

## *Wishes and Blessings For Our Students*

*We, the IMSA Community, wish for you :*

*A sense of wonder and imagination.*

*A sense of belonging that will last throughout your life.*

*The joy in discovering your place in the world.*

*The opportunity to discover your astonishing possibilities and to live into them.*

*The opportunity to lead with moral courage.*

*The capacity to recognize the beauty in the world around you and appreciate its aesthetic and practical value.*

*The commitment to protect and preserve the beauty in the world so that it can serve as the birthright of each new generation.*

*We, the IMSA Community, bless with:*

*A life filled with love and the passionate pursuit of your life's work in and for the world.*

*A life filled with wisdom, purpose, a hopeful soul, and a grounded spirit.*

*The gift of inner peace and self-acceptance;*

*Care and nurturing on your journey.*

*Offered by the IMSA community for all of the students of IMSA, present, past and future, and in celebration of the fifteenth birthday of the Academy.  
August 18, 2003*

## Convocation August 18, 2003

Prelude	Chopin and Poulenc <b>Drew Massey</b> <i>1999 IMSA Graduate</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	<b>Nisha Wadhvani</b> <i>Student Council President</i>
Welcome	<b>Nisha Wadhvani</b> <i>Student Council President</i>  <b>Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall</b> <i>President</i>  <b>Eric McLaren</b> <i>Principal</i>
Musical Selection	Intermezzo in A Major Op.118, No.2 Johannes Brahms <b>Drew Massey</b>
Keynote Speaker	<b>Cynthia Morales</b> <i>1992 Class Graduate</i>

### *Cynthia Morales*

Cynthia earned a B.S. degree in Plant Biology from the University of Illinois in 1996 and a J.D., cum laude from Tulane Law School in 2001.

While in law school, Cynthia was Senior Managing Editor of the Environmental Law Journal and a student attorney in the environmental Law Clinic where she represented indigent clients in their efforts to enforce Louisiana's environmental laws and regulations. Presently, Cynthia is a Law Clerk to the Honorable Cecilia M. Altonaga, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Previously, an Associate in the Miami office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP, Cynthia received the firms' Pro Bono Award for her involvement with the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center representing unaccompanied minors in INS custody. Cynthia has also had a few accomplishments in the field of science. She was a 1993 Research Training Participant at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. and returned as a Pew Fellow in 1994. Cynthia currently serves as a Director on the Dade County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section and as a member of the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors.