



ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

A Pioneering Educational Community

Convocation

August 25, 1997

*"We will create a space for the practice
of the community of truth"*

Parker Palmer

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2:30 pm

Prelude

Ragtime Selections
Maple Leaf Rag
Piano Rag Music
Fig Leaf Ray
Ragtime, from Suite 1922 for Piano

Mr. Brad Friedman
1996 MSA Graduate

Welcome

Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall
President

Dr. Gregg Sinner
Principal

Ms. Jennifer Wang
Student Council President

Musical Selection

Hungarian Rhapsody No 10
Frantz Liszt
Mr. Brad Friedman

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Michael Peil
1990 IMSA Graduate

**Reception following the Ceremony
in the cafeteria**

Michael Peil

Michael Peil graduated from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in 1990. He graduated cum laude from Wake Forest University in 1994 with a B.A. in Russian and history. He then entered Cornell Law School and graduated cum laude in 1997 with a J.D. specializing in International Legal Studies and Public Law. Michael is currently a post-doctoral associate at the Legal Information Institute at Cornell.

While at IMSA Michael was the President of the Student Council and founder and editor of the *Acronym*. Michael was an active participant in Model U.N. and Harvard Model Congress and participated in the Rostov-on-Don student exchange. While at Wake Forest he was the editor in chief of the *Old Gold and Black* newspaper and editor of *Jambalaya*, the campus humor magazine. Michael served as the national president of Youth for Democratic Action and was a national board and executive committee member for Americans for Democratic Action as well as the local chapter president. He received the Graylyn Scholarship for excellence in leadership and the Carswell Scholarship for academic achievement. He studied in Russia, Europe, and Asia one semester and summer.

While at Cornell Michael was a member and coach of the Jessup International Moot Court competition and traveling court teams. He was vice president of the Cornell International Law Society, and editor of the Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy and the Cornell ILL Bulletin. He served as a summer associate with Altheimer and Cray leading a project with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Michael served as a research assistant in the Cornell Law School, as the editor in chief of *Russian On-Line and Wireless*, and as the U.S. office manager of Global Information Services and Technology.

Michael's personal interests draw him to academic research in the effects of emerging technologies on the study and instruction of the law and the interaction of the non-legal community with the law and lawyers. He has traveled extensively in Asia and Europe. He is a practicing vegetarian with a keen interest in vegetarian cooking.

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity."

Albert Einstein