



Cedar Graduates Earn International Baccalaureate Diplomas

The eight members of Cedar International School's graduating class of 2013 who pursued the highly regarded International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma received some good news last week. Results released on July 5 by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) confirm that all eight students passed their exams and earned the IB Diploma.

This means that, in addition to the Cedar Diploma—a diploma carrying accreditations by the Council of International Schools and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools awarded to all twelve graduates at the graduation ceremony on June 27—these eight graduates will now also receive the prestigious IB Diploma.

In May 2013, Cedar students joined 127,000 students enrolled in IB schools worldwide to sit rigorous standardized subject area exams, the culmination of the IB Diploma Programme courses they had taken over the previous two years. All exams were marked externally by IB examiners, with results being released last week. Worldwide, 79 percent of students passed the exams and earned the IB Diploma, making Cedar's 100 percent pass rate all the more impressive. Students must have a minimum score of 24 to pass the exam. The worldwide average was 29.8. Cedar's average was 31.5, with no student scoring less than a 29.

"We are thrilled with the results," claims school director Scott Crawford, who notes that the 2013 class has been the most successful IB cohort at Cedar, both in terms of pass rate and average score, since the school became authorized to teach the IB Diploma Programme in 2008. "We're proud of our students who have proved they can achieve at a very high level against international standards."

Zach Pascoe, Cedar's Head of Secondary agrees, adding, "Our students have achieved success in one of the most globally rigorous programmes available to secondary students. They have achieved exceptional results that they so deservedly earned, through dedication, perseverance, and strong character! We are so very proud of our students and thankful to the parents and teachers who have assisted them along the way."

Cedar's Diploma Programme Coordinator, Dr. Jane Fraser also praised the students, noting, "I am fully confident the programme has prepared the graduates for the next stage in their academic career and I am immensely proud of what they have achieved."

In a press release, Jeffrey Beard, Director General of the International Baccalaureate Organisation, congratulated all students on their achievements, noting: "Today's IB diploma graduates possess the skills needed to excel in an increasingly international world, with students uniquely poised for success both at university and beyond."

Cedar International School is authorized to teach the full IB continuum with all three IB programmes (Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma) covering students aged 4-18. The Class of 2013 is the third graduating class to complete the IB Diploma Programme.

Along with their success on the IB exams, 100 percent of the graduates who applied to universities worldwide received offers or were accepted to impressive universities, including Birmingham University, Durham University, and Loughborough University in the United Kingdom; Colorado Film School, University of Miami, University of San Diego, Florida State University, Regis University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Goucher College, Bates College, Denison University, Michigan State University, and University of Alabama in the United States; University of Western Ontario, University of Toronto, and Ontario College of Art and Design in Canada; and H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in the BVI.