

## A New Year Begins !

**Happy New Year !** We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break. As we begin the New Year, we wanted to share some Internationals Network news, as well as highlight student achievements from the Summer and Fall of 2011. More news and stories will follow in the coming months. There is much to look forward to! Enjoy! ■

**Annual Leadership Retreat** – This two-day event, held on July 29 and 30, 2011, at Pan American International High School, provides leadership training and support to sustain and develop a growing pool of highly qualified principals and assistant principals who consistently drive our high student outcomes. The theme was “*Developing Teacher Leaders*”. ■

**Annual Summer Institute** saw more than 100 teachers, guidance counselors, and school leaders from the Network participating in the event, held on August 25 and 26, 2011. Workshops focused on four core areas of the Internationals Approach: Language and Content Integration, Collaboration, Heterogeneity, and Experiential Learning. ■



A huge turnout at International's 2011 Fall Professional Development Conference.

### More Internationals News ...

■ Check out Brooke Hauser's book “**The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens**” (Free Press) about the lives of five students at International High School in Brooklyn. ■ An essay entitled “My Migration from Sierra Leone” and written by an International High School at Prospect Heights student, was recently published in the **Harvard Educational Review** (Fall 2011 Issue). ■



Board Chairman Oliver Frankel (far left), Shael Polakow-Suransky, NYC Department of Education's Chief Academic Officer and Senior Deputy Chancellor, International High School at Prospect Heights Principal Nedda De Castro, and INPS Executive Director and President Claire E. Sylvan (far right).

### 2011 Annual Fall Professional Development Conference

This year's Conference was a huge success with Faculty from Internationals' 13 New York City High Schools and a total of over 330 Network participants, and 30 teachers and an Assistant Principal from John Adams High School attending the event held on November 8th, 2011, at International High School at Prospect Heights. Internationals' Executive Director and President Claire E. Sylvan and Board Chairman Oliver Frankel presented guest speaker Shael Polakow-Suransky, NYC Department of Education's Chief Academic Officer and Senior Deputy Chancellor, with an Internationals Recognition Award for his support of English language learner education years. ■

### New School Opening

Internationals Network opened Crotona International High School in August 2011. This is our first Career and Technical Education (CTE) high school for English language learners. Students will graduate with experience and certification in graphic design. ■

## Flushing International High School Senior Shines

■ **Aury Hernandez**, a senior at Flushing International High School, was selected to participate in the prestigious American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) in Bangladesh. Aury left for Bangladesh in December 2011 to study climate change for six months! ■



Aury Hernandez



Please visit our **Facebook** page to learn more about our students' achievements!

## Internationals Model and Advocacy Efforts

■ Internationals' Executive Director and President, Claire E. Sylvan, and CUNY professor Ofelia Garcia recently published a study entitled "Pedagogies and Practices in Multilingual Classrooms; Singularities in Pluralities" in **The Modern Language Journal** 95, iii, 2011. The study examines how students' capacity to learn multiple language is built through key pedagogical principles within the Internationals Network of Public Schools. ■

■ Internationals believes a quality education will open the door to the American Dream for recently arrived immigrant students. This view was highlighted, among other things, in Felicia Krieg's article about NY State Board of Regents and State Education Commissioner's recent endorsement of the passage of the DREAM Act (**Legislative Gazette**, Oct 2011). ■



Actor Steve Buscemi (right) with Marco Tepox (left)

## International High School at Prospect Heights Alumni Wins Film Award!

■ **Marco Tepox**, a former student at International High School at Prospect Park, received the Prestigious F. John Outcalt Award for his film "Sin Marcha Atras", a story about teen pregnancy in the Latino community. Congratulations Marco! ■

## Oakland Students Publish a Book

■ **Students** at Oakland International High School published a graphic art book called *Immigration* in which they narrate their personal experiences as recent immigrants adapting to a new culture. This innovative school program was developed by school teacher **Thi Bui**, who immigrated to the United States from Vietnam in 1978 and authored the book "The Best We Could Do". ■



A page from "Labor", the first chapter of Thi Bui's book *The Best We Could Do*

## Internationals High Schools in the Media and Educational Research Studies ...

### ■ International High School at Union Square

was featured in an October article in the **New York Times** about the *Principal for A Day* program, part of a PENCIL's city wide initiative to build relationships between business leaders and principals of public schools. ■

■ A recent **Anthology & Education Quarterly** (Vol.42, 2011) study explored how two Internationals High Schools effectively provide low income English language learners students with the academic & social skills to support college readiness. ■

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### - Upcoming Events -

**February/March 2012 :**

Induction Institutes

**August 2012 :** Summer Institute

**August 2012 :** Summer PD

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