

## Internationals Connect

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### World March for Peace and Non-Violence

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On November 30<sup>th</sup>, **Brooklyn International High School** did not let the rain and cold weather stop them from joining 800 other marchers in the World March for Peace and Non-Violence. The 400 students, faculty, and staff walked across the Brooklyn Bridge to city hall to show the world that wars, discrimination, violence, and hunger are not acceptable. This March started in New Zealand on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the anniversary of Gandhi's birthday and will end January 2<sup>nd</sup> in Argentina. Some of the permanent members of the March were impressed by BIHS senior, Gradjola Hazizaj, who spoke at city hall, telling the press and city councilors that at Brooklyn International, students all learn to get along no matter where they are from. She questioned why, if we could learn to accept and celebrate our different cultures, the world could not do the same? ■



Students Marching in the Rain



Students at City Hall



Tina Gao (center) with Michelle Obama and Maya Nussbaum, Executive Director of Girls Write Now

### International High School at Lafayette News

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- On November 4th, one of our seniors, Tina Gao, met Michelle Obama through Girls Write Now mentoring and writing program! Click here to watch her journey to The White House:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/>

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Chess Team taking home 2nd place!

- **IHS at Lafayette's** chess team took 2nd place at the Frederick Douglas Academy Veteran's Day Chess tournament. They took 2nd place out of 19 teams in the non-rated beginner section bringing home a team plaque with individual members bringing home trophies (Elinton and Darwin) and medals (Morshed). We are so proud of these guys, they put in an incredible amount of effort!

### Other Network News

**M**ichael Soet, Principal at IHS at Lafayette, had his first essay published! Click here to read Michael's story about being a principal at an International High School:  
<http://ourtownny.com/?p=4900>

**K**ara MacDevitt, a science teacher at IHS at Lafayette, was featured in the Fund for Teachers newsletter for her work with water treatment in Southeast Asia this past summer. Click here to read the article:  
[http://www.fundforteachers.org/newsletter/09/odyssey\\_holiday09.pdf](http://www.fundforteachers.org/newsletter/09/odyssey_holiday09.pdf)

### Internationals Press

**Check out Peter Goodman's blog where he said:** *"We agree that one of the best schools in the city, as defined by their Progress Report grade is Brooklyn International High School. The principal, Pam Taranto, had a long career as an exemplary classroom teacher, and learned to be an exemplary principal in her own school. What is it about Pam and the teachers in Brooklyn International that stands apart from other schools? Can other schools, principals and teachers, learn from Brooklyn International?"*

<http://mets2006.wordpress.com/2010/01/02/resolutions-for-the-new-year-cast-aside-the-conflict-of-the-past-and-lets-create-a-new-climate-to-combat-the-coming-abyss/>

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