



# LCBA Newsletter

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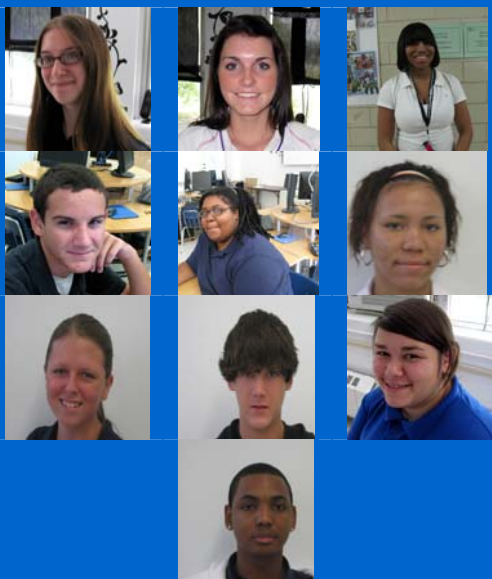
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## Student Spotlight:

Meet the Digital Media/Web Design students who will be creating this newsletter for you. They are also responsible for creating and maintaining the school's website. Some other projects this year: Lake Charles Boston Academy Informational DVD, teacher brochures, and mini school yearbook. These students will also be eligible to complete an Adobe certification in Photoshop, Flash, and Dreamweaver.



## From the Director's Desk



Greetings from the faculty and staff of the Lake Charles-Boston Academy of Learning. I hope that you find this newsletter informative and entertaining. Hopefully, you will know more about our unique program after reading this newsletter. I encourage you to come by and take a first-hand tour of our facility and meet our instructors.

Our programs are designed to address our mission statement which is *"To elevate and enhance educational opportunities for all Calcasieu Parish students and to support and expand both curriculum and achievement levels of all Calcasieu Parish Schools."*

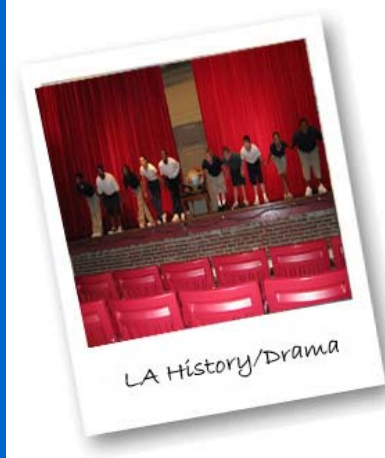
To address our mission statement, the LCB Academy offers coursework through four separate yet cooperative academies. We offer coursework through the Career and Technical Ed Academy, the Fine Arts Academy, the Advanced Learning Academy, and the Distance Learning Academy. Each Academy offers unique courses designed to earn students career endorsements, academic endorsements, college credit, or industry-based certifications.

Students attending the LCB Academy remain enrolled in their own high school and attend the Academy for those courses that address their needs. Our courses are offered during the school day, after the school day, and during the summer. While a few specialized courses require a minimum grade point average for entry, the majority of our courses are available for scheduling based on the student's needs. In addition, we hope to expand the partnerships between the LCB Academy and community organizations, higher educational institutions, and industry.

We are currently in our third year of a five-year implementation plan. We are working hard to offer a program that is available to all because:

*"We believe that you are a student of promise and that your promise continues here at the Lake Charles-Boston Academy of Learning."*

## Scenes from LCBA



## Career and Technical News

The Career and Technical Education Academy is proud to announce the arrival of our newest member, Mrs. Regina Davis. Mrs. Davis is teaching Pharmacy Tech and Forensic Science.



The First Responder class of Lake Charles Boston Academy has had a very busy 1st six weeks.

We have gained our certification in Health Care CPR & well on our way to being State Certified Emergency Medical Responders. GO US!!

1st block

Adam P, Malcolm A, Dylan G, Shawn W

Not pictured: Dustin M, Destiny B



Fine Art, Digital Media, and TV Production students are teaming together to create an Informational DVD about LCB Academy of Learning. This DVD will be distributed to any person who is interested in this school and what we have to offer.

CATE classes include:

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| 🕒 Digital Media      | 🕒 Drafting              |
| 🕒 Early Childhood    | 🕒 Networking            |
| 🕒 Computer Forensics | 🕒 Television Production |
| 🕒 Forensic Science   | 🕒 Pharmacy Tech         |
| 🕒 EMT                | 🕒 Web Design            |
| 🕒 First Responder    | 🕒 STAR                  |
| 🕒 Horticulture       | 🕒 Sports Medicine       |



Horticulture



TV Production



EMT/First Responder

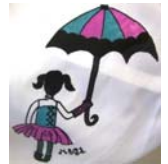


Networking

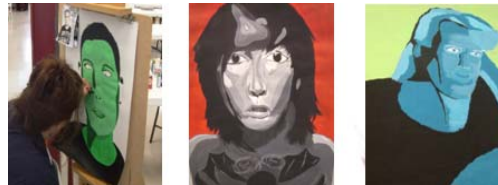
## Fine Arts News

Students in Commercial Media and Art I have been studying the art and copyright law relating to advertising, design, and celebrity portraits.

Students in Commercial Media created a reference library of images of logos and advertisements and then designed their own. They silk-screened their personal logos on aprons and t-shirts. The design shown at right is by Megan M.



Commercial Media and Art I students are working on pop art celebrity portrait paintings in a style inspired by artist, Andy Warhol. Here are a few examples. Can you guess who these celebrities are?

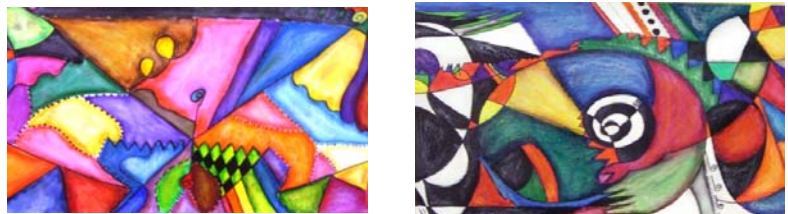


3-D students are acquiring technical and creative skills. They are not only learning how to create stained glass designs, but they are mastering the skill of glass cutting. Pictured below are two of my favorite designs.



AP Studio Art students are creating a series of ten artist trading cards in a variety of media. When their cards are complete they will be critiqued for concentration ideas for their portfolio to be submitted to the College Board.

Art I and Talented art students are learning about artist and musician Wassily Kandinsky and are creating line art designs inspired by his non-objective works.



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## Help us come up with a newsletter title...

Please submit your suggestion(s) for our school newsletter title to  
[renee.fiser@cpsb.org](mailto:renee.fiser@cpsb.org)

The winner of the title will be notified by e-mail. Also, the winner will be featured on our next newsletter with a photograph.

Send submit all title suggestions by October 30.

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## Distance Learning News

Physics Distance Learning is off to a great start. We have our class over the Internet using Microsoft Office Communicator and Live Meeting. Using this software we can share desktops, use the whiteboard to work physics problems, and talk to each other about physics concepts. We have already completed two really fun labs. We measured distance and time to obtain the velocity of a toy tank as it rolled down the hall way. We calculated our reaction rate using only a ruler. We are learning about projectile motion and our next lab will have us calculate the exact spot on the floor a marble will land when we roll it down an inclined ramp and off the table. The group that hits their predicted mark wins a physics prize.

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## Advanced Studies News

Ninth and tenth grade gifted students from Iowa, Bell City, Washington-Marion, LaGrange and Westlake are coming to the Academy every morning to take their English, math, and social studies classes. At the same time students from DeQuincy, Vinton and Starks are taking those courses at Sulphur High School. This program allows students from the smaller schools to take gifted and AP courses that may not be available at their home school. However, they are still considered students of their home schools and return to those schools for their science, PE and elective courses. In addition, they participate in extracurricular activities like sports and music at their home schools.

One of the exciting aspects of the program is that each student received a laptop computer to use in their classes and that they can take to their home school, as well as, their home to use. All technical problems have been solved and all of the software has been properly installed on those computers which have been assigned to the students.

Since each student has their own computer to use for the school year each student will also be taking an online class. During the fall semester most students will take health through the Blue Ridge Academy. Those students who have completed their health course are taking a variety of other courses through the Blue Ridge Academy or the Louisiana Virtual School.

