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Welcome aboard, Ms. Mahony-Major!

The QHHS IB Diploma Program wishes to welcome Ms. Stacey Mahony-Major to the IB Faculty as one of its Visual Arts instructors. Ms. Mahony-Major trained in October 2014 in Portland, Oregon, an old stomping ground for her.

Ms. Major tells us that she “grew up wanting to be an art teacher, that’s all I ever wanted to do.” She is from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and she is a graduate of Kent State University. At that institution, she earned a degree in Art Education. Ms. Major also has international teaching experience in the tiny Irish city of Kenmare. She’s gone back there with her husband on honeymoon and spent part of summer 2014 driving around Ireland.

Ms. Major lives in Santa Clarita, with her husband, her Corgi named

Lucy, and her bearded dragon named Giles.

This is her third year at QHHS teaching in VAPA. In addition to being a fine Fine Arts educator, she is a practicing artist, and she has an online business painting custom shoes.

When Ms. Major is not teaching or painting, she might be found at Disneyland. She indicates that she goes about one a month, and describes herself as “a complete Disney freak.” Additionally, she is a self-described “Broadway Geek” who has seen countless shows, and used to go twice annually to the Big Apple for some really big shows. She also enjoys travel, and hopes to continue hitting a different international destination each summer. She also is a collector of owls and mermaids and tasteful tattoos. She is a Monopoly



aficionado, and loves the game whenever she is able to find a worthy opponent.

Ms. Major states that she is often mistaken for Merida from the movie “Brave.”

Ms. Mahony-Major will add more than a splash of color to QHHS IB VAPA as she begins to integrate into the program. Welcome Aboard, Ms. Major!

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IB Class of 2015—Off to College/Military!



As we send you off to college and to life beyond, please know that you will be missed and remembered, and you will always be part of the QHHS IB continuing legacy. Best Wishes for Every Success!

- * **Nichole Advincula**—California State University at Northridge
- * **Elizabeth Belzil**—New Mexico State University
- * **Bella Bradford**—Providence Christian College
- * **Emil Ekanayake**—University of Southern California
- * **Nina Marie Federizo**—University of California at Irvine
- * **Wesley Flores**—Fullerton College
- * **Tyler Gemora**—University of California at Irvine
- * **Ashley Galaviz-Gomez**—California State University at Northridge
- * **Hailey Gomillion**—The Master’s College
- * **Adrian Gonzales**—University of California at Santa Barbara
- * **Manpreet Grewal**—University of California at Los Angeles
- * **Megan Haddad**—University of California at Los Angeles
- * **Albert Hyun**—Antelope Valley College
- * **Bailey Johnson**—San Diego State University
- * **Jorday Kasiah**—California State University Monterey Bay
- * **Caitlyn Kegel**—California State University at Northridge
- * **Louis Craig Kocina**—Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach Florida
- * **Niket Kulkarni**—University of California at Berkeley
- * **Stephanie Lehman**—Antelope Valley College
- * **Irving Lizarde**—United States Marine Corps
- * **Santino McNaughton**—University of California at Los Angeles
- * **Anastasia Morris**—Azusa Pacific University
- * **Dylan Rainbow**—University of California at Irvine
- * **Evan Ross**—University of California at Los Angeles
- * **Saahil Shah**—Tulane University
- * **Kavya Shivaram**—University of California at Los Angeles
- * **Cassandra Quijada**—University of California at Berkeley
- * **Michael Seabury**—California State University at Sacramento
- * **Alex Wada**—University of Southern California, WBB Program – International (World Bachelor’s in Business Program)
- * **Krystal Waters**—United States Air Force

IB Alumni: A “Where are they now?” Blast From the Past

Ragu Sivarajan, IB Diploma class 2001, has sent us an update on his classmates. This is a REAL treasure—it’s been awhile.

Ragu Sivarajan—Resident Physician Internal Medicine in an Arizona program. Should be moving back to SoCal if not already here.

Luv Singh—Currently an orthopedic surgery resident In Kansas City, Missouri.

Robert Poorman—Degree in Astrophysics, living in Lancaster and working for a contractor around the base.

Jason Wolfe—Law School grad. Practicing law somewhere.

Tony Campos—Professional Chef working for a start-up company making customized meals for people who take part in Cross-Fit.

John Harrison—World traveling, spent a year in Norway, went to law school in Australia, and Gu thinks he is now back in the States.

Matt Baird—Did a Mormon Mission in Russia, now working for a Russian internet company in L.A.

Joe Sabat—Working on an MD/Ph.D in New York City and also doing surgery residency.

Robert Chang—Should be done with training in Family Medicine.

Nisha Shah—A practicing pediatrician somewhere in SoCal.

Ravi Navamani—Did law school and currently works for Sempra Energy in San Diego.

Kat Webster—Ph.D in English from UCLA.

Jessica Dhillon—Earned an MBA and living in the Bay Area.

Walter Brown—Married with children, lives somewhere in the Central Coast and works in IT.

Jessica Ulvin—Engineer on base, lives in Lancaster.

Theresa Poindexter—Teaching Math somewhere on the East Coast.

Ragu says all have fond memories of QHHS IB, and credit us for helping them get to where they are now.

This update should take all of us back to the early days of QHHS IB. Thanks “Gu!” Or better yet, Dr. Gu.