



Hot Shop Happenings

September 2015

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Meet David



Antoine Pierini (left) working with David (right)

David, our September Student of the Month, has had quite the year in Hilltop Artists.

David became a Hilltop Artist when he joined the Jason Lee In-School Electives program over five years ago. After also attending our Summer School Program, he applied for Team Production, where he has flourished as a dedicated member and emerging artist.

This past summer, David was the second student to

represent Hilltop Artists in Tacoma's Sister City, Biot, France. For three weeks, he soaked in the South of France and studied glassblowing with renowned glass artist, Antoine Pierini. David had the time of his life! "The whole trip was incredible," David says, "and I loved learning new glassblowing techniques from Antoine, my hero." Discovering so many new glassblowing methods, meeting several glass artists, and helping Antoine do a glass installation in Monaco gave David many new ideas about the possibilities for glass - now he's certain he wants glass to be part of his life forever.

[Read more of David's story here!](#)

Tour Our Jason Lee Hot Shop



1 city, 31 days, 100s of activities. What will you do?

Mark your calendar for the 2015 Tacoma Arts Month Studio Tours! [From 11am til 5pm on Saturday, October 17th](#), our Jason Lee Middle School Hot Shop will be open for the public to stop in and watch students create glass art. Names will also be drawn for a chance to learn from a Hilltop Artists student how to blow glass or make a glass bead. Our gallery will also be open for the sale of student-made glass art.

[Tacoma Arts Month](#), hosted by the Tacoma Arts Commission, is an annual celebration of arts and culture in Tacoma, featuring several hundred community-produced arts

events, exhibits, and activities that help shine a light on all that Tacoma has to offer.



Just a Few Tickets Left!



Team Production student, Lyric, holding a silent-auction centerpiece.

The October 7th Better Futures Luncheon is right around the corner! RSVP today by purchasing your ticket - we have just a few tickets left!

[Learn more about the Better Futures Luncheon, silent-auction centerpieces, and purchase your tickets through this link.](#)

Photos courtesy of Lisa Hepfer.



Upcoming Events

- [Better Futures Luncheon](#); Wednesday, October 7, 10:30am-12:45pm; [Hotel Murano](#)
- [Tacoma Arts Month Studio Tour](#); Saturday, October 17, 11am-5pm; [Jason Lee Middle School](#)
- [Winter Glass Sale](#); Saturday, December 12, 10am-1pm; [Jason Lee Middle School](#)

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