



# Mat Matters

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Several important articles were inadvertently omitted from the final 2006-07 issue of *Mat Matters*, the May issue. This supplemental issue includes those articles, as well as other news.

*Mat Matters* will return in the fall of 2007 as an online publication only.

Enjoy your summer!

## The IS Program: Eleven Years Old and Growing

Many people spend time reflecting on the past year during the winter holidays. I know of many school teachers, myself included, who reflect on the past year in May and June. One of the healthiest aspects of International Studies is that it continues to develop and grow in so many ways.

The parent group has dramatically increased its support of the program. ISSPO saw its membership grow and increase its funding support for the program. Both of those areas are critical to the enrichment of the program and help to make sure the parent voice is heard within the IS program. An active ISSPO is very important to the long term success of the program.

TouchPoint projects continue to provide the faculty a forum to develop, refine, and improve curriculum. The opportunity for those in academics to focus on curriculum cannot be overstated. So often a faculty get pulled away from their real purpose in education.

Mira Loma is a special community and the warm emotional support and offering cold hard cash help begin what is a multi-year commitment to working with the children of Orfanatorio de Mazatlan. There are very few, if any, public high school attempting this sort of ongoing project.

So many people help to make Mira Loma a special place. Thanks you for your efforts.

If you have any comments or questions about the IS program please feel free to send me an email.

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## Help Bring Drama to High School...

Mira Loma has an exciting opportunity to overhaul its Drama classroom theatre. The Buck Foundation has awarded MLHS a challenge grant to purchase new lighting and sound equipment. The current equipment frequently fails and is so old it can't be repaired. For every \$1 MLHS raises for this project, the Buck Foundation will match it—to a total of \$70,000. Every donation is doubled!

IBPO will lead the effort to raise the required match, and we will need help from the entire Mira Loma community. Drama enrollment has grown to six classes and students from all MLHS programs are enrolled. Please give generously to bring Mira Loma's theatre into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Checks payable to IBPO-Drama can be sent to the IB treasurer, IB Parents Organization, PO Box 1901, Carmichael, CA 95609.

You may also contribute online: visit [www.miralomahigh.org/dramadonation.htm](http://www.miralomahigh.org/dramadonation.htm).

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## IS Extends Thanks to Ms. Frost

Valinda Frost has decided to move onto to new interests and will no longer help coordinate the IS Program. She has helped keep the IS program going and growing for the past three years and her efforts are appreciated. The IS program extends its thanks to Ms. Frost for all her help.

## Donate to Annual Used Book Drive!

ALL MLHS students are encouraged to donate their gently used English books to the annual used book drive. Collection boxes are in every English classroom from now through June 6.

For the past four years, this annual event has benefited the incoming senior class and underclassmen as well. Donated books are sold at half the cover price on the first Friday of the new school year. Students get required reading at bargain prices and seniors earn funds to help with costs of class activities. It's a win-win!

The sale's success depends on student donations. So clean out those bookshelves and donate! Say goodbye to The Great Gatsby and Gilgamesh, Mrs. Dalloway and MacBeth. Seniors-- Foreign language dictionaries are also welcome.

Questions? Contact Julia Graves at 454-5258. Thanks for your support.

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## IS Program Congratulates the 2007 Class

### Anticipated Diploma Candidates

Kayla Avakian	Sahah Mastrandrea
Vasyl Nesteryuk	Taylor Scigliano
Javier Avalos	Valeriy Dron
Arianna Keith	Gilda Mata
Wianyonnoh Nyanh	Ashika sharma
Oleg Banakh	Amanda Duncan
Christian Knauer	Veronica Mejia
Ashley Ogden	Michelle Sorensen
Peter Bagley	Daniela Gaj
Roniel Kumar	Alyssa Miranda
Minal Patel	Dmitriy Stepanov
Curtis Boucher	Jordan Haynes
Liana Matevosyan	Mike Montague
Marta Paunovic	Alexander Tam
Aaron Colley	Loren Jimenez
Timothy Manochehri	Yulia Mordovtseva
Anna Pennington	Sara Tribble
Jesse Conary	Ella Karashchuk
Nader Masarweh	George Karavan
Neema Rosta	Jessika Morrison
Kelleighe Dorris	Rebekah Westrup

## ISSPO Officers Needed

Normally an appeal for individuals to be officers for the parent group would come from the parents themselves. ISSPO is an important part of the IS program. ISSPO has grown over the past two year and it would impact what can be offered to IS students if board positions cannot be filled. The impact could include the loss of tax exempt status, reduced funding for program enrichment activities like field trips, guest speakers, and reduced funding for students who have a financial need. Please consider being an ISSPO officer.

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## IS 2007 Class (continued)

### Anticipated Certificate Candidates

Taylor Barkley  
Anna Kucher  
Neeka Saetes  
Christine Boylan  
Omid Lofti  
Agatha Smith  
Salina Contreras  
Isis Martinez  
David Torrez  
Steven Dean  
Lauren Mosher  
Alexandria Veliz  
James Fuchs  
Marcus Naisbitt  
Denis Zavertyev  
Tiffany Green  
Alexander Orozco  
Rico Howell  
Paige Ricci

## The Mira Loma IB Program Congratulates Its 2007 Candidates

### *Diploma Candidates*

Ali Alvandi	Joanna Nishimura
Molly Bennett	Kayla Odom
Jack Benson	Alexandra Paskulin
Stephen Berry	Beth Patel
Kelsey Broderick	Minesh Patel
Lovelee Brown	Prean Pillay
Edward Burns	Iemima Ploscariu
Steven Chin	Katilyn Price
George Carollo	Adel Rahbari
Michael Carter	Emily Ross
Vincent Chao	Maria Rusti
Courtney Chen	Albert Samaha
Titus Chen	Farah Sheikh
Lillian Chi	Moona Siddiqui
Jikyu Choi	Nicole Suleiman
Stella Choi	Sachi TakahashiRial
Alexandra Cone	Jack Timmons
Anisha Deshmane	Danica Truscott
Aleksander Dolgoter	Dawnory Tse
Natalya Dyachenko	Samuel Weiss
Falina Eldredge	Fan Wu
Nina Erdman	Steven Wu
Harold Fong	Samuel Yamshon
Christine Feng	
Brian Gouw	
Steven Grives	
Elizabeth Hanson	
Whai Yin Hsu	
Russell Hui	
Jillian Jackson	
Selene Jamall	
Kristina Kangas	
Augustin Kim	
Joseph Kim	
Aimee Kindel	
Anirudha Kinhal	
Marianna Kong	
Tiffany Kwan	
Spencer Lin	
Kevin Liu	
Mateusz Malinowski	
SoJung Moon	
Theodor Morrow	
Carly Narlesky	

### *Associate Candidates*

Breton Bahry	Victoria Scott
Ana Isabel Beltran	Ivan Troitsky
Kushal Bhatt	Paula Villescaz
Natan Bihari	Anri Watanabe
Jolie Bilik	Emily Williams
Dominique Bloxham	
Suzan Boulad	<i>Certificate Candidates</i>
Chelsea Brown	Danny Bierek
Anthony Campbell	Gian Bueno
Jessamine Carlson	Boning Chen
Elliott Elkoury	Alexas Cokley
Samantha Enzler	Anna Escobar
FJack eeney	Hebba Fares
Riona Goto	Michael Fawcett
Ashley Hamilton	Kristen Hatfield
Kevin Harrington	Amy Horton
Lois Hurr	Mary Jelincic
Allyson Jang	Cameron Kellejian
Christina Johnson	Saied Khan
Jeremy Jones	Samantha Langford-Wilson
Andreas Kanya	Angela Lavelle
Anthony Kelly	Leandra Lehmann
Aimee Kerr	David Lyubchenko Istomin
Esther Kim	Kiara Mahone
Maksim Krasnov	Gilda Mata
Ilona Kurdyumov	Jennifer Mathews
Stefanie Kushida	Samantha McGuire
Cameron Lane	Yuliya Mordovtseva
Kelly Lewis	Zurab Muravyev
Stacy Liang	David Nguyen
Larisa Lugoskaya	Madeline Sideco
Lauren Lystrup	Alicia Thayer
Bronwen Marshall-Bass	Dana Thompson
Benjamin McCovery	Yana Zhovinsky
Alisa Miller	
Darach Miller	
Paolo Montinola	
Hoanthy Ngo	
Dan Nguyen	
James Niebauer	
Daniel Phung	
Katherine Price	
Mihir Raja	
Hyung Roh	