

The King/Queen of Shop Award is the highest honor one can receive in Multimedia, Art, & Digital Design. Due to COVID-19 and the subsequent closure of MCVTS for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year has disrupted my required duties not allowing for the proper time and personal interaction necessary to complete all the essential tasks required in making an informed decision regarding my Royal Successor. I Timothy Morris as the reigning King of Shop therefore decree the instructor of Multimedia, Art, & Digital Design shall act as Royal Regent for the 2020-2021 school year. I reserve the right to return as King of Shop or the Royal Regent may appoint a new King/Queen of Shop for the following 2021-2022 school year. I have made my decision after vigilant consideration of the circumstances and options that were available based on the rights and privileges of my official office as King of Shop.

The King/Queen of Shop Award is the highest honor one can receive in Multimedia, Art, & Digital Design. It has been a unique and ultimate distinction and one I was proud to receive from Queen Emerita Ivy Claire Bourke for the 2019-2020 school year. It has been a pleasure to serve as King of Shop and I have enjoyed the privilege as well as all the responsibilities enormously.

2020 has been a very challenging and difficult year and one we all will certainly never forget. As King of Shop as well as all the Kings and Queens of Shop that have served before me, it is my duty to choose my Royal successor. As you are all aware, this honor and award passes from student to student and is a unique tradition in Multimedia, Art, & Digital Design since the founding of the program. A great deal of serious consideration and multiple complex factors go in to the assessment process. It is the ultimate and most important decision every King/Queen of Shop must inevitably make. There are particular and specific criteria, actions, and aspects known only to Kings/Queens of Shop regarding the selection process.

Unfortunately due to the 2020 COVID-19 health crisis and the circumstances that led to the shutdown of all schools in the United States in March 2020, it has disrupted all of our lives and my required duties as King of Shop. Many aspects of my responsibilities have been interrupted which include not allowing me the time and personal interaction necessary to complete all the essential tasks permitting me to make the proper and informed decision regarding my Royal Successor. With the uncertainty of if or when the MCVTS school District will reopen or in what form is impossible to foresee. I feel it would also be impossible for a student King/Queen for the 2020-2021 to efficiently carry out their required duties in such an uncertain learning environment. This is a regrettable and unprecedented situation but one which the established rights and privileges as King of Shop has given me the authority to pass judgement upon based on what is best for our shop.

I therefore cannot in good conscience and according to my established duties and responsibilities as the reigning King of Shop appoint a student successor as King/Queen of Shop for the 2020-2021 school year. It is within my rights as King of Shop and by the obligations of my office that I decree the instructor of Multimedia, Art, & Digital Design will act as Royal Regent for the 2020-2021 school year. This judgement and position will act as a King/Queen of Shop placeholder. I reserve the right to return as King of Shop or the Royal Regent may appoint a new King/Queen of Shop for the following 2021-2022 school year. I have made the best decision possible after vigilant consideration of the circumstances and options that were available to me and based on the rights and privileges of my official office as King of Shop. Thank you and I wish everyone all the best.

Timothy Morris King of Shop 2019-2020