

**DATES  
+ INFO.**

**SEMINARS END  
FIRST WEEK OF  
DECEMBER**

Wednesday, December 5 &  
Thursday, December 6

**ACT EXAM**

Saturday, December 8  
@ Da Vinci Design

**PRESENTATIONS  
OF LEARNING**

Fri., Dec. 14 thru Thurs., Dec. 20  
AM/PM Sessions (Min. Day)  
\*We will start on Thurs., Dec. 13!

**WINTER  
BREAK**

Fri., Dec. 21 - Fri., Jan. 11  
\*Semester 2 begins on Monday,  
January 14!



# COUNSELOR CORNER

Stay on track with your classes and grades. Even if your grades haven't been that good so far, it's never too late to improve. Colleges like to see an upward trend.

**Make a college list.** Your list of colleges should include schools that meet your most important criteria (for example, size, location, cost, academic majors, or special programs). Weigh each of the factors according to their importance to you and develop a preliminary ranking of the schools on your list.

**Continue gathering college information.** Go to college fairs, attend college nights, and speak with college representatives who visit your high school; use an online college finder and search top college lists. You may be able to narrow your choices or add a school to your list.

Contact your counselor for more information!

## ARE YOU WONDERING ABOUT THE **FALL 2018 POL** **SCHEDULE?**

### IT'S ALMOST HERE!

Be sure to check the Grade 11  
Google Classroom next week.

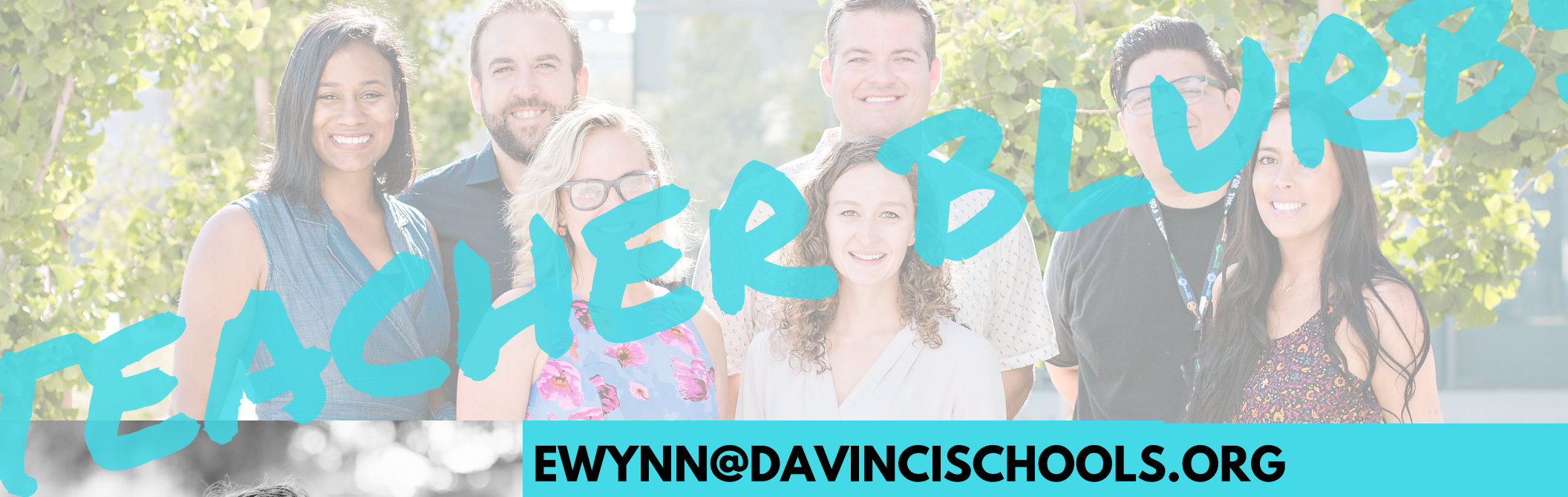
## ALL STARS

Another long-standing tradition at Da Vinci Design High School is Community Dialogue and All-Stars. Teachers are invited to select one student who embodies a positive and kind representation of their class.

**Kiki Wong** at right exemplifies citizenship, academics, and leadership in our community.



DECEMBER  
**KIKI WONG**



## **EWYNN@DAVINCISCHOOLS.ORG**

As we move toward Exhibition, 11th grade Biologists have been thinking about the causes of climate change and the unintended effects of a warming planet. Students created PSAs and advertisements about the environment and included many of them in their zines for Exhibition. Over the next two weeks, students will be presenting their research on climate change in the classroom, and will get great practice for POLs!



**BIOLOGY**  
**BETSY WYNN**

## **ASTRAWN@DAVINCISCHOOLS.ORG**

In English during December, the juniors are working on a combined English and History research project on a self-selected research question. Students are being challenged to think creatively and critically by researching their own topic and making a specific argument. Students will be presenting their original work during POLs with a panel of their peers during the final week of the semester.



**ENGLISH**  
**APRIL STRAWN**

## **RBARCLAY@DAVINCISCHOOLS.ORG**

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## **AWOOD@DAVINCISCHOOLS.ORG**

Our November project was about the Day of the Dead, a review of its history, why it's important to the Mexican culture, and why its traditions can be adopted by anyone to remember loved ones. The students created a story and/or mini-biography about someone special to them to celebrate this tradition. We also had a "storytelling" activity where each student read their work aloud to the rest of the class. The preparation for POLs has started! We will end the semester with presentations using autobiographies that will incorporate the present, preterite, and imperfect tenses. I am looking forward to hearing their improvement of vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar.

## **KHLAUDY@DAVINCISCHOOLS.ORG**

In Integrated Math 3 students went through several critique sessions of their final Desmos Art Project and completed a write-up showcasing their understanding of transformations of functions, which included a reflection of their math project process. In Honors Precalculus, students extended their knowledge rational expressions. We will start investigating area under the curve, which is their first direct preparation for Calculus. Both classes also completed their 12 Weeks Exam, error analysis, and received POL information.





GRAPHIC DESIGN  
**RALPH VILLALOBOS**

## **RVILLALOBOS@DAVINCISCHOOLS.ORG**

Students in Intermediate Graphic Design will be focusing on character design that will eventually be geared for our next major unit, animation. The students will take part in a series of drawing tutorials meant to teach them the basics of head and figure construction. In these tutorials, students will focus on formulas used to subdivide the body and torso with the intent of marking major points of focus in features from the nose, eyes, and lips referencing both figures from life as well as memory. Their POL will focus on these studies used in part with an original concept design of their own.



ARCHITECTURE  
**KATHERINE SIMON**

## **KSIMON@DAVINCISCHOOLS.ORG**

In the beginning of the month we will display their models, roof posters, and roof fact sheets in a gallery walk during class. Students will take their hand drafted floor plans and begin converting them to digital form. They will also learn about different residential roof styles and students will use cardboard to build a model representing their assigned roof style.

# EXHIBITION

At right are some pictures from our Fall 2018 Exhibition Night. Thank you for your support and dedication to your students' work.

