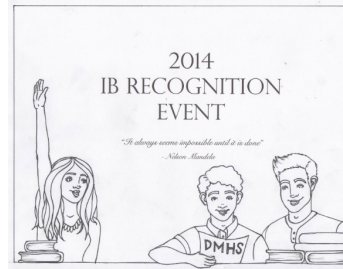


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**The 2013 Desert Mountain High School
International Baccalaureate Recognition Event
Sunday, May 18, 2013**

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is this Event?

This is the eleventh annual Recognition Event that brings the entire IB community together to celebrate the accomplishments of our Program and our wonderful students. **The event is sponsored by the International Baccalaureate Parent Association.**

Who attends this Event?

This event is attended by all four grades, new rising IB students (currently accepted IB 8th grade students), extended family, friends and siblings. Most of the IB Faculty attends and many bring their own family members. **SUSD Governing Board Members** and other District personnel will also attend. **All students, at every level, are honored, as are our teachers and administrators. This is NOT just an event for the Seniors!**

Is it too late to RSVP?

No! We are grateful for all timely RSVPs, since responses helped us plan the event, but **we know** that some families could not make an earlier plan to attend. We will welcome all who RSVP this week as well as those who may find that they are able to attend on the day of the Event. You can also RSVP to treasurer@dmibpa.org and make your donation through PayPal on the home page www.dmibpa.org or at the event on Sunday. We hope that you will be able to come!

Finances are tight this year. Is a donation required?

No! A donation is simply suggested. The IBPA uses the funds that are contributed by our parents to purchase items for the classroom and to fund this Event. We appreciate all donations, but we know that many families are also experiencing tight budgets. All donations are tax deductible. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of whether they make a donation.**

Are current Diploma and pre-Diploma IB students expected to arrive early?

Yes! It is important to arrive on time so that instructions are not missed. Each class will sit together.

Seniors will meet Mrs. Desmond and Mr. Yang at **1:00 PM** in the far west Socratic Pod in the Mall.

Juniors will meet Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Scott in the front of the auditorium at **1:00 PM**.

Sophomores will meet Mrs. Simonson and Mrs. Cooley in the east pod of the Auditorium at **1:30 PM**.

Freshmen flag bearers will meet Mrs. Siefert and Mrs. Robinson in the east Socratic Pod at **1 PM**.

When should 8th grade students and all other family members arrive?

We are planning on having a slide show of IB students in action before the program begins. Please plan to arrive and be seated in time to enjoy the photos. The

Freshmen Flag Ceremony and Senior Processional will begin promptly at 2:00 PM. As a courtesy to the other guests, we will ask that if you should arrive after this time, you wait to come in until the seniors have all entered.

Where should we park?

Please park in the east parking lot (by Mountainside) and enter through the east doors.

Must we register?

No! This year, we are not asking the parents to register. This has been quite time consuming in the past and we know that your time is valuable. If you haven't sent in your donation and would still like to make one, we will have a table where you can hand in your donation. A receipt will be emailed to you.

What is the attire?

We request that all attendees dress nicely for this special occasion. We also advise

Senior Class ladies, who will climb stage steps and sit facing the audience, to wear comfortable shoes and skirts of an appropriate length. We ask gentlemen to wear long pants and a collared shirt. Coats and ties are unnecessary, but we ask that shorts and tee shirts not be worn.

How are Seniors honored?

Seniors will enter the auditorium in a procession and be seated together on the stage. Mr. Sheh will deliver a keynote address. The seniors have been asked to write a short introduction about themselves which will be read by Mr. Pantier and Mrs. Drewnowski as they stand on stage. Each senior will be congratulated and presented with the medallions and tassels that they will wear at graduation.

Important instructions will be conveyed to Seniors in the far west Socratic Pod in the Mall at 1:00 PM.

I heard that there will be Senior bios in the program. Is this true?

Yes! This year's printed program will have the seniors' pictures and information that they provided about their interests and passions, the college they plan to attend, and what IB means to them.

Will we learn more about IB Senior College acceptance and attendance?

The most current information will be printed in the Recognition Event Program.

What will the Juniors be doing during the Recognition Event?

The Juniors are helping us host this event again this year. They will be handing out programs, greeting guests, giving out name tags, welcoming the Sophomores into the Diploma program, and distributing gifts to the teachers. Dr. Wells will give highlights of the junior year. They will also sit together in the auditorium. **Juniors will meet Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Scott in the front of the Auditorium at 1:00 PM.**

What is the Sophomore Commitment Ceremony?

We are very proud of all sophomores who have committed to IB Diploma Candidacy, and we want them to know! Each sophomore will be individually honored on stage by representatives of the junior class who will welcome them into the full Diploma Program.

Mrs. Simonson and Mrs. Cooley will convey important instructions to Sophomores in the east pod at 1:30 PM.

What will be the Freshmen's role?

To demonstrate our international commitment and perspective, the IBPA purchased flags from some of the countries with ties to the program here at DMHS.

Representatives of the freshmen class will carry these flags into the auditorium,

providing escort for the seniors. After placing the flags on stage, they will return to sit with the rest of their classmates who will already be seated.

Freshmen flag bearers will meet Mrs. Siefert and Mrs. Robinson in the east Socratic Pod at 1 PM.

What will our 8th grade, rising IB student experience?

We would like to welcome the rising 9th graders to the IB program. Your family will have an opportunity to place faces with names. Eighth grade students will hear about how IB Seniors have pursued their passions and accomplishments, both in and out

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Will there be a reception following the ceremony?

Yes! Not only will there be a reception, there will be an IB Art Showcase featuring works by our students. This will be held in the Hall of Flags, immediately following the ceremony. If you don't know where this is, just follow the kids. They will lead you straight to the food!

How long will the event last?

Our event runs a maximum of 90 minutes, and often is shorter. Our come-and-go reception afterwards lasts about an hour. You will have time for dinner, and for the rest of your Sunday afternoon.

**C'est fini! That's it, you can quit scrolling!
We look forward to seeing you on May 18th!**

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