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The IB Programme Newsletter

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Announcing Top 10 IB Seniors



WSHS is proud to announce the following Top 10 IB Seniors in rank order. *Not pictured, Ankit Ambatipudi*

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| 1. Lane Randa | 6. Agnivesh Kaundinya |
| 2. Edward Collins | 7. Joseph Curran |
| 3. Ankit Ambatipudi | 8. Calvin Bates |
| 4. Aiden Adamson | 9. Evelyn Cui |
| 5. Abhinav Malholtra | 10. Shruti Likhite |

Attention Families of IB Juniors

The IB Pinning Ceremony for Juniors is Monday, February 26, from 6 to 7 p.m. and will be held in the auditorium. Please plan to attend this event to acknowledge our juniors for their hard work and dedication to academic excellence.

Preparing schedules for next year

As Pre-IB and IB students prepare to register for their fall classes, choices can be tough as WSHS has a number of electives available to our students. This year some of our pre-IB students became members of the *Bear Truth News* staff, learning journalist writing, photography skills, and elements of layout and design using InDesign. Dr. Vickers is the sponsor.

Culinary and Latinos in Action are popular electives. Recently, these two groups teamed up to host



a gala at the Rosen School for Hospitality. The theme was "A Night in Paris." IB senior, Kiera Ordonez helped run the event. Chef Efland and Ms. Perez are the sponsors.

When selecting courses, we recommend that our incoming freshmen take Seminar as it will afford them the opportunity to learn organizational skills, provide time to work on homework or collaborate on projects, and to receive tutoring if needed.

Upcoming Events

IB Pinning Ceremony for Juniors is Monday, February 26 from 6 to 7 p.m.

IB Club meets every third Tuesday.

HOSA meets very third Wednesday. State Competition- April

Chemistry Club- meets in room 6-214.

Deadline for IB Magnet Applications has been extended. Application Link- <https://scpsflc.scribborder.com>

IB 10th grade Registration Presentation LINK: <https://forms.gle/5vhE4eVBfd6Pd6Zp8>

IB 11th grade Registration Presentation LINK: <https://forms.gle/Sie8vfSRsn-15SYF96>

IB 9th grade Registration LINK: <https://forms.gle/zezCEVAExkrfjQNX7>

Lash provides guidance **HOSA impresses at Regionals**

Faculty Spotlight



Jami Lash-Walker has served as a guidance counselor in the state of Florida for six years and has become the resident expert in all things IB. As a graduate from the University of Florida, Ms. Lash-Walker earned a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Bachelor of Science in Family, Youth and Community Science, a Master's in School Counseling and Guidance, and a Specialist in Education.

This quarter she has been visiting our undergraduate classes to discuss curriculum and scheduling details for the upcoming registration process. She also conducted an 8th grade presentation at SSA and met with potential Pre-IB students and their families at the Bear Necessities Curriculum Night.

When not working with our students, Ms. Lash-Walker enjoys cooking, running, ultimate frisbee, and swing dancing. When reflecting on what she enjoys most about the IB Program, she said, "I enjoy assisting students in their applications to college and helping them realize and achieve their dreams after high school!"



Clockwise from top left: Poojita Kanumuri and Diya Patel with their Health Career Display.

Hosa Competitors and Sponsor Dr. Paula Vickers. Competitors take a break between events. First place winner, Nya Brotherson. Several award winners.

HOSA (Future Health Professionals) placed in several events at the Southeast Regional HOSA Competition held at Deltona High School on January 20. Nya Brotherson placed First in Researched Persuasive Writing and Speaking, causing the audience to go wild!

More cheers could be heard when Poojita Kanumuri and Diya Patel earned Second Place with their Health Career Display. HOSA club president, Saisamanvi Nadimpalli and Swathi Subramanian also impressed the crowd with their Second Place ranking for Medical Innovation.

Rohita Kanumuri kept the winning streak alive by earning Third Place in Job Seeking Skills and to round out the wins Anna

Webb, Kayla Monsalve, Audrey Hale, Vrinda Chitadi, and Paulina Rodriguez took home Fifth Place for Creative Problem Solving.

Kaitlin Brosch (Round One Winner), Shruti Likhite, (Round One Winner), Yashna Singh, Bianca Andrea Perez, Julia Shearer, and Sheryl Daniel gave an impressive showing in the categories of Veterinary Science, Biotechnical Science, Health Career Display, Job Seeking Skills, and Behavior Health.

HOSA competitors who placed at regionals are scheduled to represent WSHS at the State competition in April at the Marriott Orlando World Center. Dr. Paula Vickers is the sponsor of HOSA. Any student interested in a medical career is welcome to join the club.

Attention 8th grade parents of future Pre-IB students

Attention 8th grade parents of Future WSHS Pre-IB Students:

If your child will be attending Winter Springs High School next school year, please see the following information from WSHS regarding the Orientation & Registration process: Incoming 9th grade course selection process.

WSHS is excited to be working with you next school year in August 2024! Recently, we emailed parents with the links and PowerPoints that detail the registration process. These links can be found on our school's website under

IB. Please go to the link to access the course selection process. We have also created a helpful Orientation Video that will answer our most frequently asked questions and will guide you through the process for selecting your WSHS Pre-IB Freshmen courses.

Please make sure your child completes the required Google Course Selection Form by February 17.

The course selection information for incoming freshmen can also be found on our website. There is also a link to the Curriculum Vid-

eo: 24-25 Curriculum Video.

Families: Please choose either the PowerPoint Presentation or Video to watch as crucial step to this process for guidance.

For additional help, please email Dr. Vickers at Paula_Vickers@scps.k12.fl.us or Ms. Lash-Walker at lashjz@scps.k12.fl.us



Beta Club wins several awards at State Competition



The WSHS Beta Club competed at the State Beta Convention in Orlando this past weekend. We had several winners at the State Convention: Danielle Young (3rd Place, Speech), Yashna Singh (3rd Place, Biomedical 11th Grade), Rachel Shuai (2nd Place, Math 9th Grade), Ethan Bai (3rd Place, Agriscience 9th Grade), and the Quiz Bowl Team placed in the Top 8 in the State (Joe Curran, Calvin Bates, Chris Baker, Max Lang). The state winners qualify to move on to the National Beta Conven-

tion this summer. Additional students who competed: Dayanna Panchana (Performing Arts Solo Variety Act, Visual Arts Painting), Sumeira Singh (Onsite Art Drawing, Science grade 9), Chris Baker (Science 12th grade), Caitlin Brosch (Science 11th grade), Ava Grace (Book Battle, Language Arts grade 12), Madison Livingston (Book Battle), Yashna Singh (Visual Art Drawing), Abhinav Malhotra (Math grade 12), Alani Pagan-Brainin (Book Battle). The Beta Club sponsor is Ms. Kathy Brosch.



Top from left: Ethan Bai, Danielle Young, Joe Curran, Christopher Baker, Max Lang, Calvin Bates, Yashna Singh, Rachel Shuai. Bottom from left: Dayanna Panchana, Sumeira Singh