



IB matters

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Junior's inducted into IB

Daniela Arenas Berenstein, Rylan Arnold, Saransh Arora, Shreyaan Arora, Carter Bennett, Braidon Brauer, Josephine Brown, Harry Burrows, Aubrey Chambers, Michelle Clark, Sydney Delhogue, Christopher Diaz, Anna Dojlidko, Jasmine Ferdowsian, Ariana Fleet, Hailey Hager, Samantha Harding, Charles Hart, Julianna Hutchinson, Evan Indge, Hailey Johnson, Noah Johnson, Molly Jones, Etash Kalra, Anna Keesen, Dylan Kolbus, Justin Kopek, Vayle LaFehr, Macabee Lankford, Jennifer Lansdon, Alayna Lauffer, Samuel Maestas, Jake Maurer, Katie McGillicuddy, Heather McKee, Drew Medina, Caitlyn Mendik, Amanda Peck, Kelsey Pollack, Aaron Quiet, Cameron Rahyab, Amanda Robert, Mikayla Rodriguez, Kenneth Saunders, Jadon Shortman, Laura Smith, Sydney Stegeman, Brecken Story, Shannon Thompson, Miles Warnke, Abigail Williams, Gabrielle Young





Coordinator's Corner

by Dr. Steve Fleet, DCHS IB Coordinator

Evil is the interruption of a truth by the pressure of particular or individual interests."

Alain Badiou, Philosopher and Professor

Several 2017 graduates stopped by just before the holidays and they all shared the same messages. They acknowledged that it can be difficult to see beyond the day-to-day expectations of the International Baccalaureate program, but the experience is enjoyable and helpful in the long run. They successfully completed assignments that their fellow freshmen struggled with; they have become involved in their universities; and they are making connections with faculty and students.

Among the advantages of I.B., they pointed out how essential it is to learn study habits and stress management in the familiar environment of family and friends. I think this is a good message for parents, to remember that students are undergoing seen and unseen adjustments and that home has to be made, consciously, into a supportive environment.

These advantages will be further articulated by an excellent graduate panel that will present on February 11th at 5:30 pm at Douglas County High School. This presentation is an expectation for current 10th graders, but I highly encourage all students, parents and diploma faculty to attend. It is one of my favorite evenings of every year and puts all that we do into a wider perspective.

We also have a new event coming up on February 7th for Theory of Knowledge juniors.

International Baccalaureate students from across the region will come to Douglas County High School to interact with each other and with experts in a variety of fields, ranging from the editor of the Denver Post to engineers working on the Orion (mission to Mars) project. We are still looking for more professionals and experts in a variety of fields to help with this new event. Let us know if you have any ideas.

Our program continues to get stronger and to provide essential foundations for students. I am grateful to the supportive parents, teachers, staff, and students who create our community.

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“The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.”

— **Elie Wiesel**

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— **Margaret Mead**



On Thursday December 7th Douglas County High School hosted the annual 8th Grade IB informational meeting in the North Commons at 5:30pm. We had a good turn out and lively discussion from the panel.

“One, remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Two, never give up work. Work gives you meaning and purpose and life is empty without it. Three, if you are lucky enough to find love, remember it is there and don't throw it away.”

— **Stephen Hawking**

The Research and Writing Process

for the Extended Essay

RESEARCH

(JR YEAR) November – January

Decide on a topic Be certain that it interests you and that you will be able to find information.

Focus your ideas Decide what aspect of the topic you want to focus on. Keep your topic in your thoughts as you fall asleep.

Search for sources Use the library, the internet, your parents, your teachers and any other source to help you find specific information on your topic.

Choose your advisor Pick a teacher who can direct you to further sources. Any one teacher will only work with three students, so find your advisor as soon as possible.

Formulate your Develop your thesis. This will articulate the direction that your paper will go.

research question

(JR YEAR) January – March

Develop a Show the major points that you will use in order to answer your research

working outline question. Your outline should become increasingly detailed as you continue to do your research.

Assemble sources Use your outline, note cards and other notes to organize your information.

and record data It is likely that you will have to reorganize your outline and possibly

reformulate your research question.

WRITING

(JR YEAR) April – May

Finalize your outline. Organize ideas into sections. Develop topic sentences for each section. List the points that need to be addressed in each section. List the supporting details.

(SR YEAR) May – August

Write your rough draft. Include your title page, abstract, contents, introduction, body/methods/results, conclusion, illustrations, appendix and documentation.

(SR YEAR) August – September

Revise and edit Check for smooth transitions between the sections. Make certain that you your rough draft support your statements with evidence or quotations. Make sure the paper reads smoothly. CHECK SPELLING, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION.

(SR YEAR) September – October

Proofread your. Read and reread your paper. CHECK YOUR SPELLING, GRAMMAR AND rough draft PUNCTUATION AGAIN. Do not look at it for a couple days, and then read it again. Correct errors and make awkward sections smooth.

End of October Turn in your final copy !!!

IBO Registry for Alumni

To Sign up for IBO schools. Students can sign themselves up. If they are under 16 their parents will receive and email to verify.

<https://registry.ibo.org/>

CAS

Visit the IBPO website for the handbook on CAS or it can be found on manageBac.

EE information:

<http://www.huskieibpo.com/extended-essay/>

Where did last years seniors go to college at:

Utah State University- College of Eastern Utah
University of San Diego
Colorado State University
Colorado State University
Hofstra University
The University of Texas, Austin
University of Colorado at Boulder
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Colorado Mesa University
Northern Arizona University
Gonzaga University
University of Northern Colorado
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Western State Colorado University
Brigham Young University, Idaho
University of Pittsburgh
The College of Wooster
Hastings College
Metropolitan State University of Denver

Colorado School of Mines
The Ohio State University
Western State Colorado University
University of Colorado at Boulder
Colorado School of Mines
American University
Arizona State University (Barrett Honors College)

"LET'S GO!"

Opportunity for upper level (Honors Spanish 3, Spanish 4, Spanish 5) Spanish students for Spring Break Study Abroad in Spain.

This trip is being organized by Sra. Georgina Quintana (parent of IBDP student at DCHS) AP Spanish language and culture teacher at HRHS. She has extended the invitation to upper level Spanish students to participate. If interested email Sra. White: wwhite@dcsdk12.org, so she and Sra. Quintana can schedule an information meeting for anticipated participants.

The anticipated itinerary (subject to some changes) --Mar. 15-Mar. 25, 2018

Day 1 Travel to Madrid

Day 2-3 Madrid

Day 4 take AVE to Sevilla and meet home stay families

Day 5-Day 7 4 days of classes AP/IB prep-language and culture classes (3 hours morning), organized tours and cultural experiences afternoon/evening

Day 8 cooking class--Sevilla

Day 9 Granada

Day 10 Travel to Denver



The program also includes:

+3 hours per day of classes, with all materials included. We will custom-design one class for the advanced students, and another for the Pre AP/IB students. We will also take one day where we visit a local high school as part of the classes and can meet local Spanish students and practice speaking.

Spain Trip continued:

+Spanish family homestays with all meals included (3 per day). Students can choose their own roommates (2 students per family). We have developed an extensive network of families in Seville, and tend to work with the same ones since the inception of our program in 2005.

+Cultural / social / sports activities with all entrances, tips, etc. We will split the group in 2, with a special MundoLengua coordinator for each level (advanced and Pre AP/IB). This will allow us to make the activities even more dynamic and interactive. We run our activities as "mini-classes". These are not simply "see things and take pictures".

+Day excursion to Granada.

+Full health insurance for all participants.

+Supervision and 24 hr support.

NUMBERS: Prices:

10 students - \$2400 12 students - \$2210 15 students - \$2050

Total *estimated* price to students - \$3050-\$3650

*****WITH 15 STUDENTS, THE ESTIMATED PRICE IS \$3050.**

Fundraise For Your Trip—Now is the time!

**Croatia, Ljubljana & Venice
March 14 - March 23, 2019**

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to announce that I will be leading a group of students on a once-in-a-lifetime educational tour to Croatia, Ljubljana & Venice. Croatia is quickly becoming the premier travel destination for worldwide travelers, due to its "Game of Thrones" fame. We'll explore famous historic sites, discover the rich heritage and diversity of different cultures. Students will grow and mature as individuals and return home with new perspectives.

I've chosen to travel with Explorica because of their exceptional safety record, their supportive service and their glowing reviews from other teachers in our community who travel with them. Explorica programs offer the perfect mixture of fun and learning, and they provide everything we need.

The discount for this trip will expire soon. It is only \$50 to hold the current pricing and your spot (this amount comes off the overall price). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me directly at lon.Smith@dcsdk12.org or (303) 868-9364. More information can be found on the link below.

explorica.com/smith-4566

KUDOS

DCHS Huskie Speech and Debate Team represented our school with pride this past semester at the;

Cherry Creek High School,

Varsity Winter Wonder Tournament.

600 competitors from thirty-six high schools throughout Colorado came together.
Here are your team results;

Varsity Poetry in a field of 40 competitors:
DCHS Senior Talia Berglund,
was awarded an excellent ranking for her great work.

Varsity DUO in a field of 30 teams:
DCHS Senior Captains, Loren Hardy and Jenna,
were awarded a superior ranking for their creative work.

Varsity Impromptu Public Speaking
had a field of 40 speakers:
DCHS Senior Speech/Debate Captain, Audrey Roberts
earned an excellent rank.

Varsity National Extemporaneous Speaking
in a field of 45 competitors:
DCHS Sophomore, Sneha Muthe
received the superior award.

Varsity International Extemporaneous Speaking
in a field of 50 competitors:
DCHS Senior Extemp Captain, Aiden Catbagan
received the superior award.
DCHS Senior Extemp Captain, Audrey Roberts
took the second-place trophy!

Varsity Congressional Debate,
75 representatives competed;
Junior, Prajeet Singh
was voted the Outstanding Presiding Officer in House 1.
Junior, Shrey Arora
won the Most Outstanding Speaker trophy in House 1.
Junior, Etash Kalra
finished in 4th place as an Outstanding Speaker in House 2.
Junior, Mason Willford
was named Outstanding Speaker in House 3.

Tuesday, December 12, DCHS attended
Cherry Creek High School Varsity Congressional Debate.
Here are the results;
Sophomore, Sneha Muthe
won the Most Outstanding Speaker trophy in House 1.
Sophomore, Gokul Gopakumar
won the gavel for his Presiding Officer work in House 1.
Junior, Shrey Arora
won the Most Outstanding Speaker trophy in House 2.

Varsity season will continue into 2018 as the Huskies travel to
Mullen High School and the Colorado Cup Tournament!

National Honor Society Inductees

Krzysztof	Dojlidko	Vayle	LaFehr
Michael	Long	Macabee	Lankford
Bradley	Van Egeren	Jennifer	Lansdon
Daniela	ArenasBerenstein	Alayna	Lauffer
Rylan	Arnold	Samuel	Maestas
Shreyaan	Arora	Jake	Maurer
Carter	Bennett	Katie	McGillicuddy
Harry	Burrows	Caitlyn	Mendik
Aubrey	Chambers	Amanda	Peck
Michelle	Clark	Aaron	Quiett
Anna	Dojlidko	Cameron	Rahyab
Jasmine	Ferdowsian	Amanda	Robert
Ariana	Fleet	Mikayla	Rodriguez
Julianna	Hutchinson	Kenneth	Saunders
Noah	Johnson	Sydney	Stegeman
Molly	Jones	Brecken	Story
Etash	Kalra	Shannon	Thompson
Anna	Keesen	Abigail	Williams
Justin	Kopek	Gabrielle	Young



The students in IB Art and NAHS have been involved in multiple things:

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IB Art students Kaylee Schuler, Graycn Nehring, Megan Walsh and the rest of their CAS group have painted a mural about diversity and unity in the north building.

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Congratulation **Aubrey Chambers** for being ranked 20th for the class of 2019 girl's tennis players in the state of Colorado by TennisRecruiting.net.

HELP WANTED

The IB Parent Organization is a group of dedicated parents of IB students at DCHS that organizes events and activities throughout the school year. The IBPO is looking for parents to help out with various activities. Several IB parents have students graduating this year. See the IBPO website for the date of our next meeting. If interested, contact Randy Chambers at cohomeconnection@yahoo.com.

DCHS IB Calendar

JANUARY

Thursday, Jan 11

10th Grade Mandatory CAS/TOK/EE Grad Panel Meeting – Auditorium- 5:30pm

Wednesday, Jan 17

8th Grade Freshman and New Family Orientation Night. (All school event)

FEBRUARY

Saturday, Feb 11 9am

Princeton Review/Practice Act Testing

March

March 10

SAT exam

APRIL

April 14

ACT exam

Tuesday, Apr 24

IB Year End Celebration – North Commons 5:30

MAY

May 5 ACT exam

IB Exams begins

