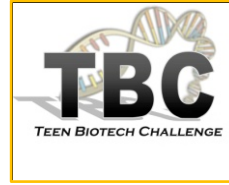# Website Tutorial Using Wix

The annual Teen Biotech Challenge is a product of the BioTech SYSTEM under the Directorship of Dr. Denneal Jamison-McClung.

Signing Up For A Website

To begin using Wix, you must first sign up for a free account at: http://www.wix.com/

Just click on "Login/Sign up" and fill out the required fields and voila! You are now a Wix member.

Now that you've become an elitist, follow the steps below to get started on your Teen Biotech Challenge award winning website.

Be prepared for all the fanfare, website groupies and biotech bunnies or rabbits that will be knocking down your door to get at such a talented techie!!

<u>Getting Started</u>

Okay, let's jump in - both feet first!

IMPORTANT: Once you are finished with your website, you will be giving the BioTech SYSTEM's TBC IT person your login and password information and **the site then becomes the property of the Teen Biotech Challenge**. If there are images, text or other webpage component that you'd like to use in the future, please save them in your own local files. **All passwords will be changed** and thus the ability to make further adjustments to the websites during and after judging. Winning webpages will be published on the Teen Biotech Challenge website (http:///teenbiotechchallenge.ucdavis.edu). **By entering this contest, you give consent to turn over your website to the BioTech SYSTEM and acknowledge that it may be published along with your name and school affiliation.**

The content of your website may not include explicit or offensive language, images or multimedia elements. Please do not include any personal information such as your phone number, email addresses and personal images.

After becoming a member, Wix directs you to a template selection screen. Pick any template (sorry, they don't have science but under Business & Services there are some Community & Education ones) that is free. You will be able to adjust things a bit later.


Once you've selected a template, you are asked if you want to view the video tutorial. Heck, yes! Dim the lights, pop up some popcorn, and settle down to a free movie! Okay, it's just a video but hey, if it saves you some time in the future than why not give it a go?

To start diving in, click on the **Edit this site** button so you can make the site your own. I chose the 'Diving School' template (hence the corny joke above), but want to change the title and some other things. Notice after selecting to edit your site that you see the Wix HTML5 editor being accessed and then the site becomes fixed.
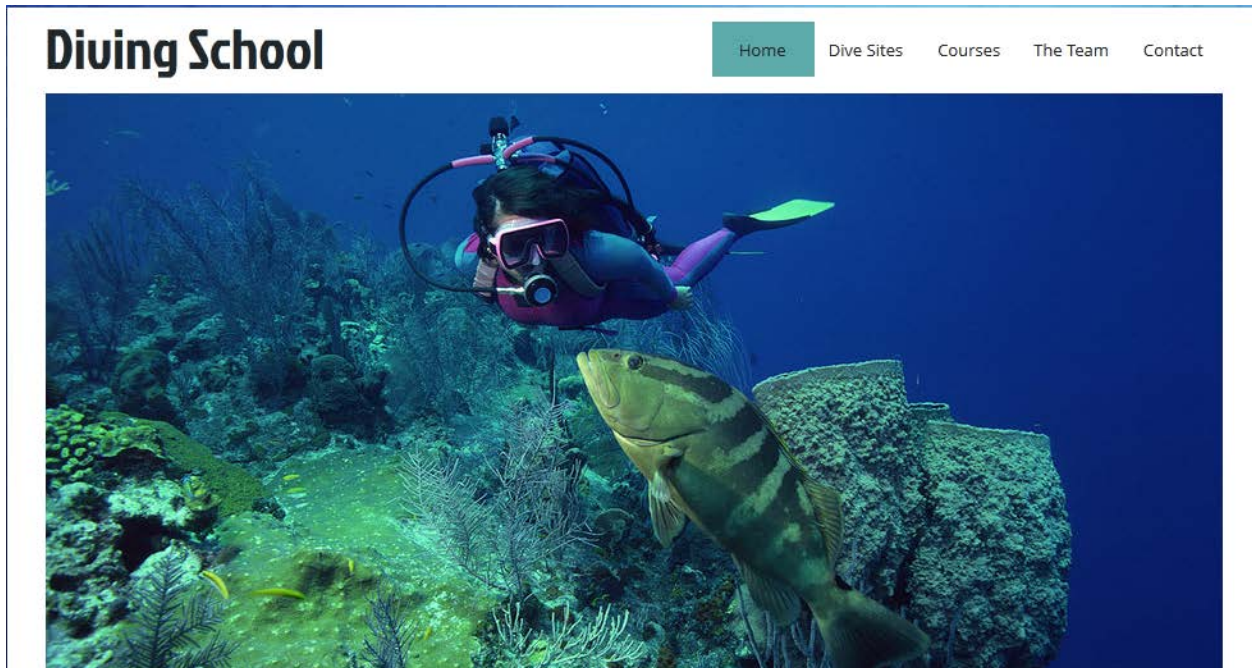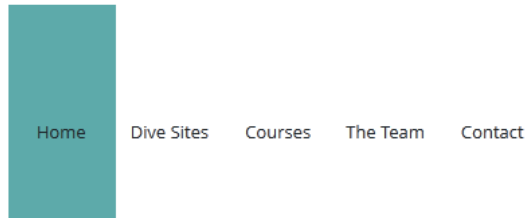
If you click on the top heading of the site, a Header dialog box opens like this:
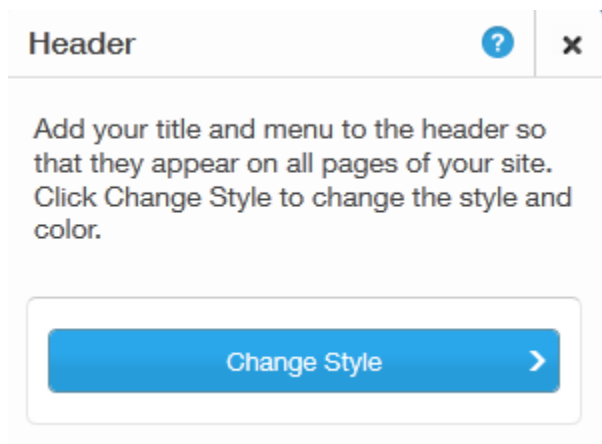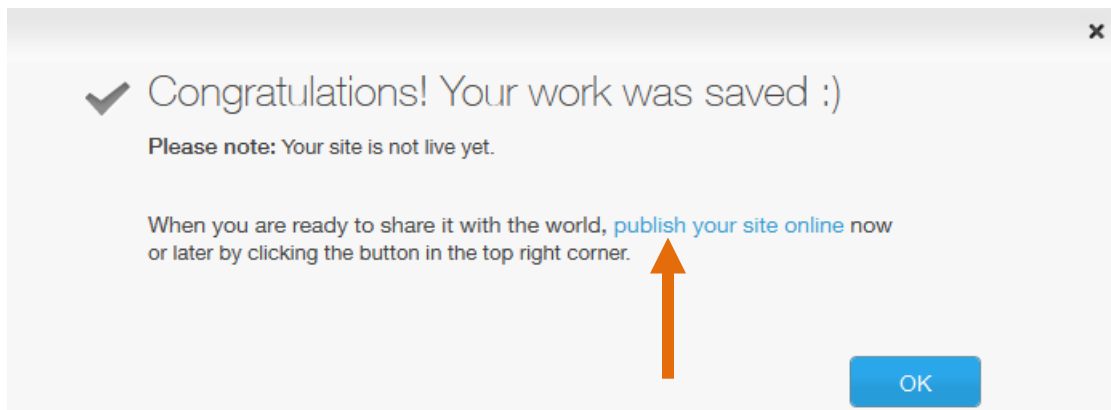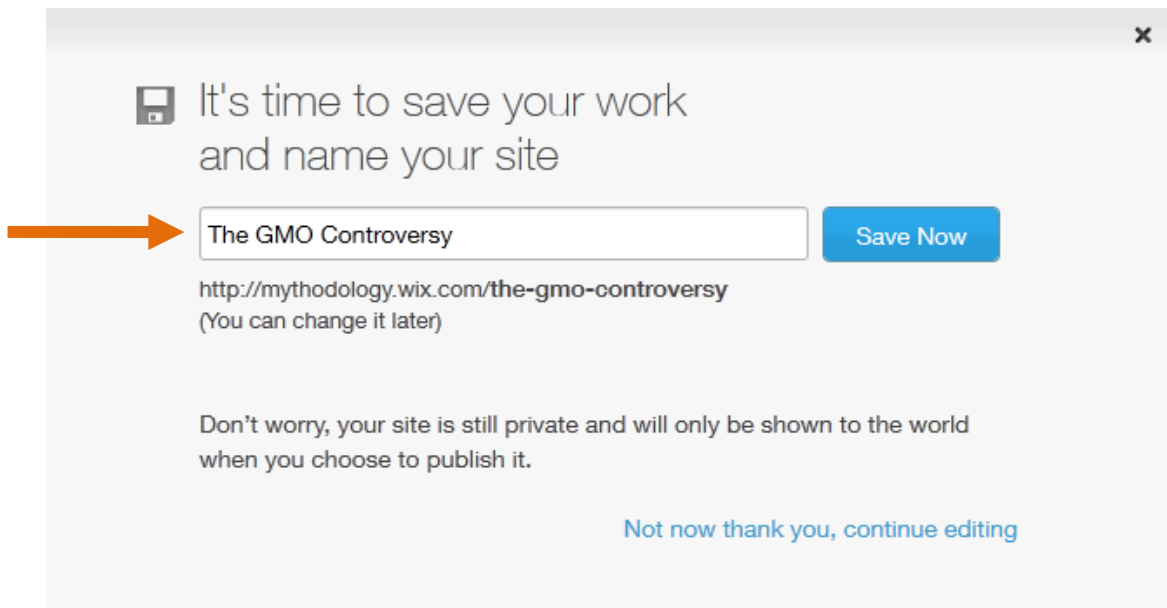
You now have the opportunity to change the whole style of the header as well as the title. My catchy and totally original header title was substituted below.

The Biotech GMO Controversy: To GM or Not GM, That is The Question

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If you haven't named your website yet, another dialog box will pop up asking you to save your site with its new name. Make sure you do this at the start and remember to save and publish your work regularly. You certainly don't want to lose your Rembrandt!

It's time to save your work and name your site

The GMO Controversy   Save Now

http://mythodology.wix.com/**the-gmo-controversy**
(You can change it later)

Don't worry, your site is still private and will only be shown to the world when you choose to publish it.

Not now thank you, continue editing

Congratulations! Your work was saved :)

Please note: Your site is not live yet.

When you are ready to share it with the world, publish your site online now or later by clicking the button in the top right corner.

OK

Make sure to **publish** your site often. This is very important because if you've finished your site but didn't publish your latest work (even though you saved it), the judges won't be able to see the final product – just one of your earlier versions!

Have fun playing with all the different formatting and editing tools provided for your site. You can experiment with different menu settings to see what looks best.


Once you've checked out some of the cool editing tools, you may want to change the template photo that appears on your site. The template I chose had a picture slideshow scrolling but the photos didn't represent what my subject was about. To substitute the images to ones that are more appropriate, I clicked on the middle of the diving photo and right clicked on "Slidshow Gallery Settings".
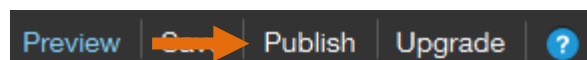
From the "Slideshow Gallery Settings", I selected "Organize Images" from the menu and in the next box, clicked "Add Images".
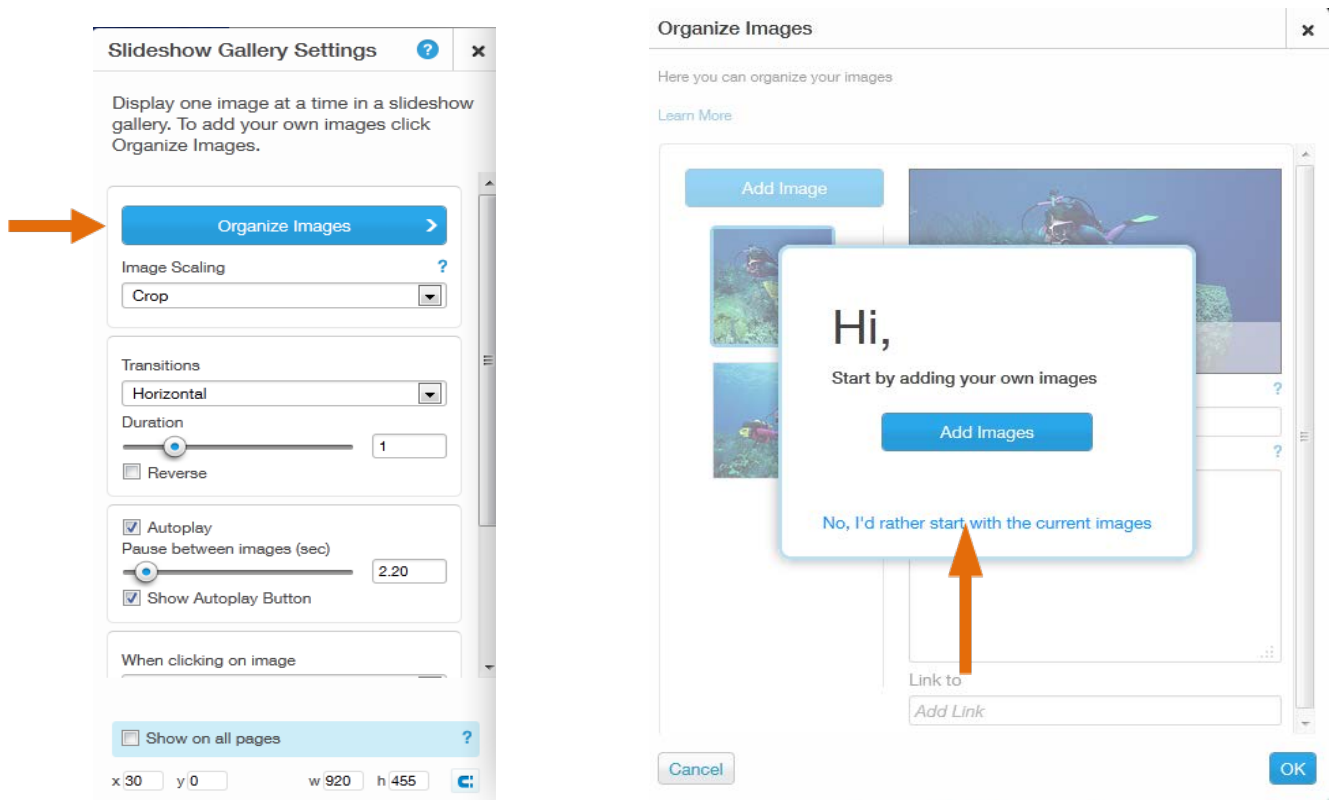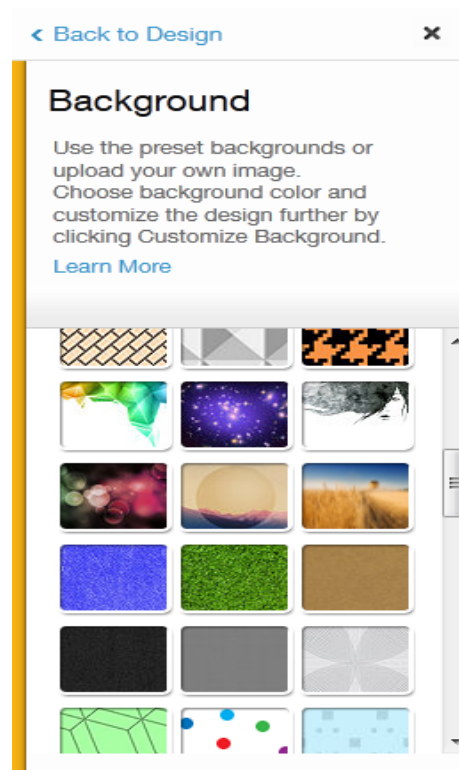

In the Image Gallery dialog box, you can upload images by selecting the "Upload Image" button.
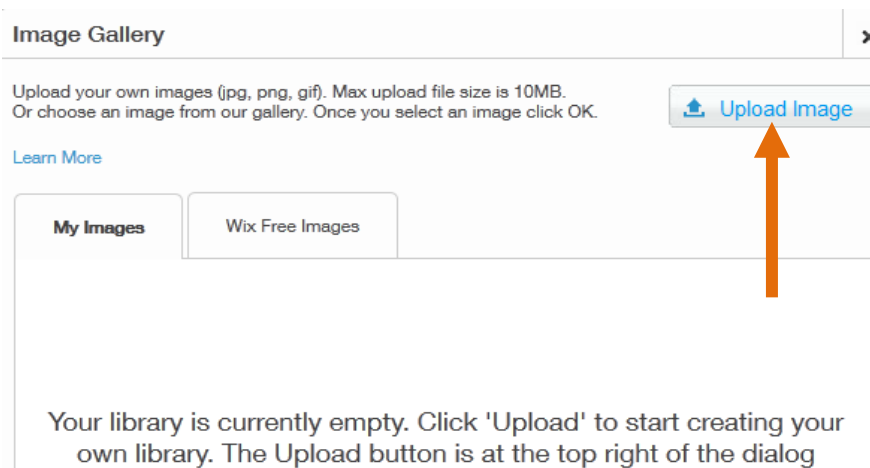
After putting a few of my own photos in the slide show, I clicked on the "Publish" button to make it live and updated with my latest and greatest edits.

Adding a background to a page is easy, just open the "Design" side menu and select "Background"


Here's what those few changes mentioned above did to the appearance of my site:
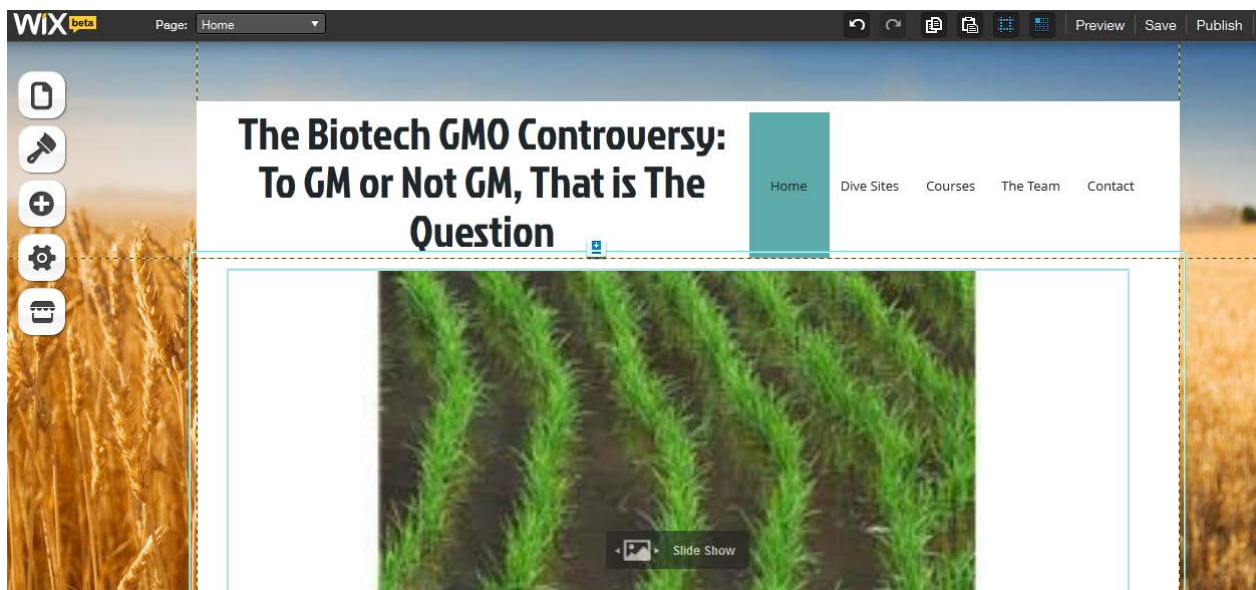
As you can see, it looks very different from what I started out with. There is a lot of flexibility in the Wix environment!

To resize existing text or photo boxes on your site, you can just click on them and use the drag handle move them or re-shape them at will. You also have the ability to delete them and add different ones.

Wix provides you with several pages for your site in the beginning and you can modify each one just as you did your main page. However, if you need more pages, you just have to click the far left Pages icon.
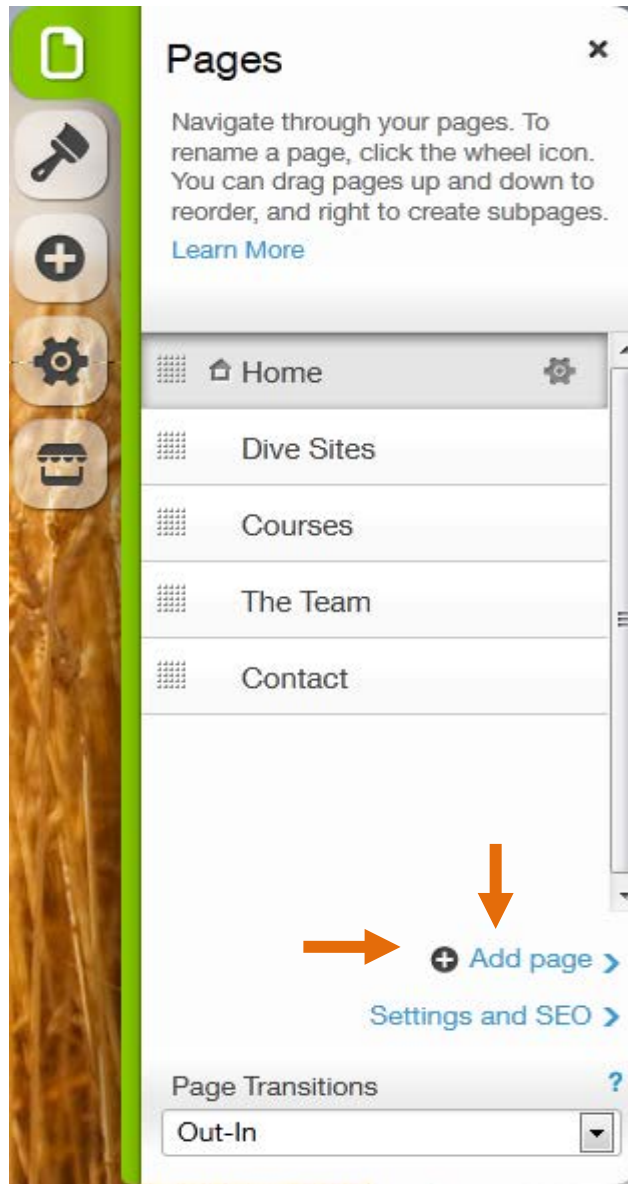
You'll probably want to keep your same menu set up on each of the pages and that can be done in at once and you can edit each page just as we did the first one.

Wix provides you with several pages at once and you can edit each page just as we did the first one. However, if you need more pages, then click on the "Add page" heading after the template provided pages.
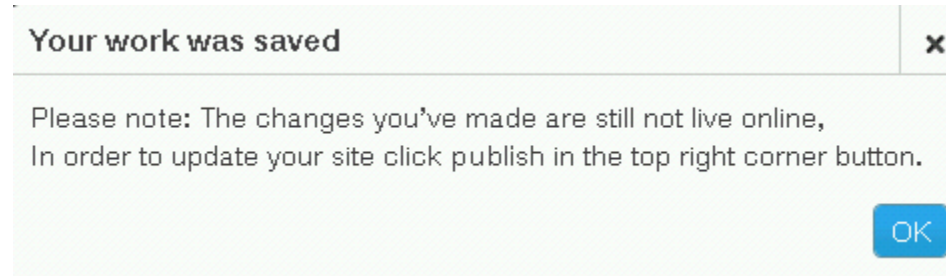
To access the website's menu settings, simply right-click on the menu and the dialog box will open. If you want the same menu set up for all the pages, click the "Show on all pages" box.
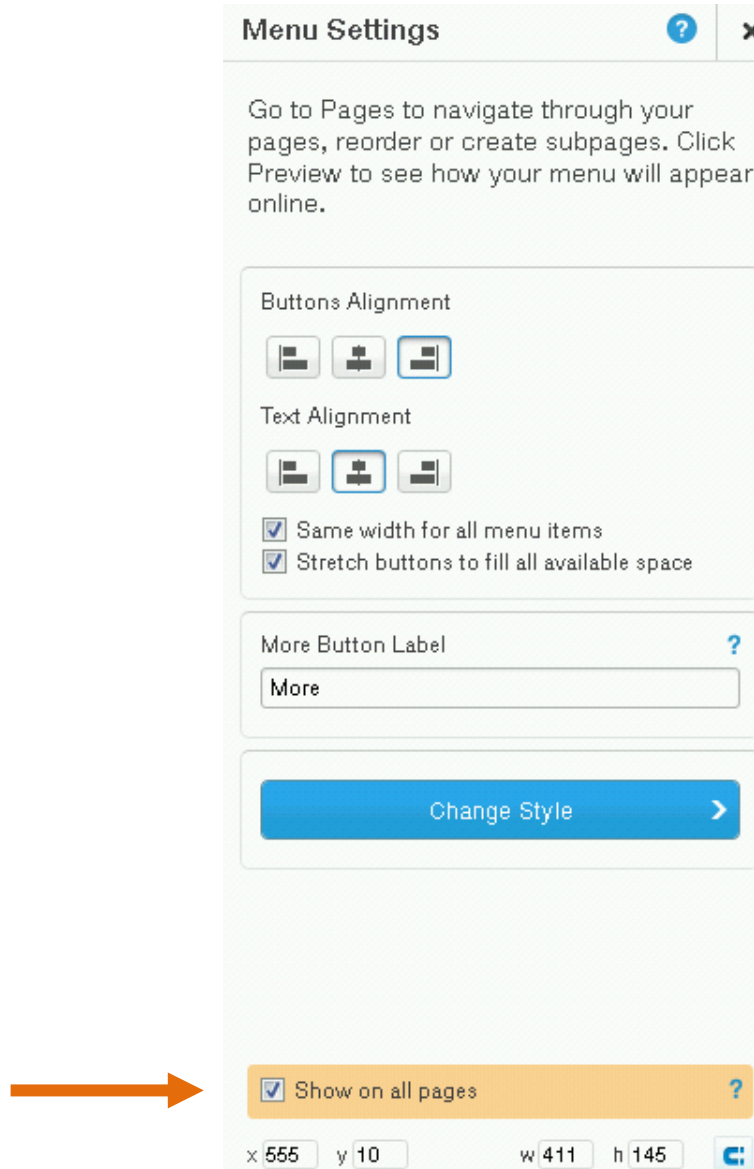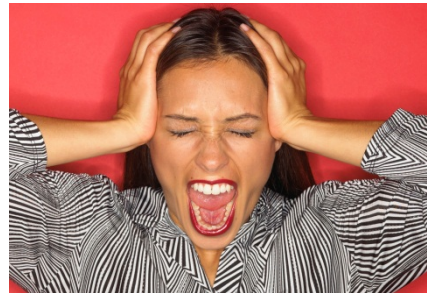
Any time you want to see how your website behaves and looks like live, you can click on the top "Preview" button and check it out.


DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

> Your work was saved   ✕
>
> Please note: The changes you've made are still not live online,
> In order to update your site click publish in the top right corner button.
>
> OK

Publish your site **NOW** and **Constantly!** If you don't, the judges will only see your old work.


Page Designing

When you want to access your different pages, simply use the "**Page:**" drop down menu at the top of the screen to select which one you want.
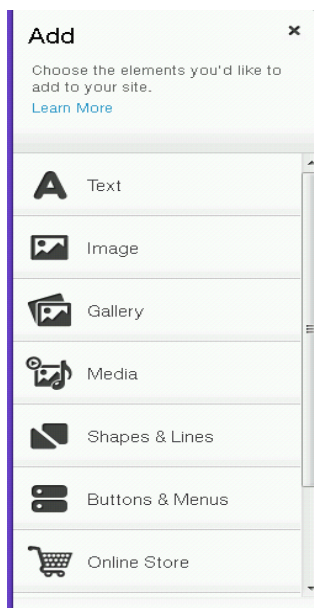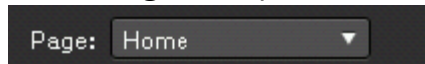
Once your pages have been created, the "Add" menu on the left will be a valuable tool for finishing them off.

You can add a text box, image, multimedia, etc... If you have text in a MS Word file or other word processor software file that you want to copy and paste into a Wix text box, it will work just fine. Just remember that changing the font is done through the Design menu on the left. The toolbar at the top also includes the copy/paste, etc. functions.
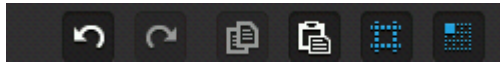

Making Hyperlinks

Putting a link in your website is easy. Highlight what you want to use as a link using the

link icon on the formatting toolbar.

The following dialog box will pop up:

You are given four choices to link to, one of your webpages, an external website, an email address or a file. If you link to an external website, make sure to give the entire address starting with http://
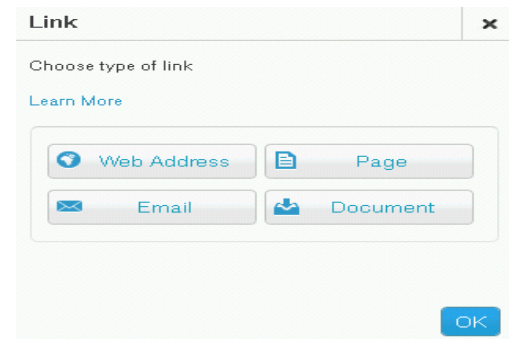
This and That (and maybe the other)

With so many choices of fonts, backgrounds, colors, media and much more included in the Wix environment, your website will be a stellar example of your genus-ness (sorry, a little plant humor there).

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<u>Your Fans Await You</u>

You did it! Great job! Do you hear anyone at your door? Well, maybe it's a bit too soon for the fans to be coming just yet.

Have fun building your website! If you run into problems with your site, you can email Marianne Hunter at mahunter@ucdavis.edu. Please be as thorough as possible explaining your situation and include "TBC" in your subject line of the email so that it will be answered quickly.