

IMSA Royalty: Celebrating Students' Long History of Inclusion

From the very beginning, IMSA has been special. Close relationships quickly developed among students, among faculty, among staff, and indeed among all members of the community, regardless of age or position. We were all on this journey together and a strong culture emerged of a community that both nurtured the individual and promoted the common good. Before long there was even talk of an IMSA bubble; talk that one still hears today. To be sure, we are all human and IMSA, an institution created by humans, has had and continues to have problems, just like other institutions, including incidents rooted in class, ethnicity, gender, and race bigotry.

However, those episodes notwithstanding, the IMSA student body has always been remarkably diverse and inclusive. One indicator can be seen in who they chose for their Homecoming and Prom kings and queens. IMSA royalty is, after all, elected by IMSA students. Using photos (with one exception) from the yearbooks, this exhibit celebrates this rich diversity and inclusiveness, which has been encouraged and nurtured by the community as a whole.

Note: For a number of technical reasons, it has not been possible to include photos from all of the yearbooks in this exhibit, but this selection is a good example of whom students want as kings and queens.

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