

# DIGITAL FUTURES INSTITUTE

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## What's Going on at DFI

DFI Speaker Series - Maurelhena Walles

Jan 25th, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

**TECHNOLOGY  
ENHANCED PHYSICAL  
ACTIVITY PROGRAMS  
FOR BRONX  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
STUDENTS**



Join us for our next talk with the CEO and Founder of Equity Design, Maurelhena Walles. Equity Design is a social enterprise that brings equity to disadvantaged populations in under-served communities through nontraditional and sustainable programming that will help increase their life expectancy while creating a long-lasting and healthy connection to physical activity.

Walles will discuss Equity Design's approach to developing individualized activity plans for elementary school students. In direct response to the physical health needs of Bronx elementary school students, Maurelhena and her team used an equity lens to (1) design a physical activity programs that addresses the lack of physical activity engagement while also (2) establishing a fitness tracking database that measures the correlation between a student's academic performance, experience and engagement to physical activity.

This session will take place in DFI Mixed Used Space (RH 509)

[Reserve your spot at the talk here!](#)

**DFI Speaker Series:** This series invites scholars, researchers, and other experts to present their work at the intersections of education, emerging technologies, and new digital realities. This series of talks will continue throughout the Spring semester with new guest speakers each month.

**Tech Playground - No-code Programming**  
Wednesday, Feb 1st, 11 am - 1 pm

Tech Playground is back! In this session, we'll be using various no-code platforms and applications to learn about computational thinking and programming through tinkering with real world applications, for instance, solving puzzles or controlling a drone, a drawing robot, or self driving mini cars. No coding experience is required. Space is limited so make sure to sign up now!

This session will take place in DFI Mixed Media Space (RH509)

[Register for Tech Playground](#)

**Tech Playground Series:** The DFI Tech Playground Series encourages curiosity, experimentation, and exploration through hands-on play with technology.

Upcoming Tech Playgrounds

[Artificial Intelligence:](#) March 1, 11am - 1pm

[Robots and Drones:](#) April 5, 11am - 1pm

## Faculty Training - Using Ally to Improve your Canvas Course

Join us to see what Ally can automatically do to help make your Canvas course content more accessible. You'll also learn how Ally can guide you to continuously improve the accessibility of your course's content.

We have Zoom trainings on...

January 13th 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

January 17th 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

January 20th 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

To register for an Ally workshop, please visit our [DFI Events page](#).

## New Studio Hours



DFI's *How's School?* podcast first season has just wrapped up! The podcast explores issues facing young people and those who care about them. Topics range from climate change, to gun violence, to Black Studies curriculum exploring their relationship to young peoples lives. You can listen to the full season now on on [Apple](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#), or wherever you listen.

Did you enjoy our "How's School?" podcast? Leave us a rating and review on Apple Podcasts or Spotify to support the show!

## News From DFI

### New Studio Hours





Macy Studio B hours will be expanding appointment slots and adding a new sign up process. To sign up for studio hours, you will now need to fill out a form linked below.

Click [here](#) to reserve Macy Studio B Hours!

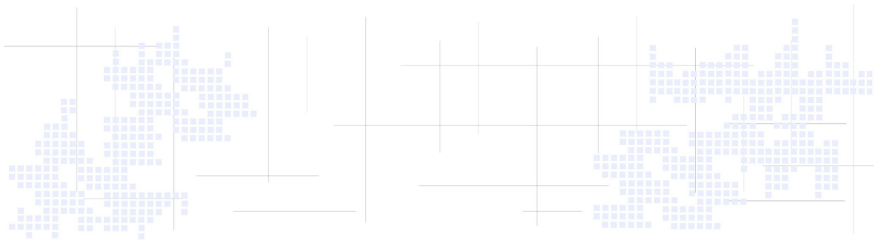
Macy Studio B hours includes:

- A podcast station with up to six microphones
- A webcam recording station with lights, backdrops and a studio microphone
- Assistance from a DFI staff

We are excited to help with your recordings!

Happy new year! We look forward to spending another year exploring new digital possibilities with you all.

- DFI Team



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