



# LITTLETON HIGH SCHOOL

*Home of the Lions*

## International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

### IB Diploma Program Newsletter - November/December 2018

#### CAS news

##### ***Juniors: propose Integrated CAS Projects***

All IB juniors turned in their CAS Integrated Project Proposals at the beginning of December. Mrs. Clapsaddle will approve the proposals within the next week and then students can begin logging them in ManageBac. So far we have some interesting ideas including creating a dance boot camp for kids, leading educational nature walks, making a LHS IB promotional video, and working to get the symbol for invisible disabilities added to Colorado ID's. *All projects must be completed before the first day of senior year.*

##### ***Seniors: log all CAS experiences by January 1***

Before January 1, *all CAS experiences* must be logged and approved on ManageBac. Remember that the CAS completion deadline -- with all pieces of the program, including reflections and supervisor reviews -- is March 1, 2019.

#### What's happening in the classroom?

Students in Lisa Sutterer's IB European History class have been turning in 3 x 5 cards reflecting on the Learner Profile traits all semester. Her student assistants, Abby Lister and Ashlyn Moore, were tasked with compiling them and were so inspired by these writings that they wanted to throw the IB students an awards ceremony. Awards were given for "most motivational", "deepest thinker", "most thankful", and more. Thank you Abby and Ashlyn for organizing such a fun "ceremony" for our students.



#### YAY - the extended essay is finished!

IB seniors completed their extended essays right before Thanksgiving break. They will meet one last time with their adviser and finish their final reflection on the extended essay research and writing process. Students wrote on a variety of topics. Here are a few of their research questions.

- Sam Glaser: Global Politics essay "To what extent has the opioid epidemic affected pregnant mothers and newborns, and how should these effects shape public policy makers' response to the crisis in the United States and Colorado?"
- Christian Sapakoff: Psychology essay "How effective are running and walking as a treatment for depression as opposed to antidepressants or psychotherapy?"
- Carien Hoogwater: Mathematics essay "To what extent are derivatives elegant?"

**Field Trip to the Mizel Museum:** IB junior and senior history classes travelled to the Mizel Museum in Denver for a field trip with their teachers James Gordon and Lisa Sutterer. A holocaust survivor Sara Moses shared her experience at the Piotrków ghetto and later the Bergen Belsin camp, both in Poland, and discussed her reunion with her father after the liberation of the camps. We also watched a film about Hannah Szenes and a small group of other Jewish men and women from Palestine who parachuted into Hungary to help in the liberation effort. The afternoon entailed a tour of the museum where students could look at artifacts, symbols, art pieces, and photographs representing the complex and rich journey of the Jewish people throughout centuries.

**Boettcher Semi-finalists:** Congratulations to Ben Greenly and Emma Slenkovich. They received word over the break that they are semi-finalists for the Boettcher Scholarship. Congratulations!!



## Students share the benefits of IB with prospective families visiting at the LHS annual open house

We had several juniors and seniors who helped us spread the word about the benefits of the IB diploma program on our Lion Pride Preview night on November 14. Eight students served on our panel and fielded questions from eighth graders and their parents in the audience. Our senior leadership team members, Katie Hill, Ben Greenly, Nikki Procopio, and Trevor Stutzman, were able to speak from 16 months of experience as senior candidates.



--Nikki shared that she does go to bed at 9:30 pm every night and gets her homework finished.

--Ben shared his CAS project, which was starting a film club as his middle school, Littleton Preparatory Academy, and teaching middle schoolers to make films.

--Katie shared that Theory of Knowledge will change your life... in a good way.

These IB juniors (at left) are excited about their first three months of being IB diploma students.

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