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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Drew Lewis

Just this morning during one of my Zoom classes, I got to utter the most used phrase of 2020; “You’re on mute.” These first few weeks of remote learning have definitely had their challenges, but there have been some wonderful moments as well. I can guess that this is similar to what we are all experiencing as we start our semester with our choirs. My hope is that we are able to reach a moment where the beautiful moments outweigh the less than beautiful ones.

During the summer I had a lot of time to enjoy reading. One of the books I read was *The Transposed Musician* by Dylan Savage. In this book the author discusses teaching universal skills “to improve performance and benefit life.” The universal skills are:

1. Problem Solving
2. Focus
3. Patience
4. Critical thinking
5. Communication
6. Collaboration
7. Improvisation
8. Creativity

So many of these skills are the ones we are relying upon every day in our classroom. We also have the opportunity to develop these universal skills with our students as we navigate through online learning. I can’t imagine making our remote classrooms happen without using these abilities!

These 8 elements are evident in this SCVA board as well. We had our first board meeting of 2020-2021 a few weeks ago and I am truly inspired by the creative ideas coming from these brilliant colleagues. Our year kicked off with the valuable sharing of ideas as part one of our online Fall In-Service, with part two coming on September 26. This month’s newsletter also outlines other innovative ideas in the world of High School honor choir coming up for the SCVA community. Please know that we will continue creating more exciting opportunities for you and your students throughout the school year.

As an SCVA member you are a big influence in all that we do. Thank you for sharing your ideas through our Summer Chats, SCVA Happy Hours, and other communication with us. You can also contribute lessons and ideas online through the **COVID-19 Resources** page on our website to share with the SCVA community.

During our upcoming SCVA Happy Hours, we will also host chats to connect with those who share our specific choral specialties. On October 8 at 5PM we will hold meetings for Elementary Music, High School Choir, and Vocal Jazz. On November 12th at 5PM we will have meetings for Jr High Choir, Show Choir, and one other topic (TBA). Let me know if you have ideas for future Happy Hours at drewlewis1977@gmail.com.

As we keep cultivating and utilizing those universal skills listed above, we will keep making our classes better and better. Thank you so much for your investment in our students, and let’s keep inspiring each other. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Honoring Diversity

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Fox

Dr. Kellori
Dower

Dr. Zanaida
Robles

Dr. Jeffrey
Benson

Saturday
September 26, 2020
9-1 pm

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Sept 14

Online Applications Close:
Oct 2

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Workshops: Student Leadership, Choral Yoga, Vocal Masterclass, Virtual Reading Session, And Much More!

STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT:

- 1. An Online Application On SCVAChoral.org**
- 2. A Video Performance Of An Art Song**
- 3. A Teacher Recommendation By An SCVA Member**
- 4. A Leadership Resume**

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

	2020
SCVA Online Happy Hour	Sep 10 @5pm
SCVA HC Honor Choir Virtual Symposium	Sep 14
Online Applications Open	
SCVA Fall In-Service Series	Sep 26 9am–1pm
SCVA HC Honor Choir Virtual Symposium	Oct 2
Online Applications Close	
SCVA Online Happy Hour	Oct 8 @5pm
SCVA Online Happy Hour	Nov 12 @5pm
Contemporary A Cappella & Vocal Jazz Studio Honor Choir	Nov 20
SCVA HC Honor Choir Virtual Symposium	Nov 21

Please follow our social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) for updates on upcoming events that will be finalized prior to our next newsletter publication.