

Welcome to
Convocation
August 17, 2009



IMSA Convocation

Prelude Music

Die Liebe Farbe from *Die Schöne Müllerin*

Die Böse Farbe from *Die Schöne Müllerin*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Les Berceaux

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Saper Vorreste from *Un Ballo di Maschera*

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

Laura O'Neal

2006 IMSA Graduate

Jonathan Besancon, pianist

IMSA Faculty

Pledge of Allegiance & Welcome

Sid Sapru

Student Council President

Dr. Max McGee

President

Dr. Eric McLaren

Principal

Featured Piece

Georgia on My Mind

Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1981)

Laura O'Neal

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Tuwanda Williamson

1991 IMSA Graduate

Biography

Dr. Tuwanda Williamson, '91

Tuwanda C. Williamson MD is a family medicine attending faculty for the West Suburban Family Medicine Residence Program where she teaches residents inpatient hospital medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics, and is the director of the residency Community Occupational Health Rotation. She bases her clinical practice at PCC Salud Community Wellness Center, which is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center in the westside of Chicago, where she has the opportunity to further work with and teach the West Suburban residents and students from Loyola University and Northwestern University Feinberg Schools of Medicine. She serves as a Faculty Clinical Instructor for the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and has teaching appointments for students in all four years of medical instruction. Dr. Williamson is also the medical director for the Bolingbrook Christian Community Clinic, a volunteer clinic serving uninsured patients in Will County.

She holds a B.A. in biology, chemistry, and Spanish from Hope College and an M.D. from the University of Michigan. Her family medicine residency training was done in Ventura, California, through the Ventura County Family Medicine Residency program. International work has been an important part of her training and career. She has studied, conducted research, and provided medical care in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, South Africa, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, and Guatemala. Her longest international experience was in Rurrenabaque, Bolivia, where she served as the medical director over a two year period for a health project serving multiple northeastern Bolivian Amazonian communities.

Beliefs

We believe that...

- All people have equal intrinsic worth.
- All people have choices and are responsible for their actions.
- Belonging to a community requires commitment to the common good.
- Diverse perspectives enrich understanding and inspire discovery and creativity.
- Honesty, trust and respect are vital for any relationship to thrive.
- Learning never ends.
- Meaning is constructed by the learner.
- No one's path in life is predetermined.
- The ability to discern and create connections is the essence of understanding.
- We are all stewards of our planet.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy®, the world's leading teaching and learning laboratory for imagination and inquiry, is to ignite and nurture creative, ethical scientific minds that advance the human condition, through a system distinguished by profound questions, collaborative relationships, personalized experiential learning, global networking, generative use of technology and pioneering outreach.

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ All learners achieve their personal aspirations and explore their potential to contribute to the common good.
- ◆ Each IMSA graduate will live a life of exemplary service to humanity.
- ◆ Educators use teaching and learning strategies grounded in imagination and inquiry.