



Annual IB Welcome Picnic Set for Tuesday, August 28th

The ants at Glendale's Creekside Park are eagerly awaiting the return of all IB families and faculty for the Get-Acquainted Picnic that is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 28, from 6-8 P.M., rain or shine!** This annual affair is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with both returning and new IB families and with faculty. Sand volleyball courts are available for those who are up for a post dinner challenge, and there will be ultimate frisbee. This year, the IB Parent's Association will provide Subway Sandwiches! Please help make this a delicious night!! Last Names A-G please bring drinks (water, soda, tea, etc.); Last Names H-N please bring salads **to share**; Last Names O-Z please bring desserts **to share**. You can get to Creekside Park from South Colorado Blvd. and East Virginia Avenue, go EAST on Virginia, turn RIGHT on South Clermont Street, go one block. For more information about this picnic, call Terry Brandl, Picnic Co-Chair, at 303-333-7018.



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Come One, Come All to this Year's First IB Parents Association Meeting

The first IB Parents Association meeting for the 2007-2008 school year will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 7-8:30pm in the GW Auditorium. After introductory remarks, parents of and the IB Freshmen are invited to remain in the auditorium to participate in a Q&A session with a group of IB sophomores and learn what the first year in IB – and at GW – is really like! Seniors and their parents are invited to join **Dan Franklin**, the college counselor retained by the IB Parents Association and the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, in the Community Room discuss the final phases of the College Application Process. **Remember, these monthly meetings aren't just for parents – IB students are always welcome to attend! See you there!**

IB Parents Association Meeting Schedule for 2007-2008

The GW IB Parents Association meets the **second Tuesday of every month from 7-8:30 P.M. in the Community Room**. There will be no meeting in December. Mark your calendars for the dates of this year's Parents Association meetings: September 11, October 9, November 13, January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, and May 13. Please join us, meet new friends, and get invaluable information on everything from the IB Program to the college application process to working your way through the college financial aid maze. IB students are always welcome to attend!



From the Board...

WELCOME to ALL George Washington IB students and their families – especially to the 9th graders and first-year IB students! It has been a HOT and STEAMY summer, and we are looking forward to a FRESH, NEW school year!

The IB Parents Association strives to provide IB students and families with informative, educational, social and supportive meetings and gatherings so that all may gain more knowledge about the IB program and the unique IB experience. We want everyone to feel supported and a part of the GW IB community. The IB Parents Association works hard to support our excellent IB faculty and staff by organizing teacher-appreciation events and coordinating volunteer time. There are so many ways to be involved as an IB parent – the more you know, the more you learn how to help the greater the IB program functions! The IB Parent Association helps to foster communication and the exchange of ideas: we are allies for the success of our IB students and our IB program!

The first event/meeting this school year is the IB Family & Faculty Picnic on **Tuesday, August 28th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm @ Creekside Park in Glendale**. Included in this month's IB Broadcaster are the details and directions. Please join us for what has traditionally been a relaxed, fun and informal opportunity to meet the IB faculty and other IB students and parents.

Our monthly meetings this year will again be on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7 to 8:30 P.M. IB Parents Association meetings are designed to be either educational and informative meetings, or social events to give IB families a chance to stay connected with other IB students and parents. The first IB Parents' meeting this year will be **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 in the GW AUDITORIUM**. Parents and incoming freshmen will participate in an information and question-and-answer session with a panel of IB sophomores. Seniors and their parents will attend an informational meeting with Dan Franklin, the college counselor retained by the IB Parents Association and the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation to discuss the final phases of the college application process.

Included in this mailing are an informational letter and a Voluntary Dues Statement. Our dues campaign is the focus of the fundraising efforts for the IB Parents Association for the school year. The dues are the source of funds, which enable the Association to fund the programs and publications sponsored by the Association. We welcome and encourage donations, which will increase the ability of the Association to support the IB Program, as well as other programs at GW in which many IB students participate. A generous response from our IB families will help us to keep the IB Program at GW as strong as ever!

IB life is exciting, all-encompassing, challenging and rewarding. The IB Parents Association is a direct way to stay connected, to be "in the know" and to help our kids succeed not only as IB students, but also as 'citizens of the world'. We look forward to seeing you at the picnic on the 28th, and to sharing time, ideas and thoughts with you during the year. Again, WELCOME!

Debi Roads and Andrea Shea, Board Co-Presidents

Steve Goldstein Replaces Mario Williams as Principal

Greetings! We are very excited about the coming year here at George Washington.

We begin the year with 434 students enrolled in the IB program, two new Language Arts teachers, one new Social Studies teacher, and one new foreign language teacher. **Beth Daniel** retired over the summer and **Anna Wadsworth** will be taking over her position and **Sara Morrow** will be teaching the 9th graders. **Marcus Lee** joins us from California and will try to fill the shoes left by **Bill Achbach** upon his retirement. **Wanda Rivera** will be taking over for **Katherine Mackintosh**, who decided to leave the district.

Also, we regret the loss of **Amanda Schmidt**, who will be leaving us for a teaching position in Douglas County. We wish her the best.

We believe that we have the finest IB program in the state of Colorado and with the continued guidance of Suzanne Geimer, the amazing teachers, the outstanding students and the support of their parents; our program will continue to be exemplary. I look forward to working with all of you in my new role as principal of George Washington High School.

Steve Goldstein



With Deepest Sympathy

We are sincerely sorry to report the following news affecting our IB family:

The father of **Dan Franklin** recently passed away. Dan is the college counselor retained by the IB Parents Association and the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation.

Keenan Black's (IB class 2010) grandfather also passed away over the summer. Keenan's mom, **Kendra Black**, is a volunteer extraordinaire for the Future Center, soon to be up and running.

Bill Michaels, the father of **Anna**, IB graduate 2007, **Grace** (IB class 2011), **Henry** (Steck Elementary), and spouse of **Laura**, died July 30, 2007. Bill was well known throughout the Denver community. He was a consummate sports

enthusiast and especially loved baseball. He was an avid runner and helped to start the Rocky Mountain Road Runners. Mayor **John Hickenlooper** published a city proclamation declaring July 26, 2007 Bill Michaels Day and the family received a personal letter of condolence from Governor **Bill Ritter**.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to these families at this time.

And More News to Share

Many of you know **Dan Lewis** (GWIB Class of 2005), his sister **Katie** ('07), his brother **Peter** ('09), his mother **Jeannie Dise-Lewis** (long-time IB Parent Association secretary), and/or his father **Hal Lewis**. On July 7, Dan was seriously injured in a cycling accident near Salina, Kansas, where he had just completed 2000 miles of a cross country ride to benefit Habitat for Humanity. **Dan is now at University Hospital in Denver**. You can access an ongoing account of Dan's progress and leave a message for him and the family by going to www.carepages.com, registering as a new user, and logging on to Dan's page at "**danlewis2007**." The Message Board also contains information about the newly established Lewis Family Assistance Fund; please see the posting from Denver psychologist and professor **Art Jones** dated July 25.

Again, please keep the **Lewis** family in your thoughts and prayers and wish for a speedy recovery for **Dan**.

Parent Volunteers Needed for the IB Board

The IB Parents Association Board of Directors still has some important vacancies to fill—see ? under the 2007-2008 **IB**



Parents Association Board of Directors on the last page of this publication. We need your support! If you are interested in information about any of these open positions, please call or email **Andrea Shea** or **Debi Roads**, Co-Presidents.

A Message from the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation

August 2007

New IB families often want to know, “What is the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation?”

A group of parents, faculty and friends of the GW International Baccalaureate program founded the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation in 1995 as a charitable and non-profit 501(c)(3) entity to help pay for equipment, books, programs and curriculum needs of students and teachers in the IB program at GW. These needs developed because Denver Public Schools was unable to fund all of the needs of the IB program.

In the early years of the Foundation, funding focused on computers, books and science lab equipment. Over time, the activities supported by the Foundation have expanded to include funding for professional development for the IB faculty, and books and IB exam fees for IB students who might otherwise not be able to participate in the IB program. We have also been able to provide honoraria for IB teachers who act as faculty advisors for Junior and Senior IB students on their extended essays, as well as other educational activities of IB students. In recent years, as the needs of the IB program have increased, in part due to the continued shortfalls in funding from DPS, the types of programs funded by the Foundation have increased as well. For the last three years, the Foundation has been able to retain a private college counselor for IB Juniors and Seniors, and over the past two summers, the Foundation has funded a summer enrichment program for entering IB freshman, and an enrichment class for IB Juniors and Seniors emphasizing IB English skills.

This variety of grants paid for by the Foundation is only made possible from the generous contributions from current IB families, families of IB alumni, and grants to the IB Foundation from other charitable foundations, which have enabled the Foundation to support the GW IB program in ways that would not have been possible ten years ago. This financial support for the IB program has helped to maintain George Washington as one of the best high schools in the United States. GW has often been ranked in the Newsweek magazine listings of the best high schools in America.

We have been fortunate enough in the past three years to have received a challenge grant of \$15,000

from an alumni’s family foundation, which has been matched by contributions from IB families and other foundations. As of now, while we are hopeful, we do not yet know whether these foundations will be able to assist the IB Foundation in our fundraising efforts this year. This means that contributions from IB families will be as important as ever to the continued excellence of the IB program at GW.

Later this fall, the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation will be sending a letter to all IB families asking for your support. Every donation, whether \$25, \$50, \$100, or more, makes a difference. Donations are also tax deductible. We would also be grateful to receive contributions from employers, businesses or other charitable foundations, or to discuss a challenge grant to be matched by other contributions. You might let other IB alumni families know about our efforts, as we are always thankful for the donations we receive from alumni families and students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any thoughts by phone at home, 303-759-1176, at my office, 303-539-3159, or by email at James.Kaplan@publicans.com. Thank you for your support for the GW IB program.

**Jamie Kaplan, President
Friends of IB Scholars Foundation**

Coordinator's Corner

It is the new school year and I am excited, as always, to begin the process of coming to know the new students, to better understand and fully appreciate our returning students, and to be working along side the faculty everyday. We have so many new faculty that the year is going to be especially fun—we seasoned IB people love to see the appreciation for our wonderful program grow in our novices! My wish for 2007-08 is not new however, that we as an IB community make this academic year rich in discovery and hopefulness, and that we all find joy in our learning with surprises and fun along the way. Be patient with our new classmates and teachers, be a compassionate guide, and don't forget where my office is when you need help.

**Suzanne Geimer
IB Coordinator**

What is the Difference between the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation and the IB Parents Association?

A Letter from the IB Parents Association and the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation to the George Washington IB Community

August 2007

Dear George Washington IB Parents, Students and Faculty,

As the new school year begins, we thought this would be a good time to explain again the interaction of the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation and the IB Parents Association.

The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation was established by a group of IB parents and faculty in 1995 to support the IB program at George Washington by funding activities related to the GW IB program. These activities include loans to needy students for the cost of IB exams and books; grants to teachers for advising on IB extended essays; requests from IB teachers for equipment, books, subscriptions, and continuing education; loans to the Model UN group, support for National History Day participation by IB students, and other such requests. The Foundation also funds the position for the part-time college counselor for IB juniors and seniors. Through its tax exempt, 501(c)(3) status, the Foundation offers the opportunity for tax-deductible contributions. The Foundation Board, comprised of IB parents, an IB faculty member, IB Program Coordinator Suzanne Geimer, and alumni parents meets several times a year concerning funding requests.

The IB Parents Association was formed more than 10 years ago by IB parents to support the IB program at George Washington by organizing informational and educational meetings for IB parents and students about the IB program, the college application process and other topics of interest to IB families; organizing social and student recruiting activities for the IB program; providing support for the IB program through the Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) component of the IB program; providing teacher appreciation events and gifts for the IB faculty; organizing the IB Senior Brunch; and publishing the IB Directory and the IB Broadcaster newsletter to enhance communication among IB families. The Association also helps to fund projects which support programs at George Washington outside of the IB program in which IB students participate, such as drama, music and Sports.

In order to coordinate the financial support of the IB program, the IB Parents Association has also established a fund to respond on a rapid basis to teacher requests during the school year for IB classroom and curriculum support items, focusing on requests for less than \$100. The IB Foundation continues to fund requests from IB teachers for proposals over \$100 for equipment, books, subscriptions and continuing education.

The Association begins its voluntary dues campaign in August. The Foundation will begin its separate fundraising campaign later in the fall. We encourage IB families to support both of these organizations, whose success is critical to the continued excellence of the GW IB program.

Debi Roads and Andrea Shea, Co-Presidents, IB Parents Association

Jamie Kaplan, President, Friends of IB Scholars Foundation

THE IB COUNSELING AND COLLEGE CORNER

This feature of the Broadcaster helps keep you informed about important dates, activities, and meetings that are related to the college application process. **It is extremely important for students to plan ahead** so as not to miss deadlines and not to overwhelm faculty and administrators with last-minute requests which we may not be able to accommodate.

Juniors will begin and Seniors will complete any required standardized testing. Please familiarize yourselves with what various colleges require and plan accordingly. Details and online registration are available at www.act.org (ACT) and www.collegeboard.com (SAT).

Test	2007-2008 Test Date	Reg Deadline	Late Reg (Addl' Fee)
Sat & Subject Tests	Oct 6	Sep 10	Sep 14
ACT	Oct 27	Sep 21	Oct 5
Sat & Subject Tests	Nov 3	Oct 2	Oct 11
Sat & Subject Tests	Dec 1	Oct 30	Nov 8
ACT	Dec 8	Nov 2	Nov 15
Sat & Subject Tests	Jan 26	Dec 26	Jan 4
ACT	Feb 9	Jan 4	Jan 18
SAT only	Mar 1	Jan 29	Feb 7
ACT	Apr 12	Mar 7	Mar 21
Sat & Subject Tests	May 3	Apr 1	Apr 10
Sat & Subject Tests	Jun 7	May 6	May 15
ACT	Jun 14	May 9	May 23

College admissions representative visits will take place throughout the year, with the greatest concentration occurring during September and October. Please look for notices in the IB office and on the web site, and be certain to follow the correct procedures for obtaining passes from any classes that you might miss in order to meet with the reps. Be judicious in the number of sessions you attend, as you will not be excused from completing your class work.

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August 23, Thursday, 8:00 AM, Cafeteria: Ms. Geimer will meet with all Seniors to collect the following materials (as detailed in her letter to you this summer): your college application essay, the School Report Form from the Common Application, a list of three teachers who have agreed to write letters of recommendation for you, a resume/list of activities to give to those teachers, and a list of up to seven colleges to which you will apply.

Mid-September (TBA): Mr. Franklin will meet with all juniors during class time to hand out and review the Junior Checklist of recommended college-related activities for this year.

September 11, Tuesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Auditorium: IB Parents Association meeting, with a session by Mr. Franklin for Seniors and their parents to discuss the final phases of the college application process.

September 12, Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:30 PM, Convention Center: “Colleges That Change Lives” College Fair (www.ctcl.com)

September 14, Friday, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Convention Center: National Scholarship Foundation College Fair (www.nssfns.com)

October 9, Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, GWHS will host an In-State College Fair offered by Colorado Day/Night College Fair Programs. Evening sessions of this fair are offered at several metro area schools; see www.coloradocouncil.org.

October 10, Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Monarch High School, Louisville, and October 11, Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, J. F. Kennedy High School, Denver: Out of State College Nights offered by College Fairs of Greater Denver (www.collegefairsdenver.org)

October 13, Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Cherry Creek High School: Cherry Creek College Fair (In- and Out-of-State), offered by College Fairs of Greater Denver (www.collegefairsdenver.org). This is the largest of the college fairs, with many schools represented and a wide variety of workshops and information sessions for students and parents.

October 20, Saturday AM. Juniors have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) at GW. Registration is through the school, not online. Alternatively the test is offered on Wednesday, October 17, but not at GW. Students will receive more information in school.

Week of October 22: If you are planning college visits this fall, please schedule them during this week. Since school is not in session October 24 – 26, faculty will assume that seniors will be using that week for completing any final changes to their extended essays and visiting colleges.

November 1: Deadline for Early Decision and Early Action at many colleges. Check your selected schools' timelines and requirements carefully.

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January 1: Deadline for Regular Applications at many colleges. Again, check your selected schools' requirements carefully.

April 23: State-mandated ACT testing for all juniors. The school arranges registration and fees, and the test is administered during the school day. Please note that this version of the ACT does not include the optional Writing Test.



Mark Your Calendar for these Important Dates

Date	Event	Time	Location
August 20	School begins for GW 9th graders only		
August 21	School begins for all remaining GW students		
August 28	IB Family and Faculty Get-Acquainted Picnic	6-8 pm	Creekside Park
August 30	Parent School-Wide Orientation	7-8:30 pm	Auditorium
September 3	Labor Day Holiday - No School		
September 11	College Night	6-9 pm	Auditorium
September 4	CSC Meeting	6-8 pm	Community Room
September 7	Student photo re-takes	All Day	Community Room
September 11	IB Parents Association Meeting	7-8:30 pm	Community Room/Aud
September 17	CSC Meeting	6-8 pm	Community Room
September 18	Drama Club In-Prov Night		
September 19	PTSA Meeting	6:30-7:30 pm	Community Room
September 20	All School Meet-the-Teachers Night	6-8:30 pm	
September 28	1st Grading Period Ends		
October 1	CSC Meeting	6-8 pm	Community Room
October 5	Student photo re-takes	All Day	Community Room
October 6	SAT Test	7am-1pm	2nd Floor, E Wing
October 9	IB Parents Association Meeting	7-8:30 pm	Community Room/Aud
October 9	College Fair	7:30-11am	Gyms
October 12	Homecoming Pep Rally	TBA	Gyms
October 13	Homecoming Game vs. North	12 noon	TBA
October 13	Homecoming Dance	8-11 pm	Gyms
October 15	CSC Meeting	6-8 pm	Community Room
October 17	PTSA Meeting	6:30-7:30 pm	Community Room
October 19	IB Creativity Fair	7 am - 12 noon	Gyms
October 22-24	Parent Teacher Conference Week		
October 25-26	Fall Break, No School		
November 2	2nd Grading Period Ends		
November 3	SAT Test	7am-1pm	2nd Floor, E Wing



GW Students Take Honors at Colorado History Day

The following IB students were Colorado state champions at the Colorado History Day Competition held at the University of Colorado at Boulder on April 28. GW's NHD competition is sponsored by Bonnie Guggenheim.

Senior Individual Exhibit

1st Place **Rebecca Chazin**, "From Emancipation to Jim Crow: Triumph and Tragedy in Mississippi"

Senior Group Exhibit

1st Place **Sophia Moore, Emily Berger, Jennifer Berger**, "Eirinn go Brach: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Irish War of Independence"

2nd Place **Meghan Kleinsteiber, Schuyler Gibson**, "Hitler's Triumph, German's Tragedy, 1932-1939"

3rd Place **Kalyn Tung, Christine Stewart**, "Suffering the Winds of Change: The Chinese Cultural Revolution Under Mao Zedong"

Senior Individual Performance

3rd Place **Joanna Foote**, "The Meiji Restoration: Triumph of Cultural Identify, Tragedy of Militarism"

Senior Individual Documentary

2nd Place **Che Reyes**, "United 232: Triumph and Tragedy in Sioux City"

Special Awards

East Asian History Award, **Kalyn Tung, Christine Stewart**, "Suffering the Winds of Change: The Chinese Cultural Revolution Under Mao Zedong"

Diplomatic History Award, **Ella Peterson**, "This Is No Peace: Israel's Triumph in the Six Day War and the Tragedy of the Arab-Israeli Conflict"

National Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to sponsor Patricia Sikes and the following IB students who were inducted into the

GW chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools during a ceremony held in the auditorium on April 30: **Aala Abdelgadir, Hannah Adler, Christine Anderson, Angela Bae, Joanna Foote, Alexander Ghincea, Chris Ghincea, Lakeisha Jefferson, Amie Kashon, Marina Kucic, Peter Lewis, Parker Martin, Sean Manton, Brinton Mitchell, Elie Reiss, Tasha Russman, Nick Sather, Kathleen Shea, Michael Skeen, Christine Stewart, Kalyn Tung, Tsion Teklu, Hana Toribara, Randy Waymire, Taylor Webster, Cambria Wethey, Connor Williams, Maddie Wolberg.**



Christine Stewart and Kalyn Tung display their Senior Group Exhibit Board at Colorado History Day



Spanish Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to the following IB students who were recently inducted into the GW chapter of the Spanish Honor Society of Secondary: **Angela Bae, Matt Bell, Gaby Biscaye, Arielle Finegold, Joanna Foote, Jillian Geib, Anayeli Gonzalez, Amie Kashon, Guy Liechty, Zander Loudon, Sean Manton, Parker Martin, Sofia Prado-Irwin, Elie Reiss, Stephanie Satler, Julie Sharoff, Scott Symonds, Hana Toribara, Taylor Webster, Katie Whitnah, Connor Williams, William Witwer, Maddie Wolberg.**

Congratulations also go out to SHS sponsors **Barbara Gale-Martinez** and **Michael Sedillos!**

Call for IB Success Stories

The IB North America is seeking stories regarding the positive impact of an IB education on your students, school or community. If you have a compelling story you would like to share with us, please send your story, along with the following, to ibna.comm@ibo.org:

- *Name and title
- *School and programme
- *Contact information, including phone and email

If you would prefer to have the communications division write your story, we will contact you to schedule time for a phone interview.

Your story will be added to a compilation of success stories for future use in IB publications. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to speaking with you.

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Suzanne Geimer
IB Coordinator

GW Track Team Wins State!

WOW! We are extremely proud of our GW' track team competition and students who to the Track Meet on were **Matt Emmily Pierce,** and **Kathleen** that went to state won 1st place. IB qualified and went Colorado State May 18th and 19th **Bell, Jane Culkin, Kelsey Meyer, Shea.**



IB Students Earn IB Diplomas

We are very excited to advise you **86% of the 77 2007 IB Diploma Candidates earned their IB Diploma** as announced on July 5th. This percentage reflects an increase over 2006. Congratulations to you seniors! We are all proud of you!

The IB Broadcaster Editors need your support to provide relevant content and **especially digital pictures** involving IB students to make this an interesting publication. Please email your article or pics with description to Barbara Tung or Joanne Irons. Thank you!!

Copy Content & Pictures Deadlines

Aug/Sep	8/6/07
Oct	9/17/07
Nov	10/22/07
Dec/Jan	12/17/07
Feb	1/21/08
Mar	2/18/08
Apr	3/17/08
May	4/21/08

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