Juliet**. Before the show, students had the amazing opportunity of speaking with the Dean of the School of Drama, Don Hill; the head of the acting program and director of the show, Andrew Borba; and the head of UCI's New Swan Shakespeare Company, Eli Simon.

This interaction allowed students to gain insight into the creative process behind the production. Students were able to witness MFA actors in their craft and were able to bond with their fellow classmates while attending the show!



November Events Continue...

Collaboration between Visual/Commercial Arts Pathway & Dance/Choreography Pathway

Students in our Art Pathway collaborated with our Dance Pathway students to assist with marketing and promoting the Fall Dance Concert, **INSPIRE**.

Art students created photo opportunities for students, families, and faculty to enjoy. The collaboration was intended to create momentum and help promote the concert by inviting students to post and tag on social media their "photo op" pictures and reels. Art students were provided the experience of creating installation work.



More in January from...

Visual/Commercial Arts Pathway

Students from Art Production 1 & 2 and AP 2D Art & Design collaborated with some 3rd graders from Top of the World Elementary on a project for the [Sawdust Festival](#). The students produced a mural, entitled "**Be The Change**", for the Sawdust Winter Fantasy. The Winter Fantasy will be open on weekends and select Fridays from November 19th until December 18th. Stop by and check out, in person, the beautiful mural pictured below.



Students from our Art Pathway produced a collaborative mural for **FLOW Week** at LBHS. The project started with a collection of frames and canvases donated by a LBHS family. The family happily donated all the art surfaces so they didn't go in the trash. Art students painted one panel a day for a week with non-objective colors representing, FIRE, WATER, OCEAN, and LAND. Other classes came out to write data, opinion, and responsibility statements about each of these topics. Click to read [the Brush and Palette article](#).



The following week art students illustrated data and comments with imagery. Coast Film Festival collaborated during **FLOW Week** and used the mural at their annual Film Festival held at the Laguna Festival of the Arts.



Finishing Off November...

Graphic Design Pathway at Thurston

7th Grade students in the Graphic Design Pathway spent November learning how to create designs in Canva, convert them to vector-based graphics in Illustrator, and then send them to Versaworks for printing on our new Roland printer. This printer is industry-specific technology used in many digital media arts companies.

Adding this new pathway at TMS will allow the integration of many industry-specific technology & equipment to support middle school students' technical skill development.



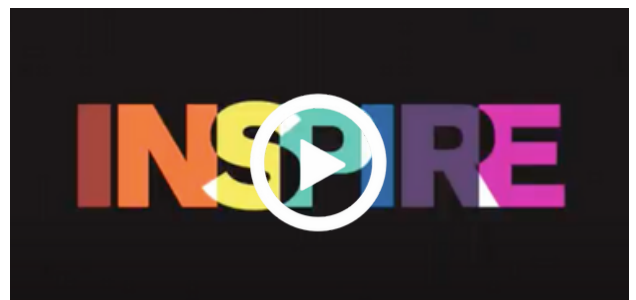
Visual/Commercial Arts Pathway
highlighted in the Breaker Live Episode by
the Video Production class



***Click above to watch the video from Breaker
Live on the FLOW Week Art Pathway Mural***

A **VERY Special Thank You** to the students
in the LBHS Video Production course for
creating these videos to spotlight the work
of our CTE students.

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***Click above to watch the video from Breaker
Live on the INSPIRE Dance Pathway Concert***



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