

LHS-IBPA NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Lakewood High School IBPA

IB COORDINATOR END OF YEAR REMARKS

It feels like it was August a few weeks ago and here we are finishing this school year. There are so many things to be thankful for this year. First of all, great job to all of our 2024 IB graduates. You worked very hard, you were inquisitive, creative, fun, amazing! I can not wait to see all the amazing things you get to do in the upcoming years.

Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers, we could not have done all of this without you. Here are just a few notable events that took place starting in September and ending in May, in addition to many days of testing and volunteering!:

- General meeting on 5 Best IB Practices
- Chalk Fest - Social Event
- Junior/Senior IB retreat
- IB and college general meeting
- IB class of 2023 Diploma ceremony
- IB Grads tell all general meeting
- 2-year IB plan general meeting for sophomores and parents
- IB banquet



It certainly takes a village, and you all stepped up when the students and teachers needed you and we are so thankful. You are all raising amazing children that will leave a mark on the world to make it better. It takes a lot of effort and time to be successful in a program that teaches you to know how to rise to the challenge when things are tough. Our program and the heart of the program, our students, staff and parents/guardians show that effort daily!

I am also ecstatic to announce that Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan has accepted and will be transitioning to the EE/CAS Coordinator in the IB program. She has been a Biology teacher for 25 years, specifically teaching AP Biology, General Biology and IB HL Biology at Lakewood High School since 2007. She is originally from Illinois and received a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from Southern Illinois University. After working for the US Forest Service, she returned to school and received her educational certification from Marycrest University. She is a National Board Certified Teacher in Adolescent and Young Adult Science and was awarded the Fulbright Teaching for a Global Classroom Fellowship in 2019 where she was able to visit schools in Morocco in 2022. She is really looking forward to taking on the role of CAS and EE Coordinator in the fall and we couldn't be happier to have her.

As you are all aware by now, Mr. Dan Bock is moving back to teaching and leaving Lakewood High School at the end of the year. Our new principal Mr. Josh Kraft is ecstatic to be back at Lakewood High School and continue his principal career here and continue the amazing LHS tradition, especially IB.

Last few reminders for over the summer since IB is a family journey. Make sure rising Seniors are working on their Extended Essays and connecting with their advisors when needed. Mrs. Morgan and I will be hosting a EE work day for any students that need a place to check in and work on Thursday 7/18 from 9-1 in the LHS lecture center.

The results for all students that tested in the May 2024 session will be available after July 5th and all of the students have their access information shared with them already.

Our summer homework is up and running, make sure your students keep checking it to make sure that you are not missing anything. Link to [Summer Homework](#)

Enjoy your summer and to my seniors - "You got this! Go and take on your next adventure" and my juniors "See you next year!"
- Ana Schultz, LHS IB Coordinator

Coming up!

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2027: Sarah Bromiel

FROM THE CHAIR

Dear IB and Pre-IB Families,

Congratulations to our Class of 2024 and our LHS students finishing this school year! I write this letter with all the “feels” as our son graduates – happy and excited for his future, sad that he’s leaving our nest, and proud of the young man he has become.



We’ve been so pleased with LHS and loved being a part of this IB community for the last 6 years. Looking back, I wish I had known these things about LHS and the IB Program:

1. Academic Rigor. The IB program challenged our kids and provided the academic rigor they craved. Thank you to our LHS teachers for delivering on this promise and nurturing their curiosity, writing skills, and young minds. This was the best college preparation program for my kids. Our kids said they learned how to learn and understand the material, not just memorize.
2. Diversity. We loved the diversity and inclusion at Lakewood. We experienced diversity in ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic, gender, and unified programs and celebrated the exceptional talent of these amazing students in sports, performing arts, music, senate, clubs, and so many extracurricular activities. LHS felt like a family, unique in each of their own ways.
3. Biggest IB Program. We have the oldest and largest IB Diploma Program in Jefferson County which means our students are surrounded, supported, and challenged by a significant number of peers. Being smart might even be considered cool, maybe. The larger IB program also allowed more class electives like IB Chinese, IB Math HL, IB Theater that smaller IB programs can’t provide.
4. Pass Rate Success. We have a consistent IB Diploma pass rate of 95% and better. I didn’t realize there are IB certificate programs offered at other schools with some IB classes, but our kids are completing a full IB diploma program at an impressive success rate. This speaks to the support that our teachers and our IB leadership provides.
5. IBPA Parent Group. This group warmly welcomed me and allowed me to support the IB program from behind the scenes. IBPA introduced me to many resourceful parents who shared a similar mindset to support their children’s goals. I’ve truly enjoyed working and getting to know our 25+ parent volunteers this school year and look forward to hearing updates about their journeys in the future.

I’d like to thank Dan Bock for his leadership and unwavering support for IB. Many of you may not know that he fought for our IB program to continue, even when it came under question during Covid. He has dedicated so much energy and dedication to LHS and we are so grateful that he was our principal for the last 7 years. We wish him all the best in his next chapter!

I also want to introduce Liz Schneringer, our IBPA Chair for 2024-2025 school year. Liz, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Giusto, and our returning IBPA parents have great ideas for next year and I encourage you to reach out and get involved. You are in wonderful hands for a smooth transition!

In closing, Lakewood IB has been a positive experience for our family. Tell your 8th grade family friends who are thinking about high school options and look out for our IB Info Nights in October!

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Ann Koerner, IBPA Chair for 2023-2024, lakewoodibpa@gmail.com

Lakewood IB Class of 2024

Congratulations to the graduating IB Class of 2024!!



Way to go! Here's where our 2024 IB grads are going!

Isabel Aldrich, Virginia Tech
Caleb Angulo, Regis University
Amelie Audibert, Lund University
Marcella Bennett, University of Alabama
Sydney Bihm - University of Colorado, Boulder
Nathaniel Blanchard - Colorado School of Mines
Connie Blanco - TBD
Samantha Cameron - Montana State University
Michael Casler - TBD
Reina Castro-Johnson, Baruch College
Colin Chow - University of Colorado, Boulder
Bryn Cohn - TBD
Thomas Combs - TBD
Lily (Yun) Craddock - University of Oregon
Peter Cremona - Colorado School of Mines
Meron Damtew - Colorado College
Margaux Dempsey - University of Colorado, Boulder
Emma Disner - Colorado School of Mines
Luke Duntley - University of Montana
Jacob Durso - Colorado College
Julian Feiveson - Whitman College
Thalia Garman - Red Rocks Community College
Maya Glazer - University of Colorado, Boulder
Helen Goldberg - Colorado State University
Lauren Hacke - University of California, LA
Ellary Hammermeister Suger - Chapman University
Adaleigh Hellman - Indiana University

Elise Henderson - Brown University
Sophia Ho - University of Colorado, Boulder
Ryan Hoang - University of Colorado, Denver
Hailey Holman - Colorado School of Mines
Joel Hughes - Whitman College
Sage Icaza - Gap Year
Anish Jahagirdar - University of Colorado, Boulder
Piper Jahn - TBD
Preslie Jerebker - Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Adelaide Joy - Maastricht University
Sydney Joy - University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Titus Kallander - Grand Canyon University
Vivek Khan - TBD
Isabella Kim - TBD
Tahlia Knoshaug - Boston Conservatory
Collin Koenig - Colorado State University
Caden Koerner - University of Texas at Austin
Miriam Koller - Colorado School of Mines
Cameron Kramp - Colorado School of Mines
Milo Lamas - Purdue University
Cora Larson - Colorado State University
Sheridan Lee - Colorado Mesa University
Clara Lillie - California Polytechnic State University
Makyla Magid - University of Southern Maine
Adan Marquez - University of Colorado, Boulder
Sienna Mascarenaz - Colorado State University
Joshua (Quinn) Matteson - Yale University

Ren Mears - Colorado State University
Stella Meyer - University of Colorado, Boulder
Ana Munoz Esparza - TBD
Julia Narva - University of Arizona
Derek-Doan Nguyen - University of Colorado, Denver
Erick Nieves Perez - TBD
Muhammad Nuliadi - Yale University
Gabriella Orizaba - TBD
Sahil Patel - University of Colorado, Boulder
Haleigh Patton - University of Connecticut
Miranda Pearson - Santa Clara University
Liliana Poast Soler - Emerson College
Jillian Ray - St. Olaf College
Thomas Reddinger - Pennsylvania State University
Kate Schneringer - University of Colorado, Boulder
John Schumacher - Macalester College
Tamara Smith - Colorado School of Mines
Elizabeth Swanson - University of Denver
Sara Mei Tinker - Northeastern University
Audrey Utz - University of Colorado, Boulder
Sawyer Vale - University of Colorado, Boulder
Michael Vollone - University of Colorado, Boulder
Calder Vladika - University of Oregon
Maisa Volk - TBD
Alex Wong - University of Denver
Clayton Zenisek - University of Colorado, Boulder

2024 IBPA Senior Banquet

2024 IB SENIOR BANQUET, HOSTED BY THE LHS - IBPA



Dan Bock and Caleb Angulo
receiving his IB cord



Maizy Hoffman, Tahlia Knoshaug performing
"For Good"



Meron Damtew



LHS-IBPA Chairperson, Ann
Koerner



Lauren Hacke



IBPA Scholarship co-chair
Meredith Johnson



IBPA Scholarship co-chair
Carol Fabbri



Adeleigh Hellman playing harp



IB Coordinator Ana Schultz

IB Class of 2024 Scholarship Winners

THANK YOU to all who so generously donated to the 2024 LHS-IBPA Scholarship fund!

The LHS-IBPA is pleased to present six scholarships totaling \$13,000 to the following seniors:
(from left to right): Margaux Dempsey, Julian Feiveson, Lauren Hacke, Caden Koerner, Miriam Koller, Kate Schneringer



2024 JIM FERNALD IB SCHOLARSHIP

Jim Fernald was born November 27, 1956 in Washington, DC, the only child of Art and Jean Fernald. They moved to Lakewood, Colorado in 1965. Mr. Fernald graduated from Lakewood High School in 1975. He received a math degree from Northwestern University in 1979 and a math education degree from the University of Minnesota in 1982. He received a master's degree in Education at the University of Colorado at Denver in 1992. He taught math in Aurora Public Schools, mostly at Rangeview High School from 1982 - 2004. He finished his teaching career at his alma mater, Lakewood High School, teaching math and Theory of Knowledge from 2004 - 2014. After retirement, he still substituted at Lakewood High and attended many school events. His favorite job was helping to plan graduation activities. Mr. Fernald passed away in 2020. His generous support for Lakewood HS IB seniors continues through his endowment to the school under the stewardship of the LHS Foundation.

Congratulations!

A special congratulations to our Jim Fernald Memorial Fund Scholarship recipients:

Margaux Dempsey
Caden Koerner
Colin Chow
Sydney Bihm
Elizabeth Swanson
Tamara Smith

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Thank You 2023–24 LHS-IBPA Board and Committee Chairs!

Amanda McCord-Icaza
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Liz Schneringer
Mary Lou Mobley
Meredith Johnson
Mettet Karpinski
Michele Short
Nancy Dempsey
Rebecca Katzer
Sarah Bromiel
Sheri Visani
Sue Ferrere
Susan Miller-Youll
Suzanne Hoffman

A special thanks and congrats to our nine senior parents!

Amanda McCord-Icaza
Amy Swanson
Ann Koerner
Bretton Utz
Jen Matteson
Kim Hughes
Liz Schneringer
Michele Short
Nancy Dempsey

We'd love for you to join us!

[VOLUNTEER INTEREST](#)



It's always a Great Day to be an (IB) Tiger!

Join the LHS-IBPA!

Now you can easily sign up for IBPA membership online! Simply go to our new [website](#), and use our secure online-payment system. You can also pay for your membership via Infinite Campus in your students fee account.

Our modest dues enable the LHS - IBPA to help Lakewood's renowned IB program in many significant ways. So if you're not already a member, please join today. The LHS - IBPA is a 501(c)3 organization - Tax ID Number 46-1450238.

Special Note to Families of Seniors: For your senior to be eligible to apply for a scholarship from the LHS - IBPA in the spring of graduation year, a parent or guardian must be a member by February 1st of that year.

Your \$20 IBPA membership goes a long way each year! Thanks for making a difference!



IBPA Benefits

A benefit for LHS-IBPA Members Only! Did you know you can effortlessly earn contributions to defray your student's AP and IP test exams?

The LHS - IBPA is pleased to offer two programs for member to earn credit towards IB and AP testing fees while also supporting the organization. 10% of the overall donations from both programs will be allocated to the LHS-IBPA general fund and you must be a member of the LHS - IBPA to take advantage of this opportunity!

- Click [here](#) for information on Kings Soopers
- Click [here](#) for information for RaiseRight. Please use RaiseRight enrollment code E55D914764982.





Resources

Stay connected with LHS-IBPA on social media!

- Facebook Page: We have created a [Facebook page](#) that shares reminders and helpful information for upcoming IBPA meetings and events. Like us on Facebook @LakewoodIBPA
- Facebook Group: We also have a private [Facebook Group](#) if you're more comfortable asking questions or getting advice that is only seen by members in the group, your fellow IBPA parents, both new and experienced. Join the group here or search for Lakewood IBPA Parents.
- Instagram: [Our Instagram](#) @LakewoodIBPA account shares IBPA reminders and information, similar to our Facebook page.
- LinkedIn: Connect with the [Lakewood IBPA professional community](#) by following Lakewood High School IBPA and add Lakewood IB students, alumni, and families to your growing network. We look forward to connecting with you!

To strengthen support for IB and IB prep families, we have added resource links to the newsletter. We hope they will come in handy. If you have a link you would like to recommend, please submit it to lakewoodibpa@gmail.com.

Mental Health

- [Robbie's Hope](#)
- [The Second Wind Fund](#)
- [Colorado Wellness Center for Girls](#)
- [Colorado Crisis Services](#)

College Planning/Career Readiness

- [Going Merry](#)
- [IB Scholarships](#)
- [Lakewood High School Counseling](#)
- [Naviance: Student Success](#)
- [National Association for College Admission Counseling](#)

Student Aid

- [Student Aid Assistance](#)

International Baccalaureate Organization

- [Lakewood High School IB](#)
- [About the IB](#)

Gifted and Talented

- [Jefferson County Gifted and Talented](#)
- [Terry Bradley, M.A. - Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Children](#)

Stress Management

- [Manage Stress through Mindfulness](#)