



Good News

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Dorian DeLong Arts & Music Scholarship



Congratulations to Coronado senior **Devon Bignell** who received the Dorian DeLong Arts and Music Scholarship; extra special because **Dorian DeLong was a Coronado graduate, class of 1989.**

Dorian was an active student of our Performing Arts Department. He combined his love of music, dance and

theater as a member of the Show Choir. While he went on to study History and become a teacher at Thornton High School, he believed in the power of the arts to engage students and transform lives.

As an advocate, Dorian lobbied to introduce House Bill 1273, encouraging all Colorado Public Schools to protect visual and performing arts programs, and directing the State Board of Education to recognize the importance of the arts in the development of graduation guidelines. This bill was signed into law on May 18, 2010.



Over the past eight years, the Dorian DeLong Foundation has honored his life's work by awarding a four-year scholarship to distinguished Colorado graduates, pursuing advanced education in the study of the arts. It is only fitting that a Coronado art student would be the first District 11 student to receive this memorial scholarship.

Devon Bignell is one of two Visual and Performing Arts students in the state to receive this prestigious scholarship. As a four-time Scholastic Award recipient and former member of the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony, Devon excels in both the Visual and Performing Arts. He will be attending CSU in Ft Collins to study Art History with a minor in Visual Arts. His aspiration is to become an Art Conservator.



The Dorian De Long
Arts & Music Scholarship

Coronado Theatre Department

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, the ***Stinky Cheese Man & Other Fairly Stupid Tales*** cast and crew hosted Bristol Elementary for their first matinee. They were on the road to Holmes Middle School to perform live. If the audience can't come to us because of transportation issues and assessment testing, CTE goes to them! You know theatre. The show must go on! This amazing production was the culmination of hard work, long hours of rehearsal, and fantastic costumes and sets by **Jayden Belk, Darcy Bignell, Thora Pond, Quill Bradley, Solomon Hanna, Raine Mason, Makaylee Elizondo, Callum Flemming, Nathan Zook, and Jair Garcia.**



National Merit Scholarship Program

Results of 2023 SAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test are back, and **Julie Tate and Christian Moro** have advanced to the next level having shown outstanding academic potential. From 1.3 million entrants these students are among the highest scoring participants. Semifinalists will be announced in the fall.



Mr. Ziser, Mr. Mann, Julie Tate, Mrs. Arnell, Christian Moro



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Young People's Art Exhibit

For over 60 years, the Young People's Art Exhibition has celebrated the top student artists across the Pikes Peak Region. The 61st Annual Exhibition showcases 400 pieces of student artwork from 42 schools. The exhibition is hosted and juried online. Award winners will have a gallery exhibition at ZoneFIVE Studios. Congratulations to these Coronado students:

- Raina Mason-First Place Ceramics
- Kyley Gadway-Third Place Ceramics
- Gwen Cornell-Third Place B/W Photography
- Taya Wise-Third Place Color Drawing
- Lark Tipton-First Place Commercial Art

These award winners will have a First Friday Opening on May 3 from 5-8 pm. The online exhibition is displayed by category and award winners are showcased on their own page [here](#). You will also find works by the following Coronado artists:

- Hayden Gadway-Ceramics
- Devon Bignell-Ceramics and Painting
- Jenna Heeney-Rozsa-Ceramics
- Kellen Steiner-Smith-Ceramics
- Norah Johnson-Ceramics
- Peyton Rice-Ceramics
- Amelia Mavety-Digital Art
- Daniel Burge-Color Photography
- Gavin Cichello-Commercial Art
- Piper Hern-Mixed Media
- Russton Taw-Color Photography
- Skye Eisenhower-Mixed Media
- Mya Alonso Moreno-Oil Painting
- Rowan Bullock-Black and White Drawing
- Addie Olson-Oil Painting
- Goat Scott-Mixed Media
- Cynthia Trejo-Loya-Oil Painting
- Jessie Weeks-Mixed Media

Artwork in person will be on display in the D11 Counseling and Administration offices.



Raina Mason 1st Place Ceramics—Gr 9
Open Mouth Soap Dish



Kyley Gadway 3rd Place Ceramics—Gr 10
Chameleon Pitcher



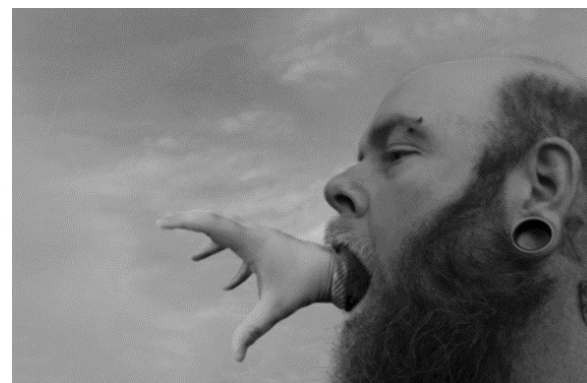
Taya wise 3rd Place Drawing Color—Gr 12
Rage Embodiment



Lark Tipton 1st Place Art Commercial—Gr 9
See You Never



**58th Young
Peoples Art
Exhibition**



Gwen Cornell 3rd Place B/W Photography—Gr 12
Hand in Mouth



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All-State Choir

Congratulations to these 8 Coronado students for being selected into the 2024 All-State high school choir: **Aztin Arnell, Yzabela Cardenas, Solana Henao, Evelyn Kelley, Dakota Meyers, Kali Shultz, Vera Skar, Maggie Starkie.** Rehearsals were conducted for three days at the Embassy Suites with a concert at the Buell Theatre in downtown Denver on Saturday, February 10, 2024.

All-State choir auditions are intense, and students attend from every county in Colorado for this coveted honor and our kids worked very hard for this achievement. Students sing a prepared solo and are scored on tone quality, intonation, accuracy of notes and rhythm, diction, dynamics, musicality, scales, intervals and sight reading.



Show Choir

The Show Choir State Festival competition was held April 24, 2024, at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins, CO. Show Choirs from all over Colorado come together to showcase their hard work and creativity, a vibrant and dynamic ensemble that combines the art of choral singing with theatrical elements, fabulous costumes, soloists, and a “wow” factor. Congratulations to **Aztin Arnell, Yzabela Cardenas, Julia Coyote, Evelyn Kelley, Sabrina Lasswell, Annahi Marin, Madeline Motley, Arabella Otten, Kali Shultz, Emily Solomon, Breckyn Trujillo, Virginia Varbel, Macy White and Salome Ximello-Malouff.**



Winter Park Music Festival

Three of Coronado’s choirs (Cantadoras, Show Choir, and Chamber Choir) competed in the Ski-Music Festival in Winter Park, CO on April 12th. All three choirs received Superior Ratings and were awarded 1st place/Best in Class. In addition, the Show Choir received the Grand Champion Award for being the best show, jazz, or acapella group at the festival. High five to **Aztin Arnell, Audrey Atwood-Dounay, Sydney Braley, Yzabela Cardenas, Cadence Clausell, Julia Coyote, Lexus Crespo, Skye Eisenhauer, Asha Hart, Solana Henao, Isolda Ingram, Kyla Johnston, Evelyn Kelley, Lillian Kuhn, Sabrina Lasswell, Kurt McNeil, Dakota Meyers, Madeline Motley, Clover Nunez, Arabella Otten, Taytum Pinyerd, Lisette Rodriguez, Kali Shultz, Vera Skar, Emily Solomon, Maggie Starkie, Breckyn Trujillo, Virginia Varbel, Lilly Waltz and Macy White.**



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FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America)

On April 4-6, 2024, 13 Coronado FCCLA members participated in an inspiring weekend of competition, recognition, and leadership development at the 2024 Colorado FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado. This year's state theme was "Running on Rhythm". Our students found their rhythm through FCCLA whether it was serving others, nutrition & wellness, culinary arts, hospitality, fashion & interior design, teaching, or advocacy.

On Thursday, students experienced workshops and began competition in over 45 competitive events. The opening session brought all members, advisers, and guests together to kick off this yearly conference. Friday was filled with competitive events, workshops, a college expo, and networking opportunities. The students, advisers, and guests enjoyed a 3-course meal and state awards. The **Coronado FCCLA chapter** came home with the Silver Merit Chapter Award for having a balanced program of work, the Career Connections National Program Award for offering their members career exploration and preparation activities, and the Go for the Red Award for the largest percent increase in membership! Congratulations! We also celebrated **Maverick McDonald** as he wrapped up his year as a state officer.

Four Coronado FCCLA members qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Seattle, Washington, this June 29-July 3, 2024. To qualify for nationals, students must place 1st or 2nd in their event and level and score at least 80 points or be selected as a state officer.

State Events and STAR Event results

***Taytum Pinyerd** – Early Childhood Education Level 2 – 1st Gold

Nayeli Cedre, Lillie Rice – Event Management Level 2 – Silver

Amaya Wybrant – Fashion Construction Level 3 – Silver

Delia Gent – Focus on Children Level 2 – 3rd Gold

***Kenna Wybrant** – Interior Design Level 2 – 1st Gold

Mukhlisa Kodirova – Int'l Experience Level 3 – Bronze

Ava Friesema, Lucy Berumen, Haley Cross – Nutrition & Wellness Level 3 – 3rd Gold

Mia Clarey – Public Policy Advocate Level 2 – Silver

***Sam Wilshusen, *Jett Friesema** – Sports Nutrition Level 2 – 1st Gold

***National Qualifiers**



Young Jazz Artist

Josh Briley was April's featured young jazz artist on Jazz 93.5 FM "Youth Spotlight". The station features up and coming talented artists in the Pikes Peak Regional, sharing their musical journey, inspirations, and the unique stories behind their performances at school, clubs and groups. Originally aired on April 21, you can replay the program at <https://www.jazz935.org/youth/>.



Josh has led our student run Jazz Combo for the last 2 years and has been selected to both the All-City and All-State Jazz Bands. He recently earned a special award for his leadership of the Combo and his solos for both the Coronado Advanced Jazz Band and the Combo. Congratulations on his amazing accomplishments.

#D11 TEACHER TUESDAYS

Coronado AP Research and Seminar Teacher **Chris Hartman** was featured in April 2024. "Chris has created a high level, high rigor, relevant environment for his AP Research and Seminar students. These students have the opportunity to apply and extend their learning to a level that is truly college and career ready. Chris has a warm demeanor and is one of the hardest working employees in all of D11. He is committed to excellence and expects the same from his students."

~Darin Smith, Area Sup.



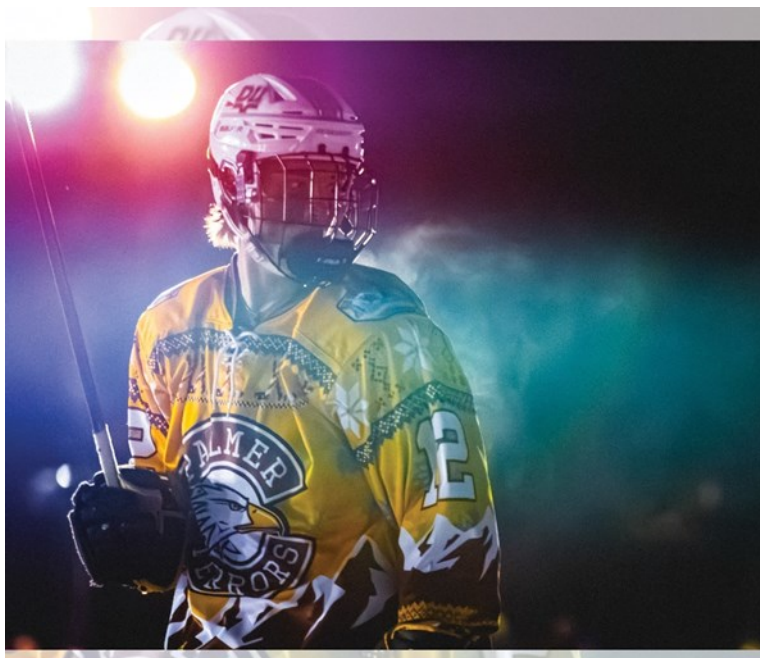
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Yearbook

Please congratulate Yearbook Editor in Chief, **Erica Merz**, for her outstanding achievement in the Jostens North America Photo Contest 2024. Erica received 3rd PLACE in the Photo Illustration & Manipulation Category for her photo, *Heating Up the Ice*.

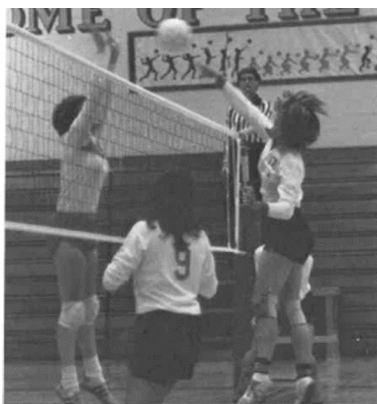


Erica Merz
Coronado High School, CO

3rd PLACE
HEATING UP THE ICE

Alumni

In 1983 the Coronado Varsity girls' volleyball team had played together for 3 years and knew each others' potential. Their perseverance proved unstoppable as they won state champions that year guided by the expert leadership and talent of **Coach Joan Powell, Lisa**



Blunt, Julie Boles, Andrea Clark, Angie Dixon, Nancy Gilmore, Nancy Haller, Desiree Hodson, Colleen Keenan, Carla Phipps, Chris Psalmer, and Angie Sprouse. This championship team will be inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Corp Hall of Fame in October. Go Cougars!

Math League

Coronado held their 8th place seating out of 13 teams with only 3 students participating in the Colorado High School Math League (CML) Contest #6. **Owen Browen, Donovan Corbett and Kellen Steiner-Smith** were among the top 63 students scoring. **Owen and Jackson Kelleher**, qualified for the UNC Greeley Final in March 2024. Thank you to Coach **Charles Sharman** for his support and inspiration.



Unified Track

Coronado Unified track students in action at Garry Berry Stadium on April 13, 2024.

