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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SENIOR ACCEPTED AT BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Brigitte Garcia sets sites on a nursing career

PATERNOR – Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer announced today that Brigitte Garcia, a senior in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at International High School (IHS), has been accepted at Brigham Young University (BYU). Garcia will begin studying at the university in the fall and is currently intending to study nursing.

“I congratulate Brigitte on her acceptance to BYU, one of the best schools in the nation,” said Shafer. “Brigitte has worked very hard to achieve this opportunity. But I also want to acknowledge her family, as well as the many teachers and administrators who helped bring out the best in Brigitte so that she could achieve this opportunity. We all look forward to Brigitte’s success in college and wish her all the best of luck when she begins in the fall.”

Garcia said that is was always her dream to attend the nationally-renowned Provo, UT university.

“I fell in love with the wholesome environment it offers, and the overall sense of security it creates by knowing that the students are not just chosen based on merit but based on their character,” Garcia said. “It is a place where I could truly be myself and be surrounded by people that share the same values as I do.”

Garcia has maintained robust involvement in extracurricular activities. As an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Garcia has participated in community service efforts such as helping to pack 60,000 meals for people in need. She had also served as her church’s young women class president, which gave her a religious education role for girls ages 11-18. At school, Garcia is a member of the National Honor Society and the Chinese Honor Society. Garcia has also been a volunteer at Englewood Hospital since she was a freshman, and she said that she plans on studying pre-nursing at BYU in hopes of getting accepted into the school’s nursing program.
Garcia credits the IB program for helping her “tremendously” throughout her years in high school.

“Not only has IB helped me push myself academically, it has also helped me gain confidence in myself,” she said. “It has helped shape me into the person I am today. Without the IB program, I do not think that I would have the opportunities I have now or the confidence to pursue the things that I am passionate about.”