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From the Board



Our dedicated staff, teachers, students and parent volunteers have made this another amazing and fulfilling year for the IB Program. **Suzanne Geimer's** 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.

Welcome, Class of 2015

On Tuesday, May 19, from 6:30-8 PM we are hosting the incoming IB student/parent reception. (Students who are not currently in Denver Public Schools are being asked to come to the school between 3 PM and 6 PM to meet GW's attendance secretary, **Pat Fisher**, and register as DPS students.) New students will be taken on guided tours of the building and **Suzanne Geimer** will host an orientation for parents in the auditorium. The reception will conclude with refreshments in the cafeteria.



Book FYI: DPS does not provide textbooks that are specific to IB, so students purchase their own. Many of the books we use come from Europe and cannot be purchased in this country. **Debi Roads**, past president of the IBPA and parent of two IB alumni, has again volunteered to shepherd the book order program for the coming school year. **Please, please, please**, do yourself (and us) a favor and get your books ordered by the June 15, 2011 deadline, using the book order form found in this issue of the *Broadcaster*. We are able to purchase the books at a discounted rate, and we pass

the savings along to you. Some of the books are pricey, and we don't order extras. So just do it, or you'll be scrambling to find the books you need when school starts. The Parent Association will also hold a used book buyback on May 24 and a used book sale on May 25 and May 26 from 11 AM – 3 PM. This is another way to be green, and to save your green. Pam Kerr is chairing this event: pam@fraudconsultantsinc.com.

In closing, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to all the members of the IB Parents Association and the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation Boards. 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 the Association and Foundation Boards are concretely demonstrating the commitment that so many IB parents have to the education of our children. Thanks to all of you who have planned and organized events, published the Directory and the Broadcaster, maintained our website, raised funds for the IB Program, and supported our students and faculty. And finally, and most importantly, many thanks to **Suzanne Geimer, Marjie Lane, and our IB teachers** for helping our kids reach their potential. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful team of professionals who go out of their way to help our kids.



Please join me in sending our very Best Wishes to long-time IB History teacher, **Bonnie Guggenheim**, who is retiring from DPS at the end of May. We've valued her work, her wisdom, and her dedication to teaching. There is no doubt she will be missed.

—*Kristi Butkovich*, IBPA Board President

"If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it." —Jonathan Winters

Mrs. Geimer Goes Missing...

Please remember that Mrs. Geimer is essentially unavailable during IB exams, May 3-24. As IB Coordinator, she must be present at the exam site and is away from her phone and email. Ms. Lane is available to handle your concerns by phone at 720-423-8673, and by e-mail at Marjorie.Lane@dpsk12.org. You may also e-mail or call Mrs. Geimer, but it will take longer than usual to get a response.

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR IB EXAMS, SENIORS AND JUNIORS

Congratulations, Suzi!



Suzanne Geimer was named one of seven 2010-2011 Distinguished Denver Teachers. The Excellence in Education Banquet will be held on Friday, May 13 from 5:30 – 9 PM at the Doubletree Hotel at 3203 Quebec St (Stapleton). Channel 9 recently aired a story highlighting Suzi and this recognition. You will find a link to the 9News video at www.georgeib.com.

ATTENTION JUNIORS

REQUIRED CAS UPDATE

Due to Ms. Lane, via paper or e-mail, on

Tuesday, May 24

(also the Extended Essay due date)
The form was distributed at the April 12 junior/parent meeting

NEW BOOK ORDER FORM FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR



The book order program was started six years ago to help parents and students. Former Board president and alumni parent Debi Roads works with a discount vendor and she has compiled a book list for our students. The book order form is in the center of this newsletter and will also be available on the www.georgeib.com website.

A **Used Book Buy-Back** will be held on **May 24 from 11 AM to 3 PM**. Those books will then be available in a **Used Book Sale on May 25 and 26 from 11 AM to 3 PM** in the Community Room.

Current students will have the opportunity to sell books from completed courses. Continuing students will then be able to purchase used books at prices much lower than new. Participation in the used book sale and/or the IB book orders is convenient and generally cost-effective, but completely optional. Students may prefer to purchase some or all of their books on their own. Please note, however, that students will have to acquire books on the order form one way or another. Order your books either through Ms. Roads by the stated deadline, or through your own arrangements **before school begins in August**.

Students eligible for free or reduced lunch can request financial assistance with book orders. Please see the form for details.

Seasonal Suggestions for your on-line shopping at www.marketamerica.com/georgeib:

Spring yard work or home repairs? Try **GlobalCare™ Lawn Power** and **GlobalCare™ Plant Power**. Safe, non-toxic concentrated solutions of naturally fermented enzymes. No need for adding other chemical products. Shop at **HomeDepot.com** or **AceHardware.com** and earn **3% Cashback**. You can even save shipping costs by ordering on-line and picking up at the store.

At **Garden.com** you can get **2% Cashback**.

Need new summer gear? Shop at **Kohls.com**, **Gap.com**, **Athleta.com**, or **OldNavy.com**, and earn **2% Cashback**. At **SunGlassHut.com** there's free shipping, including returns, and you can also get **2% Cashback**.

Donate to the Friends of IB Foundation online! Follow the fundraising link at www.georgeib.com

Dear IB Families,

I know that there has been a great deal of rumor circulating regarding alleged changes being considered for our IB Diploma Program. Some of you found that Mrs. Maas' letter was not specific enough to address your concerns. I want you to know that I am part of a process to bring calm and reasoned discourse to this discussion. In the last few days the following positive steps have been taken:

- Regular communication meetings between Principal Maas and me have been set.
- We are interviewing candidates for a mediator to help us manage the group meetings that will follow.
- The mediator will initially work with a steering committee that will articulate clear objectives, a goal, and a timeline to reach that goal.

It is my hope that we will move forward with an information meeting, a new steering committee, and a newly configured focus group that will have a clear mission, and whose focus will not be just about IB, but about the larger GW school issues. I intend to protect the integrity of our Program as I have always done and trust that the voices of those who care about IB will be heard and considered. I am heartened by your loyalty towards all of us who want to see IB thrive and continue. I will continue to value your involvement in this school. We will not be railroaded. I promise that I will do all I can to prevent 'damage' and to promote positive and sensible change.

—Suzi Geimer

THE DENVER SPRING COLLEGE FAIR

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011
1:00 – 3:30 PM

LAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
(New Location!)
9700 W 8th AV
LAKWOOD CO 80215



Breakout Sessions

1:30 & 2:30 PM: Finding Free \$ for College & Other Ways to Pay
1:30 PM: How to Narrow Down Your College List
2:30 PM Debunking the Funk: Top Ten College Myths

Go to www.rmacac.org/collegefairs/Denver2011.pdf for a list of colleges that will be represented.

Congratulations

On Saturday, April 9, 72 of our George Washington Patriots participated in the District National History Day Regional Competition. 20 of our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers will go on to Colorado History Day at the UCD campus on Saturday, May 7. Please download the full story with the list of all the winners at:

georgeib.com/pdf/2011_DPS_History_Day_Results.pdf !



Kara Bausch, Sheila Mendoza, Jonah Wolf, and Alexandra Wollins are exhibiting work in "An Artistic Discovery: The 2011 Congressional Art Competition" at the Colorado Art Institute. Jonah won 2nd prize in photography for his shot of "Spring in Silverton" and received a \$2,500 scholarship.

Congratulations



Sam Hoffman and Ann Moorman won outstanding delegation representing India in the UN FAO at the Kent Model UN meet on Saturday, April 16. Thomas Tarler he won best delegation in the Historic Security Council for advanced students covering the Armenian genocide.



75 Pre-IB Biology Students participated in the [eCYBERMISSION](#) challenge, sponsored by the US Army. Students identified problems in the community and used a scientific process to analyze and address issues such as waste management, sustainable building materials, organic foods, and distracted driving. Students submitted their Mission Folders online and were judged at the national level. The team of Marina Dart, Shivani Nayak, and Teresa Osuna-Bourgeois won 2nd place in Colorado.



Amelia Brunner, Zach Busse, Alex Port, and Devon Stork won 2nd place in the Geometry event of the Annual Math Day Competition on April 12 at Metro State. John Halliday, David Kolet, and Zach Segal came in 4th in the Algebra Contest.



Patrick Tapp was awarded a 4-year Navy ROTC Scholarship to the University of Colorado at Boulder.



The following Speech and Debate students qualified for the National Tournament, to be held in June in Dallas: Sam Clark, Michael Homiak, Richard Medina, Dan Morgan-Russell, Angie Neslin, Miles Owens, Sarah Pierce, Lucy Shen, Suzanna Steele, Langston Williams, and Matt Zavislan.



THINGS NO ONE WANTS TO THINK ABOUT YET



It's only mid-spring, but already the first thoughts of next school year are rearing their heads – like dandelions after a rain. DPS will start the new school year on Thursday, August 18 – traditionally a freshman-only day, with all students reporting on August 19.

Incoming freshmen should keep an eye out for mailings from George Washington High School's Main Office as well as from the IB Office. GW will offer a one- or two-week-long **Freshman Academy** before the start of school - TBA. While it is not mandatory, attendance is highly encouraged, as it makes for a smoother high school transition. Parts of the Academy will pertain to all GW freshmen and parts will be tailored to IB students.

Registration dates are also not yet firm, **but it is possible that freshmen will be asked to register in July**, before the rest of the student body and before the Academy begins. A parent is usually asked to accompany his or her freshman student to registration. **READ ANY AND ALL MAIL FROM GW AS SOON AS IT ARRIVES!**

Registration for Grades 10-12 will take place over a two- to three-day **period**, probably during the first week of August. Students will complete paperwork, get their class schedules, pay certain fees, and have photos taken for their ID cards (which are distributed when school starts).

All parents should have an **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** account, as this is a wonderful way to keep track of your student's attendance and grades. If you are new to the system, it is worth coming to GW during registration or later to get set up and receive your login information. The alternative is to complete the paperwork, have it notarized, and send it to the Main Office.

Student athletes, particularly those in fall sports, may want to complete their physicals – required in order to attend practices – over the summer. Download the form from the CHSAA website: <http://www.chsaa.org/about/pdf/formBook/2010FORMBOOK/01Physical1.pdf>

Detailed information about registration, Freshman Academy, athletic requirements, etc. will be coming from GW's administration in the coming weeks. If you have conflicts with any of the dates, do not panic. Follow any printed instructions and, if need be, call the Main Office at 720-423-8600 to make alternative arrangements.

Coming GWIB Events

- May 1 Denver Spring College Fair—
Lakewood High School, 1-3:30 PM
- May 3-23 IB Testing for Juniors and Seniors
- May 19 Reception for New Students and Their
Parents, 6:30-8 PM
- May 24 Juniors – Draft of Extended Essay Due (Morning)
- May 26 Last day of school. End of classes/exams for students



On March 21, we lost an incredible person, **Dr. Diego Osuna**. Diego rarely did anything in the traditional fashion, so in line with this, a memory site was created instead of an obituary in the paper. The site is <http://diego.osuna.muchloved.com/>



This site will give you an opportunity to share thoughts and pictures, reach out to Marcia, and donate to public schools, which were so important to Diego. Please feel free to forward this to those who might be interested.

Raising Funds for IB with Your Shopping Dollars

If you haven't tried shopping at www.marketamerica.com/georgeib yet, you're missing out. Here's what three parents said about the website:



I wanted to say how much my family has benefited from our Market America program. The website is easy to use, and gives such a wide selection of products, and stores to buy them in. Once we opened our account, the process of searching and purchasing was very smooth. And cheap!! As well, we got the products (laundry liquid and softener, dishwasher soap, etc.) pretty quickly - in 3-4 days after ordering. But best of all, I knew that I helped the GW IB program with my purchases, as a percentage of each amount spent goes to our kids. A win-win all around! —Tom Zeiler

A promise was made: "Get straight A's and you get a new laptop." With my daughters' part of the bargain met during the first semester, it was my turn. I had already decided they would get Apple MacBooks so, off to the Apple store. But, wait! I remembered that the Apple on-line store is one of the Market America partner stores. Why not just make this purchase through the Market America portal? It was fast and simple. By starting at MA and linking from there to apple.com, these major purchases raised a few dollars for our beloved IB program. —Paul Day-Lucre

I love the fact the coupon codes are listed on the search. It saves me a lot of time searching for coupon codes on the web. Plus, it's an easy way to help with fundraising for the school. Anything is better than asking family and neighbors to buy one more thing! —Shelly Moorman

We need everyone to shop to raise funds to support the IB program. So get on board and go online instead of going directly to the store. Contact Amanda Halliday at 720-296-9185 or amandahalliday@comcast.net if you need any help with your shopping.

2011-2012 BOOK LIST and ORDER FORM FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON HS IB STUDENTS

Student Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

In the past, families who paid the \$40 parent association dues with the book order received a 15% discount on the books. To make the math easier, the prices posted on this form have already been discounted 15%, since 100% of the parents who ordered books paid their dues last year.

Please support the IB program and purchase your books here instead of on Amazon.

Books will be available for pick up at Registration in August

The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation offers a voluntary book purchase program to help IB families save time and money when buying required books. The IB Foundation buys these books at a discount and then passes that discount on to the student. The Foundation keeps 10% of the discount to help students of need and to purchase classroom sets. Please indicate which books you wish to purchase and calculate the total at the end of the form.

All sophomores must pay a history book rental fee and a chemistry lab fee..

All Juniors/Seniors taking Chemistry must pay a lab fee.

All Juniors/Seniors taking Economics must pay a book rental fee

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY JUNE 15, 2011

You may use this form to order your books and pay via **check** (payable to the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation) by mailing the completed form and check to Deb Roads, 741 Adams St, Denver, CO 80206.

OR after June 1, you may choose to pay with a credit card through PayPal

by going to www.georgeib.com and following the link to "Book Orders."

► **Freshmen:** These English books are the only books that you will need to buy, unless you are in Spanish II or in French. The school will provide the rest of your language arts, math, social studies, and science textbooks.

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Purchase</u>
<i>Kite Runner</i> by Khaled Hosseini (ISBN 9781594480003)	13.50	_____
<i>Coyotes</i> by Ted Conover (ISBN 0394755189)	14.00	_____
<i>Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress</i> by Dai Sijie (ISBN 0385722206)	11.00	_____
<i>Master Harold and the Boys</i> by Athol Fugard (ISBN 0307475204)	11.00	_____
<i>There are no Children Here</i> by Alex Kotlowitz (ISBN 0385265565)	13.50	_____
<i>House on Mango Street</i> by Sandra Cisneros (ISBN 0679734775) Summer Reading	9.30	_____

► **Sophomores:** The IB Foundation has tried to decrease the cost of the sophomore year by purchasing classroom sets of texts in English and History. There are only three books that sophomores are required to buy for English. In addition, there is a rental fee for history books and a chemistry lab fee. Make sure to go to the appropriate Spanish/French section to complete your order. Sophomores taking 11th Grade math should order the appropriate texts. The school will provide the remainder of your books.

<i>Othello</i> by William Shakespeare (ISBN 978-0-7434-7755-0)	5.00	_____
<i>The Epic of Gilgamesh</i> (Norton Critical Ed.) by Benjamin R. Foster (ISBN 0393975169)	13.00	_____
<i>Heart of Darkness</i> (Norton Edition) by Joseph Conrad (ISBN 039392636-2)	15.00	_____
History book rental fee REQUIRED for all IB sophomores The history fee is used to purchase new history textbooks every 4 years.	25.00	add on Payment Form
Chemistry lab fee REQUIRED for all IB sophomores	30.00	add on Payment Form

IB Classes for Juniors and Seniors (and some math and foreign language students in Grades 9 and 10)

► <u>Junior English</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Purchase</u>
<i>In Cold Blood</i> by Capote (ISBN 0679745580)	13.00	_____
<i>Sense and Sensibility</i> by Jane Austen (ISBN 1593080492)	4.25	_____
<i>Mrs. Dalloway</i> by Virginia Woolf (0156030357)	13.00	_____
<i>The English Patient</i> by Ondaatje (ISBN 0679745203)	11.00	_____
<i>Hamlet</i> (Folger Edition) by William Shakespeare (ISBN 074347712X)	5.00	_____
<i>Dubliners</i> by James Joyce (ISBN 0053213806)	4.25	_____
► <u>Senior English</u>		
<i>Madame Bovary</i> by Gustave Flaubert (ISBN 0393979172)	18.00	_____
<i>The Unbearable Lightness of Being</i> by Milan Kundera (ISBN 9780060932138)	13.00	_____
<i>The Sailor who Fell from Grace with the Sea</i> by Yukio Mishima (ISBN 0679750150)	12.00	_____
<i>The Sound and the Fury</i> by William Faulkner (ISBN 9780393964813)	17.00	_____
<i>Sula</i> by Toni Morrison (ISBN 9781400033430)	12.00	_____
<i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Bronte (ISBN 0451530918)	4.00	_____
<i>Chronicle of a Death Foretold</i> by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (ISBN 140003471X)	11.00	_____
► <u>Psychology</u>		
<i>IB Psychology Course Companion</i> (ISBN 0199151296) Juniors and Seniors	42.00	_____
<i>Hock's 40 Studies</i> (ISBN 9780136035992) Seniors only	37.00	_____
► <u>Environmental Systems and Societies-</u>		
<i>A Green History of the World: The Environment and the Collapse of Great Civilizations</i> (ISBN: 0143038982)	14.50	_____
<i>The Omnivore's Dilemma</i> (ISBN: 978-0-14-3038580) Juniors only	13.50	_____
<i>IB Environmental Systems and Societies</i> by Kenneth Rutherford (ISBN 0199152276) NEW TEXT	42.00	_____
► <u>Philosophy: Ms Whitty</u> (Make sure to use these ISBN's if purchasing your own books)		
<i>Plato: The Republic</i> Penguin Classic (ISBN: 0-140-455116) Translated by Desmond Lee 2007	8.50	_____
<i>The Analects of Confucius: A Philosophical Translation.</i> (ISBN: 0-345-43407-2) Trans. Ames & Rosemont 1998	13.00	_____
<i>Does the Center Hold: An Introduction to Western Philosophy</i> , 5 th edition Palmer, 5 th Ed. 2010 (ISBN 978-007-353575-3) Ok to use 4 th edition but must purchase on own (ISBN 007353571-0)	44.00	_____
<i>The Elements of Moral Philosophy</i> Rachel's, James, 6th Ed., 2007 (ISBN: 978007338671-3)	42.00	_____
► <u>Economics: Mr. Lee</u> (Juniors/Seniors)		
<i>Economics:</i> by Matt McGee will be provided by the IB Foundation. This is a Rental fee (price of book is \$100 if book lost or damaged)	25.00	_____

► **European History:** (Required for SL/HL History)

<i>Diplomacy</i> , Henry Kissinger (ISBN 0671510991) (Seniors only)	19.00	_____
<i>A History of the Modern World</i> , 10 th edition Palmer (ISBN 978-007-3107486)	117.00	_____
<i>Mastering Modern World History</i> , 4 th edition, Norman Lowe (ISBN 9781403939821)	39.00	_____
<i>A History of the Middle East</i> , 4 th edition, William Cleveland (ISBN 9780813343747)	50.00	_____

► **Mathematics** *Sophomores taking 11th Grade Math, please purchase the appropriate texts!*

SL Math: Ms. Buchanan

<i>Standard Level Mathematics</i> (ISBN 0741421410)	19.00	_____
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Math Studies: Mr. Lukowski

<i>Pearson Baccalaureate: Math Studies</i> (ISBN 0435994484)	58.00	_____
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HL Math: Mr. Lacks

(Both textbooks are required and are ordered from Britain. Please order early.)

<i>Introducing Pure Mathematics</i> (ISBN 0-19-914803-1) And <i>A Concise Course in Advanced Level Statistics</i> (ISBN 0-7487-5475-X)	60.00 60.00	_____ _____
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► **Foreign Languages**

Spanish I and II: Ms. Shikes

<i>The New World Spanish/English, English/Spanish Dictionary</i> (ISBN: 0451181689)	7.00	_____
<i>501 Spanish Verbs</i> (ISBN 0764179845)	14.00	_____
<i>Quick Study Spanish Grammar by BarCharts, Inc.</i> (ISBN 9781572225442)	5.00	_____

Spanish III-IV

<i>Sin Fronteras</i> Taller De Civilización by Natalia Castro Barroso (Spanish 3 &4)	18.00	_____
<i>La Casa de Bernarda Alba</i> by F. García Lorca (ISBN 9505811055) (Spanish 3 only)	7.00	_____
<i>Avance</i> , Intermediate Spanish, 2nd edition (ISBN 978-007-3513171) (Spanish 4)	92.00	_____

French: Ms. Ward

<i>Workbook/laboratory manual to accompany Debuts</i> , 3 rd edition (ISBN 978-0-07-727291-3) (French 1/ab initio 1)	54.00	_____
<i>Workbook /laboratory manual to accompany Debuts</i> , 2 nd edition (ISBN 978-007-321911-0) (French 2/ab initio 2)	45.00	_____
<i>French IV: Essential Reprise</i> : A complete review of French Grammar, Communication and Culture (ISBN 084421451-5)	42.00	_____
<i>Larousse French Dictionary</i> : Any dictionary will do (ISBN 2035410150)	9.30	_____
<i>Maigret Tend un Piege</i> (978225314231-7)	14.40	_____

► **Theatre Arts SL/HL: Shelby O'Clair**

<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> by William Shakespeare (ISBN 0712350322)	19.00	_____
<i>The Empty Space: A Book about the Theatre: Deadly, Holly, Rough, Immediate</i> By Peter Brook (068-482-9576)	7.00	_____

ORDER SUMMARY AND PAYMENT

Sub Total: cost of all books ordered above			_____
Parent Dues \$40/year (Please, we need everybody's support)		+	_____
PIB History book rental fee (required for all sophomores)	25.00	+	_____
PIB Chemistry lab fee (required for all sophomores)	30.00	+	_____
HL Chemistry lab fee (required for juniors/seniors taking HL chemistry)	50.00	+	_____
SL Economics book rental fee (junior/seniors)	25.00	+	_____

GRAND TOTAL DUE \$ _____

ORDERING/PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check (payable to Friends of IB Scholars Foundation): Mail check & order form to Deb Roads, 741 Adams St., Denver, CO 80206.

or

Credit Card (after June 1): Go to www.georgeib.com, follow the Book Order link, place your order and pay with PayPal.

One mission of the IB Foundation is to offer assistance to students for whom these costs are a burden, but we need to know about your needs ASAP. You must complete these two requirements in order to be eligible for assistance:

- 1) Complete and return the DPS Free and Reduced Lunch form and bring a copy of your confirmation letter to Mrs. Geimer in the IB Office by September 10th. DPS will mail the form to you in July. Completing the form does NOT mean you must eat in the GW cafeteria!
- 2) Please let us know of your request for assistance **both** by contacting Deb Roads at 303-399-8801 or dardenver@aol.com **and** by returning this form by May 26th. Please note that this is date is 3 weeks before the order deadline.

ORDER DEADLINE is June 15th

Yes, it really takes that long to get all of the books! Books will be available for pick up during registration.

Contact Deb Roads with questions by phone (303-399-8801) or e-mail (dardenver@aol.com).

Thank you for taking part in the IB Book Purchase Program and supporting our students and staff

Email will be sent advising time and date of used book sale

Dear IB Families,

Yes, the economy and budgets are still sobering, but let's face it: this has been another great year for your kids and IB!! Your generosity has allowed the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation Board to fund our teachers and programs this year, and lay the groundwork for the next one. Let me give you some figures regarding donations to the program and the Foundation's expenditures on IB over this past academic year (most of which will apply to next year's program), but let me also stress that you are amazing!!! Thanks for your help.



First, however, I want to point you to an innovation – yes, even the Board tries to keep up with our cutting-edge students! This involves our new **electronic payment system** that allows you to donate with ease online, with an added convenience of providing a recurring payment method (with an end date) should you so choose. Check this out at: https://secure.qgiv.com/cps_donors/index.php?key=friendsofib

This year (2010/11), our IB families, in conjunction with the Ebrahimi Family Foundation, other foundations who met the challenge of the Ebrahimi matching grant for new foundation contributions, and other foundations who contributed to the IB Foundation again this year, enabled the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation to raise \$69,213 over the period May 1, 2010 to February 2, 2011, and I expect more to come in. That figure, actually, is more than \$5,000 above last year's amount, and we needed it because of commitments to Marjie Lane and others.

As a result of these many generous donations, the Foundation was able to approve a wide variety of proposals that will enhance and enrich the educational experience in the IB program at George Washington High School. At Foundation board meetings held in February and April, the following grant proposals were approved by the Foundation (although some figures may vary should costs be reduced after research and investigation and, moreover, a handful of other requests remain outstanding):

\$8,200 for Rusty Haynes, part-time IB college counselor	\$11,763 for books
\$4,050 for District, State and National History Day registration fees and travel	\$685 for computer equipment for History class
\$5,000 for Parents Association expenses	\$700 for Science laptops and accessories
\$1,000 for CAS scholarships	\$4,586 for Chemistry class equipment
\$2,700 for teacher materials (\$100 for each teacher)	\$6,167 for loans for IB exam fees and books for IB students in need of financial assistance
\$300 for Economics class	\$9,900 for extended essay honoraria
\$500 Theater Arts	\$309 for mailing
\$450 for Writing Workshop	\$34,000 for IB Assistant position (Marjie Lane)
\$2,367 for reimbursement for books/equipment to Debi Roads	

The Foundation Board also welcomed new members this year: Dave Adams, an IB parent; Amanda Halliday, parent and the guru behind our MarketAmerica online purchasing program (please participate!); and Jamie Kaplan, parent of two IB grads and former President of the Foundation Board. We say goodbye to Laurie Zeller, whose sage advice and calm we will miss. Robin Semple kindly continued to serve as Secretary of the Foundation. Janice Thomas remained the Treasurer, as always the steadfast keeper of our accounts as well as one of the masterminds behind our new online payments system. If you are interested in serving on the Foundation board, please contact me at (303) 364-9181 or tomzeiler@msn.com.

As always, IB comes back to you. Your donations of money, time, and actions have enabled the IB Program to remain vibrant and the Foundation supportive of our students, staff, and faculty. We appreciate all you have done. Again, I point you to the new online payment system, but you may also donate the traditional way, by check, to: Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, c/o Janice Thomas, Treasurer, 1634 Leyden Street, Denver, CO 80224. Please think of donating now rather than waiting until the fall, should that be your usual plan or, again use the new **electronic payment method**.

The Foundation looks forward to the continued support of the George Washington IB community next year.

Tom Zeiler, President
Friends of IB Scholars Foundation

To donate:

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THE IB COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

Congratulations, **Seniors!** As we go to press, members of the **Class of 2011** are finalizing their college choices. This has been an exceptional year for many aspects of the college process. Record numbers of applicants, ever-lower percentages accepted, ever-higher numbers wait-listed, escalating financial concerns – all added to the usual anxieties surrounding application outcomes. It will take some time for the dust to settle before we can determine the facts of this year's college admissions frenzy. What we do know is that the Class of 2011 received acceptances and scholarships at many fine schools, that they spent the month of April considering their offers, and that the reply deadline was May 1. A list of seniors and their college choices will appear in the June issue of *The Broadcaster* and on the website. A detailed class profile will also be on the GWIB website when it becomes available.

Seniors, you must update your Naviance account BEFORE MAY 1 with your college and financial aid and scholarship outcomes (with any subsequent changes added as needed), so that your final transcript is sent to the correct school, the Naviance data base remains accurate, and your graduation program listing is complete. IB exam results will be available on the IBO website during the summer, so keep the letter you received at Checkout with your access code in a very safe place. Follow IBO's procedures if your college needs an official report of your scores for admission confirmation or for advanced standing; GWIB cannot provide this.

We hope you enjoy some well-deserved R & R after finishing your exams, and we wish you safe and happy graduation celebrations. There are just a few loose ends that remain. Remember to thank everyone who helped you get to this point, and to let them know how everything turned out. Now that the big decision is made, make sure you respond to your college's paperwork requests promptly. It would be a shame to get into the college of your dreams, only to wind up with a nightmarish roommate or orientation experience, just because you were late submitting a questionnaire. Make your packing list, decide about buying/upgrading a computer, discuss finances with your family, attend orientation, and most of all, have a fun and relaxing summer.

Juniors and their parents received detailed information about what to expect regarding the application process during senior year at the April 12 parent meeting with **Mrs. Geimer** and at the April 23 meeting with **Mr. Haynes**. Parents, please remember to complete and return the optional Parent Survey, which is your opportunity to share significant facts about your student with Mrs. Geimer for incorporation into the "Counselor's Recommendation Letter" portion of college applications. If you

missed the meeting or lost your handouts, check for them on the website (under College Prep) or in the IB Office.

Next fall will be an incredibly busy time for rising seniors, whose time management skills will be tested as never before. Anything that can be done over the summer to get a jump on the to-do list will help keep students and their parents sane. Become familiar with Naviance and use it to track your schools of interest. Work on narrowing the college list to no more than 7 schools, and plan campus visits. Even in the summer you may be able to arrange an admissions interview and/or a meeting with a faculty member, coach, or activity director, in addition to a formal information session and tour. Complete a first round of the SAT and Subject Tests (May 7 and June 4) and ACT with Writing (June 11) if any of your colleges require these. Testing/retesting will not be available again until the fall, but you can do some test prep between now and then if you need to improve your scores. Summer is also the time to write a draft of your college essay and to prepare the other materials that are due at your after-school meeting on August 30 (School Report Form from the Common Application with personal information typed in, updated résumé, a draft of your main application essay, and lists of 3 teacher references and no more than 7 colleges). Use the summer to indulge in meaningful experiences such as job shadowing, paid or volunteer work that relates to your academic/career interests, CAS activities, and anything else that helps you along your path to independence.

Wise **sophomores** will give themselves a leg up before the start of formal IB classes by devoting time over the summer to creative pursuits, physically challenging activities, and/or community service work. Not only will you be meeting CAS requirements, you'll be developing your unique self and your résumé at the same time. Just as you prefer meaningful school assignments over busy work, you'll prefer summer activities with some substance over pure time-killers. And don't forget that you'll be taking the PSAT (which is the National Merit/Achievement/Hispanic Scholarship Qualifying Exam) in October, and the ACT (and maybe SAT and Subject Tests) later in the year. It's not too early to browse some practice tests and decide what kind of test preparation you will need. **Freshmen** will also be happiest with some worthwhile summer plans that build on their year's worth of high school experience. It's not too early to visit a campus or two, especially if your summer travels take you close to a college you might not otherwise get to see.

All students and parents, take note. An interesting college fair will be in Denver shortly before the start of school: Colleges That Change Lives Fair, www.ctcl.com, Thursday, August 4, 7 PM, Denver Convention Center Room 201.

Linda During, College Counseling Co-Chair

STANDARDIZED TEST SCHEDULE - May 2011 through June 2012*

Standardized Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late (addl. fee) Registration
2011			
ACT without writing (all CO juniors)	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 10*	May 23*
ACT with writing option	June 11	May 6	May 20
NO TESTING AVAILABLE IN THE SUMMER			
ACT with writing option	September 10	August 12	August 26
SAT or Subject Tests	October 1	TBD	TBD
PSAT/NMSQT	October 15	Register through the Counseling Office	
ACT with writing option	October 22	September 16	September 30
SAT or Subject Tests	November 5	TBD	TBD
SAT or Subject Tests	December 3	TBD	TBD
ACT with writing option	December 10	November 4	November 18
2012			
SAT or Subject Tests	January 28	TBD	TBD
ACT with writing option	February 11	January 13	January 20
SAT (no Subject Tests)	March 10	TBD	TBD
ACT with writing option	April 14	March 9	March 23
ACT without writing	April date TBA	Automatic and free for all juniors	
SAT or Subject Tests	May 5	TBD	TBD
SAT or Subject Tests	June 2	TBD	TBD
ACT with writing option	June 9	May 4	May 18

Except as noted, students should register on their own for any tests they decide they need.

See the ACT (<http://www.actstudent.org/>) and SAT (<http://www.collegeboard.com/>) websites for registration instructions.

* Registration dates for June 2011 SAT have been extended by College Board. 2011-2012 SAT dates are tentative; verify at collegeboard.com.

COLLEGE ADMISSION NEWS

As we go to press in mid April, our 95 seniors have updated Naviance with their acceptances to the following 76 colleges and universities. Please join us in congratulating them on their excellent results and in wishing them well in their decision process

U of Aberdeen (Scotland)	Colorado C	Knox C	U of Portland
U of Alabama at Birmingham	Colorado School of Mines	Lewis & Clark C	U of Redlands
Alaska Pacific U	Colorado State U	Loyola U Chicago	Regis U
Allegheny C	Columbia U	Lynchburg C	Ripon C
American U	U of Denver	McGill U (Canada)	Spelman C
Arizona State U	Drew U	U of Michigan	U of St Andrews (Scotland)
Auburn U	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U	U of Minnesota, Twin Cities	Stanford U
Boston C	George Fox U	Montana State U, Bozeman	Swarthmore C
Boston U	The George Washington U	U of Nebraska at Lincoln	Syracuse U
U of British Columbia (Canada)	Georgia I of Technology	New York U	Texas A & M U
U of California at Berkeley	Gettysburg C	U of N Carolina at Chapel Hill	Thames Valley U (England)
U of California at Los Angeles	U of Greenwich (Scotland)	U of Northern Colorado	Tufts U
California I of Technology	Hampton U	Northwestern U	Tulane U
U of Chicago	Haverford C	Oberlin C	U of Tulsa
Clarkson U	Hiram C	Oregon State U	US Military Academy
Coe C	U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	U of Oregon	U of Vermont
U of Colorado at Boulder	U of Iowa	Pacific Lutheran U	Washington U in St Louis
U of Colorado at Denver	U of Kansas	Pennsylvania State U	Western Washington U
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