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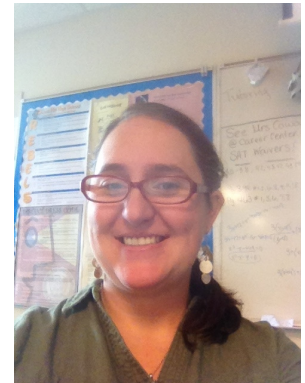
The Right Bond: IB and Mrs. Kristine Perez

For the better part of the last nine years, Quartz Hill High School Honors and IB students have had the privilege of taking science classes from Mrs. Kristine Perez. Upon graduation from Palmdale High School, Mrs. Perez attended and graduated from the University of California at San Diego. At UCSD, she earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Biochemistry and Cellular Biology. After graduation, Ms. Perez began her teaching career here at QHHS in 2005. Her first teaching assignments were in Physical Science and Biology. Additionally, over the last nine years, she has taught Honors Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry and AP Chemistry. Three years ago, Mrs. Perez began teaching IB Biology HL I. This year, she is teaching IB Chemistry for the first time.

Mrs. Perez says that, "I enjoy the material I teach with both the IB Biology and Chemistry. I have the opportunity to focus on Biochemistry in both classes, so I get to pass on the knowledge that I find so interest-

ing." Mrs. Perez is very much a valued and collegial member of our Honors and IB staff. She works very closely with Mrs. Mandi Nichter to, in her words, "ensure that students are prepared for the IB Biology exam," and she hopes that those students taking the IB Chemistry exam "will be equally prepared for success."

Mrs. Perez is married to Jose, her husband of four years, and together they travel the world whenever possible. She has traveled throughout Europe, including visits to England and all of the U.K., to Ireland, to France, to Germany, to Italy and to Spain. She has traveled to Australia, Mexico and Canada as well. When pressed to identify a few of her favorite landmarks, Mrs. Perez mentioned the Sydney Opera House (where she saw performances by the Sydney Symphonic Orchestra), the German Christmas Markets in Munich and Frankfurt, the Canadian Rockies (the Banff area in particular), and Edinburgh



Castle in Scotland.

Mrs. Perez is always engaging her intellect. Teaching and travel are but two of her stimulating activities. In whatever spare time she can muster, she does brain teasers and puzzles, and whenever possible she loves the company of a good book.

Mrs. Perez brings energy and enthusiasm to Quartz Hill Honors and IB, and her students understand and appreciate her commitment to their success in school. The bonds between teacher, student and program are solid and stable!

Promoting International Mindedness: IB Pen Pals

One of the major philosophies of the International Baccalaureate and its member World Schools is the promotion of international-mindedness. To that end, the IBIS website for IB Coordinators has run a notice from “Calyn and Tiffany” (no last names provided), two IB students who have organized an IB Pen Pal Program.

They are inviting all interested IB students to get involved in the program. These students expect that the program will achieve several things:

- * It will allow students to communicate on an international level (via email) with another IB student involved in the same educational experience.

* It will promote cultural awareness and appreciation.

* It will enrich the experience of the IB student and could establish valuable connections between students from other countries that will last for life.

Interested students should go to the following link:

<https://spreadsheets1.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dGFwTUcyMXRlVndjaWdraDQ2ZkFtdFE6MQ#gid=0>

These students also invite any IB student with questions to email at hhspenpals@gmail.com.

IB World Student Conferences 2013

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE IB WORLD STUDENT CONFERENCES 2013

Registration is now open for the 2013 IB World Student Conferences, to be held in the following locations during the following dates:

Wake Forest University North Carolina, USA
23—28 June

University of British Columbia
Vancouver, Canada
21—26 July

University of Warwick
Coventry, UK
4—9 August

University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong
11—16 August

At the World Student Conferences, students will:

- * Interact and learn from peers from around the world.

* Travel to a foreign destination.

* Explore a top-tier university campus.

* Collaborate on CAS projects.

* Gain personal growth and discovery.

To register, please go to www.ibo.org/wsc

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Quartz Hill IB Alumni - Elyssa Jackson, IB Class of 2006

AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA:

Ms. Elyssa Jackson graduated from QHHS and earned the IB Diploma in May of 2006. She attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and majored in Art History with emphasis on Islamic Art, Northern European Art, and Museum Studies. She also served as a member of the Art History Club at UCSB. She also worked on campus for Housing and Residential Services and at the Lancaster School District as a substitute Librarian. As graduation loomed, Ms. Jackson deliberated heavily, reflected on her visits to the Lancaster Museum and Art Gallery, the Los Angeles Children's Museum, LACMA, and the Getty Museum, and then decided to pursue museum work as a career.



She interned at UCSB in three locations, first as a docent for "I Am The Medium," a program that Ms. Jackson describes as "an on-campus exhibit that led tour groups across campus and told the story of female artists who use themselves as not only their subject but the medium in which they create their art." She worked for the University Art Museum as a research assistant for the head curator. She also worked for the Lancaster Museum and Art Gallery, where she "learned what it was like to work at a small museum with jobs from research to collections to exhibit label writing."

GRAD SCHOOL AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ms. Jackson was accepted by San Francisco State University and chose Education and Public Programming as a focus of study. That track emphasizes programs for school tours, volunteer work and docent work, and Ms. Jackson describes tours, volunteers and docents as "the public face of the museum." While at SF State, she interned again, this time at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park, the University Museum at SF State, and at the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House in Campbell, California.

THE "DREAM JOB"

After grad school, Ms. Jackson worked in Cambell, California and in Danville, California. Then, she walked right into the perfect position. She tells us the story:

"While attending a family reunion in Iola, located in southeast Kansas, my dad read in the local newspaper that they were hiring an Executive Director for the local historical museum. I decided to try for the position and send my resume and cover letter to the museum. I told them I would be in town for the week if they wanted to have a face-to-face interview. They called and emailed me the next day. After waiting a few months, I was offered the position as the Executive Director and Curator of the Allen County Historical Society. I am now in charge of five buildings and 30 volunteers who work to preserve, protect and share the history of Allen County, Kansas. I was able to get my dream job straight out of grad school, and I am so thankful for that. You can find us at www.facebook.com/allencountyhistory."

Ms. Jackson invites anyone who has any questions about her profession or about her college experiences to email at achm@aceks.com.

She says that she is "loving her job and all of the great opportunities here." She is currently finishing her Masters thesis—*Fulfilling Everyone's Needs: Study of Museums with Programs for Special Needs Visitors*.

As an aside, Ms. Jackson was also Vice President of the QHHS Multicultural Club, and says that she misses QH, QH IB and our Multicultural Club very much.

ORIENTATION

Quartz Hill High School HONORS/INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Parent Orientation Meeting

January 15 and 17, 2013

6:00–8:00 PM

QHHS Library

This is an informational meeting for those interested in the **Honors/IB Program at QHHS**. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

- *Application process*
- *Minimum requirements*
- *Testing dates*

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IB Diploma Programme May 2013 Examination Schedule

Morning examinations must start after 0700 and finish by 1300 hours (local time)
Afternoon examinations must start after 12 noon and finish by 1800 hours (local time)

| DATE | MORNING | TIME | AFTERNOON | TIME |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Tuesday 30 April | School-based syllabus SL paper 1 School-based syllabus SL paper 2 | – | | |
| Thursday 2 May | English A Literature HL paper 1 English A Literature SL paper 1 English A Language & Literature HL paper 1 English A Language & Literature SL paper 1 Literature & performance SL paper 1 Literature & performance SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m | Economics HL paper 1 Economics SL paper 1 Classical languages HL paper 1 Classical languages SL paper 1 | 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 15m |
| Friday 3 May | Economics HL paper 2 Economics HL paper 3 Economics SL paper 2 Classical languages HL paper 2 Classical languages SL paper 2 | 1h 30m 1h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m | English A Literature HL paper 2 English A Literature SL paper 2 English A Language & Literature HL paper 2 English A Language & Literature SL paper 2 English B HL paper 1 English B HL paper 2 English B SL paper 1 English B SL paper 2 English ab initio SL paper 1 English ab initio SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h |
| Monday 6 May | Physics HL paper 1 Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 1 Physics SL paper 2 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2 Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1 | 1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m 45m 1h 15m 1h | Philosophy HL paper 1 Philosophy SL paper 1 Psychology HL paper 1 Psychology SL paper 1 World religions SL paper 1 | 2h 30m 1h 45m 2h 2h 1h 15m |
| Tuesday 7 May | Philosophy HL paper 2 Philosophy HL paper 3 Philosophy SL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3 Psychology SL paper 2 World religions SL paper 2 | 1h 1h 30m 1h 2h 1h 1h 1h 30m | Physics HL paper 3 Physics SL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3 Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2 | 1h 15m 1h 1h 2h |
| Wednesday 8 May | Language A Literature HL paper 1 Language A Literature SL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1 Except: English, French, German & Spanish | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m | History HL paper 1 History HL paper 2 History SL paper 1 History SL paper 2 | 1h 1h 30m 1h 1h 30m |
| Thursday 9 May | History HL paper 3 | 2h 30m | Mathematics HL paper 1 Mathematics SL paper 1 Mathematical studies SL paper 1 | 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m |
| Friday 10 May | Mathematics HL paper 2 Mathematics SL paper 2 Mathematical studies SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m | Language B HL paper 1 Language B HL paper 2 Language B SL paper 1 Language B SL paper 2 Language ab initio SL paper 1 Language ab initio SL paper 2 Except: English, French, German & Spanish | 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h |

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| Monday 13 May | Language A Literature HL paper 2 Language A Literature SL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature HL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 2 Except: English, French, German & Spanish | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m | Biology HL paper 1 Biology HL paper 2 Biology SL paper 1 Biology SL paper 2 | 1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m |
| Tuesday 14 May | Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3 | 1h 15m 1h | Computer science HL paper 1 Computer science SL paper 1 ITGS HL paper 1 ITGS SL paper 1 Geography HL paper 1 Geography SL paper 1 | 2h 15m 1h 30m 2h 15m 1h 45m 1h 30m 1h 30m |
| Wednesday 15 May | Computer science HL paper 2 Computer science SL paper 2 ITGS HL paper 2 ITGS HL paper 3 ITGS SL paper 2 Geography HL paper 2 Geography HL paper 3 Geography SL paper 2 | 2h 15m 1h 30m 1h 15m 1h 15m 1h 15m 2h 1h 1h 20m | Spanish A Literature HL paper 1 Spanish A Literature SL paper 1 Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m |
| Thursday 16 May | Spanish A Literature HL paper 2 Spanish A Literature SL paper 2 Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 2 Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 2 Spanish B HL paper 1 Spanish B HL paper 2 Spanish B SL paper 1 Spanish B SL paper 2 Spanish ab initio SL paper 1 Spanish ab initio SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h | Chemistry HL paper 1 Chemistry HL paper 2 Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 2 Design technology HL paper 1 Design technology HL paper 2 Design technology SL paper 1 Design technology SL paper 2 | 1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m 1h 1h 45m 45m 1h |
| Friday 17 May | Chemistry HL paper 3 Chemistry SL paper 3 Design technology HL paper 3 Design technology SL paper 3 | 1h 15m 1h 1h 15m 1h | French A Literature HL paper 1 French A Literature SL paper 1 French A Language & Literature HL paper 1 French A Language & Literature SL paper 1 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m |
| Monday 20 May | French A Literature HL paper 2 French A Literature SL paper 2 French A Language & Literature HL paper 2 French A Language & Literature SL paper 2 French B HL paper 1 French B HL paper 2 French B SL paper 1 French B SL paper 2 French ab initio SL paper 1 French ab initio SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h | Further mathematics SL paper 1 Business & management HL paper 1 Business & management SL paper 1 Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1 Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1 | 1h 2h 15m 1h 15m 1h 1h |
| Tuesday 21 May | Further mathematics SL paper 2 Business & management HL paper 2 Business & management SL paper 2 Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2 Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 3 Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2 | 2h 2h 15m 1h 45m 2h 1h 2h | Mathematics HL paper 3 German A Literature HL paper 1 German A Literature SL paper 1 German A Language & Literature HL paper 1 German A Language & Literature SL paper 1 | 1h 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m |
| Wednesday 22 May | German A Literature HL paper 2 German A Literature SL paper 2 German A Language & Literature HL paper 2 German A Language & Literature SL paper 2 German B HL paper 1 German B HL paper 2 German B SL paper 1 German B SL paper 2 German ab initio SL paper 1 German ab initio SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h | Music HL paper 1 Music SL paper 1 | 3h 2h 15m |

QHHS SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

September 2012

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| January 5, 2013 | John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage \$500 - \$3,000 | Students grade 9 – 12 1,000 word essay on political issue (see website), must have a teacher signature upon completion. www.jfkcontest.org |
| January 10, 2013 | Edison International Scholarship \$40,000 | Senior Majoring in Math, Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Materials Science or Computer Science/Information at a 4 yr. college in the Fall of 2013. Must demonstrate financial need. Preference given to students who are 1 st generation college students who have overcome a significant obstacle or challenge. www.scholarshipamerica.org/edisonscholars |
| January 11, 2013 | Letters About Literature Contest Sponsored by Target Up to \$500 Target Gift Card \$10,000 reading Grant for school or community | Grades 9-10 A personal letter (500-800 words) to an author of a book explaining how his/her work somehow changed your view of the world or yourself. See Mrs. Cowan for application criteria or download. http://lettersaboutliterature.org |
| January 11, 2013 | Gates Millennium Scholars Program | Seniors African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American. Citizen of the U.S. meeting the Federal Pell Grant Eligibility. Minimum GPA of 3.3 Unweighted and enrolling full time in the 10-11 school year. Meets Federal Pell Grant Eligibility criteria (find out at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov). Leadership, community service. Online www.gmsp.org |
| January 15, 2013 | California Association of Collectors, Inc. \$1,500 to \$2,500 | Senior 1 page essay on "Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Financial Credit During Your College Years." See Mrs. Cowan for criteria. www.cacesf.org |
| January 15, 2013 | Dell Scholars \$20,000 | Senior Minimum GPA of 2.4. Demonstrated need for financial assistance. Planning to enter a 4 year school in the Fall. Handout in the Career Center. http://www.dellscholars.org/HowToApply.aspx |
| January 18, 2013 | Antelope Valley College Scholarships Varying amounts | Seniors www.avc.edu/foundation/scholarships.html |

| Date Due | Scholarship | Criteria for Selection |
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| January 2013 | ACT Poster Contest \$1,000 - \$5,000 | Senior Must be applying to a 2 or 4 year college/university. Design a poster from your perspective to encourage students to take the ACT and attend college. This will be posted in high schools across the U.S. Continue checking website till criteria is uploaded. http://www.actstudent.org/postercontest |
| February, 1, 2013 | Education For All Photography Contest \$1,000 | Seniors The California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators and Fagen Friedman.com awards photographers for depicting diversity, collaboration, and achievement. Rules and criteria at www.calsa.org or www.fagenfriedman.com . Flyer available in Career Center. |
| February, 1, 2013 | Why Education Matters Scholarship Contest \$1,000 | Seniors Scholarship candidates submit an essay of 700 words or less on "Why Education Matters" Rules and criteria at www.calsa.org or www.fagenfriedman.com . Flyer available in Career Center. |
| February 1, 2013 | National Peace Essay Contest \$1,000 up to \$10,000 Trip to Washington D.C. | Grades 9 -12 1500 word essay on "Governance, Corruption, and Conflict." See Mrs. Cowan for criteria. http://www.usip.org/ed/npec/index.html |
| February 2013 | KFC Colonel's Scholars Program Up to \$5,000 | Senior GPA of 2.75 or higher. Enrolling in public, in-state, college or university (with start date of no later than 9/30/2012). Pursuing a Bachelor Degree. U. S. Citizen or permanent resident. Application opens up online December 1, 2012. www.kfcscholars.org |
| February 15, 2013 | National Commission for Cooperative Education \$6,000 | Senior Accepted at one of the following schools: Johnson & Wales, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Toledo, Drexel University, Kettering University, University of Cincinnati, Wentworth Institute of Technology. See Mrs. Cowan for handout. Also on Facebook (WACEINC) and Twitter (WACE_INC). |
| February 15, 2013 | Dr. Seuss's "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" 2013 College Scholarship Program \$5,000 | Senior 500 word composition in personal essay/memoir format. Entry must be original. See Mrs. Cowan for criteria. www.ohtheplaces.org (new app may not yet be uploaded...continue checking back) |

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| March 1, 2013 | John W. McDevitt Scholarship | Senior A member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing,, the son or daughter of such a Knight, the son or daughter of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of his death. A U.S student entering freshman year of a bachelor's degree program at a U.S. Catholic college or Catholic university. Request an application: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/about/contact/scholarships.html |
| March 20, 2013 | Anthem Essay Contest \$30 - \$2,000 | 9th / 10th Grader Must read novel <i>Anthem</i> by Ayn Rand and complete 600-1200 word essay on one of three choice topics. (see website for details). Pick up criteria – handouts from Mrs. Cowan. |
| April 26, 2013 | Fountainhead Essay Contest \$50 - \$10,000 | 11th / 12th Grader Must read novel <i>The Fountainhead</i> by Ayn Rand and complete 800-1600 word essay on one of three choice topics. (see website for details). |
| May 31, 2013 | Wise Choice Scholarship \$2,500 | Must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States Must be 13 years of age or older to apply. Must graduate from high school in 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016. Must register at WiseChoice.com. Must complete college planning tasks online at WiseChoice.com to earn eligible points. Must provide an original, creative answer to the scholarship question: WiseChoice wants students to thrive and succeed at college, so we use dozens of factors to rate the fit between students and colleges. Do you think "college fit matters" in the college selection process? http://www.wisechoice.com/discover-wisechoice/ |
| June 21, 2013 | Big Sun Scholarship \$500 | Senior / Athlete Will be attending a 2 or 4 year college/university in the Fall of 2013. Short Essay "What are your most important extracurricular or community activities? What made you join these activities? What made you continue to contribute to them?" Essay submissions: athleticsawards@bigsunathletics.com To view criteria: http://www.bigsunathletics.com/ |

**Ask for an application or more information
in the Career Center.**



Schedule of Events



IB Calendar

- **January 15, 2013:** Second candidate registration deadline.
- **January 15 & 17, 2013:** Coordinator Presentation to Parents.
- **February/March 2013:** Predicted Grades/Internal Assessments prepared by IB teachers and submitted to IB Coordinator.
- **March 15, 2013:** Absolute deadline for submission of ToK essays.
- **May 1, 2013:** Deadline for withdrawing candidates.
- **April 30—May 22, 2013:** IB Testing.
- **June 1, 2013:** Deadline for CAS Status submission by IB Coordinator.
- **August 2013:** Test results sent to IB Coordinator.
- **August 2013:** IB sends Diplomas to Quartz Hill High School.