

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use
to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

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GWIB Broadcaster

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Upcoming Events

May 20

6pm in Library

Meet Mr. Lessard,
GW's new Principal

May 28, 11-4 &

May 29, 7-1

Book Buy Back and Sale

June 1

Graduation

August 5

9th Grade Registration

August 6

10th - 12th grade
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August 7

10th - 12th grade

Save the Date

Friday, May 22nd

4:00-7:00pm

Suzanne Geimer's Retirement Celebration

**Please RSVP and feel free to share this link with
other IB Alumni:**

[**RSVP and event details**](#)

**Donations for the celebration and retirement gift
are also being accepted.**

[**Click here to contribute.**](#)

**To read a tribute speech about Ms. Geimer
delivered by Bonnie Guggenheim, [click here.](#)**

President's Letter

Another school year has flown by and it is time to say goodbye to the Class of 2015 and welcome to the Class of 2019! So many positive strides have been made at GW over the past year.

Our dedicated staff, teachers, students and parent volunteers have made this another amazing and fulfilling year for the IB Program. The April mandatory meeting for the juniors and their parents focused on IB exams, gathering information about colleges, narrowing down college choices, the college application process for the fall, summer expectations, and generally preparing for the senior year. Ms. Lane met with sophomores and their parents to discuss CAS requirements.

The IBPA also will hold its annual Book Buy Back and Sale on Thursday, May 28 (11a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Friday, May 29 (7 a.m. - 1 p.m.) in the Community Room. This is a great way to be green and save your green. Any questions, contact Kathryn Stieneker kstieneker@comcast.net or Marijke Sheraden marijke_sheraden@yahoo.com.

I would like to express sincere gratitude to all the members of the boards of the IBPA and the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation. The success of the IB Program takes great students, of course; but it also takes the support of great parents. The parents who volunteer their time to be on these boards are concretely demonstrating the commitment that more than 25 years of IB parents have shown to the education of our children. Thanks to all of you who have planned and organized events, published the directory and the newsletter, maintained our Web site, raised funds, and supported our students and faculty in a myriad of other ways. The IBPA is losing three parents

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August 26
IB Welcome Picnic
Mir Park

[Visit the GWIB Website](#)
for more events and dates

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)



GWIB Student Directory

Parents: Do you have a student enrolled in an IB or Pre-IB course? With your permission, we would love to include your student in the 2015-16 IB Student Directory. This directory lists contact information for students' guardians as well as other useful information.

If you are interested, [please complete the form available here](#) and e-mail it to kelsaykim@gmail.com.

Please note that we have room to include information for two households and four parents or guardians for each student. We apologize to any families who don't fit this data limitation.

Completed forms must be sent in by July 24 to be included in the directory.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Kelsay at kelsaykim@gmail.com.

College Acceptances

of graduating seniors: Jody Kerr, Tami Patzer and Liz Shane. For three years, Jody has chaired the Welcome Picnic and the Senior Brunch; for two years, Tami has sent out all those e-mails and served as our editor of the Broadcaster; and for the past two years, Liz Shane has masterfully scheduled all those proctors for May IB exams. We will miss you.

The Board welcomes its new members: Jon Sarche, who will be our new editor of the Broadcaster; Kate Pettersen, who will be stepping into Liz's shoes, taking over the Proctoring Committee; and Terri Learned is taking over the Welcome Back Picnic Committee. Please know that we would welcome any additional parent volunteers to enable us to ensure the future stability of the IBPA and the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation Boards. Please contact me at snillow@comcast.net if you would like to know how you can volunteer.

Finally, and most importantly, many thanks to Mrs. Geimer, Marjie Lane, and all our IB teachers for helping our kids to strive toward their potential. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful team of professionals who go out of their way to help our kids.

Mark your calendars, and save the date, August 26, for our annual Get Acquainted and Welcome Back Picnic; and October 13, we have a special guest speaker who will address the college selection process.

IB College Counseling

As members of the class of 2015 finalize their college choices and sophomores and juniors start thinking about their own academic futures, the GWIB's College Counseling Committee is offering a wealth of assistance. **For important information on what needs to get done to wrap up your 2014-15 school year, and for help in thinking ahead on the rest of your high school career and beyond, [click here](#).**

Book Ordering and Buyback

The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation offers an annual used book buy back & sale and facilitates a group purchase of new books. It is important to note that these activities are NOT designed for profit. Rather, by selling & ordering your books with us, you help raise funds to cover book expenses for our students-of-need. Participating is completely optional. However, know that you will potentially save money in tax and shipping costs and have the convenience of completing your book purchases prior to summer break.

To participate in the new book group order, [please complete this form](#) (click to open) and either return it to the Used Book Sale (see reminder below) or place in the IB New Book Order Form box in the IB office **NO LATER THAN JUNE 5**. Payment is by check only. All new books will be available for pick-up during the first two days of school, Aug. 24 and 25.

Volunteers are needed for the annual used book sale:

May 28 11:00-4:00

May 29 7:00-1:00

Please contact Kathryn Stieneker at kstiener@comcast.net if you have an hour or more to help with simple book organization and money collecting. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE that no used books will be bought back from current 9th graders, but that they are welcomed/encouraged to come buy used books for next year.

Preparing GWIB Students for CAS

Many students need adult guidance over the summer to begin their CAS

Please click on the link to see where everyone has enrolled!

[Class of 2015](#)

Save the Date

Nationally recognized educational consultant and former University of Denver Dean of Admissions Steven Antonoff, Ph.D., CEP, will speak at GW on the evening of Tuesday,

October 13, 2015.

His presentation is titled *The World Is Flat and Only Ivy League Colleges Are Good: Myth, Reality, and Wisdom in College Planning.*

Dr. Antonoff has more than 30 years of experience in the college admissions process and is the author of "The College Finder: Choosing the School That's Right For You," and co-author of "College Match: Choosing the Best School for You."

Mr. Corey appointed at CU-Denver

Congratulations to history teacher Mr. Corey, who has been appointed by the University of Colorado-Denver as a lecturer/non-tenured professor.

This means GW students taking his Ancient History and Medieval History honors classes will receive credit at CU through the CU Succeed Gold Program during the 2015-16 school year!

Red Apple Recycling Drive

Once again it's time for a little spring cleaning! Baseball and softball teams are having a Red Apple Recycling clothing drive through May 27. They are trying to complete their fields with scoreboards.

The drive is seeking clean, used clothes, shoes, coats, purses, belts, backpacks,

(Creativity, Action, Service) activities and projects. How can parents help?

To read the full article, please [click here](#), and to download the CAS long-range planning sheet, [click here](#).

College Corner

Preparing for college can be overwhelming, and it means much more than filling out an application. Building a list of "good-fit" colleges before your senior year is very important, and requires careful thought about a long list of things including whether it's affordable, whether it's the right fit academically and socially, and of course the question of whether you could be admitted.

Nationally, only about one-third of students finish college at the school where they started. This highlights the importance of careful selection on the student's part; choosing the right college means more than finding a good academic fit. The social aspect shouldn't be minimized, and the financial fit is, of course, crucial.

To help sophomores and juniors clarify their thinking about college preparation, GW will hold its first College Camp at the end of the school year.

For more detail, links, and important information, [please click here to see the full article](#).

IB Welcome Picnic - August 26th

The IB Welcome Picnic will take place at Mir Park again next fall, on the corner of Elm Street and Center Avenue (just south of the Goodwill store). Look for more detail at registration and by email as we get closer to the date!

Speech and Debate

Fifteen GW students will be heading to Dallas in June to participate in the National Speech and Debate Tournament! This is a large number of qualifiers for one school, and will undoubtedly be one of the largest school contingents at the tournament, scheduled June 13-20.

GW's qualifiers are:

- **Jack Glaser**, International Extemporaneous
- **Emma Bakken** and **Josef Gross**, National Extemporaneous
- **Oliver Moldow**, **Maya Waldstreicher** and **Brandon Krier**, Congressional Debate
- **Cole Ossian** and **Anthony Georgescu**, **Nathan Quarton** and **Mike Conrad**, Public Forum Debate
- **Thomas Angus** and **Kyle Berlind**, CX/Policy Debate
- **David Lind**, **Sarah Papich**, **Katya Olson Shipyatsky**, World/Parliamentary Debate

National History Day

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the State National History Day Competition on Saturday, May 2.

The students represented George Washington proudly. All of the students dedicated themselves to their projects throughout the year.

stuffed animals and any other textile materials such as old towels, bedding or rugs. Donations can be stained and not reusable, as they will be made into something new.

Donations may be placed in bags and deposited right into the collection boxes, which look like little red schoolhouses. Both of GW's parking lots have collection boxes.

The efforts of the Red Apple Recycling clothing drive also support any group in the school to apply for grants related to wellness or sustainability, such as greenhouse and orchard clubs.

Clean out a closet and a few drawers, and purge that unwanted/unused stuff, and thank you! If you need help getting your bags to school, contact Sarah Pezoa at 303-378-4122.

After-prom Wrap-up

After-prom fundraising was successful in raising \$4600! Thank you to the 50 families who contributed and everyone who ate at the Chipotle dining night.

Welcome New Board Members

We'd like to introduce several new members of the IBPA Board:

Kate Petterson is your new chair of the proctoring committee, taking over for Liz Shane.

Terri Learned is your new chair of the Welcome Back Picnic Committee, taking over for Jody Kerr.

Jon Sarche is the new editor of the Broadcaster, taking over for Tami Patzer.

A big thank-you to Liz, Jody and Tami for their service!

Click here for the entire list of

They all demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence and a passion for history. Of the 14 projects from GW that qualified for the state competition, nine made it to the final round. Four of the projects that qualified for the final round placed first or second in their categories, earning the chance to represent GW at the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C., this June.

Please join me in congratulating

Haelee Chin and

Maureen McNamara, whose group documentary placed second;

Mia Keller, whose Web site placed second;

Sophie Nick, who finished first in the individual documentary category; and

Brooke Daley and

Emma Miner, who placed first in the group exhibit category. These students will spend the next month trying to improve their projects before traveling to Washington to compete against thousands of students from across the country.

We would also like to thank the IB Parent Foundation for its support of the GW National History Day program and these students.

GW's National History Day Teachers

Patriot Girl's Tennis 2015

The 2015 Patriot Girl's Tennis Team ended its season on a beautiful sunny Colorado afternoon at the regional tournament on the last day of April. The two days of the tournament might have been the two nicest days of a season marked with many days of inclement weather.

The entire varsity team did GW proud this season, which really could be characterized as a rebuilding year. The brightest spot was at 2 doubles: Senior Lily Kaneo, a returning state qualifier from 2014, and freshman Alma Younger finished a successful season, coming in second place in an extremely competitive regional tournament. Unfortunately, they lost in state play-in match, but they still should be proud of their accomplishment.

More than 50 girls came out for the team this season and most of the team was made up of students in the IB track! Of those 50 girls, 29 participated in varsity matches, gaining valuable competitive tennis experience. The remainder of the team gained some basic tennis skills, thanks to the efforts of Coach Ken Mason; Assistant Coach Chris Anderson, SPED teacher at GW; and Assistant Coach Brittany Ramer, pre-IB biology and chemistry teacher. All in all, the season was a success despite difficult and inclement weather. The team can anticipate increasing success in the coming years.

Ken Mason

King Soopers Cards for GW

School may be ending for the year, but please continue to use the reloadable grocery cards year round.

King Soopers grocery gift cards offer a no-cost way to raise money for GW. If you shop at King Soopers, simply reload the card using your usual method of payment at check-out (you still get the points on your credit card) before your order starts ringing up. GW Patriot Parents gets 5% of what you spend back and the funds are used for events that benefit all students such as After-Prom, the homecoming tailgate, freshman barbecue, and teacher appreciation events. This year, we have gotten about \$1,800 from the program.

If you have a card, please remember to use it every time you shop at King Soopers.

If you don't have a card and would like to use one, please contact Kerstin Froyd at kerstinfroyd@aol.com. The card is free to start and is already loaded with \$5.

IB administrators and IBPA officers and committee chairs.

Please contact us if you have story ideas or information you would like to include in the GWIB Broadcaster Newsletter.

Sincerely,

GWIB Parent Association

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