

"Knowledge will bring you the opportunity to make a difference."

Claire Fagin

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GWIB Broadcaster

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Join Our Mailing List!

IB New Book Pick Up

For those IB students who ordered new text books through the group purchase back in May, your orders can be picked up in the IB Office on the first day of school (August 23) from 7:00-12:00. There are also a small number of used books still available for any last minute needs.

Save the date for the annual PATRIOT ALUMNI PANEL

It will be a group of GWHS alumni talking about the transitions, possibilities and preparing for life after graduation

STUDENTS & PARENTS WELCOME

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 ~6:30-
8:30 p.m.~
GWHS Community Room

Direct Your Questions and Panelist
Suggestions to
Doug Gertner
doug@dougertner.com | 303-886-4114

NOTE FROM MELANIE BRYANT

MESSAGE FROM the GW IBPA PRESIDENT

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a fulfilling summer! As you may know, the administration, teachers and parent volunteers at GW have already been hard at work preparing and planning for another great year. I want to highlight a new and exciting opportunity at George: the P3 Parent Organization (Proud Patriot Parents). Please read the flier with more info about P3 in this Broadcaster. ([English flier](#) / [Spanish flier](#)).

While many of our efforts overlap and support P3, our group will also continue to provide services that specifically support the IB program and its George directors, Melanie Bryant and Marjie Lane. We will also continue to work closely with the Friends of IB Foundation. Please note IB Foundation President Tim Bakken's letter in the Broadcaster below.

IBPA's focus includes:

- Book Sale and Buy Back, fall 2016 and spring 2017, chaired by Kathryn Stieneker and Marijke Sharaden
- IB Exam Proctoring, late spring 2017 chaired by Kate Pettersen
- Senior Brunch, late spring 2017, chaired by Maura Mackintosh and _____
- IB Broadcaster newsletter, published quarterly, chaired by Anistacia Barber
- IB Student Directory, published fall 2016, chaired by Robyn Frahm
- CAS Project, ongoing for juniors and seniors, chaired by Ali Foster
- Alumni Services/College Planning, ongoing, chaired by Linda During
- GWIB Facebook, ongoing, chaired by _____

The emails for each of these chairpersons can be found in this newsletter and on the GWHS website's IB Hub. Please contact them to help!

During the course of the school year, the IBPA will also offer special speakers and social opportunities for IB students as well as for the entire George community. For example, on Tuesday, 8/30, we will host an Ethics Panel for our IB juniors

I hope that everyone has been enjoying summer.

I am excited to be returning as the IB Program Manager this year. As many of you know I have officially retired and will be returning on a part time status to lead the IB Program at George. While the district sorts through the necessary steps to make my new status official, my phone and email will be unavailable until September 1.

In the meantime I am using gwibprogrammanager@gmail.com as my working email address. If you need to speak to me directly, please feel free to call Marjie Lane at 720-423-8689 and I will call you back as soon as possible.

I can't wait to see everyone and get to work,

Melanie Bryant
IB Program Manager

IB Dues

Please remember to pay your annual dues to the IBPA. Each IB family is asked to donate \$50 annually to sustain our many worthwhile endeavors, including supporting our teachers and providing financial assistance to our IB students. Here is the link:

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

Checks can also be mailed to the following:

Friends of IB Scholars Foundation
c/o John Murray, Treasurer
1243 S Williams Street
Denver, CO 80210-1823

THE IB COUNSELING COLLEGE CORNER

There is a wealth of information on the GWHS Counseling Dept website (<http://gwhs.dpsk12.org/counseling/>) On the left side of the page, under Academics, click on Checklist by Grade. Then go to your student's year and see what is recommended to set the stage for being successful in the college application process. Naturally, as

have a three-person adult panel and perhaps an additional student panel. At 1:45 we will break into groups of 10-15 students, each group having its own facilitator to initiate and encourage more personal dialogue regarding ethics, stress management and cheating. Melanie Bryant and Marjie Lane will provide questions/prompts to guide our facilitators. We believe this small-group follow up is critical to the success of the event and the continuation of our efforts to eliminate cheating and encourage sound decision making.

And, I almost forgot the best part: at 2:15 we reconvene as a group for a massive root beer-float party and distribution of the new IB swag.

The event wraps up at 2:35. Please contact me at maura@solucian.com if you would like to help volunteer for this new and worthwhile event. Calling all ice cream scoopers, please!

In January, the IBPA will support the P3 as we host our annual GW Alumni Panel. Last year, this was a wonderful event, and I encourage you all to mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The contact volunteers for this worthwhile evening are Doug Gertner and Erin Gatlin.

Throughout the fall and winter, the IBPA will work closely with the GW administration on the recruitment of new Patriots. These efforts include support of our shadowing program, middle-school outreach and community communication.

Lastly, please know that we welcome and encourage your participation in the IBPA. In particular, we need a volunteer to manage our Facebook page. Our former IB website has moved to legacy status, and the majority of our IB information can now be found on the GWHS website under Academics, IB Hub. However, we would still like to maintain an active and attractive FB page for GWIB.

Also, we need at least two more volunteers to help plan the Senior Brunch in the late spring. Please let me know if you are interested in helping in one of these roles or in any other way. We need and value your involvement! Here's to a terrific year!

Sincerely,
Maura Mackintosh
President of IBPA

From the President, Friends of IB Scholars Foundation

Greetings from the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation.

Dear George Washington IB Parents, Students and Faculty,

As a new school year begins, I offer an enthusiastic hello to current IB parents, students, families, and faculty and welcome to our new students and families! You are each an

each year brings greater challenges and expectations, but it's never too early to focus on doing one's best.

[CLICK HERE FOR A PDF of DETAILED INFORMATION](#)

Workshop: Writing an Outstanding College Essay

Are you unsure of how to get started on your college application essays? Decided on a topic but struggling with writer's block? Then this workshop is for you!

Sunday, September 11

1:00-4:00 p.m.

at Schlessman Family Branch Library

Click here for more information:

discoverycollegeconsulting.com/presentations

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT IN OCTOBER

In October, in cooperation with the GW Future Center, we will host a college planning night at George. The event will be open to the entire community but will especially benefit all current sophomores and juniors. We plan to begin with an overview of how to get started and keep going on the exciting and sometimes overwhelming path to selecting a college. Next we will offer smaller sessions focusing on topics like test prep, financial planning, and IB vs. AP. Please contact me at maura@solucian.com if you have suggestions for the topics of the smaller sessions or would like to help with the night's planning.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

In February, the IBPA will host a special speaker to address stress management. Maia Sidon, PSYD., a GW IB and Columbia University graduate, will generously share her time and expertise with the GW community. Please watch future Broadcaster notices for more information and contact me at maura@solucian.com if you would like to participate in the planning of this event

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continuing to fill an essential role at George Washington High School.

This is my first year as President of the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation. My youngest daughter is a sophomore at GW and will be starting IB next year. My oldest daughter is a 2016 graduate of GW IB. I know from direct experience the wonderful benefits of GW IB for our kids and I am committed to doing whatever I can to help it continue its long history of excellence. I follow in the footsteps of Tom Zeiler who served masterfully for many years during a time of challenging transitions at GW and in the IB program. I am very grateful to Tom for everything he has done for GW IB and for his guidance as I try to live up to his example!

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 through funding activities related to the GW IB program. These activities include loans to students who can't afford the full 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; support for National History Day participation by IB students; support for the IB Parents Association, and other such requests. The Foundation also strives to assist with college counseling for juniors and seniors. The Foundation Board meets two or three times each year and is comprised of IB parents, an IB faculty member, IB Program Director Melanie Bryant, and alumni parents. Through its tax exempt, 501(c)(3) status, the Foundation offers the opportunity for tax-deductible contributions.

We encourage IB families to support the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation as its work is critical to the continued excellence of the GW IB program. Annual dues are \$50.00 and we welcome additional donations whenever possible. Donate at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/?key=friendsfib> or, if paying by check, make checks payable to: Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, c/o John Murray, Treasurer, 1243 South Williams Street, Denver, Colorado 80210.

A huge thank you to everyone - teachers, staff, parents, students, extended family members - who gives to GW IB, whether through time, passion, money or a combination of these things. The program is an extraordinary success because of you. Thank you!!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and here's to a fantastic year!

Tim Bakken, President
Friends of IB Scholars Foundation

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Please contact us at gwibnews(at)gmail.com if you have story ideas or information you would like to include in the GWIB Broadcaster Newsletter.

Sincerely,

GWIB Parent Association