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Our International Baccalaureate World School is Now Official!



After a long and often intensive application and review process, International High School (IHS) can proudly proclaim that it is an official International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. In fact, IHS is currently the first IB World School in Passaic County.

On the morning of Wednesday, September 27th, thirty-nine IHS Juniors enrolled in the program were bestowed with a certificate declaring their IB participation along with a beautiful gold pin to wear. Students pursuing the IB Diploma or taking IB classes are subject to the most rigorous

advanced and accelerated college-prep course load offered to district students. These classes go hand-in-hand with curricula geared toward a global, political, social and economic point-of-view.

This IB "Pinning Ceremony," orchestrated by Supervisor of IB and Accelerated Programs, Ms. Catherine Forfia-Dion, took place in the IHS auditorium before an audience of approximately 250 VIP's, parents, friends, classmates, teachers, and administrators. VIP's who took to the podium to praise and encourage the current and potential IB students included, IHS Principal, Dr. Robina Puryear-Castro, Acting Superintendent Eileen Shafer, Acting Deputy Superintendent Susana Peron, BOE President Dr. Christopher Irving, Acting Mayor of Paterson, Molly Cotton (who presented a Mayoral proclamation), and State Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly. Following remarks from the VIP's, all were treated to a performance of the school's Chinese Dance Club.

At the conclusion of the ceremony everyone moved to the school's iconic rotunda area, where Acting Superintendent Shafer wielded a gigantic pair of ceremonial scissors to cut a red ribbon slung across three International Baccalaureate Banners.

They Hunger to Help the Hungry



This past Sunday, 18 Academy of Health Science (HARP) students volunteered at Paterson's CUMAC food pantry to participate in their "Action Against Hunger Food Drive." CUMAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing meals to those in need. The HARP volunteers along with their teacher Linda Veleber, worked tirelessly in the sweltering heat to unload trucks, sort non-perishable food items, baby supplies, and toiletries. "It feels so good to work to help others," said 11th grade student Monique Williams. The volunteers collected more than 15,000 pounds of food from 17 local grocery stores. The Action Against

Hunger Food Drive was this year's kick-off community service project for HARP.

Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

— William Faulkner, American Writer

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