

Appreciation

The IB Senior Class of 2013 would like to thank the DHS IB faculty, administration, and IB coordinators who have given countless hours, dedication and support to help us reach our goals.

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CELEBRATION BANQUET DENTON HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 22, 2013
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX
6:30 P.M.

Full-Diploma Juniors

Michelle Acogido
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Isaac Warriner

Order of Events

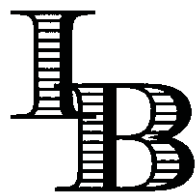
Welcome	Dan Ford
Invocation	Isaac Warriner
Dinner	Catered by Babe's Chicken House
Presentation of junior pins	Kimberly Thaggard
A word to the class of 2013	Beth Hughes
A tribute to the class of 2013 & a celebration of IB DP 2012-2013	Slide Show
Remarks from the class of 2013	Liz Sherling Victoria Amadi Jorge Olguin Sidney Durmick
Presentation of graduation stoles	Beth Hughes



Victoria Amadi

*Daughter of Lovey &
Boniface Amadi*

Hendrix College



Favorite Memory from DHS IB:

My favorite DHS IB moment was at the 2011 IB Retreat when Irene and I ran into Lizzie and Chinwe's canoe and tipped it over with our pedal boat. We then pedaled away as Chinwe screamed, "MY WEAVE!!!" and watched as they struggled to flip it right side up from afar laughing.

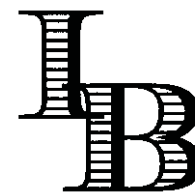
How do you feel the IB program has prepared you for college?

The IB program has helped me prepare for the larger amount of work, and the higher difficulty of work I will be receiving once I start College. The IB program has also taught me to consider global issues and to try and make connections with other countries when solving problems and issues in the future. The IB teachers have taught me to value the knowledge I receive rather than the grade I get because the knowledge I get is what is going to carry me through my college years and beyond. Overall, IB has helped me become a better student and person.

Haley Vaughn

*Daughter of Patty & Mike
Vaughn*

University of North Texas



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:

My favorite memory is when Priscilla and I became best friends at the party Junior year.

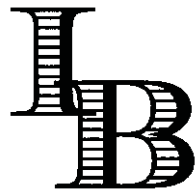
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?

I've learned how to work with large workloads and to think on a new level.

Kiah Brooks

*Daughter of
Joan & Anthony Brooks*

McNally Smith College of Music



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:

My favorite memory from DHS IB would probably be all of my class with the IB Biology students and Coach Matous. It was fun antagonizing him in class, but he knew that we only did it because we love him...well, most of us. I'm going to miss that class and everyone in it!

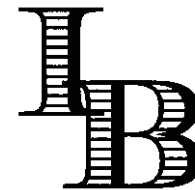
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?

When I go to school I know that I'll be able to handle the workload and manage my time wisely. I'll know how to manage the stress of all my classes and won't have to worry about due dates as much as other people will.

Taylor Wootton

*Son of Kyla & Douglas
Wootton*

University of North Texas



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:

My favorite memory was getting to know all the other IB kids and creating strong bonds over sleepless nights and never-ending homework.

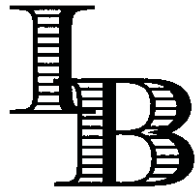
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?

I feel that IB has really prepared me for the workload and type of curriculum that I will experience in college. The kind of problem solving and critical thinking skills that IB taught me, will definitely give me a leg-up on college course work. I'm glad that I took IB, even though at times I wished I hadn't (that's the procrastination talking).

Ryan Steiner

Son of Kayla & Scott Steiner

University of Texas



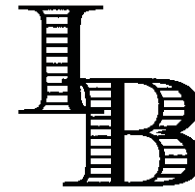
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
My favorite memory from DHS IB is singing and playing music together at the IB retreat at Charis Hills.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
I feel the IB program has given me the study skills and work ethic needed for college by being much more academically demanding than regular classes.

Kyle Caldwell

Son of Roger Caldwell & Kim Phillips

DePaul University (Chicago)



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
At the IB retreat when Will Cole flipped their canoe dumping himself and Mrs. Thaggard into the lake.

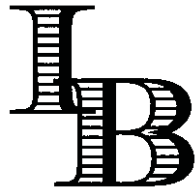
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
I developed much better time management skills and learned how to better connect things to bigger, global regions and such. I feel much more prepared for my future than I ever have.



Kory Taylor

Daughter of Johanna Iaia & David Taylor

University of North Texas



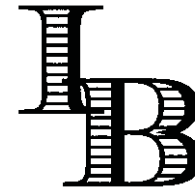
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
I always enjoyed the IB retreats and how I always felt connected to my fellow students.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
It has prepared me for college, by helping me meet deadlines and helping me learn to manage my time.

Sam Coady

Son of David & Julie Coady

Drexel University (PA)



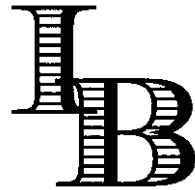
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
Finishing my last exam and turning in my EE.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
I feel much more comfortable writing. I also honed my last minute studying skills, which taught me to plan ahead and be more organized.

Julian Conley

*Son of Charles & Elizabeth
Conley*

University of North Texas



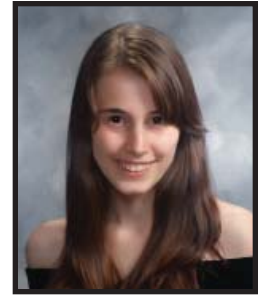
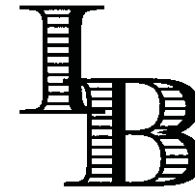
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
Playing Risk at the IB retreat while listening to The Beatles, unaware that certain bystanders were sneaking extra armies onto Jorge's territories...

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
I've certainly learned how to go about writing a research paper. I also feel that IB has encouraged me to be more independent and creative with my ideas when writing.

Elena Souris

*Daughter of Carola
Hundrich-Souris & Stephen
Souris*

Trinity University



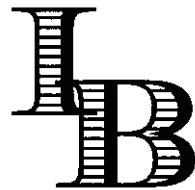
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
"Our favorite moment was when the acceptance letter from a particular university arrived showing a generous per-year addition to Elena's merit scholarship award due entirely to Elena's being an IB Diploma candidate," Dr. Carola Hundrick-Souris.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
"We feel that the rigor of the IB Program has given Elena a head start on what's in store for her next year. Many high school students -- even bright, high-GPA Seniors -- encounter difficulties when they get to college because of the new challenges involving critical thinking, independent projects, research skills, time management skills, and so on. We believe that Elena will have an easier time meeting the expectations of her professors next year because of the IB Program, allowing her to benefit more from her first year in college," Dr. Stephen Souris.

Sidney Durmick

*Daughter of
Tracy & Gregory Durmick*

University of Vermont



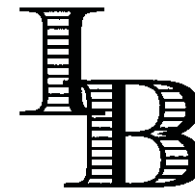
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
The 2012 IB retreat is my favorite memory from DHS IB. I loved playing outdoors with my IB friends and learning in an environment that was not a stuffy classroom. It combined study and play in an awesome environment filled with amazing, intelligent people.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
The IB program has been ruthless and has deprived me of SO much sleep, but it has also taught me how to order my priorities. There have been instances where there was absolutely no way I could get all of my work done, and so I had to decide what was most important. IB has also given me the ability to work faster and get my work done when I need it done, even if it is not as good as I wanted it to be.

Mackenzie Stallo

*Daughter of Kimberly &
Dwayne Stallo*

Stephen F. Austin



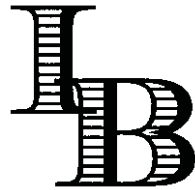
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
Hanging out and making new friends in IB Art. Mr. Rosin made everything fun and inspired us to create and express ourselves. I will always cherish the memories and the friends that I have made.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
I feel that the IB Program has taught me how to have proper time management skills, and how to interact with different kinds of people.

Zach Sanderson

Son of Deb & Gary Sanderson and Micaela Sanderson

University of North Texas



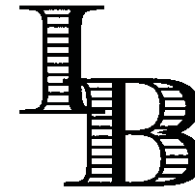
Favorite Memory of DHS IB: It is difficult to pick a memory that is particularly good since throughout the course of my two years in the program, there was a very steady stream of concerns and important deadlines to make, but if I were to pick one: it would be the time shortly after all of the Internal Assessments and the Extended Essay were finished. It was a brief moment of relaxation that was soon taken away by the realization that the External Assessments were looming in the distance, but growing nearer with every hour. For that brief time though, things were truly enjoyable and mostly stress free. Also, having two dismisses in the second semester has made everything better.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college? I feel that the IB Program has prepared me for college by helping me understand how to better manage my time. During the course of my two years in IB, I have faced many struggles with keeping up with deadlines and deciding which things need to have highest priority in order to ensure my success. I feel that the time-management and prioritization skills will be highly beneficial to my performance in college. I have also become a much better writer: particularly in this last year, which will undoubtedly help me in college.

Chris Gold

Son of Misty & Kenneth Gold

Texas A&M University



Favorite Memory of DHS IB: My favorite memory from DHS IB is becoming closer to the people in the program and the bonds I've made with people at the IB retreats.

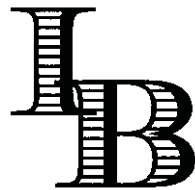
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college? IB has helped me by focusing my time management skills, as well as, learning to start an assignment when it is assigned.



Elizabeth Sherling

Daughter of Teresa & Randy Sherling

Pace University - NYC



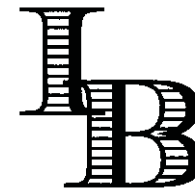
Favorite Memory of DHS IB: My favorite memory from DHS IB had to be the social events. Like the winter socials and retreats. They really made us a family, and in the IB program, we were each other's biggest assets. There was also never a dull moment in IB Art, especially if we had a mannequin head and hammer.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college? I am now an essay machine. After the Extended Essay and Mrs. Seeley's class, college essays will be no problem.

Michael Hanby

Son of Maria & Todd Hanby

University of Texas-Dallas



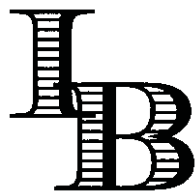
Favorite Memory of DHS IB: The IB Retreat at the end of my Junior year, I would say is my favorite IB memory. For a short-time, me and my fellow IB students - who I've come to consider my friends - were able to escape the constant stress inherent of the IB Programme, and were able to relax and enjoy the success of our first year, in the company of each other.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college? After the rigorous courseload and the difficulty of the work, I feel that I am best prepared to confront the trials that I will surely face as I make the transition from a high school curriculum, to that of a four-year university in the coming semester. I feel confident that no matter what I face, I will be more than able to overcome it.

Meghna Jayakumar

*Daughter of
Maya & Jay Jayakumar*

University of North Texas



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:

The IB retreat last year - Spring 2012 - was so much fun! We played games in the cabins and sang songs around the campfire, and I remember people got bit by some cheeky little fish in the lake, but they had a pretty good sense of humor about it.

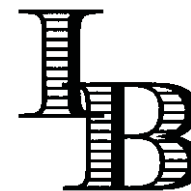
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?

I learned that I do my best writing in the hours before a paper is due, and there is no word limit too great for my fabulous mind. I also learned that sleep is as important as grades, and it's alright to go to bed before midnight when I have more work left to do.

Maria Royo

*Daughter of Luisa & Andres
Moreno*

University of Texas-Austin



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:

Dance Throw Down at the camping retreat in the girls' cabin.

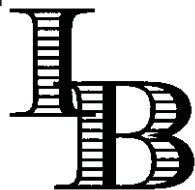
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?

I feel IB has prepared me and my body to be able to survive all-nighters.

Jamitrice Keating-Lynton

*Daughter of
AnaLouise Keating &
Eddy Lynton*

Texas Christian University



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:

Although we complained about our various essays and tasks, we always managed to pull through. Of course, the main reason we made it to this point is each individual's determination and drive, but we supported each other. I loved checking the Facebook page each night to see the latest conversation. Between the due date banter and the late night chatter, there would be the occasional motivation post: "It's almost over, hang in there guys." We gave each other encouragement and camaraderie. My fellow DHS 2013 IB classmates are favorite my memory: Thank you all for giving me a good laugh when I needed it, encouragement through the late night (procrastination) homework, and most importantly, your friendship.

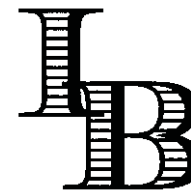
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?

Before the IB program, I felt discouraged. Multiple choice tests were not my strong point, and my classes revolved around them; however, I did love writing, and being able to show what I know rather than what I don't know. IB prepared me for college by teaching me to make connections to what I'm learning and build my own opinion. I internalize what I learn rather than merely memorizing it, which will help me participate in college classes because I will have my own perspectives.

Priscilla Sanchez

*Daughter of Amy DeGraaf &
Eddie Sanchez*

University of Colorado - Boulder



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:

When I turned in my extended essay!

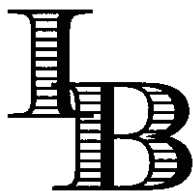
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?

I now know how to write a 1,000-word essay in one hour.

Emily Papai

Daughter of Tracy & Christopher Papai

Drexel University



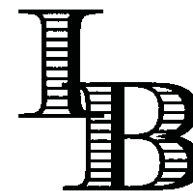
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
Celebrating the end of official classes with the people I have come to know over the past two years!

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
It has not only helped me get into one of the top 50 universities in the US, but it helped me realize my abilities in order to feel comfortable as I approach my future.

Mia Loreda

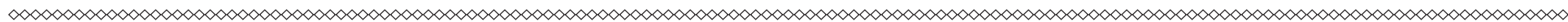
Daughter of Evelia & Pete Loreda

Texas Woman's University



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
My favorite memory is taking all of the art field trips to the museums. I think being exposed to art and expression like what we saw on our field trip is as important as learning math equations or how to analyze a novel. I think it's really cool that IB allows for us to be exposed to so many different means of expression through art.

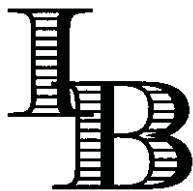
How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
The IB program has prepared me for college by challenging me with the amount of work given to me and completing it in a short amount of time. (I know know that I am capable of staying up for days at a time with little to no sleep.)



Brianna Parker

Daughter of April Parker

University of Texas-Dallas



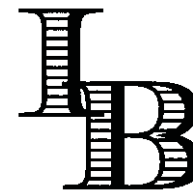
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
My favorite memory from the IB program is the fun we had in Matous' class. It was the class I actually looked forward to going to everyday.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
The IB Program has prepared me for college by teaching me discipline and perseverance. Without experiencing the IB program, I would not be prepared for a college workload next year like I am now.

Blake Matheson

Son of Marilyn & Ronnie Matheson

University of North Texas



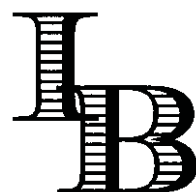
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
Turning in the Extended Essay.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
I probably won't have any trouble with essays in college thanks to IB.

Austin McGregor

*Son of Gina & Andrew
McGregor*

University of North Texas



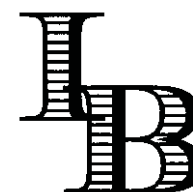
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
The IB retreat from 2012 was the best memory for me.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
I feel the IB program has both drastically helped my writing as well as teaching me to manage my time.

Evan Neumann

*Son of Suzanne & Craig
Neumann*

University of North Texas



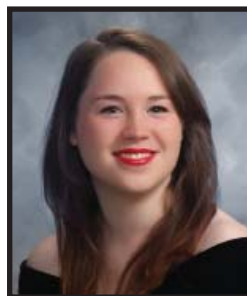
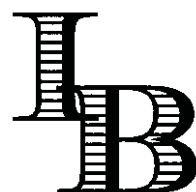
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
Having sing-along and playing Risk with friends on the IB retreat.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
It has made me battle-scarred. I feel like I'm ready for anything.

Madison Morgan

*Daughter of Jennifer & Seth
Morgan*

University of North Texas



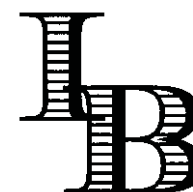
Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
My favorite memory from DHS IB was hosting the Winter and Halloween events at my home. I enjoyed being able to give back to my IB family. I really feel like those events were important in bringing us closer, which was essential in our success in the program. Being close was important when things got rough and I'm really glad I was able to help that.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
The IB program has made me able to finish more school work in a more efficient manner, and I think that will be a useful quality in college.

Jorge Olguin

*Son of Jorge M. & Lorena
Olguin*

University of North Texas



Favorite Memory of DHS IB:
Spending time with friends from the IB Program and interesting conversation in Mr. Zahner's classes. Also, the hilarity of the numerous skits at the 2012 IB retreat.

How do you feel the IB Program has prepared you for college?
The IB Program has made me more aware of my strengths and weaknesses when it comes to time management. Along with this, I have begun to consider the impact of my actions on a global scale; seeing both the good and bad in almost every choice I make, as an IB student.