



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- DRA graduation will be held October 25th, 2019.
- Parent 101 Workshop will be held on November 15th, 2019. To RSVP, please contact Tayler Ellsworth by emailing tayler.ellsworth@diamondranchacademy.com.

REMINDERS:

- Please make sure that all visits are planned at least (3) days prior to the visit day.
- You are welcome to contact your Parent Communication Director during office hours, which are 6:30am MST and 3:00pm MST. They can be reached via email and text message.
- Student Request forms will be sent out every Thursday/Friday.
- Letters to your student will be printed out and delivered to your child Monday-Friday until 4:00pm MST. No letters will be sent or delivered on weekends or holidays. Please include your student's full name in the subject line.
- To set up transportation for your student's home visit please contact Tayler Ellsworth by emailing tayler.ellsworth@diamondranchacademy.com.
- When calling the front desk, please have your student's user name and password available.

the **DRA** way
October 2019

Academics

Did you know ?

DRA is a standing testing center for some of the offered ACT test dates. That means that your student can take the ACT on DRA's campus surrounded by staff that they already know and trust. This is to ensure that your student does their absolute best on testing day. Information on how to register for DRA sponsored tests will be emailed out before registration deadlines. If you are interested in your child taking the ACT at any of these dates, please contact Alyx Stuehler at alyx.stuehler@diamondbranchacademy.com for more information. **The next ACT is December 14th and it will be on campus at DRA.**

Art Day at Cedar Mountain Festival



A few weeks ago, a few male and female students were able to attend the Art Day at Cedar Mountain Festival. All the students had a good time and did very well. The festival consisted of a workshop taught by students from SUU, and a life drawing/Plein air competition. Rachel was awarded 2nd place in the competition for her portrait from the life drawing section of the day. It is amazing to see the talent that these students have and it is fun to watch them perform in different environments. Exposure to different opportunities through art helps to motivate and inspire these young artists.



Spirit Run

A few of our students were able to attend and participate in the Paiute Tribe Spirit Run in Cedar City this past month. The students were invited to run 15 miles from Cedar Mountain to Cedar City. The students enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the Paiute tribe and their culture. They were respectful and enjoyed the spiritual morning. One of the students, Camden R., even completed all 15 miles. Special thanks to therapist Brent Holm, for running and for setting up this opportunity.

Dog Service

One of the student's favorite service projects as of late was helping out at the Dog Day Spectacular. This was an adoption event for local dog shelters in the community. Some of the male students went early in the morning to help set up booths, gates, and dog runs, while the female students handed out goodie bags to patrons and helped to keep the event clean. The hosts of the event were very impressed with the hard work and way the students presented themselves at the event.



Suicide Prevention walk



The young ladies who were eligible for the weekend benefit had the opportunity to go volunteer at the "Out of the Darkness" Suicide Prevention Walk. This is an event that Diamond Ranch students participate in each year. The event is attended by many individuals who walk in the memory of those who have been affected by suicide. The girls helped out by painting faces and listening to some of the touching stories that were shared. It is an event that won't soon be forgotten and the ladies were happy to be a part of it all.

Parent Coaching Highlight:

Taken from: The Traps of Conditional Love and Acceptance

Using love to control a child puts them in an awful position. The child must either be a pleaser or rebel at the risk of losing their parents' love. If they choose to be a pleaser to gain the love they need, they empower their parents to control their life. Giving up your own life in order to please your parents for love is a losing proposition. Conditional love teaches our children to sell themselves out, to give up their true personal feelings and thoughts, for acceptance and love. It sets them up to be highly influenced by peers. They do not learn to be themselves or to have their own values.

We need to teach our children not to sell themselves out at any price. We teach this by learning to give love in such a way that the child perceives it as unconditional love, that they feel accepted for the very person they are and that they know their performance is not responsible for parent's happiness. Regardless of how much they produce, how smart they are, or what church they attend, the child needs to feel that they are unconditionally loved and accepted.



Athletics

CHEERLEADING



One of the winter sports has started up again, Cheerleading! The young ladies that are participating have been practicing each week and are putting in lots of practice hours preparing for the basketball season. They have been working on cheers and dance routines to wow the Diamondback crowd. GOOOO DIAMONDBACKS!



VOLLEYBALL



Their season might be drawing to a close but the Diamondback Volleyball team is still battling hard. They have been busy with multiple games each week as well as practices. They only have a few more weeks of this season but they are determined to finish strong. Way to go ladies!



DRA Online Store :



A new all-exclusive online clothing store has opened with the intent to clothe and outfit DRA families and fans. You can now purchase Under Armor clothing in collaboration with Diamond Ranch. New styles will be added and changed up monthly so you will always have the latest fashion trends to wear to sporting events or on visits with your students. The store will be open the first week of each month. Speak with your student's PCD for store details and access codes!

Employee of the Month:

Academic Ashley Riddle



Ashley has been a consistent, reliable English teacher for DRA since 2004. We appreciate her leadership and guidance she provides for our students. Thank you, Ashley, for all you do!

Girls' Programming Koriann Terry



Koriann has been amazing and we love having her as part of our team. She is a hard worker and she goes up and above with her job. She is so kind and treats people amazing! We love having her on the DRA team.

Clinical Brianna Roselles



Brianna has been with DRA for a short time and has learned the DRA system quickly. She shows commitment to the process, students, and the parents she works with. Brianna, thank your hard work!

Boys' Programming Anthony Van Orden



Anthony has been with DRA since 2011 and has worked in Academics, RFI, and Programming. He is a team player and always willing to do "hard things." Congrats Anthony!

Director Marcel Harkey



Marcel does an incredible job and continues to go above and beyond. We are thankful to have him as a PCD and member of the DRA team. Thanks for all you do Marcel!

Benefit Roundup:



Boys:

The last month has been full of fun weekend benefits. Those who qualified stayed busy with activities such as; all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, glow in the dark mini-golf, hiking, playing frisbee golf, bowling, and shaved Italian Ice. These young men are trying to make the most of the warm weather before winter hits. Thank you programming for all the fun activities!



The ladies said "aloha" to summer at their favorite weekend benefit this month. They were able to have a luau out by the pool and enjoy some water games and good food. Other activities this month included water coloring, going to the movies, having a glow in the dark dance party, and playing the life-sized version of the board game, Candy Land. Lots of fun things happening on girls' campus this month!

Girls:

