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Special Edition

Shakespeare Team Excels

By Sophia Liu

The Corner Canyon Shakespeare team had a successful showing at the Utah Shakespeare Festival Competition, winning awards in nine different categories. The competition has events for choir, acting, and stage technical work.

Student performers and crew members have been working hard leading up to the competition. Mr. Hamilton, a theater teacher at Corner Canyon, says that students competing in the monologue category selected their pieces over the summer, and practiced "with Mr. Oram in the morning and after school to understand their pieces." Additionally, ensemble actors started "rehearsing the second week of school."



The CCHS Shakespeare team competing at the Utah Shakespeare Festival
Photo Credit: CCHS Drama Club



Group photo of members of the CCHS SHakespeare team
Photo Credit: CCHS Drama Club



The CCHS Shakespeare singers competing in the music division
Photo Credit: CCHS Drama Club

Recognized Across Categories

Ms. Atkinson and Mr. Hamilton say they are "so proud" of the way the students "represented CCHS with enthusiasm and positivity." The students' efforts didn't go unnoticed by the judges, as Corner Canyon earned recognition across the following categories: music sweepstakes, madrigal (chamber singers), minstrel (10 singers), troubadour (5 singers), acting sweepstakes, ensemble scene, monolouge, and rigging.

Mr. Hamilton is especially proud, since it was "extremely hard to place" in this competition. For those interested in participating in the Shakespeare festival in the future, Mr. Hamilton suggests taking a theater class and brush up on Shakespeare knowledge.



Group photo with members of the CCHS Shakespeare team.
Photo Credit: CCHS Drama Club

End of the Quarter-October 23rd

The first quarter ends on October 23rd. As we are wrapping this quarter up, now is a good time to make sure you have everything turned in on the new Skyward app. Students may come in during Charger time to make up anything that is missing or have questions about.



Photo credit: The Greenspire School

CORNER CANYON MUSICAL

An Unforgettable Flurry: High Schoolers and Youth Groups Unite for ***Disney's 'Frozen'***

By: Atalie webber

Musical Film

Corner Canyon High School is set to stage Disney's "Frozen" from November 12-16, 2026, as the anchoring performance of its 14th theatre season. Directed by theatre teacher Phaidra Atkinson, the production features a live pit orchestra led by music teacher Randal Clark. The musical centers around a cohesive season theme titled, "Welcome to New York," which coordinates with the theatre department's upcoming student trip to New York City to build a strong sense of community, the show pairs high school performers alongside local fifth grade and middle school students, creating a multi-class group!



A meet and greet chance to meet the crew of the play with snacks and treats you can enjoy.
Credits:@Cornercanyonauditions

Theme, Performers, & Ensemble

The production's extensive cast is driven by a talented featured ensemble. Student actors performing in the ensemble include Mitchell Harkness, Jaden Wilkes, Hyrum Alger, Jack Sorenson, Ashtyn Cotterell, Saydi Kirkham, Shelby Reardon, and Ava Talivakaola. They are joined on stage by peers Danica Herring, Isaac Nichols, Brock Davies, Mack Boyer, Hunter Burke, Emma Checketts, Chloe Maddox, Maddy Evans, Amelia Atkin, Melia Morgan, Ava Welch, Charlotte Cooley, Clara Hughes, Camryn Boubacar, McKay Cotterell, Chance Miller, Claire Uffens, Chloe Hohenshelt, Kierra Bitner, and Jude McDowell. This large group of dedicated students brings the magical kingdom of Arendelle to life right in Draper, Utah.



A photo of the theater crew for this year.
Credits: Megan fullmer.

Interview with the Directors

1. How do you feel about the upcoming production of Frozen?
"So far it is going really well; it is a way fun show to direct and choreograph and everyone is extremely passionate about it.We plan to make it snow over the audience, have amazing lighting, and really pull out all of the stops." **-Hamilton**

2. What inspired you to pursue a career in teaching theater? My "Theatre teachers always made me feel special and at home when I went to West Jordan High School back in the day. I knew I wanted to make kids who were just like me feel important and a part of something special and being a theatre teacher was the path to doing that." **-Atkinson**

3. What inspired you to pursue a career in teaching theater?
"I initially I wanted to be an actor, but I was scared that I wouldn't "make it" so I decided to get a theatre teaching degree as a backup. Mrs. Atkinson was my theatre teacher in high school and I knew that I wanted to work with her. I taught at Corner Canyon and the rest is history." **-Hamilton**



Mrs. Atkinson



Mr. Hamilton



This years poster for tickets at the musical show.

Credits: @CornercanyonAuditions

UTAH COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

Secure Your Future: Corner Canyon High Hosts Utah College Application Week (UCAW) Oct. 27–30.

BY BRODY MEIER

From October 27th through the 30th, Corner Canyon High School will host Utah College Application Week (UCAW). This event gives all seniors the opportunity to apply to colleges for free and explore career paths during their English classes, backed by professional guidance from school counselors and representatives from the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE).

For students without an English class, a sign up form will be made available. This will allow seniors to pick a date and time that works with their schedule.

Daelakate Meyer, Counselor at Corner Canyon High School, highlighted that the "goal of the program is to get information out to the seniors to ensure they feel confident about their future plans."

Applying to a college is simply opening a door, not signing a contract. Seniors who are on the fence should still participate, as completing an application secures options for the future. Even if a student decides later in the spring to pursue higher education or trade school, having an active application ensures they do not miss strict deadlines for scholarships and financial aid.



High school seniors will receive college application guidance during UCAW. *Photo Credit: USHE*



UCAW Week details and information flyer. *Photo Credit: Corner Canyon Student Center*

UCAW Checklist

- Legal Name & Contact Info: Exactly as it appears on official documents.
- Laptop & Cell Phone
- Social Security Number (SSN) or ITIN: (If you have one; it is highly recommended for matching applications to future financial aid).
- Driver's License Number: (If applicable, used to help verify Utah residency).
- State Student ID (SSID): Often found on your high school transcript or school portal.
- Parent/Guardian Information: Basic details including their legal names, approximate household income brackets, and how long they have lived in Utah (critical for proving in-state tuition eligibility).

For more information regarding application and scholarship deadlines, seniors should meet with their counselors and refer to the Student Center bulletin boards.

Application fees typically range from $30 to $50 or more per school, which can be a significant roadblock for many families. However, during UCAW, USHE waives application fees for all in-state public colleges and universities, allowing students to apply completely free of charge.

For seniors interested in applying to private or religious institutions in Utah, such as BYU, Westminster, or Ensign College, application processes and fees may vary. Students should check with their counselor to see if these schools have provided temporary promo codes specifically for UCAW.



FAFSA Night is almost here! Join your counselors on November 5th from 6–8 PM for free help with your financial aid. Photo Credit: CCHS Student Center

FOOTBALL

Ten games down, and the Charger's season is far from over.

By: Berkley Saunders

Chargers Charge Ahead

As the regular football season comes to an end, the Corner Canyon football team finishes with an 8-2 record, putting them at No. 3 in Utah and No. 88 nationally, according to MaxPreps.
The Chargers ended their regular season on Wednesday, Oct. 14, with a big 34-7 win against Lehi, which limited the Pioneers to scoring only one touchdown. This win is a strong way to close out the regular season before heading to the playoffs.

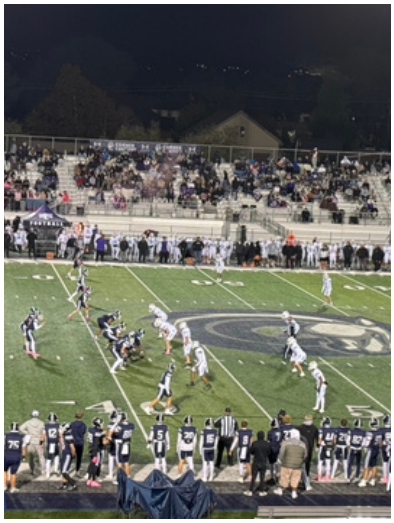


Photo credit: Berkley Saunders

Chargers have their final season game against Lehi



Photo credit: Corner Cnayon instagram

Chargers come out strong with a last season game win against Lehi

Player spotlight: Levi Hines



Photo credit: Levi Hines

Hines rushes the ball down the field

ABOUT LEVI:

- He's a junior at Corner Canyon High School
- He plays football and baseball
- He is mainly a runningback but plays some quarterback
- He plays as #12 in football

Levi Hines had an outstanding performance against Lehi, scoring two rushing touchdowns in the first half, And a total of 54 rushing yards. His performance helped the Chargers build an early head start in the game, and helped finish their regular season with a 34-7 win.
The star himself says ***"Football has been a great experience for me because its taught me a lot about teamwork, discipline, and working hard toward a united goal. I enjoy competing with my teammates and doing whatever i can to help the team succeed"*** This shows how much effort and support Levi provides to his team to help them succeed.

Season changes

The season isn't over just yet. The Chargers are moving on to the 6A playoffs, where they will get the chance to compete against the best teams in the state for the opportunity at winning another championship.

To start the 6A playoffs, Corner Canyon will be playing Bingham High School in the first round. With the match-up being No. 14 Bingham at No. 3 Corner Canyon on October 30th at 4 PM at the Corner Canyon stadium.

Leading the Chargers

Senior quarterback Jaxon Pehrson has helped lead the Chargers offense, with 24 passing touchdowns, ranking second in Region 3 in a that category according to MaxPreps.

New coach in town

This school year also brings a new change in leadership for the football team. Longtime coach Eric Kjar left Corner Canyon to coach at Weber State. Casey Sutera, the new Corner Canyon football coach, steps in as a new leader for the football team. Previously, Sutera coached at Brighton High School, and worked as Corner Canyon's defensive coordinator.



Photo Credit: Levi Hines

Coach Casey Sutera wtaching his team play

CROSS COUNTRY

Corner Canyon High finishes the season strong at state the week of October 27th: placing 12th in women's division and 16th in men's division

BY ZIVA SMITH

PHOTO CREDIT: ANDIE MEIER



Varsity Boys start their race

PREVIOUS & UPCOMING MEETS:

Cross country at Corner Canyon High School is coming to an end at the end of next week. With a strong season including a ton of PRs from all the runners at regions, which was held October 12th down in American Fork, chargers are prepared to go to state next week. They will compete with 16 other high schools in the state on Tuesday the 27th at Sugarhouse Park in Salt Lake City. They will begin around 11 am.

Seniors like Brock Doman and Heidi Mills will be competing in this state competition. Come and support charger cross county teams there!

DID YOU KNOW?

- In a standard varsity race, a team has 7 runners, but only the top 5 score points.
- 6th runner from each team breaks the tie by finishing higher than the other's 6th runner.

A NEW COACH RISES

Corner Canyon has a new coach this year, Jana White. She is a psychology teacher at Corner Canyon and had coached for over fifteen years at other high schools like Alta and West Jordan before coming to Corner Canyon. Jana White grew up running and dancing. She also seriously competed in triathlons from the years 2001-2004. In 2004, she was the Mountain Region Xterra Xchampion and was ranked 5th in the nation for her age group. This qualified coach said her favorite part about coaching this team was "getting to know the athletes," and that she enjoyed "watching the athletes progress and run better." Jana White always encourages athletes to try their best and never give up. Something she tells her athletes all the time is "pain is temporary, quitting is forever" and "it's not how you feel during practice, it's how you feel about yourself after you walk away from practice."

A STATEMENT FROM AN ATHLETE

A known athlete on the team is Alina Van Noord, a junior at Corner Canyon. Alina has been running since 7th grade and has continuously run since. She said she runs for "the team dynamic and for the exercise." She also mentioned that she does cross country to "get prepared and stay in shape for softball season." Alina's favorite event to compete in is the 5k. She loves the team dynamic the group brings because it's encouraging and friendly.

PHOTO CREDIT: ANDIE MEIER



Junior Varsity Girls Race

GIRLS SOCCER

The girls varsity soccer team has just wrapped up its season

The girls have just finished up this year, making it the 14th season played by Varsity girls. They added 13 wins under their belt for this season making the grand total of wins 150 throughout the years of Corner Canyon's varsity girls soccer.



Layla Valadez (center). Photo credit from *cchswsoccer* Instagram Page

PREVIOUS BEST GAMES THIS SEASON:

- On 8/27, they played American Heritage (home game) and won by 6-0
- On 8/6, they played Timpview (home game) and won 4-0
- And on 10/6, 9/17. they played Skyridge two times and beat them 2-1 both games.
- On 8/20 the girls played Layton (home game) and won 2-0

DID YOU KNOW?

- Women have been playing soccer for years, with sources starting as early as 2,000 years ago in ancient China. And some artwork from the 15th century depicts them playing the sport.

The Girls Varsity Soccer team had a playoffs game this October 13th, they faced against American Fork (13-7 for their seasonal stats) It was a hard fought game but we unfortunately lost by 0-2. The girls varsity team season has been pretty good this year with a 11/18 winrate.

Head coach, *Kelsey Haag* has only recently been assigned the leader for coaching.(beginning with the 2025-2026 season) With her lead for the past two years she has gotten 21 wins total under her belt. And previous years she was an assistant coach for our school.

And based off the information from Maxpreps, the top players Layla Valadez and Olivia Edwards have been doing well with a rank of 13 and 9 out of top 25 in state. Olivia averages an 80 minute gametime and 1 goal per game. While Layla's stats are double the national average. Layla also received a "Rookie of the Year" award during her freshman year. Our girls varsity team is also ranked 13th in Utah out of 120 from the data of the Maxpreps team state rankings.

Some seniors you should keep an eye out for is: Kate Bryner, she plays defense and is jersey number 22. Lexi Glutz, who plays forward/midfield, her jersey number is 24. And also recognition for their amazing goalkeepers Liv Edwards and Carli call, who is also the team manager. We wish all our senior girls well and hope they continue to play soccer and work hard after graduation.



PHOTO CREDIT: cchswsoccer Instagram page
Senior Girls on the varsity team.

UNIFIED SOCCER

Unified Soccer Brings students together through teamwork and inclusion

BY ANDIE MEIER

On Tuesday, October 13, 2026, Brighton Varsity Field hosted an inspiring showcase of teamwork as Corner Canyons Unified Soccer athletes. Students with and without intellectual disabilities, trained and competed side by side. All athletes got the chance to score, and the energy from teammates and families was incredible.

Driven by Canyons School District's commitment to the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools program, the initiative centers on inclusion, sportsmanship, and athletic development. Outside of the game, it provides students with meaningful opportunities to step into leadership roles and build a strong sense of community.

Adding to this excitement, these players share the very same fields and facilities used by professional clubs, including Real Salt Lake, the Utah Royals, and Union Omaha, alongside pro match days. Unified sports programs continue to thrive across local middle schools, high schools, and youth associations, backed by a strong foundation. Real Salt Lake has fielded its own Special Olympics Unified soccer team since 2016.

During the event, teams competed in a 5-v-5 format featuring fast paced, 10 minute halves. With sixteen school teams to accommodate high student interest and ensure everyone got playing time, schools rotated their player list frequently. Now in its fourth year, Unified Soccer's growing popularity is inspiring similar adoption across neighboring school districts.

PHOTO CREDIT: Guardian



Brighton Area Schools Indoor Sports Practice Facility

COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT FOCUS:

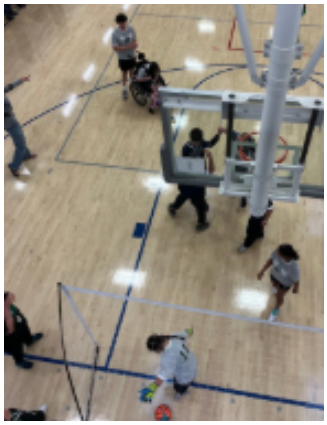
Utah high schools host Unified soccer matches throughout the fall season. At the Corner Canyon Regional Matches on October 13, which ran from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., teams battled for a chance to advance to the Unified State Championships later this autumn.

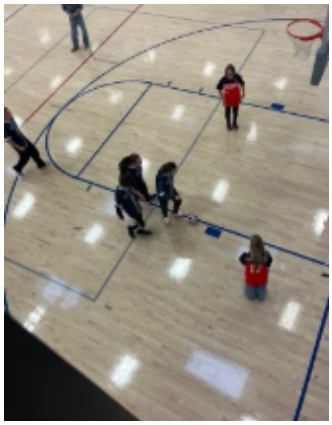
Corner Canyon High School has a super successful track record across its Unified sports, which truly shows how much the school gets behind adaptive athletics and how strong Corner Canyon's community spirit is.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Unified Sports Operates in over 10,800 Unified Champion Schools across the United States, engaging millions of young athletes through programs like school soccer leagues.

PHOTO CREDIT: Makae Carmody





Unified Students at their Soccer Match

SPEECH & DEBATE

Corner Canyon High School Steals the Show in Speech and Debate

TYPES OF DEBATE

- Policy Debate is a fast paced style where teams of two argue for or against a proposed solution to a problem.
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate is a one on one debate. Unlike Policy, LD is more about morality and arguing about what is considered to be right.
- Oratory is a speech category focused on making an argument solo. They're quite powerful, as they focus solely on building up one's own argument without needing to refute another.
- Public Forum is a two on two debate focusing on current events. It revolves around "crossfire" rounds, similar to a cross examination.
- Impromptu is a speech category in which a speaker is given a limited amount of time to write a unique speech. It must be delivered without the use of notes.
- Interpretation is a short speech category where participants reenact a published work without props or costumes. It can be done solo or duo.
- Poetry involves a participant taking five minutes to deliver a dramatic reading of a poem. They bring the text to life with their voice.



Example of a Policy Debate
Photo Credit: National Speech and Debate Association

The team takes a decicively powerful stance over the competition

By Henry Brown

The Corner Canyon Speech and Debate Team is a powerful force. Being filled with sharp and skilled people, it placed quite well at the recent Speech and Debate tournament. The event was at Herriman Hight School and it was a Charger sweep.

The team took medaling positions in Novice Policy and Lincoln Douglas, as well as Varsity Lincoln Douglas and Public Form. The team did exceptionally well in Varsity Policy debate, taking third, second, and first place. The team did well in the debate categories and our placements in speech were also quite impressive.



A medal for 1st place in Varsity Policy
Photo Credit: Daniel Bruns

The team took first place in the following speech categories: Novice Interpretation, Asynchronous Oratory, Poetry and Open Impromptu. Additionally, they also won second or third place in the following speech categories: Novice Impromptu, Novice Interpretation, Poetry, Informative Speaking, Oratory, Asynchronous Informative Speaking and Asynchronous Combined Interpretation. Overall, it's sufficient to say that CCHS Speech and Debate dominated the tournament.

The team is lead by Jared Collette, who teaches social studies. He had this to say about our team and why it exists: "Corner Canyon has one of the best debate teams in the state. We have fantastic coaches and amazing captains. Debate is one of the most empowering high school activities that prepare future leaders. Debate participants learn how to argue, think on their feet, evaluate evidence, and persuade others." The results from the Herriman tournament show that our team members must be very good at all those things.



A student delivers a peice of Original Oratory
Photo Credit: National Speech and Debate Association



Our team at the tournament
Photo Credit: Ejoo Song

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Chargers Volleyball Honors Seniors as Postseason Approaches

Corner Canyon celebrates its senior players while preparing for the final regular-season match and the 6A state tournament.

BY MEL BANISKI

With the final regular-season match approaching, Corner Canyon High School's volleyball program is recognizing its seniors and looking ahead to the postseason. The Chargers, who won the 2025 6A state championship, are scheduled to host Lehi on October 20 before the state tournament on October 27–28. As the season reaches its final stretch, the program is recognizing seniors Liana Latu, Elle Tolley and Nafanua Alofipo through spotlights on its Instagram account.

Seniors Reflect on Their Journey

LIANA LATU: A CHAMPIONSHIP SHARED WITH FAMILY

For Liana Latu, No. 8, winning state with her cousins stands out as her favorite Charger sports memory. After graduation, she plans to join the Utah Air National Guard. In her farewell message, Latu encouraged younger players to stay true to themselves and follow their own goals.

ELLE TOLLEY: LEAVING A LEGACY OF KINDNESS

Elle Tolley, No. 7, named the state championship celebration and time with teammates among her favorite experiences. She plans to graduate as a certified medical assistant and continue playing volleyball at USU Eastern. Her advice to younger players focused on supporting others, even during difficult practices or challenging weeks.

"You will be remembered more for your kindness than any level of success you could ever achieve," Tolley wrote in her senior spotlight.

NAFANUA ALOFIPO

Nafanua Alofipo, No. 1, highlighted winning state and the Durango tournament as memorable achievements. Her plans after high school include serving a mission and playing volleyball at Utah.

In her farewell message, she thanked her family and coaches and reflected on the friendships, memories and lessons she gained through volleyball.

MARISSA FAAMATOGI: TAKING RISKS AND FINDING BELONGING

Marissa Faamatogi, No. 10, plans to continue playing volleyball in college. Her favorite memories include the Durango tournament and the team sleepover. Reflecting on her decision to transfer to Corner Canyon, she described it as a blessing and encouraged younger players to take risks, recognize their worth and enjoy every second of the experience.

SHAYLA KIRKHAM: BUILDING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

Shayla Kirkham, No. 16, hopes to attend BYU for a semester before serving a mission. Her favorite Charger sports memory is the bus ride home after winning state. In her farewell message, she emphasized that being part of a team is a privilege and encouraged younger players to build lasting relationships with all their teammates.

Looking Ahead to the Postseason

Chargers Advance to 6A Championships

As the competition got tougher, teamwork, communication, and determination had been important for the Chargers. The championship match-up is also an opportunity for the team to show the progress it has made throughout the season. Students, families, and supporters were encouraged to cheer for Corner Canyon as the players continue their pursuit of another state title.

BACK-TO-BACK STATE CHAMPIONS



Corner Canyon High School's girls volleyball team made history once again, winning the 6A state championship for the second year in a row. The Chargers defeated Skyridge in a 3-0 sweep, securing another state title and ending their season with an impressive victory.

After weeks of hard work, practices and competition, the players celebrated their achievement together. This victory was especially meaningful for the seniors, who finished their final high school volleyball season as state champions. The team's success showed their dedication, teamwork and determination throughout the season.

THE COACHES BEHIND THE PROGRAM

The program's website lists Mindy Ricks as varsity head coach, a position she holds after 14 years of coaching at Corner Canyon High School. Nina Mortensen and Nigel Wood serve as varsity assistants. Ana Perkins coaches varsity, while Lindsey Crook coaches the sophomore team.

Corner Canyon Coaches

MINDY RICKS



Head Coach-Varsity



CORNER CANYON VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS AND COACHES. @CORNERCANYON_VBALL ON INSTAGRAM.

MEET MS. TORGERSEN

BY: TOME HA'UNGATAU

Anne Torgersen has been an English teacher for 12 years, teaching at Corner Canyon for 11 of those years after serving a semester at Lone Peak and student teaching at Elk Ridge Middle School.

After graduating from UVU with a bachelor's in English Education, she continued her learning at NAU, successfully obtaining a master's degree in English Literature.

Along with teaching ELA 12, she instructs Creative Writing 1 and 2– both being semester-long electives where students are able to express themselves by composing their own works–poetry, short stories, lyrics, etc.



GET TO KNOW HER:

- **Favorite part of teaching:** Being a part of a student's story.
- **Pet peeves in the classroom:** When students want to be given the answers instead of thinking for themselves.
- **Interests:** Victorian children's literature, cultural literature, and communication.
- **"Weird" thing about her:** Learned how to lay tile when she was 16.
- **Hot take:** "Gatekeeping/judging what makes other people happy is a super lame way to spend your time."
- **Outside of school**: Reading, podcasts, and art.
- **Favorite piece of media:** *Persuasion* (the audiobook).

"ALL FOR ONE."

- EVEN IF MOST STUDENTS HATE CLASS AND WONT REMEMBER HER LESSONS, THERE IS ALWAYS AT LEAST ONE STUDENT THAT BENEFITS FROM HER TEACHING.