



***The International Spanish Academy at Walton High School
November, 2015
Newsletter***

Guest Speaker, Giovanni Diaz, Esquire

We were honored to welcome Giovanni Diaz to the theater on Wednesday, October 28th for a cultural enrichment presentation during WEB. Mr. Diaz is an attorney and the son of Mrs. Olympia Diaz who teaches our ISA freshmen and juniors. As an extension of the Unit on Personal Identity and Immigration that was recently completed in AP Spanish Language and Culture, Mr. Diaz spoke to the students about the topic of Immigration in the United States. In his presentation he shared the many benefits of growing up bilingual and the many opportunities and doors that it opened for him, and what motivated him to become a lawyer.

Kate Baldino, Class of 2016

We are so proud of our ISA senior Kate Baldino! Kate recently returned from Chile with the USA endurance equestrian team who competed in the World Championships. Kate was in a location where very little English was spoken. Her language skills were extremely helpful to her coach and her team! She became the team's interpreter and used her Spanish for purchases, recommendations, directions, and more. Congratulations Kate, you make us proud on so many levels!

Hispanic Heritage Festival

Please join us on Thursday, November 12th for the second annual Hispanic Heritage Festival. Please come and enjoy the music and dancing. Try some food samples from a variety of countries! The festival will take place in the Commons from 5:30-8:00.

Variety Playhouse

Our ISA freshmen and sophomores enjoyed a wonderful field trip to the Variety Playhouse on October 7th for the "Latin American Spectacular and Reflections of Spain." The music and dances were stunning and the weather was beautiful. Mrs. Crittenden, Mrs. Diaz and Ms. Garcia accompanied the students on this cultural adventure. Many thanks to Mary Crittenden for planning and organizing this special day.

Graduation Banquet, 2016

We are already planning our ISA Graduation Banquet for Sunday evening, April 17, 2016 at the Atlanta Country Club! Mrs. Julie Lischer is our banquet chair. A special thank you to Mrs. Lischer for graciously agreeing to be our banquet chair again! She is a great ISA supporter and definitely part of our ISA family with son David, ISA class of 2015 and daughter Meredith, ISA class of 2016!

¡El Viaje a España!

Mr. Marco Davila is already making plans for the 2016 trip to Spain! Once again our students will have the privilege and the experience of studying at the Universidad Pontificia in Salamanca and living with host families. Our relationship with the university personnel and the families of Salamanca has grown through the years. Many of our graduates speak of this trip fondly and tell us it was the inspiration to include a study abroad program in their post-Walton university studies.

