

**"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."**

*Margaret Mead*

November 2015

## **GWIB Broadcaster**

### **November Update**

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#### **Important Dates**

If your student is a sophomore, please plan to attend one of the following information sessions to hear about the IB choice of studies for next year: December 5 from 9-10am, December 9 from 6:30-7:30pm, or December 10 from 6:30-7:30pm. You'll receive a letter with additional details in November.

Mandatory meetings for juniors and their parents: April 13, 2016 6:30 PM and April 16, 2016 9:00 AM

Used Book Buy Back & Sale: May 26-27. More information to follow.

#### **From the IBPA President**

Even with the leaves finally changing and falling, I still find it hard to believe that we are already turning our calendars to November.

I would like to introduce myself as your new IB Parents Association president. My name is Maura Mackintosh, and I have a daughter who is a junior in the IB program. My husband Todd and I are committed to GW IB, the One George initiative and volunteering with the hope of maintaining and promoting excellence in our school and community. I would like to thank the former president of IBPA, Leslie Lilly, for her years of service and commitment to the IB program and George Washington High School.

I look forward to my role as president, especially the opportunity to work with our wonderful board and our outstanding IB director, Melanie Bryant. I sincerely welcome and appreciate the support and help of you, the community. Please note and thank the board members listed at the end of this newsletter. Their dedication continues to sustain and strengthen the IB program and GWHS.

We are in desperate need of a volunteer to head up this year's senior brunch on May 1, 2016. The process is defined, and plenty of helpers are ready to jump in. We need a leader to help organize volunteers and streamline communication. We also need a secretary to attend board meetings and keep the minutes. Please contact me at [maura@solucian.com](mailto:maura@solucian.com) if you are interested. Thank you! Marjie Lane is looking for a parent volunteer to assist her in organizing our IB students as they develop and implement their CAS projects. Please note Marjie's brief article within this newsletter for a description of the program and her needs.

Our 2015-16 IB Student Directory has been published, thanks to the efforts of Kim Kelsay. In this transition year, sophomores, juniors and seniors will receive the yellow directory in their English classes.



## Student trip to Italy and Greece

Ms. O'Ryan is taking a group of travelers to Italy and Greece on a life-changing adventure at the end of the current school year, and needs more to attend!

Who wouldn't want to see Rome or the Acropolis when the summer starts?

Please attend an informational meeting for parents/guardians and students at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in Room 24. Please RSVP. If you're interested but can't attend the meeting, please e-mail [Ms. O'Ryan](mailto:Ms.O'Ryan).

## Save the Date: Estate Planning

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

Recruitment for next year's freshman class has been going well thanks to the efforts of many dedicated staff members and parent volunteers. Please see Pam Paulien's article in this edition of the Broadcaster for an update on exciting recruiting events.

Mary Lane, our communications director at GW, has streamlined and improved our shadowing process. Along with the help of GW's volunteer coordinator Alyssa Richason, shadowing appointments through the end of January are full. We have a wonderful team of parent greeters who meet our shadows and their parents when they arrive for their appointments. Thank you Jamie Sarché, Ali Foster, Kim Griggy, Jennifer Wiener, Libby Neid and Lisa Warshafsky for your time and all of those important follow-up phone calls!

The IBPA acknowledges and thanks Dr. Steve Antonoff for sharing his time and expertise with our community on October 13, 2015. The well-attended presentation was informative and worthwhile. Thank you to all who attended.

Various calendar items are included in this newsletter, but take special note: Dedication of The Suzanne Geimer International Baccalaureate Center is set for 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 11. This event is intended to be a celebration for students and staff. However, interested parents are welcome to attend. Again, thank you to Leslie Lilly for her leadership in renovating the wonderful, new IB office space.

We welcome your involvement. Again, please consider volunteering for IBPA secretary, Senior Brunch Chair or CAS Assistant.

Sincerely,  
Maura Mackintosh

## IB Foundation: Here for the Program, Here for You!

What a year it's been so far! The exciting transition of the IB Program into the One George process, a new principal, and a new director in Melanie Bryant are just some of the wonderful developments experienced by students, staff, teachers, and parents.

On top of that, we are entering the season of giving that extends from Halloween to Thanksgiving to the winter break (not to mention the end of the tax year!). These all mean opportunities to give. Don't forget: Any donation you make now to the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation - a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization - is tax-deductible. That means any contribution you make until midnight December 31 will apply to your taxes this year.

Let's be clear about the benefits:

- First, IB would receive a much-needed boost from you

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.

## Red Apple Recycling Drive

This fall's Red Apple Recycling Drive supporting the AVID program at GW runs from Nov. 2- Dec. 2. The drive is sponsored by AVID and the GW Ski Club.

Donations bring 10 cents per pound and a possible prize for the most collected in the Denver metro area.

The Red Apple boxes, placed in both parking lots at GW, can accept clean used clothes, shoes, coats, purses, belts, backpacks, stuffed animals and toys and any and all textiles such as old towels, bedding, pillows, etc. Stained or unusable donations are fine as they can be recycled.

Clean out those closets and drawers and purge that unwanted stuff, and thanks for helping your community in so many ways! If you have questions, please contact Sarah Pezoa, 303-378-4122.

## No-Cost Fundraising For GW

### Park Burger

Eat burgers to support GW: Park Burger's Hilltop location (211 S. Holly St.) is generously

to fund the myriad teacher requests for educational materials and teaching development aids. That funding directly benefits your student(s) and the program as a whole. From recruitment in 8th grade through college counseling, the range of assistance IB students receive from Melanie and Marjie, the teachers and staff ensures the highest standards. This year, the IB Foundation is funding many requests by teachers, financial aid for students, support for students to attend a journalism conference, stipends for teachers who guide students in their extended essays, ongoing programs like National History Day and speech and debate, and equipment such as additional laptop computers for student use in the IB office, chemistry labs, and a new copier. The Foundation also funds the many activities of the Parents Association - brunches, recruiting, awards, etc.

- Second, donating simply puts you in the holiday spirit! Not only is donating a responsible use of your money, but think of how good you will feel as you support GW education.
- Third, we have entered a new era, in which a strong and transformed IB program will be critical to the success of students throughout the school.

We look forward to working with the administrators, staff, and teachers to ensure IB remains excellent, inclusive, and extensive. So, do the right thing: Contribute generously to your IB program. Any level of donation - \$10, \$25, \$100, \$1,000, and up is welcome!!

Online contributions: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/friendsofibdues/>

Or mail: Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, c/o John Murray, Treasurer, 1243 S. Williams St., Denver, CO 80210.

And, as always, thank you for your support for a great program!

Sincerely,  
Tom Zeiler

President, Friends of IB Scholars Foundation  
[thomaswilliamzeiler@gmail.com](mailto:thomaswilliamzeiler@gmail.com)

## IB College Counseling Corner

Many thanks to Future Center Director Daylisha Hall for her excellent coordination of college admission representatives' visits to GW. Students should follow up via e-mail.

November and December are "Be Kind to Seniors" months,

donating a portion of its sales from 5 p.m.-closing on Nov. 24 to GWHS.

### King Soopers

If you shop at King Soopers, use a grocery gift card to help raise money for GW Patriot Parents. The organization received 5 percent of what you spend, and the funds are used for events that benefit all students including the homecoming tailgate, after-prom for juniors and seniors and teacher-appreciation events. Last year, the school received more than \$1,800 from the program. For more information, contact [Kerstin Froyd](#).

### Target

If you use a Target credit card or debit card, your purchases at Target are discounted 5 percent, and - if you make the designation - GW receives up to 1 percent of the amount of your purchase. In the 2013-14 school year, the school received more than \$1,000 from the program. To assign GW as the recipient in your account, please visit [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe), where you also can learn more about the program or even apply for a card.

as they work hard to complete coursework and extracurricular commitments, keep up their grades, AND pull together their college applications. Here's what students need to do in working with the school on their apps:

- USE [NAVIANCE](#)!!! Logging on requires the student's ID number (as the "e-mail") and 6-digit birth date (mmddyy) as the password.
- On the right side of the Welcome Page, click on "document library" and then "12th grade folder." The documents in this folder provide detailed instructions for navigating the entire application process.
- The second item in the 12th grade folder contains a flow chart for the application process, but it is not entirely accurate for applications that are due January 1 or soon thereafter. STEPS 2 AND 5 (requests for transcripts and letters of recommendation) MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEC. 4 AT THE VERY LATEST so these required documents can be sent out before GW closes for winter break. Many seniors will be completing their applications over break. However, it is imperative that they create a Common App account, complete the list of "schools I'm applying to" and what sort of app (e.g. early, priority, regular - each have different deadlines), determine which schools require electronic vs. paper transcripts and recommendations, and then make their requests in the appropriate manner.
- The fourth item in the 12th grade folder contains the complete College Application PowerPoint presentation that seniors attended this fall. It takes students through each step of the application process, with screen shots of each relevant Naviance page. Pages 24-31 of the PowerPoint are particularly relevant for requesting documentation from the school. Remember the Dec. 4 deadline!
- If any of the schools require paper transcripts and school report forms, follow the instructions for requesting paper docs on page 29 by Dec. 4.
- If any of the schools require paper counselor and teacher recommendations, be sure to get those recommendation forms and stamped/addressed envelopes to teachers by Dec. 4 as well.
- Complete the "colleges to which I'm applying" list in Naviance now. Ms. Cassidy and Ms. Lavizzo will be relying on Naviance as a tracking tool, so it is essential that you enter your school list promptly and accurately.
- Complete the "Brag Sheet" in Naviance; it's what the counselors use to write their recommendations.
- Any supporting documents from the school that are not sent out before winter break begins on Dec. 20 will have to wait until after school resumes on Jan. 6, and will therefore miss early January deadlines. GW will be closed over the break and no one will be available to handle late requests.
- Of course the application is not complete until the student submits her/his own portion of each

application (including any student-generated supplements) directly to the colleges.

- Early decision/action deadlines have either passed or will soon, and regular decision and scholarship deadlines are rapidly approaching. Students can reduce stress by completing applications and paperwork sooner rather than later! Students who wait until the last day to submit online applications may find the system overloaded and unable to accept their submissions before the deadline.
- If students need supporting materials for separate scholarship applications, they should use Naviance and the PowerPoint instructions to request those as well.

PARENTS OF SENIORS who are applying for financial aid should be gearing up to prepare 2015 tax returns and the Free Application for Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) as early in the new year as possible. Some colleges also require the CSS/PROFILE and/or their own additional applications (some with December deadlines). The [CSS/PROFILE](#) may be completed now.

DON'T BE A BULLDOZER PARENT! Helicopter parents are bad enough. College reps have coined a new term, bulldozer parents, to label parents who are even more, um, present in the application process - even to the point of completing applications themselves. The reps can easily tell the difference between apps completed by students and those completed by parents. Guess which ones DON'T get a student admitted?

JUNIORS' to-do lists are getting longer too. If your junior wants to visit out-of-state colleges while they are in session, it's not too early to start thinking about a spring break trip. This is also a good time to plan for the ACT with or without the writing test and/or the SAT with or without subject tests. The ACT (without writing) will be administered during a school day in April. The testing program web sites ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)) have more detailed information and are a good source for test preparation books, as are local book stores.

SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN who think they might apply to highly selective colleges which require subject tests should investigate whether they should take one or more at the end of this year. This would only be indicated for students who might need a specific subject test (e.g., chemistry or biology) and who do not plan to continue with that subject after May.

ALL PARENTS: By entering your email address in your student's Naviance account, you also will receive all the email notifications that your student gets from the counselors.

### **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

Nov. 1: Deadline for seniors to submit their portions of

early decision and early action applications to many colleges. Check your selected schools' timelines and requirements carefully.

Nov. 15: Deadline for submitting early action applications to University of Colorado - Boulder, in order to be notified by Feb. 1. All materials, including those sent from GW, must be RECEIVED by the CU Admissions Office by Nov. 15 to qualify for early action. CU's regular application deadline is Jan. 15, with notification by April 1.

Nov. 17: Tour CU Boulder campus with Ms. Cassidy; please contact her to sign up. Transportation from GW is provided. Students who tour will miss periods 2-6. This is intended for juniors and seniors; interested sophomores see Ms. Cassidy.

Nov. 17, evening: GW Parent Night, for parents of juniors and seniors, with parents able to choose 3 out of 5 topics to attend.

Dec. 4: Deadline for seniors to submit regular and rolling decision application details to IB Office - see details above. Complete your "Colleges to which I'm applying" list in Naviance now as well.

Jan. 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.

Jan. 1: The FAFSA application becomes available online and should be completed by aid applicants and their parents ASAP. Do NOT wait for admission results. Apply now! Check individual college requirements/deadlines.

April: 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.

Sincerely,  
Linda During, College Counseling Chair

### **2015-2016 STANDARDIZED TESTING**

Juniors should be planning when they will complete standardized testing required by the colleges they might apply to. 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](http://www.act.org) (ACT) and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT). In an effort to decrease cheating, ACT and SAT both now require students to submit a digital "head shot" photo and their high school code as part of the test registration process.

| Test                 | Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration (add'l fee) |
|----------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| SAT or subject tests | 11/7 | passed                | passed                        |
| SAT or subject tests | 12/5 | 11/5                  | 11/23                         |

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|----------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------------------|
| ACT w/writing option       | 12/12 | 11/6  | 11/20                              |
| SAT or subject tests       | 1/23  | 12/28 | 1/12                               |
| ACT w/writing option       | 2/6   | 1/8   | 1/15                               |
| New SAT (no subject tests) | 3/5   | 2/5   | 2/23                               |
| ACT w/writing option       | 4/9   | 3/4   | 3/18                               |
| ACT w/out writing (CO ACT) | April | TBD   | Automatic and free for all juniors |
| New SAT or subject tests   | 5/7   | 4/8   | 4/26                               |
| New SAT or subject tests   | 6/4   | 5/5   | 5/25                               |
| ACT w/writing option       | 6/11  | 5/6   | 5/20                               |

## Recruiting the class of 2020

To help explain how the IB Program is moving forward, IB Program Manager Melanie Bryant and CAS Director Marjie Lane hosted a breakfast for local middle school counselors and GT coordinators in the Suzi Geimer Center on Sept. 25. Representatives from Logan, Hill, Hamilton, Grant Beacon, Good Shepherd, Morey, and McAuliffe had some terrific questions for Melanie and Marjorie. Current IB students Marcus Padmore, JT Schilling, and Erin Liedtkei were there to answer questions as well, and Mr. Martinez, Mr. Lessard, Leslie Lilly and Ms. Lavizzo all were part of the event. The counselors left with a very positive impression of the IB program and a greater understanding of how 8th graders can become part of our Class of 2020.

### RECRUITING NEEDS

While the school of choice process can feel overwhelming, one way it can feel less so is when parents and students can ask other students and parents about the program in the comfort of someone's home. We have informal sessions scheduled for families of Logan and Stanley British Primary School and for families of Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences. These events are hosted by families currently at the school whenever possible. If your student(s) attended Hamilton, McAuliffe or another school and would consider hosting an event, Maura Mackintosh (Maura@solucian.com) is available to provide you with additional information and materials to

make a parent information meeting a success. It is easier than you might think and one of the best ways to help recruiting efforts.

#### NEW TO GEORGE?

Calling all 9th and 10th grade families: We want to support you in your transition to high school and answer any lingering questions about the IB program. What would help you and your student(s)? We have a panel of expert, or at least more senior, IB families who will be happy to provide some informal mentoring. Call on our institutional knowledge, we can help!

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

## GWHS Alumni Panel

What are you going to do after high school? Have you explored your options for college, jobs, a gap year, or another route? Where do George Washington graduates go after they leave here?

These are some of the questions to be addressed by a panel of George alumni who will return to campus to talk about their own transitions and some of the many possibilities after graduation from GWHS. IB students and parents should mark your calendar NOW for an enlightening evening on Wednesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

How do you narrow down college choices? What about the application process? What are your options when college is not in the cards? What can you expect from classes, social life, roommates and many other aspects after high school? Get answers from those who know best!

Current students and parents are invited to join a panel of recent GW grads from various programs to learn more about their decisions, paths, and experiences after high school. Modeled after the successful IB panel of years past, this expanded event highlights the One George philosophy and features students from GW's class of 2014 talking about the choices they made, where they landed, and what they've been doing since graduation.

Save the date of Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the GWHS Auditorium, and join us for a panel of George alumni talking about the transitions and possibilities after graduation and life after high school. Please direct questions and suggestions for panelists to Doug Gertner - [doug@dougertner.com](mailto:doug@dougertner.com) - 303-886-4114.

## CAS Corner

### The IB learner profile

"The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally

mindful people who, recognizing their common humanity and share guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world."

CAS is at the heart of the Diploma Program. With its holistic approach, CAS is designed to strengthen and extend students' personal and interpersonal learning (great for personal development, and it looks good on college applications).

### **A brief guide to CAS**

Creativity, activity, service (CAS) is intended to be a collection of enjoyable and challenging experiences determined by the students to extend their abilities.

Through the CAS experience, a student is to achieve the following learning outcomes:

- \* Identify strengths and develop areas for personal growth.
- \* Demonstrate that he/she has undertaken challenges and developed new skills in the process.
- \* Demonstrate how to initiate and plan a CAS experience.
- \* Show commitment to and perseverance in CAS experiences.
- \* Demonstrate the skills and recognize the benefits of working collaboratively.
- \* Demonstrate engagement with issues of global significance.
- \* Recognize and consider the ethics of choices and actions.

How can you help?

1. Assist with student interviews
  - \* find out the interests of the student
  - \* discuss the student's plans for CAS experiences
2. Research agencies and organizations where students might volunteer
3. Help organize a group CAS experience (i.e. volunteering for a one-day event at the Botanic Gardens / Zoo)
4. Partner with the CAS Coordinator on monthly senior project check-ins.

Flexible hours. Some of the work can be done at home. For more information, contact [Marjorie Lane](#).

## **Your 2015-2016 IBPA Officers and Chairs**

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| Friends of IB Foundation Secretary     | TBD                                   |   |

## GW Boys Tennis Finishes a Successful Season

**By Ken Mason**

The GW Boys Tennis Team has finished its most successful season since 2009, finishing third in the Regional State Qualifying Tournament. Though only one player, sophomore Daniel Guiot, qualified for the State Tournament, the season overall was extremely successful. Thirty-two of the 36 players on the team are in the IB program. Of those 32 players, 28 played in varsity matches. The team won more than 70 percent of the 125 individual matches during the season.

The team finished with a respectable 12-4 record overall in varsity matches. It finished the Denver Prep League 7-1, losing only to the East Angels, who finished third in the

state.

Contributing to this successful season on the varsity squad were six seniors: Louie Hoffenberg, Oliver Moldow, Ryan Culhane, Ben Harrison, David Wollins Jr. and Sebastian McCrimmon, who were on the varsity squad; while seniors Eddie Atyade and Nathan DeSarro bolstered the varsity 2 Squad. The seniors will be missed next year, but there is a solid group of 15 sophomores on the rise, ensuring a strong team in the coming years.



## GW Speech and Debate Team competes in New York



From left to right: Alex Weissman, Monroe Roush, Miguel Asturias, Sebastian McCrimmon, Maya Waldstreicher and Yosef Gross during their trip to the Speech and Debate tournament in the Bronx in October.

**Please contact us if you have story ideas or information you would like to include in the GWIB Broadcaster Newsletter.**



Sincerely,

***GWIB Parent Association***

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