

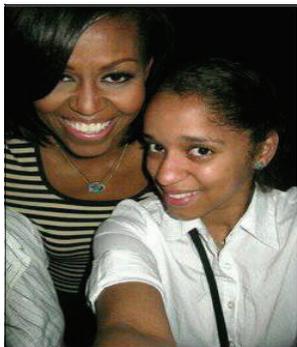
Another Year, Another School Opening !

New International High School to open in the Bronx!

Close to three decades after opening our very first International high school in Queens, Internationals is partnering with the NYC department of Education to open its 16th International high school this fall. The new school - called Claremont International High School - will be located on the Taft High School campus in the Bronx and will serve approximately eighty nine English language learner students in the 9th grade. Elizabeth Demchack, currently participating in a leadership internship at Brooklyn International High School, will head the new school. We look forward to keeping you posted on the school's and students' progress! ■

The First Lady Goes Bowling with International High School at Lafayette students

– Farah Michele, Jennifer Vasquez, and Alex Zhong had a once in a lifetime opportunity to go bowling with First Lady Michelle Obama thanks to the school-based mentoring program iMentor NYC. iMentor connects high school students in 1-to-1 relationships with supportive adult mentors. ■



First Lady Michelle Obama (left) with International High School at Lafayette student Jennifer Vasquez (right).

More Internationals News ...

■ When Brooklyn International High School students Cheick Ndiaye and Abubakarr Sow moved to the US from Senegal and Guinea respectively, they shared one dream in common – a chance at a better education. In January, Cheick and Abubakarr competed to accomplish yet another dream - to win a prestigious Mayors Cup wrestling title. Brooklyn International High School came in 13th position out of 73 teams in this year's prestigious Mayor's Cup team competition. Congratulations Cheick and Abubakarr! The NYC Mayor's Cup is a series of 12 sporting events that determines the best athletes in the City. ■



Front cover of the book "I am Oakland"

Oakland Internationals High School Students Publish a Book

■ Oakland International High School students published a collection of graphic stories titled WE ARE OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL under the guidance of art teacher Thi Bui. This beautiful collection of stories contains a sample of the unique experiences which brought these young adolescents to Oakland International High School. While some of the students were well educated in their country of origin, many escaped war torn regions of the world or lived in areas where there were no schools. For Ms. Bui, the language of comics became the means through which these recently arrived English language learners could begin to communicate their motives, dreams and challenges – a feeling Ms. Bui shares with her students having herself immigrated to the US from Vietnam as a child. The book is available on Amazon. ■

Induction Institutes

■ Two new foundational workshops were created this year to support faculty development both in and external to our network high schools. Through these day long sessions, new teachers were exposed to the five core principles of Internationals' proven pedagogical approach. The first workshop, titled *Let's Give 'Em Something to Talk About: Strategies for Integrating Language and Content*, focused on strategies that support all teachers in becoming language teachers, regardless of the content they teach. The second institute, *No More Parallel Play: Encouraging Meaningful Student Collaboration*, provided participants with meaningful strategies supporting language and content development in the classroom through student collaboration.

Impressively, half of the participants came from high schools external to the network, and from as far as Alexandria, VA. ■

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Internationals High Schools Hold Their First Science Fair!

■ We're excited to report on Internationals first Science Fair, held in March at International High School at Union Square. Guest speaker, Dr. Dickson Despommier of Columbia University and author of the book *The Vertical Farm: Feeding the World in the 21st Century*, spoke to a room full of enthusiastic students. His research focuses on the merits of vertical farming as an economically and environmentally viable way to cultivate plants in urban settings. After the presentation, student teams from five International High Schools presented their science projects and exchanged ideas on topics ranging from plant diversity to lab immersion experience. ■



Internationals high school students presenting and interacting at the Science fair



Johan Alarcon

International High Schools Internship Program

■ We recently welcomed Johan Alarcon, a junior at Brooklyn International High School, to his junior year internship at the offices of Internationals Network. Annually, hundreds of International High Schools' students engage in internships during their junior or senior year. Internships provide a real world, project-based learning experience designed to broaden students' skill sets while developing their professional knowledge. This program represents a valuable experiential component of the International High School curriculum. ■

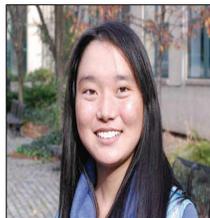


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Student Profile

■ Dolma Lhamo, an 11th grader at International High School at LaGuardia Community College (IHS@LCC), was born and raised in a nomadic community in rural Tibet where low literacy rates are prevalent and large proportions of the population do not have access to formal education. She moved to New York City with her family as a young teenager with limited English language skills. Through determination and support from her parents, the school's principal John Starkey, and her



Dolma Lhamo

teachers, Dolma is excelling in her academic and extra-curricular endeavors and is currently taking college level courses through the LaGuardia Early College program.

She has also found ways to express her strong sense of community by co-founding two school groups — the school's first Straight/Gay Alliance and the Himalayan Club. Most recently, Dolma was selected to represent International High Schools at the Middle College National Consortium Student Conference in South Carolina.

In her free time, Dolma performs Tibetan dance and is an actress and playwright with Judith Sloan's Earsay Theater Group. Her passions include playing basketball for her Chinatown travel team, spending time with her family and caring for the environment. She is currently doing an internship at "Go Green Western Queens". ■

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- Upcoming Events -

July 2012 :

Summer PD

August 2012 :

Summer Institute

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