



IB in Action

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Congratulations to the Class of 2017
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Upcoming Dates:

August 1st: Summer assignment deadline for some subjects.

September 19th: IB Inner Core Night @6:15pm
For the parents of Year 1 Full IB Diploma Candidates

October: Exam registration

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Learn how IB students are making a difference through IB CAS; obtain details on the fall IB Student College Fair; learn more about a current IB teacher and IB graduate; and highlights on where Ballston Spa's IB graduates have been accepted to college.

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CAS
Projects
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"WHEN YOU HELP SOMEONE UP THE HILL, YOU GET THAT MUCH CLOSER YOURSELF"

RAISED OVER \$1,000 IN ORDER FOR TEENS TO PURSUE THEIR DREAMS.

WARRIORS 2X2

AN ELITE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMPRISED OF TEENAGERS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DREAMS OF FELLOW TEENS, THROUGH HEALTHY COMPETITION ACHIEVING MONTHLY CHALLENGES!

CREATIVITY	ACTION	SERVICE
 <p>From playing our instruments to making valentines, our challenges allowed us to seek our inner artist.</p>	 <p>Activities including planking for 5 minutes a day, jumping rope for a week and swimming a mile challenged our physical ability.</p>	 <p>Volunteering is a huge part of the Warriors Project including situations such as restacking books in the library, and visiting a nursing home.</p>

Abbie Laime LEARN MORE WWW.WARRIORS2X2.COM Miranda Blaauboer

Mats For Cats

This is my CAS project in which many of my good friends assisted me in making fleece blankets for homeless cats and for shelter cats. We started by cutting the fleece with small strips for the tying portion. To attach the two pieces of fleece together we tied them all together. In total we made over 15 mats that are donated to the animal shelter. This allows for the cats to be more comfortable in shelter until they are able to find their permanent home.



CAS encourages students to pick an area of personal interest in order to serve others and make a positive difference in the world.



The Council of International Schools &
The International Baccalaureate
present an

IB STUDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FAIR



25 September 2017 • 5.00PM – 7.00PM

Hosted by
United Nations International School
Manhattan Campus, 24-50 FDR Drive, New York, NY 10010
Paul Greene, prgreene@unis.org • Carol Scott, highereducation@cois.org

Registration to open in April!



www.cois.org • www.ibo.org • www.unis.org

Connect with top universities at the IB Student College Fair!

IB students and parents are invited to attend. This is a **free** event designed exclusively for grade 11 and 12 students currently studying in the IB Diploma Program. Representatives from over 70 colleges and universities are eager to meet with you! This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to talk face-to-face with admissions officials from institutions who actively recruit IB graduates.

In order to attend the college fair, **students and parents must register**. All attendees must be registered and present a photo ID to be granted access to the fair.

Register here:

<http://www.cois.org/page.cfm?p=3717>

For additional information contact Paul Greene at the United Nations International School at
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UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT



The University of Rochester believes pursuing the International Baccalaureate diploma makes a student an ideal fit for the style of education you'll find at their university.

The Rochester Curriculum

The University of Rochester knows how deeply IB students explore each IB subject and how they come together. Through the university's unique curricular structure, IB students can study academic intersections no one's thought of before.

Undergraduate Research

The University of Rochester is a top-tier research university. 77% of their undergrads engage in a broad range of in-depth inquiry, and an IB student's Extended Essay experience tells the university that IB students would pursue insightful questions at Rochester.

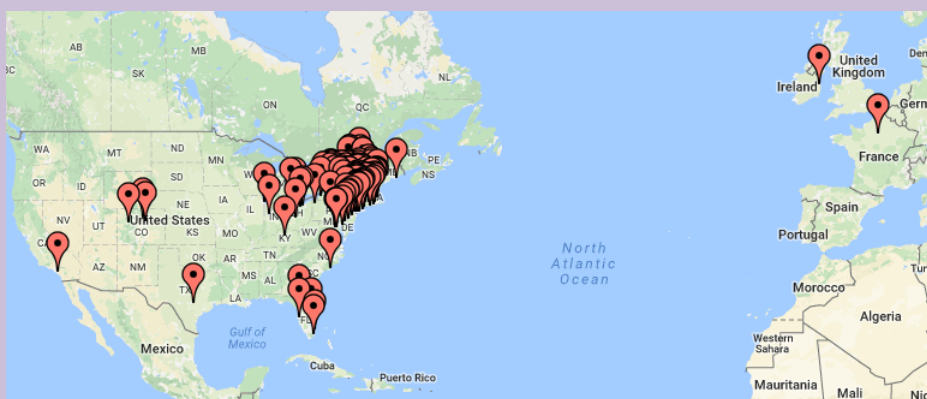
The Rochester IB Scholarship

The University of Rochester likes to invest in their students. They offer a scholarship to students pursuing the IB diploma. Students can receive up to \$20,000 in merit scholarship awards for all of their hard work.

For more information visit, www.enrollment.rochester.edu/ib

Ballston Spa High School IB Diploma Programme Candidates are being accepted at top-ranking universities. To see a complete list of acceptances visit our IB webpage at

<http://www.bsbsd.org/High.cfm?subpage=18205>



IB Teacher Feature

Name: Marc Trzaskos

Courses: Theory of Knowledge, IB Psychology and CHS Psychology

Favorite TV show/movie: I'll stick with television shows here: Breaking Bad and Cheers. My two all-time favorites.

What do you do in your spare time? Lately, I've been spending a lot of time hanging out with our four-month old daughter. Aside from that, listening to music, reading books, traveling, cooking and spending time with my friends and family are my go-to activities.

What is your favorite memory of being a student? My favorite memories from school have very little to do with academics, but I think that is true for most people.

All of my favorite memories from both high school and college involve my friends, most specifically the month we spent in Europe when we were college freshman. It was a trip sponsored by our college. In fact, it was the first time I had ever flown on an airplane. We were all 18 and we travelled from Amsterdam to Rome, with a bunch of stops along the way. For all of us, it was a kind of freedom we had never experienced before. I laughed for the entire month, a good measure of time well spent.



What's one experience you've had that has helped shape who you are as a teacher? Being around great teachers constantly pushes me towards getting better. A whole bunch of research suggests that most teachers don't really improve beyond their third year, and often they get worse. I think about that a lot. I'm lucky to be around some truly exceptional teacher's every day, and I'm luckier still to count some of them as my best friends. Their dedication, diligence and craftsmanship provide me with a North Star, something I can move towards but never reach. There is a tendency to see teachers as interchangeable parts. I cannot overstate the rarity of finding teachers like some of the ones we have here at our school, and I get the impression that our students know this too.

What do you want your former students to tell your future students about you? I hope they say that they learned a lot, that they had a good experience in my class and that I worked hard to do well.

What is one thing you could not live without? Aside from the obvious...freedom of speech (pardon me for being so grandiose). I suppose I could live without it, but I wouldn't want to. Everything that is good in life proceeds from it.

What would you like to tell yourself at age 16? Like many kids, I worried a lot at that age. So I suppose that I would tell myself to relax a bit more. Then again, worry has served me well as a good motivator.

How is teaching an IB course different than teaching any other course? For me, the biggest difference is in the amount and type of preparation it requires. I know that kids taking these classes expect a strong performance from their teachers. I spend many hours learning new content and trying to create an experience that engages the kids in my classes. Many days my efforts have succeeded. Some days they flop.

What advice would you give to a student considering an IB course? Be sure that you know your strengths and limitations. It is not enough to simply be curious about a subject. You have to be committed to doing the work.

What characteristics do you feel make a good IB student? A good IB student is diligent and interested and values discussion.

IB Student Spotlight

Name: Miranda Blaauboer

Graduation Date: June 2017

What is your favorite TV show or movie?

Chopped

What do you do in your spare time? I'm a member of the Ballston Spa Community Band and of Tri-M, I help manage the Ballston Spa Warriors Program, serve as Secretary of NHS, go to the gym regularly, participate in Varsity Lacrosse during the spring season and volunteer in the community.

What made you consider the IB Programme? I was interested in challenging myself. I wanted to be able to discuss the topics I was learning about in order to express my opinions. It was important to me to take advantage of all of my opportunities at Ballston Spa High School.

What have you gained from being a full IB Diploma Programme student? My public speaking skills have improved, I've developed stronger opinions and have learned organizational skills that should help me in college.

What was your favorite IB class and why? TOK- because it makes me think differently about the world, along with the reasoning behind ones knowledge as an individual.

What advice do you have for potential IB students? Make sure to manage your time and try to balance your schedule so you're able to still participate in other activities to become a well-rounded student.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? I hope to be in grad school studying to become a veterinarian.

