

# THE IB UPDATE

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## WELCOME TO THE IB UPDATE!

*by Lauren Rollins - IB Coordinator*

Welcome to the May edition of the Samuel Clemens International Baccalaureate newsletter!

Our goal is to keep all stakeholders (students, parents, SCUC community) apprised of the amazing opportunities that are going on within the IB program here at Samuel Clemens. For May, we wanted to change up the format in order to celebrate our graduating class of 2023.

We have loved getting to know them and educate them. Though we will miss them, we know they will go forward and be successful with the tools that we have given them. If you have any questions about the program or suggestions for the newsletter, please email

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Thank you for your time!

Lauren Rollins  
IB Coordinator





Johntae Elzie - class of 2023

## JOHNTAE ELZIE

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - I am not sure yet.
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - Chemistry or History of the Americas. I felt like I was understanding what I was being taught.
- Who was your favorite teacher/coach in high school and why?
  - No one in particular. I like all my teachers evenly for different reasons.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - Football
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - None except "That is That and This is This" which isn't my motto.
- What is something that a teacher told you about yourself?
  - Mrs. Rollins said she is proud of me for finishing even when it was tough.
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - I don't know; I gotta see for myself.



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## VICTOR FLYNT

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - Texas State University
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Exploratory studies (finding out a real major)
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - The friends I made
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - Orchestra, ModelUn, and I was in the tabletop game club for a little bit.
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - Man cannot remake himself without suffering, for he is both the marble and the sculptor.
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - I finished all my IAs and my EE, each one more procrastinated than the last with no significant decrease in quality.



Victor Flynt - class of 2023



Jaylene Guadarrama - class of 2023

## JAYLENE GUADARRAMA

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - Texas State University
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Business
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - Getting to meet new people and establishing new friendships.
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - My favorite class was Art because I was able to express myself in my artwork.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while at Clemens?
  - Bowling Team
- What advice would you give to others who are thinking about doing IB?
  - Make sure to enjoy high school because it goes by so fast. Keep up with your grades. Don't leave things until the last minute.
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - "It is what it is"
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - Getting into my dream college and coming out of my comfort zone
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - I see myself owning my own restaurant

## JALEN HALL

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - Texas A&M University
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Electrical Engineering
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - Discovering a new outlook on school
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - Theory of Knowledge because of the open minded mentality you need for it.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - Basketball and Track
- What advice would you give to others who are thinking about doing IB or what advice would you give students who are about to start IB next year?
  - Start your work as soon as possible and continually study
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - "Get it done"
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - Participating in both IB and sports
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - Owning my own business or at a job with an engineering facility



Jalen Hall- class of 2023



Truc Hoang - class of 2023

## TRUC HOANG

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - University of the Incarnate Word
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Biochemistry
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - Theory of Knowledge because I liked the discussions we had as a class.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - None
- What advice would you give to others who are thinking about doing IB or what advice would you give students who are about to start IB next year?
  - TIME MANAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - “Ima wing it.”
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - Getting my IB diploma.
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - Working and living on my own and not eating canned beans. Hopefully...

## DALTON LACY

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - Texas A & M at College Station
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Ecology and Conservation biology
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - Being challenged by hard classes and finding the drive to succeed in yourself.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - Swimming
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - I participated in all the programs I wanted and succeeded in all of them. I'm getting my IB diploma, earned my Eagle Scout Rank and led the swim team as Captain and Regional Finalist.
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - I hope to be studying abroad in a Spanish speaking country in South America. I hope to utilize the language skills I learned from IB and apply them to my dream career in marine biology.



Dalton Lacy - class of 2023



Logan Michael - class of 2023

## LOGAN MICHAEL

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - Texas Christian University
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Art Therapy
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - The friends I made in my cohort.
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - Art Partners because it felt less like a class and more like time for me to relax and be creative.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - Model United Nations, History Club, NHS, and Art Club
- What advice would you give to others who are thinking about doing IB or what advice would you give students who are about to start IB next year?
  - Don't forget to take a minute to breathe. Trying to do everything all the time is just a sure fire way to get burned out.
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - "Life is chaos, success is completely arbitrary, and confidence is everything." - Brooklyn 99 6x04
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - As a working art therapist, hopefully with my own practice.

## ETHAN MUNOZ

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - UTSA
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Liberal arts
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - IB teaches you the ability to turn trash into gold. Like the difference between my first and final draft for my EE is mind blowing.
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - History - but I'm biased because I love history, and I had really good teachers.
- What advice would you give to others who are thinking about doing IB?
  - A common but the most often ignored advice... DON'T PROCRASTINATE!!!
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - "The longest recorded time without sleep is approximately 264 hours, or just over 11 consecutive days." and "Misery loves company"
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - I turned in all my IA's and my EE.
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - Hopefully part of writing team for a video game company.



Ethan Muñoz- class of 2023



Braelyn Ramirez - class of 2023

## BRAELYN RAMIREZ

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - The University of South Florida
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Psychology
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - The people in IB. A lot of the people in my cohort have become my really good friends, and I don't know where I would be without them.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - I did color guard, history club and Model UN.
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - "If Kim Jong-Un can do it, we can do it too." or (if you can't include that one) "I'm defying gravity"
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - The fact that I made it through IB and found myself through the process is a big enough accomplishment to me.
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - If I'm out of school by then, I see myself with a doctorate degree in Psychology, and I will be living my best life with my cats. Beyond that, I'm not too sure what the future holds, but I am excited.

## LAYLA RANDOLPH

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - Texas A&M University at College Station.
- What do you think you will major in?
  - I will be majoring in Biology on the pre-med track.
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - The best thing about being in IB was the friendships and relationships that I made with the other students in my cohort. I made some lifelong friends, and I am very grateful for them in every way.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - Golf Team for three years.
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." — Will Rogers
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - Some things that I've accomplished and been proud of are getting into all the colleges I've applied to, winning districts my senior year, and being a part of the top 10% of my graduating class.
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - I see myself starting my career in physical therapy and enjoying my career as a physical therapist.



Layla Randolph - class of 2023



Elysia Salazar - class of 2023



## ELYSIA SALAZAR

- What do you think you will major in?
  - I will be majoring in American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - The best thing about being in IB was meeting some of the best friends I've ever had. We all knew each other really well and helped each other thrive. The friendships formed in these two years will last a lifetime.
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - My favorite class in high school was my IB Anthropology class because I was able to learn about society and culture while also meeting new people I have a lot in common with.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - I participated in volleyball freshman year and HOSA all four years.
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - Try your best. It doesn't have to be perfect.
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - Making it into the medical assistant certification class.
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - In ten years, I see myself being a medical interpreter for both ASL and Spanish. I hope to be working in San Antonio and the surrounding areas. I also see myself working as a part time paramedic.

## ELISA SCOTT

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - UTSA
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Mechanical Engineering
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - The community (classmates)
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - Principles of Engineering, I've always had an interest in going into some type of engineering, and this class just reaffirmed that. I really enjoyed what we learned and practiced.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - Band, Project Lit., History Club
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - "Try to learn something about everything and everything about something."
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - I just hope I'm doing something that makes me happy and that I continue to learn.



Elisa Scott - class of 2023



Clarence Woods - class of 2023



## CLARENCE WOODS

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - Texas A&M
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Economics currently but I wish to transfer into the Business Program at May's Business School
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - The people and dynamic characters I've met from different walks of life.
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - Mrs. Frank's History of the Americas class this year. We learned a lot, but we also acted like a family at times. We were able to learn about one another and sometimes we were able to goof around while still making progress educationally. It was an overall healthy learning environment
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while at Clemens?
  - Football
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - Me personally, I wouldn't take that level of disrespect
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - I survived through having covid, multiple tragedies, and many life struggles, but I made it to the end.
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - In the Army as a decorated officer

## JOHN WROCKLOFF

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - Southwestern University
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Biochemistry (at the moment)
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - After completing my IA's and EE, I felt like Thanos did after he snapped his fingers when on the farm on that foreign planet. But seriously.... I would say that I feel like I have better time management skills now.
- What was your favorite class in high school and why?
  - The soccer class. I got to play my favorite sport during school, and the people in the class were the best all my years of the class.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - Soccer and UIL mathematics.
- What was your motto that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - The classic "It is what it is". And "only you can edit your wall; If others can it's not your wall" "You can change the skin but it's still the same player" "the bigger the circle the more enemies you have to worry about" all are Fortnite quotes.



John Wrockloff - class of 2023



Margaret Zentil - class of 2023

## MARGARET ZENTIL

- Where are you planning on going to college?
  - University of North Texas
- What do you think you will major in?
  - Early Childhood Education
- What was the best thing about being in IB?
  - The community. IB can be hard, but you're never in it alone. The community formed within each cohort becomes the best support system.
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while in Clemens?
  - Band, National Honors Society, and Girl Scouts
- What advice would you give to others who are thinking about doing IB or what advice would you give students who are about to start IB next year?
  - Balance is key. You can't succeed in academics without taking care of yourself mentally and physically. It's ok to turn something in that's not perfect. Do what you can, and it'll all work out in the end.
- Do you have a quote/motto that is your favorite or that you lived by these past 2 years?
  - "You can do hard things"
- What is something you accomplished these past two years that you are proud of?
  - I'm proud of graduating as 12th in my class. I've worked really hard to keep my grades up throughout the past two years, and it has paid off.
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
  - In ten years, I'll be working in a non-traditional (probably Montessori) classroom with kids between 3 and 6 years old.



Top Row (L to R): John Wrockloff, Clarence Woods, Johntae Elzie, Jalen Hall, Dalton Lacy. Middle Row (L to R): Mrs. Rollins, Victor Flynt, Ethan Muñoz, Elisa Scott, Jaylene Guadarrama. Bottom Row (L to R): Layla Randolph, Braelyn Ramirez, Margaret Zentil, Truc Hoang, Elysia Salazar



From Left: Braelyn Ramirez, Victor Flynt, Elysia Salazar, Mrs. Frink, Logan Michael, and Margaret Zentil after earning their IB stoles during Honors Night.



# CLASS OF 2023 OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS



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