

## Internationals Connect

November 2009

### College Ahoy!

Yadira Echevarria  
Community Coordinator and Public Relations

As International Community High School's first class of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students begin the school year, it is with great pleasure that we are able to report back about the first college field trip for the 2009-2010 school year. On Wednesday, September 23, 140 students bubbling with possibility and excitement visited six colleges across New York City to catch a glimpse of what life as a college student might be like. Twelfth grader Abdourahmame Diallo said of his trip to SUNY Maritime College, "Visiting the college made me glad to see that there is a way for non-documented immigrant students like me to attend college ... it made me feel like this is something that I can do." Reflecting back on his four years at ICHS as he prepares to graduate in June, Abdourahmame feels that ICHS did a great job preparing him, and looks forward to the future: "I feel confident." The ICHS team looks on at our seniors with pride as they begin their journey to success, seeing in them the seeds of our hard work and dedication coming to fruition. Go seniors, go! ■

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**-Abdourahmame Diallo**  
Senior at International  
Community High School



ICHS students envision a future at a SUNY college

### College Now at Lafayette

Cindy Choi  
Data Specialist

This semester The International High School at Lafayette has its largest College Now enrollment ever. Over 100 students are participating in college courses such as Writing, Mass Communications, and Criminal Science. Also, for the first time at Lafayette, College Now courses are being offered at the campus level, providing an opportunity for students of various schools to take classes together. Ultimately this will lead to a greater range of courses offered each semester. Finally, IHS at Lafayette is looking to the future in its partnership with College Now at Kingsborough Community College. There are plans to reach out to younger students to get them involved during 10<sup>th</sup> and possibly even the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Currently, two students are taking a Behavioral and Social Sciences course that prepares them for competition in the Intel Behavioral and Social Science Talent Search. ■



A student meeting her mentor

## iMentor Kickoff

Lilian Ghali

On October 14th, Brooklyn International High School hosted the annual kickoff event for the iMentor program. This is the fifth year that we have been partnering with iMentor, a non-profit organization that matches our students with mentors who share similar interests. After emailing each other for several weeks, the mentors and mentees finally got to meet face-to-face, getting to know each other over a pizza party. The turnout was great, with more than thirty pairs meeting. We look forward to another successful year with iMentor, filled with educational experiences, mentoring, and fun trips to great places around the city. ■

## Other BKIHS News

### New York Cares Day - October 17th

Volunteers from all over the city converged at BIHS to celebrate New York Cares Day. Working together with BIHS students and faculty, volunteers painted three murals and cleaned several classrooms and offices. The result was a brighter, cleaner, inspirational space for learning. A big thank you to Lafayette International and PAIHS for their help!

### DNA Learning Center Field Trips

Students on the 11th grade team visited the Harlem DNA Lab to test their mitochondrial DNA. Over the next few weeks, they will be analyzing their genetic sequences and comparing their sequences with their classmates to see how closely related they are to one another. The final lab write-up and presentation will be used for their graduation portfolio.

## PAIHS off to a great start!

Carly Fox

Coordinator of Special Programs

Pan American International High School got off to a great start this year with some exciting press opportunities. Our school was featured in October's addition of the UFT publication – The NY Teacher as part of a back to school article and on CNN En Espanol on Monday October 26th as part of their "Latinos in America" series. Check out the footage [here](#).

We've also had some terrific outings. On October 1st, all of our ninth and tenth graders participated in Make the Road NY's Democracy Day, crossing the Brooklyn Bridge to Manhattan to advocate for health access for immigrants, and our very own Guadalupe Gracida



Students participate in tug-of-war at the Pan Am Games

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gave a testimonial speech. Six of our students were invited to speak at the Teacher's College Conference "The Educational Needs and Strengths of Mexican Youth and Families" on October 3rd. On October 9th, we left the confines of our building and headed to Flushing Meadow Park for our bi-annual "Pan Am Games" where we had a rousing day of track and field activities. And, this week several students went to see "In the Heights" on Broadway. ■



Students at Columbia University for the conference

## Get to know our Network:

### Racing for a Cure

Ever thought of running 13.1 or 26.2 miles for a cause? Janine Martyr, Academic Affairs Associate at Internationals Network, is currently training to do just that. As part of the Team in Training NYC Chapter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Janine will be running in the ING Miami Marathon on January 31, 2010. To follow her blog and find out more about her race to cure blood cancer, please click on the following links:

<http://janinerunsforcure.blogspot.com>

<http://pages.teamintraining.org/nyc/miami10/jmartyr>

### Internationals in the News:

#### ABS CBN NEWS:

<http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/pinoy-migration/balitang-america/09/24/09/san-francisco-launches-high-school-immigrants>

### Thanksgiving Tribute

#### Monday, November 23, 2009

6:00 pm: Reception      7:00-8:00 pm: Program  
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