

**"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."**

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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## **GWIB Broadcaster**

### **August Update**

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#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **First day of school**

##### **Grade 9:**

Monday, Aug. 24

##### **Grades 10-12:**

Tuesday, Aug. 25

##### **Back-to-School night and BBQ:**

Wednesday, Sept. 9

[Visit the GWIB Website](#)

for more events and dates

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### **From the IBPA President**

Summer 2015 is quickly coming to a close and it is time to welcome the Class of 2019!

Over the summer, the new IB offices began to take shape. All of this could not have been undertaken had it not been for my dear friend, Anne Burton (East HS parent). She did an amazing job of carving out the space, lining up a carpet company, helping to select colors and having a can-do attitude when a few roadblocks appeared in our way. The space has been painted and the carpet is about to be removed and our new carpet laid.

We are working as diligently as possible to get this finished and we hope to have an OPEN HOUSE the night of October 13 following the Parent Association "Save the Date" presentation by Dr. Steven Antonoff. We'll keep you posted.

Kim Kelsay is putting the finishing touches on this year's Student Directory. Kim's contact information to update your listing, if you haven't done so already, is: [kelsaykim@gmail.com](mailto:kelsaykim@gmail.com).

A special thanks to our committee co-chairs of the Book Buy Back and Sale, Kathryn Stieneker and Marjike Sheraden, who ran a very efficient Book Sale this year. They have effectively streamlined the process of not only the Book Buy Back and Sale through its revised form but also have restructured the distribution of the books. You should have already received an email announcing the details of the Book Distribution scheduled for August 24 and August 25.

IB has already begun organizing its marketing and recruiting efforts. Maura Mackintosh is heading up the Ambassadors and Pam Paulien again this year is doing her magic with organizing the huge marketing effort to visit a list of middle school feeders to help attract more students to GWIB.

Our IB students are asked, as part of their diploma, to reflect through their CAS experiences and hopefully it is an exercise that becomes second nature after they leave GWIB. I find reflection a constructive exercise and find myself, (almost) daily, "exercising." For the past year, while the One George initiative was in its infancy I began to reflect on the IB parent group which supports the IB program. After a year of reflection, I have concluded that the GW IB program would not have been what it is today had it not been for the dedication, perseverance, and sacrifice of so many



## Save the Date: GEORGE Talk - College Planning

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

**October 13, 2015.**

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

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

## Save the Date: GEORGE Talk - Estate Planning

At 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 9, 2016, Kim Ruddell,

parents. I believe the events and the programs it supports strengthen not only IB but GW. The IB network is important to how it functions. The various committees are vital -

*IB Broadcaster, Book Buy Back & Sale, Senior Brunch, Proctoring, Ambassador (and recruiting), Alumni Rep, Student Directory and Website.* Each is unique to IB and necessary for the functioning of the program.

We welcome your involvement. Please consider volunteering for one of these open Board positions: Vice President, Secretary, Senior Brunch Chair.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Lilly, IBPA President

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

**September 2015**

**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. And, perhaps, touch on some of the plans that are afoot in the school regarding IB as the program continues to undergo changes related to the reorganization mandated by DPS. Above all, we give a huge welcome to our new Director, Melanie Bryant!!

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 assists with college counseling for 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 Director Melanie Bryant, and alumni parents, meets two or three times a year.

The IB Parents Association was formed nearly two decades 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 (including the Welcome Back picnic); 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

a mom, estate-planning attorney, and an owner of the Wills & Wellness law firm, will speak at GW on a topic she's particularly passionate about: the importance of having an estate plan in place.

Did you know that everyone over the age of 18 needs to have at least some level of planning in place?

There are certain implications of having an adult child that no parent should overlook.

For younger children, have you thought about how to choose the right guardian for both the long term and the short term in case something happens to you? Do you know the secret to protecting your kids' inheritance and how to keep your family out of probate court? Have you ever thought about what your legacy will be and what you are doing to memorialize your legacy?

Please join us for this free educational seminar to learn about all of this and more.

For more information, contact [Leslie Lilly](#).

## Red Apple Recycling Drive

Congratulations to the entire GW community for winning first prize in the spring 2015 Red Apple Recycling Drive!

Enough clothing was recycled in the Red Apple boxes, which

faculty; organizing the IB Senior Brunch; and publishing the IB Directory and the IB Broadcaster newsletter; as well as maintaining the website, [www.georgeib.com](http://www.georgeib.com), 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. The Foundation provides some financing for the Parents Association, and collects the dues for the Association.

We encourage IB families to support both of these organizations, whose success is critical to the continued excellence of the GW IB program. Your \$40 dues are necessary, at a minimum, to maintain the funding support of the program, but we also welcome additional donations.

Donations may be made online at <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/?key=friendsofib>. Or, fill out the form at [http://www.georgeib.com/pdf/GWIB\\_Donation\\_Form\\_2009\\_09.pdf](http://www.georgeib.com/pdf/GWIB_Donation_Form_2009_09.pdf) and mail it to: John Murray, Treasurer, 1243 South Williams Street, Denver, CO 80210.

Now, we also realize that there are some wildcards, to say the least - some questions - about the future of the IB program as we know it. Things are changing, but change is always exciting.

Still, rest assured that there is a constant: We need to fund the wonderful teachers, staff, and students who comprise the best academic program in Denver. They need your help, regardless of what lies in store for the future.

Here's knowing you and your student(s) will have a great school year in IB!!

Tom Zeiler, President, Friends of IB Scholars Foundation  
Leslie Lilly, President, IB Parents Association

## CAS Corner

### How parents can help their students with CAS

Most students will need initial adult guidance to begin their CAS activities/projects. How can you help?

#### **For Incoming Juniors:**

Review the CAS Long Range Planning Form with your student. Help them identify activities in each of the three areas (Creativity, Action, Service).

Encourage them to contact different organizations to find out about volunteer opportunities.

Encourage your student to reach for activities outside of their comfort zone (i.e. if your son/daughter is not artistic, suggest they take an art class at the rec center).

#### **For Incoming Seniors**

The research step in developing a CAS project is often the most difficult (and often ignored).

remain in both of GW's parking lots, to bring in a \$750 prize for the baseball and softball teams. The teams used the prize to fund scoreboards, and it also is helping to provide scholarships to student-athletes who otherwise may not be able to participate.

The Red Apple boxes may be used to recycle clean, used clothes, shoes, coats, purses, belts, backpacks, stuffed animals and any other textile materials such as old towels, bedding or rugs. Donations can be stained or not reusable, as they will be made into something new.

A new Red Apple drive may begin this fall - watch this space for more information.

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

## **GW Grounds Committee looking for volunteers**

The GW Grounds Committee invites students and families to help spruce up the vast GWHS outdoor space on our Community Service Saturdays.

You can encourage your student to begin this process by helping them to:

1. Narrow their area of interest, for example:
  - Youth
  - Elderly
  - Animals
  - Environment
  - Political/social issues (domestic violence, homelessness, poverty, human trafficking, literacy)
2. Research Denver area organizations/groups working in the field of interest.
3. Check out those groups' websites. Initiate personal contact to determine the needs of the organization (i.e. "How can I help?")
4. Make sure the project goals and measurable objectives are realistic. The initial stage is a stage of unbridled enthusiasm. While that enthusiasm is to be encouraged, students need to remember that this is only one piece of their very busy life.

## **Recruiting the class of 2020**

With the start of the new school year, our recruiting efforts begin again. Please help us maintain the IB Program at GWHS.

Opportunities to shadow all GW programs will be opening up this year. We will be visiting middle schools all over the metro area and we will be inviting school counselors and GT coordinators to visit GW. We will also be supporting parents who will host events in their own homes to learn more about GW in a relaxed, informal way.

If you helped last year, I hope you and your IB student will consider helping again. If you have a child in middle school this year, as I do, please spread the word about the IB program, either by getting involved with our Ambassadors program, the GWHS Outreach Committee or informally. With a proven track record of excellence, the IB Program offers students a truly life-changing educational experience. The class of 2020 is assembling right now: Please help us find and welcome them to GWIB!

For more information, please contact [Pam Paulien](#).

## **No-Cost Fundraising For GW**

### **King Soopers**

King Soopers grocery gift cards offer a no cost way to raise money for GW. If you shop at King Soopers, simply reload the card using your usual method of payment at check out (you still get the points on your credit card) before your order starts ringing up.

GW Patriot Parents gets 5% of what you spend back and the funds are used for events that benefit all students including the homecoming tail gate, after prom for juniors and seniors, and teacher-appreciation events. Last year, the school received more than \$1800 from the program.

Our main focus has been weeding the Gateway area, the east bed, the orchard, and watering the newer trees throughout the campus.

Fall dates are: Sept. 12 and 26, 9-11 a.m.; Oct. 10, 9-11 a.m.; and Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Also, the committee welcomes interested parents to join us at The Egg and I restaurant (560 S. Holly Street) at 9 a.m. Aug. 30 for our next meeting.

For more information, contact [Jana Roush](#).

If you have a card, please remember to use it every time you shop at King Soopers. If you don't have a card and would like to use one, please contact [Kerstin Froyd](#). The card is free to start and is already loaded with \$5.

### Target

Another no-cost way to raise funds for GW is to shop at Target and use a Target credit card or debit card. You save 5 percent, and the school receives up to 1 percent of the amount of your purchase if you go online and assign your card to George Washington High School. In the 2013-14 school year, the school received more than \$1,000 with 72 cardholders signed up.

If you have a Target credit card or debit card, please make sure you have assigned GW to receive up to 1 percent of what you spend. Please visit [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) to learn more about the program and make that assignment, or even apply for a card.

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Sincerely,

***GWIB Parent Association***

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