

## Saint Edmund Prep IB Diplomas

In November of 2008, was officially authorized to administer the IB Programme to its 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders and in September of 2009 began teaching IB courses for the very first time.

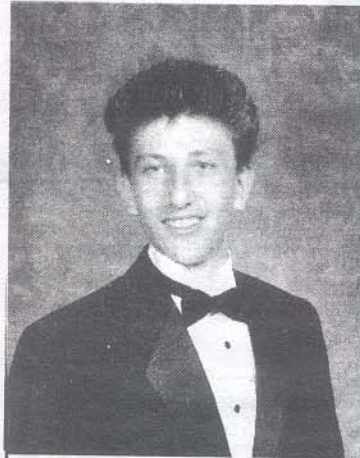
In that first year, while many students took advantage of some aspect of the IB Programme, eight students in particular accepted the challenge of attempting the full IB Programme. This past July four of those courageous and forward-thinking students were awarded Saint Edmund Prep's first IB Diplomas. The IB Diploma recipients were Phoebe Abraham, Noelle Meyers-Powell, John Rizzo and Arthur Rozentsvit.

The International Baccalaureate was founded in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968 as a non-profit educational foundation. The IB Diploma Programme is a comprehensive and balanced 2-year college-preparatory curriculum which requires students to study across all disciplines. It provides flexibility to accommodate student interest and abilities and utilizes international standards.

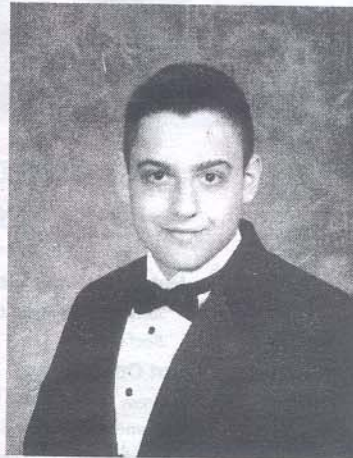
The aims of the IB Diploma Program are clearly expressed in its Mission Statement:

"Through comprehensive and balanced curricula coupled with challenging assessments, the International Baccalaureate Organization aims to assist schools in their endeavors to develop the individual talents of young people and teach them to relate the experience of the classroom to the realities of the world outside. Beyond intellectual rigor and high academic standards, strong emphasis is placed on the ideals of international understanding and responsible citizenship, to the end that IB students may become critical and compassionate thinkers, lifelong learners and informed participants in local and world affairs, conscious of the shared humanity that binds all people together while respecting the variety of cultures and attitudes that makes for the richness of life."

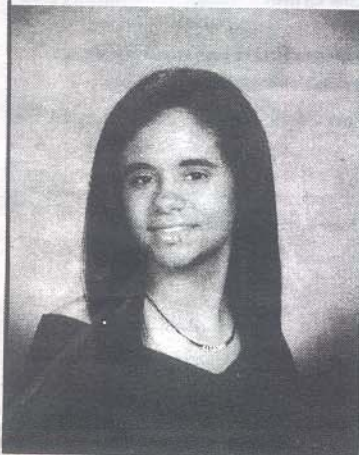
What started as a single programme for internationally mobile students preparing for university over forty years ago, today has more than 650,000 IB students at 2,400 schools in 128 countries. Saint Edmund Prep congratulates all the students who accepted the challenge of the IB Programme and is especially proud to count Phoebe Abraham, Noelle Meyers-Powell, John Rizzo and Arthur Rozentsvit among its Diploma graduates.



Arthur Rozentsvit



John Rizzo



Noelle Meyers-Powell



Phoebe Abraham