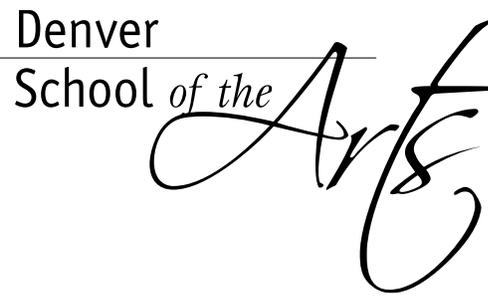


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Dear Creative Writing Community,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We are excited to get started with your kids and present the great programming we've been developing over the past few weeks. Already we've lined up many talented guest artists and are currently planning fieldtrips and collaborations with other art departments. We are proud of how our major continues to take advantage of the diverse talents and offerings of our students and community partners.

Please note: Arts majors will not be a part of Back-to-School Night this year, but we will be having our All-Major potluck in September, and are looking forward to seeing you all then. At that time, we will review much of what we formerly presented at Back to School Night, as well as some additional information and opportunities for involvement.

Below you will find our schedule of CW events, so please be sure to mark your calendars and please reach out if you have any questions.

#### **2018-19 CW Events**

- All-Major Welcome Potluck Event: Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, DSA Commons 6-8 p.m.
- "Uncensored" High School Open-Mic Fundraiser: Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Black Box Theatre, 6 p.m.
- "Moving Pictures, Moving Sounds" CW Middle School Performance Event: Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Schomp Theatre, 7 p.m.
- "Telling Stories" Collaborative HS Project: Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> Schomp Theatre, 7 p.m.
- Middle School Open-mic Night: Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Commons, 6 p.m.
- Senior Projects: Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> Concert Hall, 7 p.m.
- 9th Grade Collaborative Performance Project: Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Studio Dance Theatre, 7 p.m.
- "Stories on Stage" Performance Project: Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Concert Hall, 7 p.m.
- Senior Readings/Chapbook signing and end-of-year potluck: Mid May (Specific date and location TBD) 6 p.m.

#### **Fundraising:**

DSA is a unique school with unique needs! The actual cost of educating a DSA student with an extraordinary arts and academic education is \$6,709, however the 2018-19 DPS allocation for DSA students is \$5,329 per student. In order to fully fund DSA's nationally competitive arts and academics, we are faced with a gap. **This gap is \$1,380 per student.**

With all DSA parents coming together to *Fill the Gap* with a monthly, unrestricted contribution, we will be able to provide quality educational programs in the arts and academics, capital improvements for DSA's unique needs, increased security for DSA's extended hours, and more. A school-wide culture of philanthropy is essential to the success of our students and fulfilling our mission...and together we will be stronger!

Your monthly support of the *Fill the Gap Campaign* at a level that fits your budget will help us reach our goal of 100% participation and is 100% tax deductible. Join the hundreds of DSA parents who are already supporting DSA and become a *Perennial Patron*! Please click on or copy the link below to make a donation:

[http://weblink.donorperfect.com/FillTheGap\\_Yr2](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/FillTheGap_Yr2)

Our department will continue to independently raise funds for things that specifically benefit us - like supplies, fieldtrips, and scholarships. We also will continue our King Soopers rewards program, as this is a great and easy way to supplement donations. Each time our CW community reaches \$5000 or more in card reloads or purchases, we earn 5% of the total from King Soopers. Reloads can be purchased with a credit card for those folks who like to earn points/miles. **Thanks to everyone who used their cards last year. We received almost \$3000 in checks from King Soopers!** If you still have your refillable grocery card, great. We will be giving out new cards at our All-Major Potluck on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Azar and I are excited to work with all of your kids this year, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Moss Kaplan and Azar Kohzadi

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