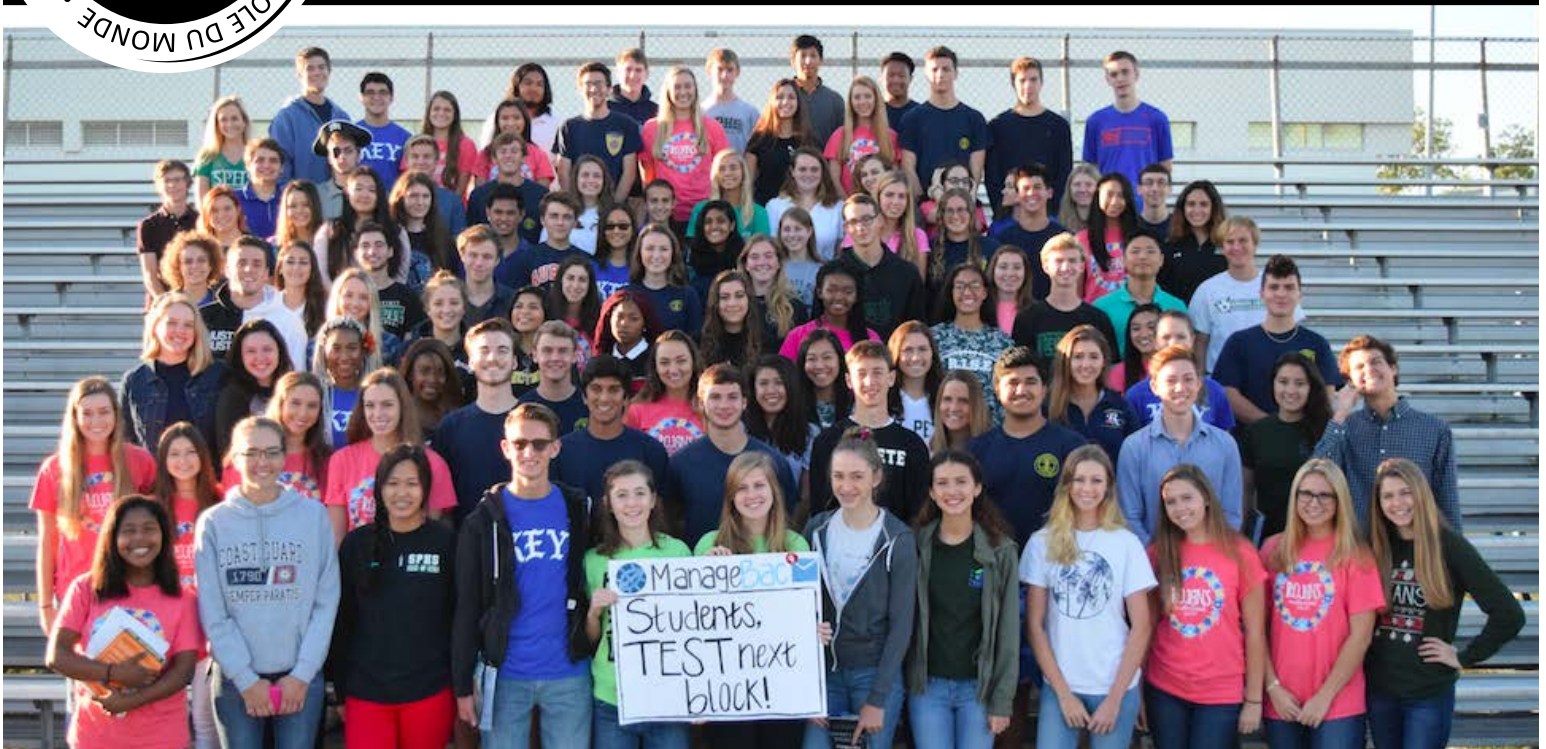




The Advocate

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



Congratulations to the IB Class of 2017!

The annual IB Senior Celebration was a huge success with a record number of family and friends joining at the Coliseum on May 22. Almost 700 attended this year's celebration that included the alumni reunion of the IB Class of 1987. (See more on this in this issue.) The celebration committee went all out making this a special night for our seniors who shared the stage with the first graduating IB class.

The evening opened by announcing each senior and the college they will join in the fall. They were announced in order according to their Learner Profile Traits. The night included a class slide show, and student photos side by side--one from their toddler/elementary years and the other a "remake" of the same photo now as a senior. Additionally, students showcased their talents by providing entertainment including

music, singing, and a video of Frisbee tricks.

Mr. Halstead served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The class elected **Weston Willingham** and **Romina Lilollari** as Senior Speakers, and they shared their experiences and words of wisdom for classmates. The grand finale was a performance by the IB faculty. Each senior left the event with a goody bag featuring the senior class t-shirt designed this year by **Ann Martin** and selected by class vote.

The evening was sponsored by the IB Booster Organization and organized by the Senior Celebration Committee. A BIG thank you to Kathy Hessinger, parent of IB senior Jordan, who led this large team of volunteers and made the evening a perfect success. We had sponsors we would like to thank--please read about them in this issue!

Award Winners

*Linda McPheron Award
(Overcoming Obstacles):*

Jamia Washington

*Samuel David Community Service
Leadership Awards:*

**Rose McCoy
and Marc Badilla**

*Carolyn Nelson
"Ideal IB Student" Award:*

Naomi Miller

*Don Driskell Award
(Most Inspirational Teacher):*

Ryan Halstead

Offices might be in Media Center

When this summer's campus construction temporarily requires closing the Main Building, offices will relocate to the Media Center.

To get to the Media Center: Take 9th Ave N to 25th Street and turn south on one-way 25th Street. Park in the first parking lot after the football field. The back door will be open during school open hours. Mrs. Derrickson, our IB Secretary, will be there Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 3 pm.

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The IB Boosters will no longer mail printed Advocate newsletters to your home. We will send email notices when new Advocates are available online. Therefore, we want to collect every family's email addresses and some basic family information via the online form above. If you received an email from me this summer welcoming you

to the IB Google Group, then you don't need to fill out the form.

After you submit the form, there is a link that allows you to pay IB Booster dues online. Note: You do not have to pay dues to receive emails and to access the online Advocate.

Thank you!
Beth Forys/Irby
Membership Chair
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From the Desk of Susan Farias



Congratulations to the IB Class of 2017! This year's Senior Celebration was bigger and better than ever before, and you will read all about it in this edition of The Advocate.

After celebrating the graduation of an SPHS IB class, today I sadly attended the funeral of a former IB student, Elliot Waterbury. As I looked around the packed church, I saw many former SPHS students who were there to support the Waterbury family. Elliot was in my Inquiry Skills class in the 9th grade. The following year I became the IB Coordinator, so I would see him in the halls or he

would stop in my office to say hi. I will never forget him; he always made me laugh with his engaging personality and sense of humor. Elliot enriched my life in four short years, so it was very difficult to say goodbye to him today.

My job as IB Coordinator allows me to meet and get to know so many amazing people. For example, last night the parents who planned the Senior Celebration extravaganza and I met at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant to reflect on the event and discuss any improvements that we could make to next year's Celebration. We had an enriching time, and on the way home I thought how lucky I am to have such supportive, interesting, talented and fun parents in the IB Program. My life is richer because of these relationships!

As you read this we are preparing the way for the incoming freshman class, Class of 2021! Meanwhile, there is a lot of construction going on here at SPHS. The main building is being completely re-wired, which means it is shut down and we are all housed in the Media Center. I feel a little like I'm camping in my makeshift office, but I promise we will be ready for the start of school! If you need to come to school during the summer, park on 25th street and come in the side entrance of the school to the Media Center. We will be selling T-shirts, hang tags and lockers from this location.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Susan Farias
IB Coordinator

From the Desk of La'Tina Johnson

It has truly been a pleasure working with each of you this year! Take this time to enjoy family, friends, and participating in activities you enjoy.

To the Class of 2017 IB Graduates, I wish you the very best as you move forward on your new journey. This is an exciting time for you, so be sure to cherish every moment.

A few reminders:

IB Graduates: Your final transcript will be processed and submitted to your college as of June 1. For any question or concern regarding your transcript, please contact Mrs. Melton or Mrs. Shone at 893-1842 ext. 2025 or 2017.

Juniors, please check ManageBac for your rising senior letter as well as the new SAT and ACT test schedule. Also, review your "red" folder as you prepare for senior year.

FLVS requests deadline has passed. Please do not email online requests at this time.

Have a wonderful summer and I will see you in August!

La'Tina Johnson
IB Guidance Counselor



Please send us your news by emailing sphsibadvocate@gmail.com. **The Advocate** is created by volunteers and published by the IB Boosters for the families of current IB students.

We welcome hearing from you!

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From our New IB Booster President

The old academic year is now behind us and we congratulate our class of 2017 with the tremendous achievement - IB graduation! This outstanding group of students is now prepared for the college life. The IB experience gave them the invaluable leadership skills, perseverance and academic advantage that will make their higher education journey successful and enjoyable. The list of colleges and universities our graduates chose this year is quite impressive and is included in this issue of "Advocate".

Take the time to fully enjoy the summer. Have fun, rejuvenate! Once the school resumes, be ready to rock and roll! We have excellent classes of students that will no doubt make us all proud in the new academic year. We can't wait to welcome our incoming freshmen! First year always takes a little bit of adaptation time. Stay focused and keep the eyes on the prize, freshmen (and their families!). As a former director of admissions at universities in the US and Europe, I can assure you that the

IB diploma is highly valued by the top schools!

The beginning of the school year will be hectic for students and parents alike but is also an exciting time! Meeting new teachers and making new friends in the classroom is always so much fun. Note our "Save the Date" section in this issue. Attending the few meetings that are lined up in the beginning of the academic year will definitely ensure that the launch of the year is a great success.

As the newly-elected President of IB Boosters, I can't wait for the new 2017-2018 school year to begin! IB Boosters has a lot of excellent events, projects and initiatives already planned for this year. We always look for fresh ideas as well. Please feel free to reach out to me

by phone (813-422-3736) or email (maria_kast7@yahoo.com). We are here to support our SPHS students, teachers and administration!

Maria Kast-Ondraczek
IB Booster President



Why the IB Advocate Newsletter Is Going Digital

For years, the IB Advocate newsletter has been published in print three times per year and mailed to every IB family, and has required significant Booster volunteer time and funds.

After surveying parents about communications preferences (survey results appear elsewhere in this newsletter), the Booster Board decided to publish a monthly digital Advocate starting this Fall. So, don't miss out! Please fill out the online form linked in the accompanying "IMPORTANT" article to keep getting news. And please send your IB related news to sphsibadvocate@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Maureen Corbett and Jan Miller
Retiring Co-Editors

Send Us Your News!

Please send news and photos that you would like to include in The IB Advocate to sphsibadvocate@gmail.com.

Class of 2017 College Acceptances

Please note: This is a partial list. A complete list was not compiled this year.

American University
Auburn University
Belmont University
Brandeis University
Boston University
Boston College
Catholic University of America
Clemson University
Colorado College
Columbia University
Dartmouth University
Duke University
Eckerd College
Elon College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Jacksonville State University
Johnson University
Kent State University

Louisiana State University
Loyola University
Macalester College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercer University
New College of Florida
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Pace University
Reed College
Rollins College
Saint John's University
Samford University
Spellman College
Stetson University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
University of Alabama
University of California-Berkeley
University of California- Los Angeles
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Colorado

University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Nebraska
University of North Carolina- Asheville
University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill
University of North Florida
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Florida
University of South Florida- St. Petersburg
University of Southern California
University of Texas
University of Toronto
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Washington-Seattle
Vassar College
Wake Forest University
Westminster College
Xavier University
Yale University

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First IB Class Gauges Success

By Taylor Telford, Times Staff Writer

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ST. PETERSBURG — The students came from all over Pinellas County, some enduring hot bus rides to a school far from home. At first, they barely knew what to call themselves. All they knew was that they were in for a challenge.

St. Petersburg High was the first public school in Florida with an International Baccalaureate program. On Monday night, the school invited alumni from the first-ever IB class, 30 years after they tossed their caps, to return and see how the program had grown.

When it was introduced in 1983, few people in the state had heard of an IB diploma, said Dr. Ralph Cline, 68, who was one of the program's first teachers at St. Petersburg High. Unlike Advanced Placement courses, IB programs offer a fixed curriculum, where all students take the same rigorous classes throughout high school in all subjects. At the end of their senior year, they undergo intense testing for college credit.

That initial group of students didn't know what they were getting into, said DJ Wagner, 47, valedictorian of the first IB class.

"I remember joking that we were guinea pigs," Wagner said. "We were all figuring it out together."

The uncertainty made it feel like an adventure, said Dana Andersen, 47, another student from the original class. At the time, St. Petersburg High was a tight-knit, neighborhood school, she said, and the IB students all felt like the new kids.

"I remember having to explain what we were doing to other kids a lot," Andersen said. "I always told people we were like a school within a school."

Teachers met every day after school to talk through their methods, exploring successes and failures and counseling their students, said Cline, who taught IB history at St. Petersburg High and later worked for IB's governing body in New York City. Now he's executive director of the Florida League of IB Schools.

When he started teaching IB, he said, there was little training. Instead, teachers designed the curriculum themselves through what they jokingly called "backwash" — studying past exams and trying to build curriculum that would adequately prepare their students. But they weren't just teaching to the test, Cline said. They were teaching students how to think deeply, through an emphasis on writing and critical thinking skills across all academic disciplines.

Cline remembers times it felt like they were "failing spectacularly," where he'd assign an extended essay and get back messy, muddled papers. But dedication was extreme on both sides, he said, and by the time the students took their final tests, they excelled.

"The fact that they tried so hard and did so well is really a credit to them," Cline said. "Nobody was intellectually braver than these guys."

Monday evening, 19 students from the Class of 1987 and four of the original teachers gathered at the Coliseum, along with hundreds of families, students and faculty to witness this year's IB commencement ceremony.

The school wanted the alumni to see how the program had developed, said IB coordinator and assistant principal Susan Farias. But they also want to honor their

boldness, and allow the younger students to understand the program's roots.

"What I'm hoping is that they see that these first students were risk-takers and pioneers," she said.

Nearly 3,200 students have graduated from St. Petersburg High's IB program since 1987, Farias said.

"The IB program is for the student who's not afraid to work hard," she said. "By the end, they've learned how to learn."

During the ceremony, alumni from the first IB class sat in front, beneath the Coliseum's arched ceilings. While friends, families and the 111 graduating seniors ate dinner and snapped photos, the Class of 1987 shook hands and crammed chairs around the table, determined to stick together. When Ryan Halstead, a history teacher and former IB student, introduced them as "trailblazers," they grinned and giggled.

"Like many of you," Halstead told the new graduates, "they learned how to defend why someone would choose hard work over plain old fun."

They were called to the stage just like the 2017 graduates, their accomplishments listed off for the audience — master's degrees, Ph.Ds, businesses and children of their own. Farias stuck IB induction pins on their shirts and draped white IB graduation sashes over their shoulders.

After that, the Class of 1987 sat whispering at its table. Much like the students around them, they took selfies and swapped stories, joking about all the ways they'd changed and all the ways they hadn't.

Where is the Class of 2017 Headed for College?

Kira Astronskas
University of South Florida
St. Petersburg

Olivia Babb
University of Florida

Marc Gabriel
Badilla University of South Florida
Tampa

Cameron Bangert
Florida Atlantic University
Wilkes Honors College

Josephine Barnhart
Westminster College

Alivia Baxendell
University of Florida

Caitlin Becker
University of Florida

Kylie Begin
Florida State University

Aubrey Belk
Malowany
Florida State University

MaKayla Bender
University of Central Florida

Daniel Bouchelle
Johnson University - Kissimmee

Brenden Burrows
Santa Fe College

Payton Byrnes
Elon University

Jude Adrian
Cadavos University of South Florida-
Tampa

Sandy Cao
University of South Florida - Tampa

William Carlisle
University of Florida

Maranda Centeno
University of Florida

Sophie Charlson
University of Florida

Bryan Clark
Florida State University

Weyman Cohen
Duke University

Lori Compton
Jacksonville State University

Mara Conover
University of Central Florida

Tyler Crane
Florida State University

Lejla Delic
University of North Florida

Minor Denson
University of Florida

Hannah Deson
Florida State University

Joshua Donovan
Santa Fe College and
University of Florida

Johnathan Eichler
Santa Fe College

Kyle Fansler
University of Florida

Victoria Farrar
Florida State University

Shelby Figueroa
University of Florida

Ashley Finster
University of Notre Dame

Lea Flynn
University of Texas at Austin

Diana Fonte
University of Southern California

Ericka Gaye
Florida State University

Elisha Gilbert
Florida State University

Josue Gonzalez
University of South Florida - Tampa

Emily Goodis
Tulane University

Lyubomir Gospodinov
University of Florida

Aidan Griffin
Auburn University

Jaron Grimes
University of South Florida - Tampa

Cristen Gunn
Florida State University

Margaret Gunter
Oxford College of Emory University

Alexandria Haggart
Southern Methodist University

Gabriella Haight
University of North Florida

Conlan Hale
University of South Florida- Tampa

Ronald Hall III
University of Florida

Cameron Hansen
University of Florida

Rachel Harvard
Florida State University

Jordan Hessinger
Wake Forest University

Alyssa Hickey
Florida State University

Jannie Ho
University of South Florida - Tampa

Josephine Ho
School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Rolinda Ho
Michigan State University

J. Chloe Jackson
Spelman College

Haley Jouret
Florida Atlantic University

Zaid Kapadia
University of South Florida - Tampa

Leah Kunins
Brandeis University

Kim Le
University of South Florida - Tampa

Marc LeVine
University of Florida

Romina Lilollari
Harvard University

Estill Loyd
Boston University

Joshua James Mantohac
University of South Florida - Tampa

Grace Marchant
United States Air Force Academy

Gina Marks
University of South Florida
St. Petersburg

Ann Martin
Rollins College

Rose Mccoy
University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Ciara McKnight
University of Central Florida

Simon Mendenhall
University of South Florida- St.
Petersburg

Silvija Milanovic
University of North Carolina - Chapel
Hill

Naomi Miller
Dartmouth College

Therese Monte
Stanford University

Samantha Mullins
Florida State University

Jacob Myers
University of South Florida- Tampa

Thomas Nelson
University of Notre Dame

Catherine Nguyen
University of South Florida - Tampa

Vanessa Nguyen
University of South Florida - Tampa

Nikolay Nikolaev
University of South Florida - Tampa

Neha Nirmalan
University of Central Florida

Dalton Nordquist
University of North Florida

Reneta Osenova
University of South Florida - Tampa

Aaron Page
University of Central Florida

Bianca Palese
Elmira College

Matthew Panico
Florida State University

Sarah Panico
University of Florida

Stephanie Panov
University of Tampa

Alexandra Payne
University of Florida

Bryan Peebles
University of Florida

Jared Peters
University of Florida

Emily Porterfield
University of Central Florida

Mackenzie Reese
Auburn University

Sathya Romero-Rueda
University of South Florida-Tampa

Maxwell Rothman
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Samantha Scribano
University of Florida

Jay Shah
New York University

Lillian Shirley
University of Central Florida

Holly Spayde
Florida State University

Caroline Stiles
Georgia Southern University

Owen Turtle
University of Miami

Devan Upadhyay
University of Florida

Grace Vickstrom
Florida State University

Anna Walters
University of Florida

Jack Wang
University of Florida

Jamia Washington
Valdosta State University

Joshua Wassermann
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Christine Wilbur
University of Florida

Megan Wilgus
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Weston Willingham
University of Florida

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University of Florida

Benjamin Winans
University of Florida

Alexandra Zamitalo
Florida Gulf Coast University

Letter to Ms. Farias from the Class '87

Dear Susan,

On behalf of the SPHS IB class of 1987, thank you so much for including us in your IB celebration for the class of 2017. What a beautiful evening for your students, families, and faculty! We all marveled at the growth and vibrance of the IB program at St. Pete High School and your attention to detail and appreciation of history was evident. Every '87 graduate made a point to thank the planning committee and express their appreciation for being not only included, but honored with the IB stole and pin. It was a wonderful surprise and meant so much to each of us. The reception at the Vinoy was just lovely and it gave us the opportunity to mingle with each other and some teachers that could not be there Monday evening. Tiffany Babb did an amazing job planning the reception, assembling goody bags, and providing the special touches that enhanced what was already a fabulous reunion.

We are all so proud of the SPHS IB program and its wonderful teachers and 2017 graduates. Needless to say, you all have it down and the success of the program and its students is something to behold. Thanks again, for including us, honoring us, and remembering us. It was a significant milestone for all of us to look back and take in the last 30 years and the special start we received from our teachers at SPHS who took the road with us and "it has made all the difference."

Congratulations on your IB program, your teachers, and your students and thank you for inspiring us to remember and reunite. Please let everyone on the committee know what an amazing job they did on the dinner and the celebration and how honored the class of '87 felt to be a part of it. Thank you for the time, effort, and expense it took to give us a tour, provide the reception, and include us in your special dinner.

Sincerely,
Dana Andersen and the SPHS IB class of '87

CAS Celebration Shuffleboard Party



In the Spring of 2016, a new tradition started: An annual CAS party to celebrate IB seniors who have finished their CAS requirements. It was held at the St. Pete Shuffleboard Club again this year. IB teacher Mr. Maxwell writes:

I want to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation for each of you who helped make this event--the 2017 CAS Celebration--this year and all the previous years so great. Without the contributions of time, resources, and delicious treats, these school years would lack what you all bring to the table- sometimes quite literally.

The event was a great success. This couldn't have happened without your support. I thank Mrs. Payne (Michelle Payne, mother of IB senior Alex Payne), in particular, for helping so generously by spearheading the food and drink organization for the event.

Until the next time...much appreciation,
Todd Maxwell

IB Class of 2017 
earned over 7.5
million in scholarships

Changing of the Newsletter Guard

By Maureen Corbett

Jan Miller and I are the Advocate co-editors, and we both are retiring from the Advocate and the IB Booster Board. After serving as an IB Advocate co-editor the last two years, I want to thank Jan for welcoming me warmly and being such a nice person to work with. Jan has been editing the newsletter so long that she can't remember when she started! Now that her youngest daughter just graduated and my professional demands have increased, we are passing the baton to incoming 9th grade parent Renee Savic who brings a lot of enthusiasm as the new volunteer Editor. Andrea Kowalski, rising sophomore parent, has volunteered to help and will bring her wonderful skills as well. We know the newsletter is in very good hands. With gratitude to Susan Farias, the Booster Board, contributors, and readers: It's been a good ride!

Art Star Performing Arts Scholar

Congratulations to **Natalie Cottrill**, IB junior, who received the 2017 Charlie Houchell Art Stars Scholarship. This program is sponsored through Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture and the Arts. Applicants were from throughout Tampa Bay and were judged and selected on the basis of talent and merit by a distinguished panel of experts in their field. A total of \$17,500 was divided among seven winners in the areas of visual arts, literary arts, vocal music, dance, instrumental music and theatre. Natalie was chosen as a recipient for her talent in Theatre.



Awards Night

The annual Academic Awards Ceremony was held in the auditorium on May 12. The awards range from College Book Awards, Community Awards through the Pinellas Education Foundation, and school-based awards. The list truly is a reflection of the partnerships among students, teachers, and families.

Below is the list of **IB students** who were recognized.

Name	Type	Name	Tricia Monte	Community	ZUO Chapter of Alpha Kappa
Rylee Hickman	Book	Bryn Mawr- IB			Alpha Sorority, Inc. 2016 Merit Scholarship
Eli Rust	Book	Colorado School of Mines- IB	Sophia Vesely	School	Emily Lester Award- 9th grade IB Student
Sydney Jones	Book	Columbia- IB	Kate Nelson	School	Emily Lester Award- 9th grade IB Student
Francesca Ycaza	Book	Dartmouth- IB	Elisha Gilbert	Community	Emily Lester Memorial Scholarship
Chelsea Rosen	Book	Mt. Holyoke- IB	Naomi Miller	Community	National Merit Scholarship
Jaya Brizendine	Book	Princeton - IB	Bryan Peebles	Community	National Merit Scholarship
Julia McKay	Book	Smith- IB	Jay Shah	Community	National Merit Scholarship
Iris Irby	Book	Wellesley - IB	Alexandra Andoniades	Department	Business Intro to Informational Technology IB
Joshua Wasserman	Community	Aida White Memorial	Joshua Wasserman	Department	Business ITGS (IB)
Grace Marchant	Community	Air Force Academy Appointment	Layla Sumilang	Department	English IB 09th
Silvija Milanovic	Community	Armed Forces Communications	Carmen Jones	Department	English IB 10th
Jack Wang	Community	Armed Forces Communications	Tess Whipple	Department	English IB 11th
Jamia Washington	Community	Brittany Godon Scholarship	Alex Payne	Department	English IB 12th
W. Reid Carlisle	Community	Caregiver Youth	Dana Dusenberry	Department	Fine Arts Contributions to Art- IB
Jack Wang	Community	David and Eugenia Berry	Romina Lilollari	Department	Fine Arts Band IB
Elisha Gilbert	Community	Delta Sigma Theta- St. Petersburg	Naomi Miller	Department	Math- Advanced Calculus IB 12th
Ronald "Trey" Hall	Community	Drew Factor Memorial Scholarship	Layla Sumilang	Department	Math IB 09th Algebra 2 Honors
Gina Marks	Community	Drew Factor Memorial Scholarship	Justin Barlas	Department	Math IB 10th Pre-Calculus
Naomi Miller	Community	John Tasopolos Foundation Scholarship	Eli Rust	Department	Math IB 11th AP Calculus
Dalton Nordquist	Community	John Tasopolos Foundation Scholarship	Charles Sabodski	Department	Science IB 10th
Mariana Baya	Community	Just Write It Down Essay Contest	Eli Rust	Department	Science IB 11th
Ann Martin	Community	Just Write It Down Essay Contest	Silvija Milanovic	Department	Science IB 12th
Owen Uber	Community	Just Write It Down Essay Contest	Sophia Vesely	Department	Science IB 9th
Joshua Wasserman	Community	Mark Pruitt Mem Scholarship finalist	Camille Luong	Department	Social Studies IB 09th
Megan Wilgus	Community	Mark Pruitt Mem Scholarship finalist	Richard Bailey	Department	Social Studies IB 10th
Max Rothman	Community	Mark Pruitt Mem Scholarship finalist	Cailey McDowell	Department	Social Studies IB 11th
Weston Willingham	Community	Mr/Mrs Bob Pfeiffer School Spirit- Boy	Sathya Romero-Rueda	Department	Social Studies IB 12th
Hannah Deson	Community	PEER Scholarship	Sophia Hirst	Department	W. Language French IB 09th
Romina Lilollari	Community	Phi Beta Kappa Alumni	Abigail Grassick	Department	W. Language French IB 10th
		Association of Tampa Bay	Eli Rust	Department	W. Language French IB 11th
Caitlin Becker	Community	Pinellas Association of School Administrators	Romina Lilollari	Department	W. Language French IB 12th
Ashley Finster	Community	Pinellas School Counselor Association	Mary Musselman	Department	W. Language Spanish IB 09th
		Scholarship Essay Contest	Catherine Lee	Department	W. Language Spanish IB 10th
Weyman Cohen	Community	Student Government	Kalen Hatten	Department	W. Language Spanish IB 11th
Weston Willingham	Community	Student Government	Tricia Monte	Department	W. Language Spanish IB 12th
Silvija Milanovic	Community	Suncoast Tiger Bay	Tricia Monte	School	Salutatorian (IB) Class of 2017
Jack Wang	Community	Suncoast Credit Union	Jay Shah	School	Valedictorian (IB) Class of 2017
Ann Martin	Community	Tom C. Harris	Romina Lilollari	School	Valedictorian (IB) Class of 2017
Silvija Milanovic	Community	Tom C. Harris			
Jack Wang	Community	Violet McIntyre			

National History Day Winners

IB sophomores **Beverly Maddux, Catherine Lee, and Nicole Leary** won first place in Group Documentary at Florida History Day in Tallahassee! They continued to nationals in June but the outcome was not available by our press deadline.

Model United Nations News



Once a year, Pinellas County Schools holds its own Model UN, sponsored in large part by the Foundations in Leadership Group. Schools across the county participate in both middle and high school divisions. Students volunteer to participate and are given country and committee assignments. More information can be found here: <http://www.foundationsforleadership.org/pinellas-county>.

Participants were **Rex Russell, Mason Weaver, Dominika Dzurny, Jady Gonzales, Katie Winieki, Renee Velea, Cole Madden, Ben Demars, Bailey Long, Remi Fritz, Alex Debure, and Lindsey Winzeler**, in addition to the following students who earned best position paper in their committees: **Nicolas Hernandez and Charles Sabodski, and Justin Barlas and Thalinna Faren**.

Reid Carlisle Wins Award



Congratulations to Reid Carlisle, the Pinellas County recipient of the Bay News 9 Project Weather Scholarship!

Welcome to Class of '21; You Made it Through Boot Camp!



Thank you!
Thank you!!
Thank you!!!

... to the director at Pinellas Technical College, Mr. Norwood, for allowing us to use their classroom for IB exams. Also, a gracious thank you to the Magnolia Sun Center located at Five Towns Condominium complex that was used for one day of IB testing.

...to those who made a monetary donation towards the purchase of three Smart Boards! We did it! The boards are already in the classrooms.

... to the IB Celebration planning committee for a job well done:
CHAIRWOMAN: KATHY HESSINGER, Lisa Scribano, Lisette Shields, Tiffany Babb, Heather Goodis, Jan Miller, Margarita Abdo, Marlene Ricalde, Michelle Payne, Darla Kiernan, Anne Zamitalo, Kathy Evans, Vivian Wilsey, Caroline McCoy, Lana Fisher, Danielle Haggar, and Diane Friel.

...to the retiring IB Booster Board members for their stellar service: Jackie Donovan (President), Christy Winans (Secretary), Miguel Abdo (Treasurer), Jan Miller and Maureen Corbett (Editors, IB Advocate), Kathy Hessinger (Graduation Celebration), Daniela Silverstone (Proctoring), and Amy Weintraub (Membership). Thank you also to the continuing Board members: Curt Miller (Vice President), Cindee Connon (Hospitality), Lisa Scribano (Pinning and Historian), and Susan Farias (IB Coordinator).

T-Shirts for Sale

Come and buy your T-Shirts, which are dress code compliant, in the IB office (or Media Center if construction is still ongoing). One style is pictured here, but there are several styles available. Long-sleeved shirts will be available again this year. Plus, be on the lookout for a new design soon!



Band News



On May 9 the Wind Symphony, under the direction of Cameron Vaadi, received straight Superiors (the highest possible rating) for the second consecutive year in the Music Performance Assessment (MPA) adjudication for concert bands.

The May 11 Spring Concert by the Wind Symphony and Concert Bands was a big success. IB students who performed were **Julia Finster, Mary Musselman, Catherine Marshall, Brittany Parisen, Sydney Soskin, Jose Barreto, Bryce Beaulieu, Joseph Garbers, Shannon Menke, Bailey Garrand, Lauren Copenhaver, Sophia Hirst, Sam Richard, Victoria Zamitalo, Donny Spurlock, Vinny Onessimo, Meara Corbett-O'Connor, Nico Hernandez, and Seth Yeager.**

Kudos to these IB students for their performances at State Solo and Ensemble: **Lauren Copenhaver** (Superior rating) and **Julia Finster** (Excellent rating).

Marching Band is already gearing up for the Fall and band leaders have been selected: Band Captain **Clara Machado**, Drum Major **Victoria Zamitalo**, Woodwind Captain **Sam Richard**, Brass Captain **Seth Yeager**, Drum Captain **Justin Barlas**, Front Ensemble Captain **Christina Abdo**, High Brass Section Leader **Meara Corbett-O'Connor**, Low Brass Section Leader **David Mead**, and High Woodwinds Captain **Austin Gavern**, and Sax Captain **Zach Tetreault.**

Dates for upcoming Marching camps are:

July 12-14 1-5 pm
July 19-21 9 am – 1 pm
July 24-28 12 noon – 9 pm

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

Volunteers and supporters are welcome! For more information, check out greendevilband.com which also has links to performance videos, and you can contact Band Director Mr. Vaadi at vaadic@pcsb.org.

CHOOSING A LOCKER FOR NEXT YEAR!

ALL students who want to use a school locker must purchase an SPHS 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.

Due to construction on campus the main building may be closed. If it is closed, please come to the Media Center.

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

Seniors (Class of 2018): Monday, July 31st (10am-1pm)

Juniors (Class of 2019): Tuesday, August 1st (10am-1pm)

Sophomores (Class of 2020): Wednesday, August 2nd (10am-1pm)

Freshman (Class of 2021): Thursday, August 3rd- on this date freshman can select* a locker on 2nd floor (10am-1pm)

***Incoming Freshman (Class of 2021) can also purchase locks and be assigned lockers at Freshman Orientation, however, they will not be able to select a locker location.**

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.

Docents for Dali

The Dali Docents is a group of students who are passionate about Salvador Dali's world. The group began over ten years ago, and it continues to evolve. Its main goal is to bring art to Pinellas County students, family and friends. Currently only SPHS and Osceola high schools participate in this program.

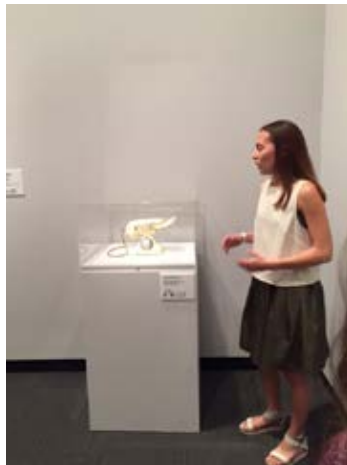
Students meet every Tuesday for two hours to learn about the entire collection at our local museum, and to become regular museum docents. The program culminates with an Open House which SPHS hosted this year. The event was well attended by Sra. Torres' sophomore students.



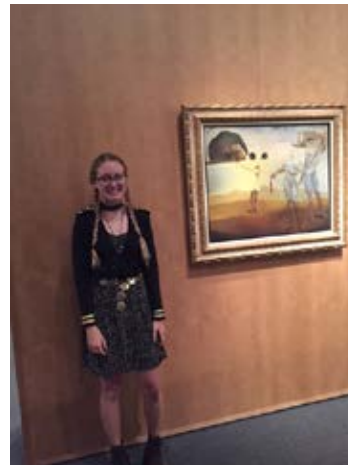
Sophomores attend Dali Open House



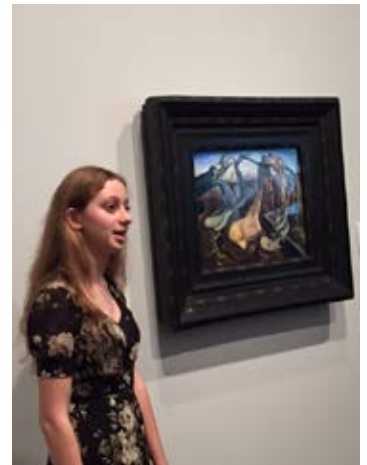
Alea Williams



Danielle Lopez-Cecetaite



Jaya Brizendine



Julia Linkogle

FIRST SEMESTER CALENDAR 2017-2018

*Dates are subject to change

July 27th	Athletic Physical Night 5-7pm- Media Center
August 3rd	IB Freshman Orientation 6pm – auditorium. This orientation is for IB students only; it is the ONLY orientation they need to attend.
August 5th	Traditional Orientation 9-11am
August 10th	School opens
August 14th	SAC meeting 7pm-Media Center
August 15th	Mandatory meeting for IB SENIORS and parents
August 16th	Senior pictures taken in Little Theatre
August 24th	Back to School Night-Entire school (traditional & IB) – Time to be determined
August 30th	IB Pinning Ceremony-IB junior class 7pm-auditorium
September 2nd	*Eid-al-Adha- Special Observance Day
September 4th	Labor Day Holiday – School closed
September 5th	Senior pictures taken in Little Theatre
September 11th	SAC meeting 7pm-Media Center
September 11th	CAS Parent meeting (parents of IB Juniors) 5:30pm in auditorium.
September 12th	Mid-term reports sent if needed
September 18-23	Homecoming Week
September 21st	Senior pictures taken in Little Theatre
September 23rd	Homecoming Dance – SPHS gym
September 21-22	*Rosh Hashanah (Observance begins at sunset on September 20th)
September 30th	*Yom Kippur (Observance begins at sunset on September 29th)
October 5th & 6th	*Sukkot (Observance begins at sunset on Wednesday, October 4th)
October 9th	SAC meeting 7pm-Media Center
October 11th	PSAT test administered at St. Pete High to all 9th & 10th grade students at no charge. Test is mandatory for IB juniors, payments due to Guidance Office.
October 12-13th	*Shemini Atzeret (Observance begins at sunset on October 11th)
October 13th	End of first quarter
October 16th	No school for students- Professional Development Day for teachers
October 20th	Grades due in Portal
October 27th	Report Cards Distributed
November 9-11th	Fall Play – 7pm
November 13th	SAC meeting 7pm-Media Center
November 15th	Mid-term reports sent if needed
November 18-26th	Thanksgiving Holidays-school closed for staff & students
December 11th	SAC meeting 7pm – Media Center
December 22nd	End of first semester
December 23rd-	Winter Holidays-schools closed for staff & students
January 7th	
January 8th	No school for students –Professional Development Day for teachers
January 9th	Second semester begins
January 12th	Final grades due in Portal
January 12th	GOLDFEVER! 7pm Auditorium
January 19th	Report Cards Distributed
January 15th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday-School closed for staff & students
February 12th	SAC meeting 7pm-Media Center
February 19th	No school for students –Professional Development Day for teachers

*Special Observance Day- The parent or guardian of a student who is to be absent on a designated Special Observance Day shall provide to the school, at least three (3) days prior to the absence, a signed notice of the student's intent to be absent. The notice shall contain the name and address of the student to be absent and the date and/or time of the absence.

Softball News

Shout out to our IB softball players, who are coached by Nancy Fanning. Four of them made the All Conference team! They are senior pitcher **Bianca Palese**, freshman second baseman **Maddie Siwinski**, sophomore first baseman **Audri Thomsen-Roeder**, and freshman utility **Lexi Shoupe**.

Swim Schedule

8/23 – East Lake*
 8/30 – Palm Harbor*
 9/6 – Osceola
 9/13 – Lakewood*
 9/20 – Countryside*
 9/27 – St Pete v Seminole v Shorecrest
 10/4 – Northeast (Senior Night)*

*Indicates home meets ** City Meet is 10/6 and 10/7

Girls Lacrosse Thrives in St. Pete

The Green Devils Girls Lacrosse Club completed its 7th successful Spring Season with a strong showing at the Dan Anderson Classic Lacrosse tournament in Birmingham, AL. The invitational tournament showcased some of the best club teams in the Southeastern U.S.

“This was an amazing tournament,” said Coach McGoff. “We had a great time playing against new competition. We will definitely be back next year.”

Members of the team also received All Star awards in the Florida Gulf Coast League. The team’s All Stars were **Tricia Monte** (also “League Defensive Player of the Year”), Emily DeGregorio, Kayla Chavez, **Grace Marchant**, **Khoury Kennedy**, Rachel Fahad, Morgan Youngerman, **Sarah Rieth**, **Shelby Figueroa**, and Kaylee Bergin.



As lacrosse grows in the St Petersburg area, the Green Devils are always looking for new players to join the lacrosse family. No experience is necessary. Contact Coach Tim McGoff, (813) 770-4646, wolfpackgirlslacrosse@gmail.com.

Matching Donation Drive Provides Big Gift

Due to the generosity of an alumnus and the IB community, \$8130 has been raised for the IB program.

In honor of the Class of 2017 and the 30th anniversary of the SPHS IB program, an **anonymous alumnus** from the Class of 1987 offered a dollar for dollar, matching donation up to \$5000 for all donations to the SPHS IB Boosters from April 25 until May 30, 2017.

A big thanks to the parents for the \$4,065 donated, and to this alum for generously matching that to support the academic excellence provided by the SPHS IB program.

PARKING HANG TAG SALE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Students must have a current SPHS Hang Tag to park in the student lot. Hang tags for the 2017-2018 school year will be sold all summer. Due to construction on campus the main building may be closed. If it is closed the hang tags can be purchased in the Media Center.

To purchase a tag you **must** have:

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

****WE CANNOT MAKE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS**

Alumni News

From Noelle Rutland ('13) to Ms. Farias:

This summer, I will be traveling to Tainan, Taiwan for eight weeks through the Critical Language Scholarship sponsored by the U.S. State Department. It is a fully funded scholarship program that includes 20 hours a week of intensive Mandarin classes, cultural excursions and a homestay with a Taiwanese family. I started taking Mandarin after participating in the NSLI-Y study abroad program in my junior year at St. Pete High, so I'm thrilled to be going back to Asia!

This fall I will be starting graduate school at the Texas A&M Bush School of Government and Public Service. I will be pursuing a Masters of International Affairs with a concentration in National Security and Diplomacy. I am one of four students (out of a class of 90) selected as a Robertson Fellow. Robertson Fellows receive

a scholarship including full tuition, living expenses, an internship stipend and a graduate assistantship. As a stipulation of the fellowship, I will be required to work for the federal government in the field of international relations for at least three years.

I would not be where I am today without the IB program and the amazing teachers and administrators of St. Pete High! IB gave me the foundational writing skills and international perspective that helped me to succeed at college, and I have no doubt my IB education will continue to prove useful in graduate school and beyond. I was even asked about what I wrote my Extended Essay on during one of my grad school interviews, so IB's reach truly can't be overstated.

Sophomores Madison Pyhel and Grace Bayliss sport hair nets while volunteering at St. Vincent DePaul to provide meals for people who are homeless.



IB teacher Sarah Van Duyne and IB juniors Daniel Park and Jaya Brizendine at the April 22 local March for Science



SAVE THE DATES

August 3rd IB Freshman Orientation, 6pm, auditorium. This orientation is only for IB Students, and it is the **ONLY** orientation they need to attend.

August 24th Back to School Night: Entire school (traditional & IB), time to be determined

August 30th IB Pinning Ceremony: IB junior class, 7pm, auditorium

Parent Communications Survey Results

This Spring, the IB Booster Membership and IB Advocate committees, with help from the Booster Board and parent volunteer Joe O'Connor, surveyed the IB parent Google group about communications preferences. Thank you to the parents who responded.

A full explanation of all the results can be found at this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/IBSurveyRecap>

Here's a summary of the results that are relevant to changes to The Advocate.

There were 56 respondents. Nearly everyone who participated said that they actively read The Advocate, find most aspects of The Advocate useful, and want information more frequently.

The Advocate is published three times per year and most survey respondents want information at least monthly. When asked how an electronic-only Advocate

would affect their level of readership, 74% said they would have the same or higher likelihood of reading it. 27% said they would read it less. However, of those who said they would read it less, every person but one said they want information more frequently than now, and most of them want it at least monthly.

Virtually everyone would be fine with receiving notifications of updates via email or Facebook. Parents also provided ideas for additional topics to be covered.

Why we are switching to a digital Advocate

Clearly, people want information more frequently than what they receive now. This matches the survey results that the information content most valued is calendar and news-based information.

We can infer that if the Advocate remained print-based, everyone would continue their level readership. Meanwhile, almost

unanimously everyone (98%) wants information **more frequently**, and the vast majority (87%) want it **at least monthly**.

However, moving to a monthly print-based Advocate is impractical and probably impossible without a lot more resources.

Will there be a negative impact of going electronic? Whereas 27% said they would read an electronic Advocate less, ****everyone**** wanted information ****more frequently****, and ****most**** wanted it at least monthly.

Therefore, it is reasonable to imagine that a *more frequent* electronic Advocate may offset their inclination to read it less than a printed Advocate.

We look forward to your feedback as we make the transition to providing you with more frequent news online. Feel free to email sphsibadvocate@gmail.com.

IB Summer Reading Assignments

9th grade PIB English II 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, vanduyne@pcsb.org

12th grade IB SL and HL English

1. Read *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin

12th grade HL Spanish

1. Read *Chac Mool* by Carlos Fuentes
2. See Sra. Torres for work that was assigned and handed out

12th grade SL Spanish

1. Find articles online and complete worksheets as done during the year. Articles should be related to assigned country and focus on Communication and Media or Aspects of the press.

11th grade Spanish

1. Supersite work from teachers

10th grade Spanish

1. Supersite work

12th grade ITGS

1. Read pages 4-10 from the sample chapter provided. (very short) <http://www.itgstextbook.com/sample-chapter.html>
2. Brainstorm clients to work with for Internal Assessment
3. All should be ready for first day of class

Angela Lynch Performs at Special Event

IB sophomore **Angela Lynch** performed at the Straz Center in Next Generation Ballet's Masters of Dance: Balanchine and Robbins plus Petipa's Don Quixote Suite on May 14th. This was a special show because the director is one of the few allowed to stage these works. Read more at this link: <https://thestrazcenter.wordpress.com/2017/04/18/manual-transmission/>

The accompanying photo shows Angela from another performance at the Straz. She hopes to become a member of a professional ballet company.

Angela received the Mike Vasallo Award for Dance at St.Pete High, a long running honor for the SPHS Theatre student most dedicated to dance in our Thespian Troupe #2559 sponsored by Theatre teacher Ms. Trish Grunz.

Angela splits time as a SPHS IB student, member and dance choreographer for SPHS Troupe #2559 and dance student at Patel Conservatory, Tampa. She travels to Tampa Mon - Sat after school and spends over 800 hours every year in classes and rehearsals outside of IB.





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