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From the IBPA Board President

This newsletter rings in the season for family, friends, home, and also for me, the privilege of being part of the GW community. I'm enjoying my new position as Community Liaison.

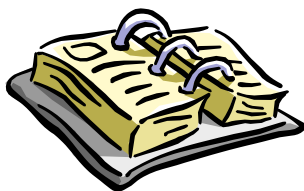


Marjie Lane coordinated an IB Orientation for Spanish speaking students and their families that she hosted in Room 121 on Tuesday, October 11th. The meeting

had a great turn out and the IB office is planning to offer more meetings to native Spanish speakers in the future.

The November 8th mandatory sophomore/parent meeting was overwhelmingly attended. **Mrs. Geimer** refreshed memories about the 6 subject areas of the IB curriculum and the 3 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. **All sophomore IB students must return their completed course choice forms to the IB office on or before Monday, December 12th.** If students have general questions about their choice of studies, they should ask Mrs. Geimer or

Ms. Lane ASAP, while scheduling classes for next year is still in its infancy. IBPA Board members are often in the building and are always happy to help answer questions as well and can steer you in the right direction. For questions about specific course content, it is best to contact the course teacher directly via e-mail.



Mrs. Geimer, Ms. Lane, **Mr. Jennings** (Future Center) and administrative staff and parent volunteers have been models of organization in helping our seniors apply to colleges. Not only have they been writing recommendations and preparing application packets, but also scheduling numerous college information sessions and



even sending notices to students to encourage them to attend particular presentations.

Additionally, Mrs. Geimer and IB parents have been busily recruiting middle school students from across the metro area and our shadowing visits are booked through January. Our awesome freshman shadowing hosts have guided more than 200 prospective IBers through a day in the program and so far the IB office has received 65 completed 2012 requests for consideration applications. The interview process for those applicants is in full swing.

Our IB Program is an exceptional, globally recognized program thanks to our energetic and dedicated faculty and staff and the active involvement and volunteer support of parents.

Teamwork empowers this program. Make a resolution to join the IBPA Board in January. Get plugged-in and find out what you've been missing.

Please mark your calendar for **Tuesday, January 3, 2012**, the IBPA meeting featuring the ever-popular **GWIB Alumni Panel**.

Wishing all of you a happy and relaxing holiday season. I look forward to seeing everyone at the IBPA meeting on January 3rd.

Cheers to everyone!

Kristi M. Butkovich

IBPA President



Communication Notes:

The *Broadcaster* is the best means of informing IB families about important IB



news and events. GWIB maintains its own e-mail list. You can register your e-mail address via the www.georgeib.com home page using the green box on

the lower right of the screen. While you're on the site, check out all the great information and updates.

—Kristi Butkovich

Thank you...

... for taking the time to read the *Broadcaster*. The purpose of this publication is to inform, enlighten, and entertain.

If you have anything you would like to include in a future issue, please contact Paul Day-Luore at pkdaylu@gmail.com

Please note: In observance of the year-end holidays, this is a two month issue. The next edition will be published in early February.

Coming GWIB Events



- Dec 6 College Prep Teleseminar
- Dec 13-15 Final exams
- Dec 16 Request for Consideration deadline for 2012 Freshmen
- Dec 16 Exam make-up day (no classes)
- Dec 19-Jan 3 Winter Holiday Break, no classes
- Jan 3 GWIB Alumni Panel 6:30 PM
- Jan 14 2012 Freshmen Interviews Complete
- Jan 13 DPS assessment day (no classes)
- Jan 16 MLK holiday (no classes)
- Jan 31 Welcome Fest for incoming IB Students/DPS School choice submission deadline



IB Shadowing News

Hats off to our ninth grade shadow hosts. Because of them our recruiting efforts are moving along in a very positive way. After current 8th graders spend a day at GW shadowing with a current 9th grader, a follow-up telephone call is made to their families. Almost without exception the parents say their student had a good day at GW and many parents make it a point to comment on how great the hosts have been.

With the positive shadow days, follow-up phone calls, DPS-hosted Expos, and recruiting efforts at area middle schools, we are hoping for a large number of qualified applicants. You can help by getting out the word to friends and acquaintances. Tell them what a great place GW is.

Proud to be Patriots!

IB Parent Association 2011-12

- Dec:** No meeting
- Jan 3:** **College Panel:** IB alumni come back from across the country to tell us how the IB program influenced their college experience and to share their college life experiences
- Jan 31:** **Welcome Fest** for incoming IB students (coincides with DPS choice deadline)
- Mar 7:** **“When Good Kids Make Bad Decisions”** Guest Speakers: Dana and Pam Wakefield – Court Appointed Special Advocates
- April:** Mandatory meeting for **sophomores, juniors,** and parents (date TBD)
- April:** **Incoming freshman orientation** (date to be determined by middle school graduations)
- May:** Buy-Back **Used Book Sale** (TBD)



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Follow the
fundraising link at
www.georgeib.com**



There Is Life After IB!

Don't Believe It?

Come to the

Annual GWIB Alumni Panel

Tuesday, January 3

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Don't miss the most popular meeting of the year.

Recent GWIB Graduates 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 the night before students return to school after winter break.



Irma Aganovic is an immediate select for the 2012 Navy ROTC Scholarship. This award is \$180,000 to the four-year college or university of Irma's choice, and covers tuition, books, lab fees, and a monthly stipend. All other recipients for this prestigious scholarship will be notified in February. Congratulations Irma!

Congratulations!

Speech and Debate

The first local varsity speech and debate tournament of the season, the **Black and Red Rumble** at Pomona High School, was held on Saturday, November 5. The GWHS team turned in stellar results—congratulations to the winners and finalists and to all our team's competitors:

Results:

1st Place:

Public Forum (PF) Debate: **Emma Thompson/Miles Moore**
Novice Cross Examination (CX): **Sophie Levine/Shelby Parks**
Drama: **Richard Medina**

2nd Place:

Novice CX: **Mason Munro/Ben Papadopolous**

3rd Place:

Varsity CX: **Parker Davis/John Conrad**
Duo: **Hope Cornish/Adam Wise**
Extemporaneous Speaking (Extemp): **Anna Krauss**

4th Place:

Varsity CX: **Adam McSweeney/David Kolet-Mandrikov**
Extemp: **Dan Morgan-Russell**
Oratory: **Claire Trainor**
PF: **Aidan Murray/Jacob Waters**

5th Place:

Humor: **Zach Segall**

7th Place:

Oratory: **Ian Staples**

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Patriots succeeded admirably at the **Mile High Meet**, which GWHS co-hosted with East HS November 11-12. More than 25 schools and nearly 500 competitors attended the meet. Especially noteworthy was that GW "closed out" Public Forum debate (that is, ONLY GW teams were in the finals) and GW had 4 of the 6 finalists in Extemporaneous Speaking.



Pictured L-R: Preston Thomas, Elizabeth Jacobs, Samantha Walisundra, Anna Krauss, Dan Morgan-Russell, Margaret Schaack, Suzanna Steele (Photo Credit: Alex Quinones)

Results:

1st Place:

Original Oratory (OO): **Angie Neslin**
Extemp: **Dan Morgan-Russell**
PF: **Emma Thompson/Miles Moore**
Lincoln-Douglas (LD) Debate: **Matt Zavislan**

2nd Place:

PF Debate: **Jack Kealy/Dylan Hertel**
JV CX: **BinYu Jaing/Stephanie Alexiev**

3rd Place:

Extemp: **Margaret Schaack**

5th Place

PF: **Langston Williams/Eli Gordon**
Extemp: **Suzanna Steele**
JV CX: **Liam Myers/Anna Ostrow**

6th Place

Extemp: **Anna Krauss**
OO: **Ben Reilly**

Semi-Finalists:

Duo: **Hope Cornish/Adam Wise**
Poetry: **Lauren McDonald**

Quarter Finalists:

PF: **Aidan Murray/Jacob Waters**

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On November 19, the GW Speech and Debate Team participated in the **Mullen HS Tournament**. Congratulations to all our competitors and especially to our Patriots who finished in the final rounds.

Results:

1st Place:

Duo: **Hope Cornish/Adam Wise**
US Extemp: **Margaret Schaack**

2nd Place:

CX: **John Halliday/Jordan Janoff**
PF: **Alastair Laing/Quinton Frahm**
US Extemp: **Jack Glaser**

3rd Place:

Drama: **Shayla Monteiro**
Humor: **Richard Dyer**

4th Place:

LD: **Sarah Papich**
CX: **Sarah Pierce/Lucy Shen**

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From the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation President:

STUDENTS, FAMILIES, ALUMNI: GET READY for the CHAIN REACTION!!!!

The launch is near! At long last, a major campaign to track down YOU and alums is underway. Don't miss this opportunity to find friends and help your IB program.

The IB Foundation is about to begin a Facebook page. Combined with our website and e-mail/phone contacts, and possibly Twitter, we hope to build a database to reconnect to alums, stay in touch with current families and students, help our fund-raising efforts, and draw on the vast reservoir of talent and experience that GW IB has built over a quarter century. PLEASE DO YOUR PART!

Simply send to me, at thomaswilliamzeiler@gmail.com, your e-mail address and phone or address information if there is no e-mail. IF YOU KNOW AN ALUM of the program – your own child, someone else's, a friend, etc. – please send me their contact information as well. PASS THIS MESSAGE ON – send it to colleges, companies, etc. Mention it at gatherings and dinner. WE WANT TO FIND EVERYONE!!

On **FACEBOOK**: please join by a friend request to: GW IB Friends

We hope to set off a chain-reaction through you: we'd like your contact information and then to tap into your storehouse of connections. So, please give us the e-mail addresses of your friends and family who were in the IB program. Then, they can give us their contacts. A multiplier effect is what we're after!!

Let's try to build a NETWORK of IB Friends for the benefit of the program and the future. And who knows: maybe you'll be able to reconnect to long-lost friends!

And DON'T FORGET: the Ebrahimi Family Foundation has again 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. Let's meet the challenge!

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 2011.

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 thomaswilliamzeiler@gmail.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



To donate:

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THE IB COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

SENIORS: You are in the home stretch for applications. Keep up the great work! By mid-November you should have...

1. Turned in everything necessary to the IB office and to teachers who are writing recommendations;
2. Sent off any Early Decision or Early Action applications; and
3. 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 www.georgeib.com if you lost your copy.) **Warning:** December 16 is the 2012 Request for Consideration Deadline. Requests for supporting documents from the school that are not in the IB office by December 16 will not be processed until January 4 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. **Do not wait until the last day to submit electronic applications, as you are likely to find the systems overloaded.**

Let the IB office know of acceptances and/or scholarships as you receive them. Early Action, Early Notification, and Rolling Admissions decisions will begin arriving, 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 2011 tax returns and to file the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.com 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. In addition to applying for need- and merit-based aid from individual schools, students may want to seek out other scholarships. A good database is www.fastweb.com.

JUNIORS:

The college application spotlight is about to shift to you! IB college counselor **Rusty Haynes** will continue his College Prep Tele-Seminar Presentations (see schedule below). Mr. Haynes is also ready to begin meeting with juniors—with or without parents. Set up your initial appointment with him by phone (office: 719-576-9487; cell 719-232-5305) or email (collegemasters@comcast.net). Most of his appointments are on Saturdays.

SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN:

If you took either the ACT EXPLORE or ACT PLAN, you should soon be getting feedback on your performance. Parents: don't miss this chance to start exploring post-high school possibilities with your students.

ALL STUDENTS are encouraged to explore options for summer. Possibilities abound, although some involve a competitive application process and many involve fees. There are good no-cost and low-cost programs and internships as well, but they tend to fill early. The most meaningful summer jobs tend to go to the early birds too. This is a good time to research what's out there, so that you are timely in your applications.

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).

ACT Dates

February 11, 2012
 April 14, 2012
 June 9, 2012

Registration Deadlines

January 13, 2012
 March 9, 2012
 May 4, 2012

SAT Dates

January 28, 2012
 March 10, 2012
 May 5, 2012
 June 2, 2012

Tests

SAT and Subject Tests
 SAT only
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Regular Registration

December 30, 2011
 February 10, 2012
 April 6, 2012
 May 8, 2012

Late Registration (a fee applies)

January 13, 2012
 February 24, 2012
 April 20, 2012
 May 22, 2012

College Prep Presentations

You won't want to miss our College Panel on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. Come to GW and listen to a group of recent GWIB grads tell all about life after IB. Students will share their college experiences at a wide variety of private and public colleges and universities from across the nation. This annual meeting is always popular with students and parents alike.

Our Tele-Seminars with IB College Counselor Rusty Haynes are a great way to gather lots of information from the comfort of your own home. Upcoming topics:

Tele-Seminar Presentation	Date	Target Audience
Researching Colleges & Developing a List	December 6, 2011	All
How to Prepare for SATs	January 17, 2012	Juniors
How to Prepare for ACTs	February 21, 2012	Juniors
How to Write Your College Essay	March 20, 2012	Juniors
How to Survive Your First Year of College	April 17, 2012	Seniors

You can access the Tele-Seminars in one of three ways:

1. Telephone mode only:

- Call 712-432-0900 and enter the passcode 303332.
- Download PowerPoint presentation slides at GWIB's website www.georgeib.com under the College Prep tab on the left.

2. Online "live slide presentation" with telephone conferencing:

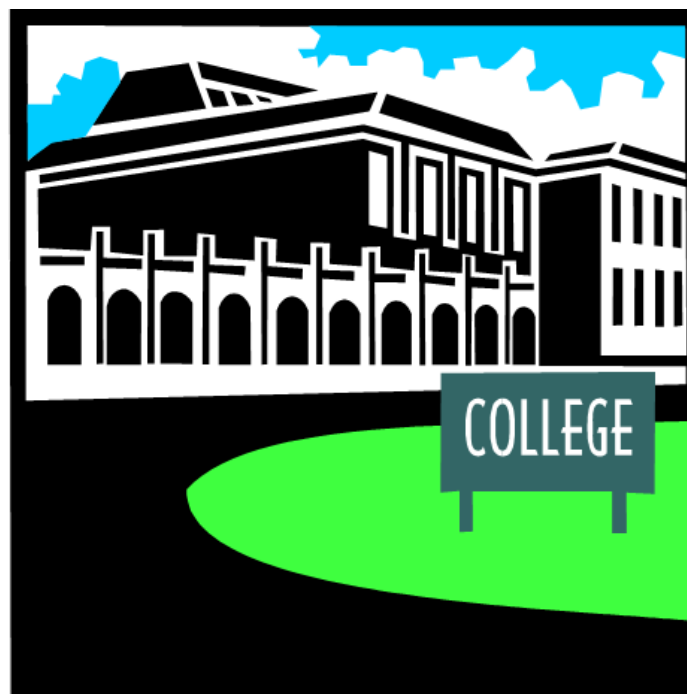
- Log on to www.freeconferencing.com.
- Select "Participant Login."
- Fill in Meeting ID "509-996-23-9" plus your email and your name.
- FreeScreenSharing software will install on your computer.
- Call 712-432-0900 and enter the passcode 303332 to hear audio.

3. Recorded presentation:

The recorded presentation will be accessible as an mp3 file that is downloadable to your computer or mp3 player the following day. Go to GWIB's website www.georgeib.com and click on the College Prep tab on the left.

Need more information? Log on to www.georgeib.com and click on the College Prep tab on the left. Don't have internet or long distance? Send your questions about accessing these presentations to **Shelly Moorman** at simoorman@comcast.net or 303-696-6781.

—Rebekah Spetnagel and Peggy Morse



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