Faculty Recognition

Claiborne Skinner, PhD  IMSA History faculty
Dr. Claiborne Skinner was named the 2015 Outstanding Teacher of American History by the National Society Daughters of the Colonial Wars (DCW), an organization that has promoted patriotism and the study of American history for nearly a century.

Anita White, PhD  A member of IMSA’s Science faculty, Dr. Anita White has been named the recipient of an Inspiring Women in STEM Award by INSIGHT into Diversity magazine. The award is part of a tribute to 100 women whose work and achievements not only encourage others in their field, but also inspire a new generation of young women to consider careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Dr. White was featured in the September STEM issue of the publication.

Student Recognition

Tavis Reed ’16  IMSA senior Tavis Reed won the 2015 Gold Medal in the Chemistry/Biochemistry division of the national Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO Competition). His award was announced in July at the 106th Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Philadelphia. Reed’s national gold came in competition against a field of more than 700 of his fellow local medalists!

Pranav Sivakumar ’17  Pranav’s original research and algorithms that discover gravitationally-lensed quasars recently won him the Virgin Galactic Pioneer Award at the 2015 Google Science Fair, an international competition drawing thousands of applicants. President Barack Obama spoke at length about IMSA junior Pranav Sivakumar at the White House Astronomy Night event on October 19, praising the “adventurous spirit” that led to his passion for in-depth astrophysics research.

Awards Ceremony

Board of Trustees Alumni Awards
Faculty and Student Recognition

Tuesday, December 1, 2015
Main Gymnasium
11:40 am – 12:20 pm
Welcome and Introduction of Board of Trustees and Elected Officials
José M. Torres, PhD
President

Faculty Recognition
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Marie Dillon Dahleh, PhD
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Alumni Titan Award Presentation
Michael Suh ’97

Alumni Titan Awardee Remarks
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Alumni Distinguished Leadership Award Presentation
Gabriel Demombynes, PhD ’89

Alumni Distinguished Leadership Awardee Remarks
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Closing
José M. Torres, PhD

Board of Trustees Alumni Award Winners

Michael Suh ’97 – Alumni Titan Award
Mr. Suh currently serves as the treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee for the IMSA Fund Board of Directors. Mr. Suh has been a loyal and generous donor to the IMSA Fund for 10 years. In 2006 he became an advocate for the IMSA Fund to establish an endowment program. His advocacy for “stability and investment” was a critical factor in influencing IMSA and the IMSA Fund to establish its first endowment. Mr. Suh graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA in Economics, Mathematics and Statistics and an Administration MBA from the University of Chicago in Analytic Finance, Econometrics and Statistics and Economics. Mr. Suh is currently an Index Derivatives Trader with Wells Fargo Securities. Through his expertise, leadership and financial support, he works tirelessly to ensure IMSA’s viability for the future.

Gabriel Demombynes, PhD ’89 – Alumni Distinguished Leadership Award
As an economist at the World Bank, Dr. Gabriel Demombynes works on issues of poverty and inequality in developing countries. He is best known for his work arguing for the greater use of the scientific method in evaluating international development programs. Together with co-author Michael A. Clemens, he published a groundbreaking critique of the Millennium Villages Project, a high-profile rural development project implemented in several communities in sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Demombynes holds both a BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering and a BA from the Plan II Liberal Arts Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin, as well as a PhD in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.