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From the Board



The school year is progressing and GWIB is humming with activity. In the IB Office, **Suzanne Geimer** and **Marjie Lane**, have been a model of organization in helping our seniors apply to colleges. Not only have they been writing counselor recommendations and preparing application packets, but also scheduling numerous college information sessions and even sending notes to

students to encourage them to attend particular presentations. In addition to assisting our upcoming graduates, the IB Office has hosted almost daily shadowing visits, copied notices for all DPS 8th graders who scored advanced on last spring's CSAP tests and sent representatives (Mrs. Geimer and parent volunteers) to a number of middle schools.

The November 9th IBPA meeting was well attended by sophomores and their parents. Mrs. Geimer refreshed memories about the 6 subject areas of the IB curriculum and the three additional areas at its core, as sophomores prepared to commit to their junior and senior year classes this month. Important materials were distributed, including course selection forms. Any student who did not attend this mandatory meeting should see Mrs. Geimer right away to get the handouts and course choice forms. If students have general questions about their choice of studies, they should ask Mrs. Geimer or Ms. Lane as soon as possible. For questions about specific course content, it is best to contact the course teacher directly. Email is an efficient way of asking questions if it's hard to find time to talk face-to-face. IBPA Board members are always happy to help answer questions or to steer you to the right person.



More communications notes: E-mail and telephone notifications, together with The Broadcaster, are the program's best means of informing families about important IB events. **Ms. Fisher**, the GW Attendance Secretary, oversees school-wide notifications including automated calls. If you are not receiving these, contact her at **720-423-8642** or Patricia_Fisher@dpsk12.org. GWIB maintains its own e-mail system, which you can



register for via the www.georgeib.com home page using the green box on the lower right. While you're on the site, check out all the great information and updates.

You won't want to miss our January parents meeting on **Tuesday, January 4th @ 6:30 p.m.** in the GW Community Room with a panel of GW IB graduates. The group will share their experiences about finding the right fit for college, life with roommates, college culture, how academically prepared they were, etc. You are sure to enjoy this always-popular presentation.

I would like to welcome (7) new board members. **Shelly Moorman** – co-Chair College Counseling, **Jennifer Sells** – Welcome Picnic Chairperson, **Elaine Tintera** - Proctor Coordinator, **Julia Fitzpatrick** – Senior Brunch Chairperson, **Pam Kerr** – Spring Buy Back Book Sale, 11th grade IB student, **Alexandra Wollins** – Photographer, and **Paul Day-Lucore** – IB Broadcaster Editor. We appreciate the significant roles that all of our volunteers play in the success of the IB Program.

A BIG thank you to all of the families who have contributed to the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation. Your donation supports BOTH the Parent Association and the Foundation. We appreciate your continued support of GW and the IB Program.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season.

—**Kristi Butkovich, IBPA Board President**

Call for Volunteers: Be a Part of our Tradition!



The IB Parents Association has been a tradition at GW for many years! Members of the Association Board work hard by providing support to students, families, faculty, and staff with such offerings as the get-acquainted picnic, the monthly newsletter, teacher appreciation activities, IB Ambassadors, college counseling presentations, freshman orientation, the senior brunch, etc.

The Board welcomes and encourages volunteers to help throughout the year with various activities. If you have any questions about, or would like to help with any of the various committees listed on the back page of this newsletter, please contact any of the current members of the Association Board. Please help continue our tradition of volunteer service by giving a little of your time to ensure our students, teachers, staff and families receive the benefits of a strong parent organization!



**Register online with the
GWIB Parent Association**
<http://www.georgeib.com/index.html>



Welcome Fest is scheduled for March 7th and will need many parents to help. This is an energy-charged evening that welcomes potential IB students and provides a venue to recruit new club and team members for the 2011-2012 school year. Please e-mail **Linda Williams** at lindasue222@comcast.net if you'd like to help.

Help Wanted: IB Parent Association Board Seats Must Be Filled



The all-volunteer IB Parent Association (IBPA) is seeking a co-President and co-Treasurer for the rest of this year and next year. Please consider becoming part of this parent group and helping to support the wonderful IB staff and faculty. The IBPA works to provide IB students and their families with social and educational meetings to support the GWIB community, and to help inform and educate students and their parents about the IB program and the IB experience. The board meets once a month on the second Tuesday from 6:30 – 8 PM at GW. Please contact **Kristi Butkovich** ASAP if you want to join our team. kbutkovich@comcast.net

THERE *IS* LIFE AFTER IB!



DON'T BELIEVE IT?

COME TO THE

ANNUAL GWIB ALUMNI PANEL

JANUARY 4, 2011, 6:30-8 PM



**Don't miss the most popular meeting of the year!
A PANEL OF RECENT GWIB GRADS TELL ALL!**

Finding the best-fit college
Transitioning to college academics
Adjusting to campus life
Making the most of new opportunities
Dealing with disappointments
Looking back at high school and GWIB



ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS WELCOME!

**Please note: This meeting takes place on the last evening of
the Winter Break**

Colorado Youth Advisory Council

George Washington High School has four students on the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) this year. IB assistant Marjorie Lane's son, **Alejandro Maldonado**, is an at large representative to COYAC. Junior **Irma Aganovic** is serving her first year on the council. Finishing the second of their two year terms are junior **Angie Neslin** and senior **Thomas Tarler**. Irma, Angie and Thomas all represent their respective state senate districts. COYAC was established to give Colorado legislators the youth perspective on issues.



Congratulations to Ben Holsten who was recently named to the **2010 USA Swimming Scholastic All-America Team!** This honor is in recognition of Ben's high GPA and outstanding swimming times during the 2009-2010 academic year. Way to go Ben!

Congratulations...

...to the **Model UN team** for their successful performance Saturday, November 13 at the Regis High School meet. **Thomas Tarler** won Honorable Mention representing Sweden in the Ad-Hoc Committee of the GA, **Lemi Vesselovskii** and **Nate Simmons** won Outstanding Delegation representing France in the beginning Security Council. **Sean Chilelli** won Best Delegation representing China in the Security Council. Great Job Model UN!



**Enjoy your
holiday season!**



SPEECH & DEBATE

Douglas County Invitational at Mountain Vista:

Congratulations to our team and coaches for winning the tournament's Sportsmanship Award. The Blake Mara Award is unique to this tournament and was created in memory of Mountain Vista students who died in a car accident a few years ago. Student competitors voted for the teams they thought exhibited good sportsmanship, and the award committee also considered the number of judges provided by each school and whether the team's coach worked at the tournament. This award is a testament to the fine coaching by **Maryrose Kohan**, and the Patriot Spirit our team displays when representing GWHS! 16 students placed in the final rounds. Special congratulations to our novices (marked below with *) for breaking through to the finals in their first Varsity debates!



First Place:

Dan Morgan-Russell – International Extemporaneous Speaking;
Matt Zavislan – Lincoln/Douglas Debate.

Second Place:

Wahtihdah Duffy and **Alec Madrid** – JV Policy Debate.

Third Place:

Emma Thompson and **Miles Moore** – Public Forum Debate;
Claire Trainor* – Original Oratory.

Fourth Place:

Michael Homiak – Lincoln/Douglas;
Hope Cornish and **Adam Wise** – Duo Interpretation;
Mali Garrett-Mills* - Original Oratory.

Fifth Place:

Julia Sigman – Dramatic Interpretation;
Alex Wollins and **Rachel Crowe** – Duo Interpretation.

Sixth Place:

Zach Papadopolous* – International Extemporaneous Speaking;
Samiha Matin* - Humorous Interpretation

Glenbrooks National Tournament:

Special congratulations to those who competed at this national-level tournament, and to those who broke to the elimination rounds: **Dan Morgan-Russell** competed in semi-finals and finished in the top 12 in Extemporaneous Speech, and the team of **Brendan Patrick** and **Ethan Melnick** competed in the octo-finals in Public Forum Debate. Way to go! And thank you to **Maryrose Kohan** for taking them!

Mullen Tournament in Greeley:

Second Place:

Emma Thompson and **Miles Moore** - Public Forum Debate.

Third Place:

Sam Clark and **Miles Owens** – Cross-Examination Debate.

Fourth Place:

Nadira Matin and **Davis Berlind** – Cross-Examination Debate.

Sixth Place:

Adrian Johnson and **Jackson Zeiler** – Public Forum Debate.

Finalists:

Angie Neslin – Original Oratory;
Adam Wise and **Hope Cornish** – Duo Interpretation;
Izzie Gall – Humor;
Katya Witvliet – Drama.

—**Barbara Laff** and **Andrea Morgan**

2010-2011 Events Calendar

December 13-17	Finals week
December 20	Winter Holiday Break begins (no classes)
January 4	Life After IB presentation 6:30 PM
January 5	Classes begin
January 14	Assessment day – no classes
January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – no classes



Juniors and their Parents

(and all others who are interested)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE INFORMATIVE COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

December 4, Noon – 2 PM:
**Researching Colleges and
Developing a List**

January 22, Noon – 2 PM:
College Admission 101,
An orientation to the application process

February 5, 9-10:30 AM:
Test Preparation—SAT

February 19, 9-10:30 AM:
Test Preparation—ACT

April 9, Noon-2 PM:
**Breaking Away:
Surviving the First Year of College**
A program for seniors and their parents.

April 16, Noon-2 PM:
College Admission 202,
A more detailed look at how students can best present themselves in rep visits,
interviews, correspondence, applications, supplements, etc.

All programs will be held on Saturdays in the Community Room, and will be presented by **Rusty Haynes**, the college counselor hired by the IB Parent Association using funds from your dues and donations.



IB Program Evaluation for Juniors, Seniors, and Their Families

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) requires affiliated programs, like George IB, to conduct a self-evaluation every five years as part of the IBO's accreditation process. The self-evaluation provides a way to understand how well the program is fulfilling the IBO's requirements and it will provide information that will help guide George IB's continued development in the coming years.

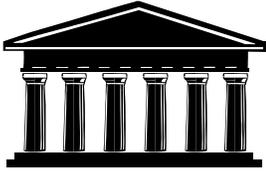
Please see the link at www.georgeib.com to complete the survey.

Did you know?

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.

Contact **Tom Zeiler**, President, Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, for more information. tomzeiler@msn.com



THE IB COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

December is an intense time in the IB office, as Mrs. Geimer and Ms. Lane mail hundreds of school reports, transcripts, and counselor's (read: Mrs. Geimer's) recommendations to colleges and universities all over the country while simultaneously recruiting and reviewing applicants for next year's IB freshman class and handling all the daily details of life in GWIB. Please be very, very kind to them this month. "Be Kind to Seniors" season also continues, as they work hard to complete their college applications while fulfilling the demands of all their IB courses and extracurriculars.

SENIORS, you're in the home stretch for applications. Keep up the good work! By mid November, you should have:

- turned in everything necessary to the IB office and to teachers who are writing recommendations,
- sent off any Early Decision or Early Action applications, and
- made major progress on the completion of your part of all Regular Decision applications.

If this does not describe you, see the College Application Planning Calendar immediately and do what it says - TODAY! (It's on the website, in case you lost your copy.) Remember that any requests for supporting documents from the school that are not in the IB Office by December 10 will not be processed until after school resumes on January 5, and will therefore miss early January deadlines. Now is the time to check all the details on your remaining applications and send them off as soon as possible to get the most favorable reading by college admissions committees. A warning note for procrastinators: If you wait until the last day to send electronic applications, you are likely to find the system overloaded by all your fellow procrastinators, meaning your application may not go through on time. This is NOT GOOD.

LET THE IB OFFICE KNOW OF ACCEPTANCES AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS as you receive them. ED applicants are in a kind of suspended animation until notifications arrive in mid-to-late December. Early Action, Early Notification, and Rolling admissions decisions will also begin arriving soon, but it will be months before everyone receives every decision. Please keep the IB Office informed AND enter your results on Naviance by editing your "Colleges I'm Applying To" entries.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are the next big agenda item. Do not underestimate the amount of time required to successfully submit all the required documentation, and do not wait until February to begin. This year is expected to be particularly competitive, due to the state of the economy, so it's more important than ever to get it right the first time. **PARENTS OF SENIORS** should be gearing up to prepare 2010 tax returns and to file the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA; www.fafsa.ed.gov) as early in the New Year as possible. Many private colleges also require the CSS/PROFILE (<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>) and/or their own additional applications (some with earlier deadlines). In addition to applying for need- and merit-based aid from individual schools, students may want to seek out other scholarships; www.fastweb.com has a good database.

JUNIORS, the college application spotlight is about to shift to you! IB college counselor Rusty Haynes will hold a meeting with juniors and parents on Saturday, December 4, Noon-2 PM, on how to research colleges and develop your list. (Many thanks to Kelly Morrison, who will record and post this session on the www.georgeib.com website as a podcast!) More workshops will follow in the new year—see the calendar below. Mr. Haynes is also ready to begin meeting with juniors, with or without parents, mostly on Saturdays. Set up your initial appointment with him by phone (office: 719-576-9487; cell: 719-232-5305) or e-mail (collegemasters@comcast.net).

SOPHOMORES who took the ACT PLAN and **FRESHMEN** who took the ACT EXPLORE should be getting feedback on their performance and on their responses to the interest portion of the test from the GW Counseling Office in January. **Parents**, don't miss this chance to start exploring post-high school possibilities with your students.

ALL STUDENTS are encouraged to spend some time over Winter Break exploring options for **summer**.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES AND DEADLINES

December 4: Saturday, Noon-2 PM, Community Room: **Researching Colleges and Developing a List**, Rusty Haynes, IB College Counselor. All are welcome; juniors and their parents should make every effort to attend.

January 1: Deadline for submitting **Regular Decision applications** to many colleges. Again, check your selected schools' requirements carefully. Some schools have earlier deadlines if you want to be considered for scholarships and/or interviews

January 22: Saturday, Noon-2 PM, Community Room, **College Admission 101**, an orientation to the application process. This is most relevant for juniors and their parents, but all are welcome.

February 5: Saturday, 9:00-10:30 AM, Community Room **SAT Test Preparation**

February 19: Saturday, 9:00-10:30 AM, Community Room **ACT Test Preparation**

March 31: Virtually all college decisions are mailed or posted online by this date. Financial aid packages typically arrive simultaneously, or within a week of the acceptance.

April 9: Saturday, Noon-2 PM, Community Room, **Breaking Away/Surviving the First Year of College**, a program targeted at seniors and their parents.

April 16: Saturday, Noon-2 PM, Community Room, **College Admission 202**. a more detailed look at how students can best present themselves in rep visits, interviews, correspondence, applications, supplements, etc.

April 28: State-mandated **ACT** testing for all **Juniors**. GW 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.

May 1: Deadline to respond to colleges that have offered you admission, with a confirmation deposit (typically \$200-\$500) to your chosen school.

May 1, Sunday, 1-3 PM, Lakewood HS: Spring College Fair aimed at juniors and interested sophomores.

2010-2011 STANDARDIZED TESTING

Juniors should be planning when they will complete standardized testing required by the colleges they might apply to. The December test dates are the last ones that can meet most **seniors'** application deadlines. 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**).

Standardized Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late (added fee) Registration
SAT or Subject Tests	December 4	passed	passed
ACT with writing option	December 11	passed	passed
SAT or Subject Tests	January 22	December 23	January 7
ACT with writing option	February 12	January 7	January 21
SAT (no Subject Tests)	March 12	February 11	February 25
ACT with writing option	April 9	March 4	March 18
ACT <i>without</i> writing (CO ACT)	April 27	Automatic and free for all juniors	
SAT or Subject Tests	May 7	April 8	April 22
SAT or Subject Tests	June 4	May 6	May 20
ACT with writing option	June 11	May 6	May 20

TESTING RESUMES IN THE FALL

—Linda During, College Counseling Co-Chair

Two New Opportunities to Support IB!

Families! We have two new ways for you to support the IB Program.

FIRST, the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation wants to remind all IB families that the Ebrahimi Family Foundation has pledged to match \$15,000 of contributions to the IB Foundation from IB families, alumni and friends. This means that the first \$15,000 of contributions from IB families, alumni and friends will be doubled to \$30,000. Also remember that because part of the Ebrahimi Challenge Grant is designed to match contributions from other foundations, please let me know of any charitable foundations that might help us out. Please help us meet the challenge!!



SECOND, IB joined an online buyer program through MarketAmerica (IB parent and MarketAmerica representative Amanda Halliday will oversee our participation) that will steer a certain percentage of your purchases of a wide array of products to the IB Foundation. Of course, from there, the funds are used to support the IB kids. Sign up by visiting: www.marketamerica.com/georgeib. From there, you will be directed into the registration section. ALSO LOOK FOR INSTRUCTIONS in the Market America flyer on the next page of THIS BROADCASTER!

Remember that since the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your gift can be tax-deductible. Please do not delay in sending in your contributions, whether \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or more. December is a great time to make your donation, since your contribution can be tax-deductible for 2009.

Please send your contributions to **Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, c/o Janice Thomas, Treasurer, 1634 S. Leyden Street, Denver, Colorado 80224.**

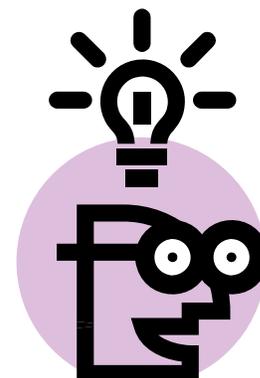
And please contact me at home, 303-364-9181 or at my office, 303-492-2353, or by email at tomzeiler@msn.com, if you have any questions about the IB Foundation.

Happy holiday season and winter break, and thank you for your support of the GW IB program!

**Tom Zeiler, President,
Friends of IB Scholars Foundation**

Your Ideas Are Important!

Is there a topic you'd like the IB Parent Association to explore during its monthly meeting? Do you have an idea for a Broadcaster article or item of information? If so, let us know! Your ideas are important. For meeting topics, contact Kristi Butkovich, President, kbutkovich@comcast.net. For Broadcaster topics, please contact Paul Day-Lucore, pkdaylu@gmail.com.





Show your support for The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation while you save money and earn cash back!

The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation is participating in an exciting new fundraising program. The Foundation now has its own website featuring more than 3500 partner stores like Target, Staples, Best Buy, Apple, The Home Depot, hotels.com, Petco, and many more. When you make a purchase on www.marketamerica.com/georgeib, the Foundation receives royalties and you earn up to 35% cash back on qualified purchases.



The benefits don't stop there. You earn 0.5% cash back on the purchases of everyone you refer to our website. Now, you can take advantage of the ease and convenience of Internet shopping to buy the products and services you want, while feeling good about helping one of your favorite organizations. In these tough economic times, this is a great way for you to spend the same or less and also support the IB Foundation!

Our new fundraising website has a variety of benefits.

- Check out the Hot Deals page to get access to coupons and exclusive deals to help you save even more.
- Go to the Partner Stores page to find specific stores that you'd like to shop from.
- Use the Search feature at the top of the page to search over 35 million different products and services for things you're looking for.
- Discover unique products and services like GENE SNP™ DNA Analysis, Isotonix® line of high quality nutritional supplements, Cellular Laboratories® luxurious skin care line, Transitions™ Life Style System for weight management, and many more.
- Find the perfect gift in our Gift Ideas area.
- Buy great products **and** help the GW IB program!
- Spend some time exploring the site. You'll find an amazing variety!



Getting Started is Easy!

1) Visit our website at www.marketamerica.com/georgeib

2) Register as a Preferred Customer

- Click "Sign in" in the upper right hand corner
- Select the "No I am a new customer" option
- Follow the prompts
- You are now eligible to earn up to 35% on qualified purchases

3) Go Shopping

- Use the search box at the top of the screen to find a specific item or type of product you're looking for
- Use Shop Partners to find a specific partner like Target or Apple
 - Use "Shop All Departments" to shop via category
- Use Hot Deals to find special deals and coupons to save even more money
- Look for the  icon to find out exactly how much cash back you'll earn from purchases made from that store or on a particular product



IB Parent **Amanda Halliday** is our customer manager, and can assist you to make your Market America experience great! Please contact Amanda at 720-296-9185 for help and education!

<http://www.georgeib.com>

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