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# DHH NEWSLETTER

*The Official Newsletter of Hinsdale South High School/LADSE's  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program*



## WE'RE BAAAAACCKKKK!

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Welcome to the DHH Newsletter!!! After a hiatus during the 2020-2021 school year (darn Covid!), we are so excited to be bringing back the DHH Newsletter! The intention of the newsletter is to keep students, families, and home districts updated on all of the amazing things happening in our program. For example, we will use the newsletter to spotlight fun projects or field trips happening in our classes, our clubs and extra-curricular activities, student achievements and awards, and a glimpse into our vocational program, just to name a few. As we get back up and running, you can expect to see a newsletter from us at least once per quarter. We hope you enjoy seeing what we've been up to so far. It's so good to be back!

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# WELCOME NEW DHH STAFF

Eriberta P.



Jessie M.



Mattie F.



We are thrilled to welcome 3 former DHH students as staff members!

Vicente P.



Monica C.



Norma O.



And WELCOME BACK to beloved teachers Caity Ugel and Rebecca Peary!





# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The DHH program offers several clubs. Take a look at what our students have been up to!



Jr. IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf) met during the month of September to have an ice cream social and to decorate the school hallway for Homecoming.



Congratulations to this year's Jr. IAD leaders:  
James, Brittany, Dazlyn and Fiza!

# Save the Date!



Deaf Drama Presents:  
The Elf on a Shelf Must Go!  
Friday December 10th, 7 PM  
\$5 per ticket  
Voice interpreting will be provided



# OUT AND ABOUT

Our Community-Based class goes into the community whenever possible. Goals during community trips include community navigation and communication skills. Here are some pictures from a recent trip to the LaGrange Farmer's Market.





# FUN WITH LEARNING

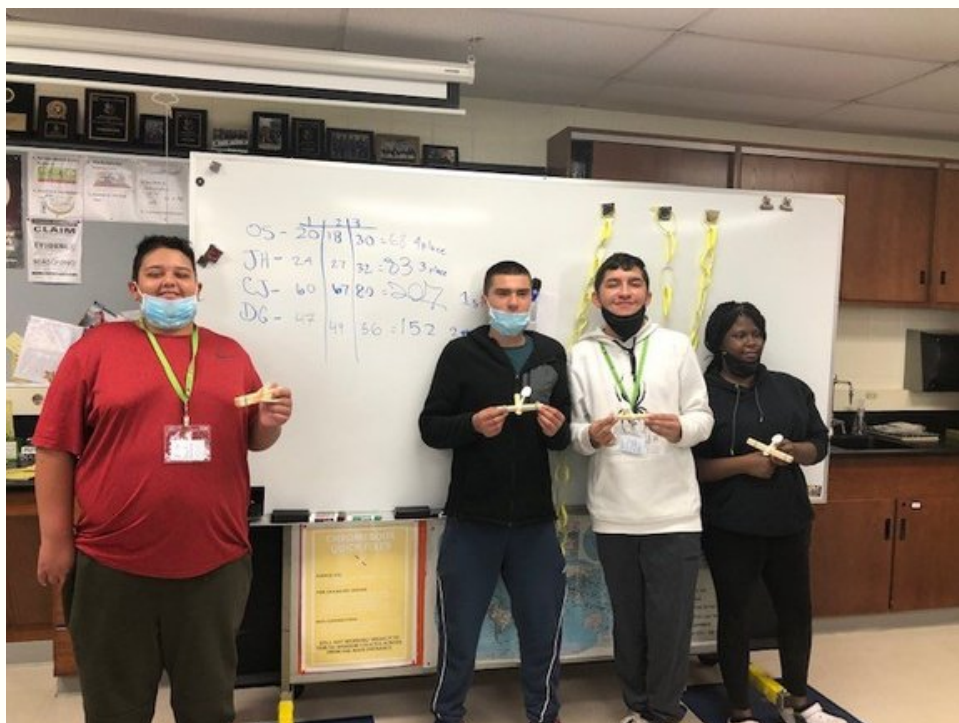
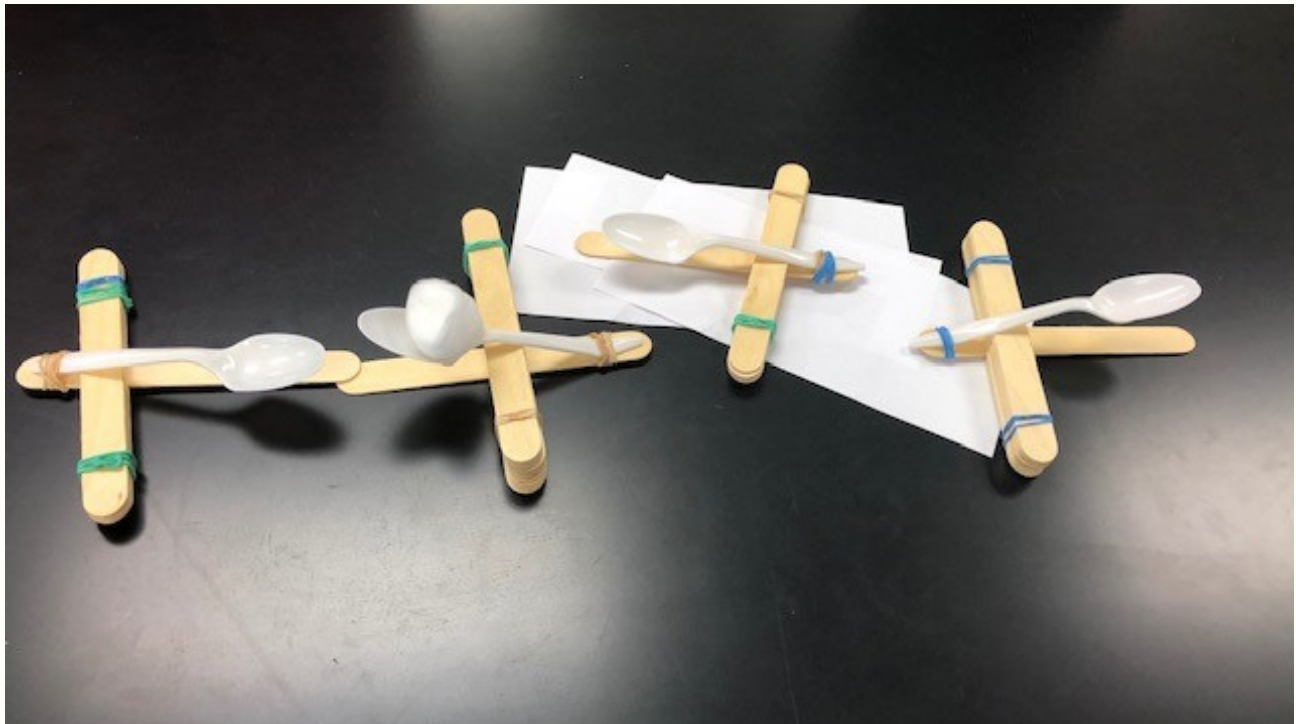
Take a peek into some of our DHH classes and see how our teachers keep learning fun!

Miss Ugel's English class practiced their writing skills by writing "How to" pieces with the instructions to carve a pumpkin. Then they had fun following the steps as they carved their pumpkins.



# BOO!

Miss Craig's Earth Science class built catapults out of tongue depressors and plastic spoons and had fun testing them out!





# STUDENTS AT WORK

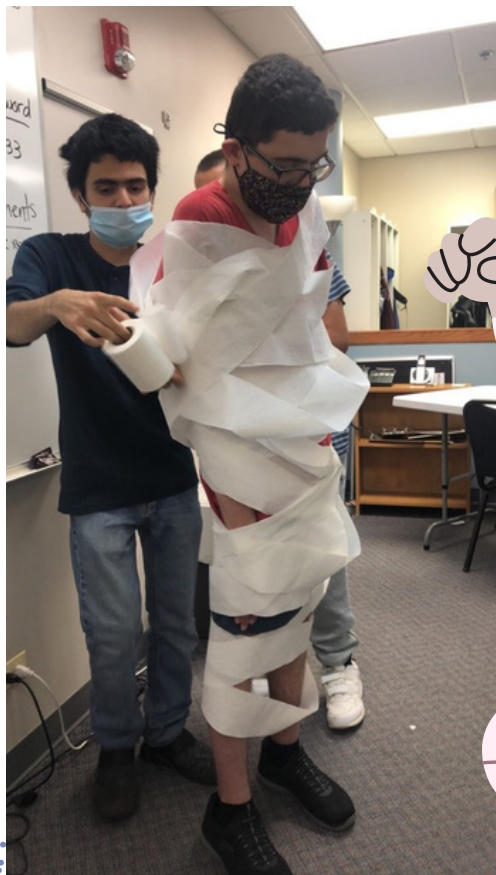
The DHH Vocational Department works to develop student work training sites. This year, we have students at the Indian Prairie Public Library and Whole Foods. The students learn valuable work skills including how to communicate with customers and co-workers who do not know sign language.





# SPOTLIGHT ON TRANSITION

Some DHH students (18-22 years old) continue to learn life skills and vocational skills at the Transition Center (TC) after they finish the traditional 4 years at Hinsdale South. TC students recently participated in a challenge by working in teams to see who could "mummify" their teammate the fastest. Students worked on problem solving, communication, patience and leadership skills.



# CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

## Breakfast Club



Congratulations to Yhadira Santiago for winning first quarter breakfast club for the DHH department!

"Yhadira really stands out as a hardworking and responsible student. She has adjusted well to her freshman year and takes her classes very seriously. Yhadira is kind to everyone and helpful to others. She participates in class and advocates well for herself when needed. Yhadira is an awesome person and a great role model to her peers." - Mrs. Wasilewski

## Hornet Scholars

Congratulations to the following DHH students who were designated "Hornet Scholars" for making Dean's list both semesters during the 2020-2021 school year: Fiza Waqas, Carlos Castro, Brittany Macias, Dazlyn Lopez, Perla Avilez, Aileen Balcazar, Safia Khan, Luke Schmidt, Julia Andrzejczak, David Withrow, and Diana Mason.



Safia Khan and principal Pokorny at the Hornet Scholars award night celebration.





# See you next time!

If there is something you would like to see added to the next newsletter, or if you have something to contribute, please reach out to Lila Evans at [LEvans@hinsdale86.org](mailto:LEvans@hinsdale86.org)