



Dear Artist-Scholars and Families,

Welcome to New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities IV in the Rockaways! I am your Principal, Hannah Kehn and I cannot wait to welcome you to the Beach Channel Campus this fall.

Who am I? This fall will be my seventh year in school leadership. I graduated from Northeastern University where teaching experiences in Ghana and Boston confirmed my desire to become a teacher. I taught English and writing for six years at a performing arts magnet school in Brooklyn and went on to earn a master's degree in teaching from Pace University and a master's degree in school leadership from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. As a Catapult Fellow in Denver, I learned from schools and leaders across the country who are effectively preparing students to become innovators. In addition to my experience as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal, I have experience supporting schools to strategically use the arts as a catalyst for growth.

What will it mean to attend Humanities IV?

Specifically through our work in history, literature, and the arts (i.e. the "humanities"), we will make sense of past and present events and issues. We will do this for the purpose of better understanding human culture in order to become a diverse community that is able to:

commit · reflect · envision · act · trust · excel

CREATE

Students will be prepared to move through their four years in pathways that best suit their passions and aspirations. In order to accomplish this, we will offer meaningful and challenging coursework, internships, visual and performing arts curricula, and a thoughtful advisory program.

By senior year, our students will be prepared for success in college, the creative industries, and other post-secondary endeavors. They will also use their artistic experiences and learning to address a challenge or strengthen an asset in their community.

Four years from now, when I hope to hand each of the members of our founding class a diploma, it will not only represent that we met certain criteria, but that we created something unique, something necessary, and something in which we take tremendous pride.

Sincerely,

Hannah Kehn, Founding Principal
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