



The Advocate

SUMMER 2016

Official Newsletter of the St. Petersburg High School International Baccalaureate Program



The annual IB Senior Celebration was held on May 25th at the Coliseum, commemorating the graduates' accomplishments with dinner and entertainment. During Roll Call, each student was individually called and presented with their IB sash by Mr. Bennett. The students were called in order determined by their Learner Profile traits (see article on the Learner Profile).

Mr. Halstead served as the Master of Ceremony for the evening and throughout the night. Tucker DeGregory brought the house down with teacher impressions. The crowd of about 500 was treated to a slide show during dinner with student photos side by side: one from their toddler/elementary years and the other a "remake" of the same photo now as a senior.

The entertainment included:

IB SPANISH DANCING TO LA GOZADERA: Ben Martin, Mariana Ocano, CJ Macari, Caitlin Masselli, Gabe Lopez, Caroline Stroud, Tucker DeGregory, Jenna McQueen, Davy Phrathep, Katie Carroll

HOTLINE STRINGS: Sail, Hotline Bling, & Bohemian Rhapsody arranged by Maxwell Rosen.

Violins: Francis Ameng, Caroline Barnett, Sarah Hylton, Margaux Stickney

Cello: Maxwell Rosen

IB TRAPPIN': Peter Franzek, Rohit Mittal, and Kevin Solomon

THE CIRCLE GAME: performed by Tucker DeGregory and Lara McCallister, Guitar-Patrick Tobin

LIP SYCH BATTLE: C.J. Macari vs. Tysen Singletary

FROM FINNER: performed by Amy Diaz & Tarek Ziad

IRISH DANCE: Jordan Kriseman

The class elected Lakshmi Sanmuganathan and Davy Phrathep as Senior Speakers, and both shared their experiences along with words of wisdom for their classmates. The Class of 2016 Validictorian and Salutatorian were announced; Tarek Ziad and Kayla Zavac. The finale was a performance by the IB Faculty.

Many thanks to Janet Carroll, the Chairperson for the Senior Celebration Committee, and all of her volunteers who made the night memorable. Even the Green Devil was on hand to pose for photos in the photo booth. Each senior left the event with a goody bag featuring the senior class t-shirt, designed this year by Peter Franzek and selected by class vote. Mayor Kriseman delighted the crowd with a Proclamation from the City of St. Petersburg.

Award Winners

Linda McPheron Award (overcoming obstacles)

Kevin Solomon

Paul Logan (CAS Award)

Caroline Stroud & Madison Lee

Carolyn Nelson "Ideal IB Student" Award

Katie Carroll & Tucker DeGregory

Don Driskell Award (Most Inspirational teacher)

Todd Maxwell

From the IB Booster President

It's hard to believe another school year has come and gone. On behalf of the IB Boosters, I would like to congratulate our 2016 Senior Class! We are all so proud of your hard work and achievements and wish you continued success as you begin the next chapter in your lives.

I would like to welcome our incoming IB Freshman families. I am sure these students had a wonderful introduction to the IB Program by attending "Summer Camp," as well as forming some new friendships that will last throughout their four years at St. Petersburg High School, and beyond.

Parents, if you have not had the opportunity to join our Booster organization for the 2016-2017 school year (or renew your membership), I encourage you to complete the enclosed membership form and submit it to the IB Office. The IB Boosters are here to support our students, faculty, and families of the IB Program. Please consider getting involved in any one of our committees throughout the year. You can select one or more committees on the membership form to begin receiving information on volunteer opportunities available. We appreciate any time you are willing to give, no matter how small it may seem. Everyone makes a difference!

Lastly, don't forget to join our Facebook group ... **SPHSIBBoosters** ... This is also a great way to stay informed and to reach out to other parents for support and answers to last minute pressing questions. You are also welcome to email me at any time at Jackie.Donovan@Walgreens.com.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer!
See you in the Fall!

Jackie Donovan
*IB Booster Organization
President 2016-2017*

From the Desk of Susan Farias



Summer at last! I hope everyone is having a fun and relaxing break. It's hard to believe another school year has come to a close. This is a good time to reflect on the past year and to thank all the parents who contribute to making the IB Program at St. Pete High special. I truly appreciate your time, talents, hard work and financial support. You make a difference! If you are not a member of the IB Boosters, I encourage you to get signed up and involved as much as your schedule permits. I thank all of you for the continued support as it really does take a village!

This year we said good-bye to three IB teachers. Liane Marshman (IB math) retired, Lydia Franzek (Pre-IB English) is pursuing her education, and Gloria Hermann (Spanish) is moving to Puerto Rico! We are sad to see them go and wish them the best. That means we are welcoming three new teachers to our faculty. Marsha Carlson is the new freshman Algebra 2 teacher, Alvaro Cano is the new IB Spanish teacher, and as I write this we are awaiting confirmation on our new Pre-IB English teacher.

We send the IB seniors off to college knowing they are prepared for their next educational challenges and we welcome a new class of freshman...the circle of life! Working with these talented young people reminds me of a quote from Oliver Sacks, "I rejoice when I meet gifted young people...I feel the future is in good hands." I feel fortunate to work with such wonderful students and families. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

The IB Office is open all summer. Our summer hours are Monday through Thursday from 7 am to 5 pm. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call or drop by.

From the Desk of La'Tina Johnson

Please create your Khan Academy Account and visit the website for free SAT practice tests and tutorials.

Visit the IB Guidance website for information as you prepare for the upcoming school year. Go to www.stpetehigh.com and click on Programs...IB...IB Guidance (to the right of the page).

Juniors: You will receive your summer letter outlining summer tasks as you prepare for senior year. Please visit the SAT and ACT website for the 2016-2017 test schedule and practice test information: www.kaptest.com/hsevents.

Seniors: It has truly been a pleasure working with you and your parents for the past four years. I wish you the very best in all your future endeavors.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

La'Tina Johnson
IB Guidance Counselor



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STUDENT NEWS



Special Award Given to Selected Freshmen

The Emily Lester 9th Grade Award is given in honor of former IB student Emily Lester. Emily was an outstanding student who suffered from leukemia. Sadly she passed away her senior year. She was accepted to Duke University and awarded a full scholarship. She embodied all the qualities of the IB Learner Profile. If you Google her name, you will read about an amazing young woman. Here is something from her mother's Facebook page: In the words of Emily's sister Catherine, "Emily stood out amongst her peers not because of the trials she'd been through, but

mostly because of the strength and wisdom she faced them with."

Congratulations to **Riley Guinagh** and **Elizabeth Rau**, this year's award recipients.

Incoming Freshman Sends Aid to Lost Boys of Sudan



Meira Kowalski will be entering the IB program this fall. As an 8th grader at Shorecrest Preparatory School this year, she produced a National History Day documentary (www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8pbKS7skAE) about the 26,000 Sudanese "Lost Boys" who were orphaned and forced to flee civil war. They died in great numbers and suffered terrible hardships.

During her project, Meira interviewed Joseph Deng, a Lost Boy himself who now is an adult living in Florida. He started his own organization to provide medical supplies to those in need in Southern Sudan. She was inspired by his work and held a medicine drive at her school, collecting over 150 pounds of medicines! "One bottle of Imodium saves five lives in South Sudan," she notes.

After learning that Mr. Deng pays the expensive costs to ship the medicines himself, Meira started a GoFundMe campaign (<https://www.gofundme.com/wzjqunjg>) to help cover the costs of shipping. She has raised \$3170 to date, far surpassing her original \$1500 goal.

Watch the news story about Meira and Mr. Deng at <http://www.abcactionnews.com/news/region-pinellas/unique-friends-send-hope-to-south-sudan-via-big-heart>.



Documenting the Legacy of William Straub

The editor of the Historic Old Northeast Newsletter invited IB freshman Meara Corbett-O'Connor to submit an article about William Straub to expand on a website she created that documents his legacy. Meara's article can be viewed online on pages 26-27 at <http://tinyurl.com/straub-article>

Choosing a Locker for Next Year!

ALL students who want to use a school locker must purchase an SPS lock (you cannot use a lock from middle school or one purchased from a store). Locks are for sale in the IB Office for \$5.00 (CASH ONLY, PLEASE BRING EXACT CHANGE) and can be re-used each year.

Lock sales and locker assignments will take place in the IB Office (Room 157) from 10am-1pm on the following dates:

Seniors (Class of 2017):
Monday, July 25th (10am-1pm)

Juniors (Class of 2018):
Tuesday, July 26th (10am-1pm)

Sophomores (Class of 2019):
Wednesday, July 27th (10am-1pm)

Freshman (Class of 2020):
Thursday, July 28th- on this date freshman can select* a locker on 2nd floor (10am-1pm)

DO NOT PLACE A LOCK ON A LOCKER UNTIL YOU HAVE REGISTERED THE LOCK COMBINATION AND LOCKER NUMBER!

Locks placed on lockers that are not registered will be removed.

*Incoming Freshman (Class of 2020) can also purchase locks and be assigned lockers at Freshman orientation; however, they will not be able to select a locker location.

Parking Hang Tags for 2016-2017 School Year

Students must have a current SPS Hang Tag to park in the student lot. Hang tags for the 2016-2017 school year will be sold in the **IB Office (room 157)** during the summer for students who have a summer birthday or who were not able to make the hang tag sale at the end of the school year.

To purchase a tag you must have:

1. A **copy** of your valid driver license (no learner's permits) that we can keep.
2. A **copy** of your car registration that we can keep.
3. \$6.00 **EXACT CHANGE, CASH ONLY!**
4. **We cannot make change or copy documents!**

Purchasing a Parking Hang Tag

If you miss the hang tag sale or have a summer birthday you can purchase a hang tag in the IB Office this summer. The office is open Monday through Thursday. The cost is \$6.00 CASH ONLY EXACT CHANGE and you must bring copies that we can keep of your driver license and registration. We cannot make copies.

IB Sophomores Visit USF - St. Petersburg



Students met with USF-SP Admissions Counselors who explained the admissions process and what the school seeks in prospective students. Student guides led an excellent tour of the campus and dormitory. The visit concluded with lunch at The Reef, where USF-SP students dine.

Bravo to IB SENIOR CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The night was a great success due to this amazing team lead by Janet Carroll! Celeste Stroud, Yolanda Singletary, Lane Degregory, Kathy Hessinger, Lisa Scribano, Janet Franzek, Janice Barnett, Jan Miller, Susan Farias, Heather Goodis, Penny Hunter, Margarita Abdo, Monique Massaro, Kathy Evans, Darla Kiernan, Marlene Ricalde, Lana Fisher, Vivian Wilsey, Wendy Wallace, Ria McQueen, Mandy Hand, and Lenora LaPeter.

Thank You...

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital for providing us with the Education and Conference Center for IB testing. A shout out to Pinellas Technical College as well.

CAS (Creativity Action Service) Project Highlights

Cemetery Project – Senior, Michael Grubbs writes, “The Greenwood Cemetery Project aims to restore and beautify the local Greenwood cemetery off of Martin Luther King Jr. St. as it was in a state of decay and in need of restoration by outside help. Mr. Halstead and Mr. Farias work as the sponsors of the project with great involvement as they oversee and help the student leaders plan and set goals. It has gained local news coverage and great support from the community as they are happy to see students involved in volunteering and giving back. Through this experience I have gained new senses of leadership as I led the project by setting clean up dates and hosting monthly meetings for the group. Most importantly, it is a legacy project in which the senior leaders are replaced by underclassmen. For more information, students can talk to Mr. Halstead or ask me questions directly through Facebook about my experience with the project if interested.”

Link to News Story: www.abcactionnews.com/news/region-south-pinellas/st-petersburg/high-school-students-cleanup-greenwood-cemetery



Juniors **Ashley Finster, Romina Lilollari, Camille Compton and Rose McCoy** produced a **Battle of the Bands** competition to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. With T-shirt and cupcake sales and the actual event held at the school’s auditorium, they raised \$1600. Their main sponsors Judy Andersen with ReMax Realty and Karen Burns Dentistry, were a great support.

Junior **Emily Goodis** and Senior **Max Rosen** and others hosted a **Cook-off Challenge** for St. Vincent DePaul Center for Hope. For their CAS project, they wanted to improve their cooking abilities as well as help our community. They cooked and donated dishes to the Center on six evenings over a 3 month period.



Juniors **Diana Fonte, Naomi Miller, Tricia Monte and Bryan Peebles** led the Habitat for Humanity club at SPHS in a collection drive of used furniture and appliances among other things. These items are ultimately sold at discounted prices to fund the building of homes for the less fortunate for donation to the Habitat local **ReStore**. The Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County Restore truck parked at SPHS so that local residents could bring their unwanted goods to this site rather than taking their donations to the Clearwater Store. In addition to collecting 45 pieces of furniture and other miscellaneous items, they held a morning bake sale with profits going to Habitat.



Paddleboard Poker Run: Juniors **Minor Denson and Sophie Charleson** combined their love for paddle boarding with a fundraiser for the Ocean Conservancy. The event was called “Stand up for Sea Life” and was held at Crisp Park in St. Pete in early May. The participants paddled from the Park to four other docks within Smacks Bayou, collecting one playing card at each dock. The paddler with the best poker hand at the end of the paddle won a prize. There were about 30 paddlers, including a couple of dogs! Participants paddled SUP and kayaks. The Ocean Conservatory works to protect the ocean from today’s greatest global challenges. They look to create science-based solutions for a healthy ocean and the wildlife and communities that depend on it.

Juniors **Hannah Rose Wanless and Gina Marks** started a Facebook page named “Humans of St. Pete” modeled after the “Humans of New York” phenomenon. Search “Humans of St. Pete” on Facebook to view their photos with quotes from St. Pete residents. Very creative!

Each year, Mrs. Ladd’s Higher Level Math class helps to organize and run the **Freshman Summer Boot Camp**. They led the groups of freshman, planned sessions to teach them about our program, and designed math homework as well as handouts to go home. It was another productive CAS group effort.

Athletic News

Flag Football

Our flag football team had the opportunity to compete against teams from across Florida in the “Buccaneers Preseason Classic” at One Buc Place in Tampa. It was an amazing experience for our girls to play on a professional surface and be treated “First Class” by the Bucs organization. Each team was given a personal tour of the training facility, including the locker room, by a Bucs player and an executive. They gave our players many opportunities to take pictures and allowed us to take a team photo on the main stage where they hold their major press conferences.



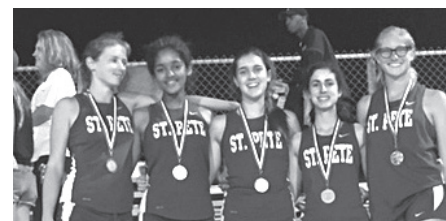
Softball News

The following IB students were on the Softball team: Seniors **Alexa Beaulieu** and **Kelle Matheny**, Junior **Bianca Palese**, and Freshmen **Christiana Hendricks** and **Audri Thomsen-Roeder**. **Bianca Palese** was named to the All-Conference South County 2nd team for Pitching. **Alexa Beaulieu** received Honorable Mention for the All-Conference South County team for 2nd base.

Track and Field News

Pinellas County Athletic Conference results are in. Students in the top 16 of the county for this season compete in this all day event at Clearwater High School in April. Just to be able to participate in this meet is awesome! The following athletes were medalists

(**IB in bold**):



Anthony Johnson
PCAC Champion
1st - Long Jump

Matt Wohlwend
8th - 1600M

Sennen Roserie
2nd place-Disc

Auriana Worrell
5th - 800M

Charles Bentley
5th- High Jump

Rodrick River
3rd- 800M

Allie Hellier
6th- Pole Vault

Darrell Bullock
6th - 200M

Olivia Boufard
Carson Matirne
Kara Robinson
Shannon Strohbar
Girls 4x800- 8th

Carson Matirne
Kara Robinson
Auriana Worrell
Naomi Miller
Girls 4x400 - 7th

Sean Nelson
Aaron Bonner
Bryce Burt
Charles Sabodski
Boys 4x800-7th

Jacquel Waller
Michael Wright,
Rodrick Rivers
Darrel Bullock
Boys 4x400 -3th

Calling all SPHS ATHLETES

In order to participate in any sports team at SPHS, each student must have a completed physical exam. This needs to be updated each school year. SPHS offers this evening event to streamline this process.

Physical Night is Tuesday, July 26th from 5-7pm.

Location: Media Center

Cost \$20.00 cash only

All athletic paperwork can be completed and notarized at this event.

Parents need to attend with their student.

Summer Reading Assignments

Rising sophomores:

Acts of Faith by Eboo Patel

Rising juniors:

Antigone by Sophocles

Rising seniors (HL only):

Selected short stories from Nadine Gordimer’s *Jump*. “Once Upon a Time,” “The Moment Before the Gun Went Off,” “What Were you Dreaming?” “Keeping Fit,” and “Amnesty.”

***Any questions? Please email Ms. VanDuyne, vanduyne@pcsb.org

Tennis News

Double Congratulations to Senior **Adam Ambrozy**. He is the Class 4A State Tennis Champion! He also was named the Florida Dairy Farmers State Boys Tennis Player of the Year. This is the highest recognition for an athlete in their sport!



Athletic News

Summer Practice for Team Sports

Calling all Freshmen and everyone else! Team practice starts over the summer and it is a great way to get initiated into a team sport. No experience necessary.

If you have any questions, contact the coaches.

SPHS Cross Country Team

Head Coach: Brian Cuff
cuffb@pcsb.org

Asst. Coach: Tim Russell

If you have any questions, contact the coaches.

SPHS Swim Team

Head Coach: Raquel Montoya
montoyar@pcsb.org

Asst. Coach: Brittany Vinciguerra
copelandbr@pcsb.org

Practice beginning August 1st at Northeast High School Pool

Practice time: 4-6:30pm

Dry land practice before pool time- running shoes required

*Will need physical before getting into pool, and paperwork will need to be complete (physical night held at SPHS July 26, see above)

Update Your Wardrobe!

Hurry before they are gone! Start the school year off with something new. Currently on sale in the IB office for \$15.00.



Awards Abounding!

Florida State Spanish Conference (Conferencia)

A team of students represented St. Pete High at the Florida State Spanish Conference in Orlando in March. The team placed First in Division 7A-8A with a total of 7 Perfect Scores, 19 Outstandings and 3 Superiors! The team was sponsored by Ms. Gisela Torres and Ms. Gisella Bosco, IB Spanish teachers.

Congratulations to: **Marc Badilla, Alivia Baxendell, Sandy Cao, Sophie Charlson, Weyman Cohen, Eric Le, Danielle Levine, Danielle Lopez, Tricia Monte, Thomas Nelson, Samantha Scribano, Kevin Solomon, Rena Upadhyay, Grace Weber, Weston Willingham, and Emily Wilson.**



Awards Abounding Continued...

Model UN Award Winners



Congratulations to our students for receiving the Secretary General's Award at the 2016 Model United Nations Conference! Mr. Rader took a delegation of 11 sophomores to the conference, and Mr. Halstead was the Keynote speaker.

The Secretary General's Award is the highest award given to participants to recognize exemplary work on position papers, debate, and negotiation in their committees. Only one middle school and high school receive this prestigious award each year. Job well done, St. Petersburg High School!

In addition to this award, there was much to celebrate. Please congratulate the following IB students who earned the following awards at the Model UN Competition:

Best delegation: **Iris Irby** and **Chelsea Rosen** (UN Security Council) and **Dea Jahovic** and **Askar OMalley** (UNEA)

Runner up for best Position Paper: **Danielle Lopez-Cecetaite**

Other delegates: **Angelique Gilbert**, **Abinbola Hassan**, **Remington Fritz**, **Solene Bordas**, **Bailey Long**, and **Caoilfhinn McCormack**

Winners of Learner Profile

The Learner Profile represents ten attributes valued by IB World Schools. The attributes and descriptors of the Learner Profile define the type of learner the IB hopes to develop. It is a profile of the whole person as a lifelong learner. This year, two Freshmen for each attribute were nominated by their teachers as exemplifying that attribute.

Learner Profile Certificates:

Reflective: **Joceline Rios** and **Jason Wallace**
Caring: **Connor Thompson** and **Thalina Faren**
Risk Taker: **Kara Robinson** and **Ahnaf Rahman**
Knowledgeable: **Justin Barlas** and **Caroline Centeno**
Principled: **Abigail Grassick** and **Tim Zheng**
Communicator: **Dominika Dzurny** and **Hajymyrt Geldimuradov**
Inquirer: **Katie Winiecki** and **Cole Madden**
Balanced: **Shannon Strobhar** and **Benjamin Ly**
Thinker: **Sydney Ahlquist** and **Francisco Somarriba**
Open Minded: **Catherine Lee** and **David Eaton**

National History Day Florida Fair

Mr. Brandon Rader took our IB sophomore winners of County-wide NHD to compete at the State Fair over two days in May. "They worked incredibly hard on their projects and defended them before a panel of judges," Mr. Rader reported. "Though they didn't bring home any awards, they certainly showed determination and perseverance. I was very proud of them, and they have all learned transferable skills for 11th grade."

Theatre News

Congratulations to **Tucker DeGregory** and **Lara McCallister** on their Superiors in Solo Musical at the 2016 State Thespian Festival! *Excellents* also were awarded to Gwen Ludwig, **Emma Couture**, Rachel Bryan, and Rebecca Bryan in their events.

The annual Broadway Cares Talent Show was held April 7. **Broadway Cares**, **Equity Fights AIDS** is the official Thespian charitable organization. This year's theme was "Backwards Broadway," a cabaret-style showcase with gender-reverse numbers.

Future SPHS mainstage shows are the *Fall Play* November 9-11, *Goldfever* on January 6, and the *Spring Musical* March 30-April 1. Audition information is available at www.stpethightheatre.com.

Walker's Rising Stars

Please congratulate **Tucker DeGregory** on placing third and winning \$2500 for his performance in the **Walker's Rising Stars Performing Arts Scholarship** competition at a packed Mahaffey Theater. Tucker bested over 200 students with his monologue from "I Hate Hamlet!" Tucker also took home the Fan Favorite prize that came with a new Macbook Pro, which he will need as he majors in Theatre at Northwestern University next fall. Way to go Tucker!

Freshman Follies

Drama Club hosted *Freshman Follies* in the Little Theater. The show included musical, vocal and acting performances. Our performers included IB students **Seth Yeager**, **Mason Weaver**, **Alexia Intravichit**, **Paris Jewell**, **Dominika Dzurny**, **Jadyn Gonzales**, **Caitlyn Rineer**, **Keiran Rozycki**, and **Claire Shukys**.

Alumni News

Cody Bates '12, graduated the Honors program at Florida State University on April 29th, 2016. He has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma and is also graduating Magna Cum Laude. He has qualified for early acceptance into the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the University of South Florida in Tampa starting in August. He plans to specialize in Pharmacogenomics.



Will Glenn '15, sent the following email to Ms. Carol Mathis, now-retired IB teacher of the ITGS class: "One of my friends interned there (at the company MC10, www.mc10inc.com) over the summer last year and was really close with the CEO and President. He invited a bunch of us in my fraternity to have a Skype conversation with them as part of a project. The company was so relatable to ITGS and everything you taught us in class, and the entire time I listened to the questions and answers it was so surreal. They discussed Big Data, security measures, and so many terms from the quizzes we took in class. The company is also very similar to some of the projects we did in class, and it was really neat to see the similarities. For the company itself, it's super interesting to see the technology and how useful it is and the plans they have for it. The two men were super personable and just really nice guys. I just thought I would share it with you, Ms. Mathis! Thank you for all your teaching, and days like today are when it really hits me how important and relevant it was. I hope all is well, and of course Go Nova!!!"



Breanna Broughton, '13, is the daughter of Kiya "Ms. B." Broughton, SPHS teacher and proud alumnus. Ms. B. writes that after an unfortunate financial aid glitch, Breanna transferred from Emory University to USF to finish her bachelor's degree. Undeterred, she will graduate with her class, finishing in three years. Ms. B. extends "a special thanks to her wonderful IB teachers at St. Petersburg High School who helped her earn the credits to not skip a beat in the drive towards dreams fulfilled."



Shane Crutchfield '12, won the Big East Women's Golf Championship for Xavier University. Last year she was in the lead heading into the final round and missed out on the title. This year she was able to win the title as a senior. Here's a link of her being interviewed by the Xavier Sports Network: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEFVohvWKFg>



Ryan Sutherland '12, recently graduated summa cum laude from Emory University in Atlanta, GA in music performance (ethnomusicology) and biology with an unofficial minor in Spanish. He was a Dean's Achievement Scholar in the Emory Scholars Program and received the 2016 Darrell R. Stokes Award for Excellence in Biology from the Emory Biology Department. He was recently selected as a Finalist for a 2016-2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Spain. He will spend the upcoming year teaching English in Madrid.

Extra Curricular Achievements

Dali Museum Teen Docents Celebrate

The Dalí Museum's Teen Docent grand finale reception took place on April 12th. This event celebrated Teen Docent students from St. Pete High's IB Spanish program and AP Art History, and students from Osceola High's AP Art History program. These students have been learning about Dalí and Surrealism since October and presented to family and friends their enthusiasm and knowledge.

Here is a list of the 2016 Dalí Teen Docents. Be sure to congratulate them on their hard work: **Danielle Lopez-Cecetaite, Fiona Nematbakhsh, Jannie Ho, Jaya Brizendine, Julia E. Linkogle, Mara Conover, Riley Redington, Rosie Chittick, and Sam Joyce.**



Extra Curricular Achievements Continued...

Interact Club News

On May 5, members of Interact volunteered at the Fiesta on the Field fundraiser for the Heart Gallery of Pinellas-Pasco at Tropicana Field. They helped usher guests into the event and also helped with the auctioning of items. All funds raised through the night went directly to the Heart Gallery. The Heart Gallery takes portraits of children who are awaiting adoption, with the mission of increasing the number of adoptions in the area. The following IB students participated: **Kyle Brady, Tyler Crane, Trey Hall, Aidan Evans, Matthew Fruland, Lyubomir Gospodinov, Daniel Loney, Clay Wilsey, Weston Willingham, Askar O'Malley, Matthew Panico, Brandyn Naar, Thomas Nelson, Jared Peters, Max Rothman, Jay Shah, Devan Upadhyay, Weyman Cohen, Josh Mantohac, Ryan Hollis, Devin Cossar, and Brenden Burrows.**

Our Acapella Group Goes to New York City

The SPHS Acapella group led by David Lawhead traveled to New York City right before Spring break and performed at Carnegie Hall with some of the celebrities who were in the Pitch Perfect movies. They did such a wonderful job representing our school both in and out of their performances. The students also toured around the great city of New York. Kudos to our vocal performers!

IB Students who made the trip were **David Eaton, Connor Mikuta, Katie Wienicki, and Madison Winter.**

Band News

After being awarded Superior ratings at District MPA, the Wind Symphony went on to State MPA and received an overall Excellent rating!

The Wind Symphony and Choral Groups' combined concert was a big success in May. IB students who performed were **David Eaton, Lenique Fraser, Jennika Harrington, Kelley Harris, Deandrea King, Connor Mikuta, Alexis Schuenke, Sarah Silverberg, Alexa Sweigart, Katie Winiecki, Madison Winter, Dea Jahovaj, Natalie Cottrill, Tucker DeGregory, Patrick Tobin, Austin Gavern, Sam Richard, Vincent Onessimo, Lorenzo Phrasavath, Meara Corbett-O'Connor, Nico Hernandez, Seth Yaeger, Misha Ingram, and Richard Bailey.**

Kudos to these IB students who earned Superior ratings at State Solo and Ensemble: **Ashley Finster** (Flute Solo and Trio), **Julia Finster** (Clarinet Solo and Quartet), **Claire Shukys** (Flute Trio), and **Sam Richard and Austin Gavern** (Clarinet Quartet).

Marching Band is already gearing up for the Fall. Dates for upcoming Marching camps are:

June 29: 1-5 pm **July 25-28:** 8-4 pm **August 1-4:** 8-4 pm

When school starts, practices will resume on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-7:30.

Band members also will travel to Lakeland July 9 for Drum Corps International, and to Atlanta in December to perform in the Peach Bowl Parade. Volunteers are welcome! For more dates and information, please see greendevilband.weebly.com.



The Year in Debate

by **Kiya Broughton, SPHS Teacher**

This year marked the first year without the dedicated and talented Leila Davis. A pillar in Florida Debate circles, she built a strong reputation for the St. Pete High Team. This

year also marked my first year in the Debate world. I hit the ground running, attending tournaments almost every weekend.

We traveled north and south in the pursuit of national points, rank and degrees. By second semester, we all knew each other after a successful tournament at St. Pete High

hosting over 13 schools and 240 people from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Go Team, Mr. Benton and his family, Drama Club, Debate team members, students, and parents collaborated to help visitors find their way, serve food and provide assistance.

Ethics Bowl

As the year wound down, two teams formed to meet more frequently to prepare for the Ethics Bowl. Every year, Pinellas County, St. Petersburg College, and the National Ethics Bowl host a regional competition allowing schools to enter five-member teams. This year SPHS took a junior varsity and varsity team. The varsity team was comprised of Ethics Bowl veterans who made it to Nationals last year. This year the Varsity Team again clinched the Regional Ethics Bowl Title.

At the National High School Ethics Bowl in North Carolina, **Nora Flower, Margaret (Rosie) Chittick, Riley Redington, Lakshmi Sanmuganathan and Jay Shah** represented St. Pete High IB with dignity and the precision of a well-oiled machine, despite a tie in the second round that sent our dreams of National victory to rest.



The Great Debate 2016

The Great Debate 2016, hosted by the Clearwater Bar Association, is recognized as the “Stanley Cup of Debates.” Teams are randomly assigned affirming or negating positions on the same topic. Senior **Sam Joyce** and Junior **Romina Lillolari** claimed the trophy for St. Pete for the second year in a row! Sam is a nationally ranked Debater who will be traveling to Nationals in Sacramento, California.



Faculty News

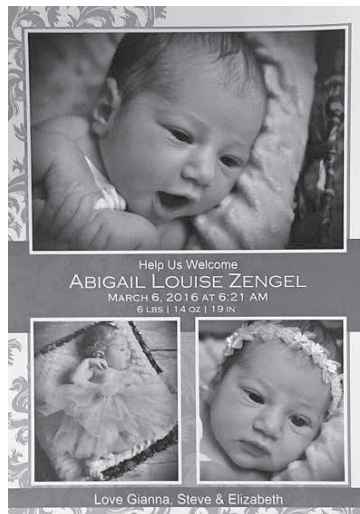
Our Future Green Devils?

Mr. Radar and his husband Trevor Bynum have recently adopted their beautiful foster child **Ariana**. She was with them for about nine months before the adoption and she is now 2 ½ years old. Ariana loves reading books, going to the beach, taking walks and exploring nature. Her favorite color is yellow.



Congratulations to Ms. Zengel on the birth of her daughter Abigail.

Congratulations to Mr. Bryant as we welcome Lucas.



Congrats go out to science teacher, Brittany Copeland who married David Vinciguerra in March.

Congratulations also to Mr. Rader, who was honored with the Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award, senior division, Florida-wide. This award recognizes outstanding National History Day teachers. To be selected, recipients must show outstanding creativity, commitment and inspiration in developing students’ interest in history education. He is one of 50 other finalists for the national award to be announced in June. What an honor!

Hello Freshman!

Welcome to IB! Please mark your calendar.

IB FRESHMAN ORIENTATION: Thursday, August 4 at 6:00 pm. This is the only orientation IB students need to attend.

9th grade Summer Reading Assignment

1. Read *The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly* by Sun-Mi Hwang (ISBN: 978-0-14-312320-0)
2. Write a one-page personal response to the text.
Your response might include the answer to one or more of the following questions:
 - Which character in the novel are you most like? Why?
 - Were there any parts of the novel that surprised you? Explain.
 - Did the novel remind you of any other book(s) you have read? Which one(s)? Explain.
 - The acacia tree is important to Sprout. What do you think it represents? Explain.
3. Turn in your response on the first day of your freshman English class.

*****Any questions?**

Please email Ms. VanDuyne
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Goodbye Seniors!

2016 IB Valedictorian and Salutatorian

What an accomplishment! We all wish you continued success through college.

Tarek Ahmed Ziad

Valedictorian

Future plans: Yale University

Motto or message to classmates: "Luck is no substitution for hard work."

Kayla Marie Zovac

Salutatorian

Future Plans: University of Florida

Motto or message to classmates: "I find that when you have a real interest in life and a curious life, that sleep is not the most important thing." Martha Stewart

\$\$\$ for Scholarships

The Class of 2016 at SPSHS earned a total of approximately 7 million dollars in scholarship awards for college!



CAS Party

Mr. Halstead started a new tradition as incentive for seniors to complete their CAS requirements for the IB diploma. If the student completed all the necessary paperwork by a certain date, they were treated to a free afternoon celebration. This first year went smoothly with a gathering at the St. Pete Shuffleboard Club. Everyone was able to take a break before they began the daunting task of studying for approximately 15 IB exams. Food was served and judging by the happy faces, it was a well-deserved break and time to socialize before graduation.



IB Done with Exams!



Thanks from the Editors

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Where is the Class of 2016 Headed for College?

Alex Abraham - Florida State University
Sead Alisic - University of South Florida-Tampa
Adam Ambrozy - Columbia University
Francis Ameng - University of Florida
Isaac Andersen - Duke University
Tatiya Ayllon - University of Florida
Naomi Bak - University of Florida
Caroline Barnett - University of Florida
Cheyce Batchelor - University of Florida
Alexa Beaulieu - University of Florida
Chloe Beaver - University of Florida
Daniel Bohl - University of Central Florida
Peter Caramello - Florida State University
Katelin Carroll - University of Florida
Savanah Catalina - University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Zachary Caulfield - Florida State University
Rosie Chittick - Macalester College
Kasee Connon - University of Florida
Karalee Corley - Claremont McKenna College
Emma Couture - Marymount Manhattan College
Tanner Cullifer - University of Georgia
Monica Dang - University of South Florida - Tampa
Amanda Davis - University of Central Florida
Tucker DeGregory - Northwestern University
Amy Diaz - University of South Florida-St. Petersburg
Blanchard Fagan - University of Florida
Bryce Fagan - University of Florida
Nora Flower - New College of Florida
Peter Franzek - Georgia Institute of Technology
Julia Gaesser - University of Florida
Chandler Greene - University of California-San Diego
Michael Grubbs - University of Florida
Maja Haerle - University of Florida
Jacob Hehn - University of Florida
Matthew Hannan - University of Florida
Jacob Hehn - University of Florida
Allison Hellier - University of Florida
Rachel Horning - University of Florida
David Hunter - Florida State University
Kyle Hunter - University of Florida
Nathan Huynh - University of Florida
Sarah Hylton - University of Florida
Lubomir Ilchev - University of Florida
Sonya Ivanova - University of Florida
Samuel Joyce - University of Chicago
Nihal Karim - University of Florida
Connor Killian - Florida State University
Bekir Konakovic - Florida State University
Jordan Kriseman - University of Florida
Lauren LaPeter - University of Illinois
Anna Larangeira - University of Pennsylvania
Steven Le - University of Florida
Madison Lee - University of Florida
Gabriel Lopez-Cecetaite - Boston University
Claude Macari - Florida State University
Gilliane Magdael - University of Florida
Benjamin Martin - Florida State University
Caitlin Maselli - Florida State University
Alaina Massaro - Florida State University
Kellee Matheny - Florida State University
Lara McCallister - Boston University
Christina McFarland - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Ryan McGahan - University of Florida
Jenna McQueen - University of Florida
Michael Miller - University of Florida
Rohit Mittal - University of Florida
Amari Morris - Florida State University
Michelle Mui - University of South Florida-Tampa
Aidan Nelson - University of Tennessee
Fiona Nematbakhsh - Vassar College
Chau Ngo - New College of Florida
Kara Nicholl - University of South Florida- St. Petersburg
Mariana Ocano - University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Mateo Ortegon - West Virginia University
Param Patel - University of South Florida-Tampa
Lorenzo Phrasavath - University of Florida
Dereck Phrathep - Florida International University
Sean Pittman - Florida State University
Ivana Radosavljevic - University of Florida
Riley Redington - University of Florida
Charles Renninger - University of Central Florida
David Rieth - University of Rochester
Maxwell Rosen - New York University
Delaney Ryan - Mercer University

Matthew Sandburg - Florida State University
Lakshmi Sanmuganathan - Barnard College
Rick Schoppe - University of Central Florida
George Scribano - Florida State University
Tysen Singletary - University of Pittsburgh
Noah Smith - University of Florida
Kevin Solomon - Duke University
Margaux Stickney - Florida State University
Caroline Stroud - University of Florida
Mina Truong - University of California-Berkeley
Gianna Tsesmelis - Florida State University

Nini Vo - Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange-Germany (Gap year)
Ross Wade - Florida State University
Thomas Walker - United States Air Force Academy
Jimmy Wang - University of Florida
Hannah White - St. Petersburg College
Kyra Williams - Florida International University
Ashley Wright - University of South Florida-St. Petersburg
Kayla Zovac - University of Florida
Tarek Ziad - Yale University
Abigail Ziegler - University of Florida

Class of 2016 College Acceptances

American University	Kalamazoo College	University of California-Berkeley
Auburn University	Kent State University	University of California- Los Angeles
Baldwin Wallace University	Lewis and Clark College	University of California- San Diego
Barnard College	Louisiana State University	University of California- Santa Cruz
Baylor University	Loyola University	University of Central Florida
Belmont University	Macalester College	University of Chicago
Brandeis University	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Colorado
Boston University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Florida
Butler University	McGill University	University of Georgia
Carleton College	Mercer University	University of Illinois
Catholic University of America	New College of Florida	University of Miami
Claremont McKenna College	New York University	University of North Carolina- Ashville
Clemson University	North Carolina State University	University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill
Colorado College	Northeastern University	University of North Florida
Columbia University	Northwestern University	University of Oregon
Duke University	Ohio State University	University of Pennsylvania
Eckerd College	Oxford College at Emory University	University of Pittsburgh
Embry –Riddle Aeronautical University	Pace University	University of Rhode Island
Florida Atlantic University	Reed College	University of Rochester
Florida Gulf Coast University	Rollins College	University of South Florida
Florida Institute of Technology	Saint John’s University	University of South Florida- St. Petersburg
Florida International University	Samford University	University of Tennessee
Florida Southern College	Santa Clara University	University of Toronto
Florida State University	Stetson University	University of Virginia
Fordham University	Syracuse University	University of Washington
Furman University	Temple University	University of Washington-Seattle
George Washington University	Trinity College-Dublin	Vassar College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Tulane University	Wake Forest University
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