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Harrisburg Academy Teacher Wins International Baccalaureate Grant

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy is pleased to announce that Annette Spahr was awarded a \$500 International Baccalaureate (IB) educator grant from The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). The funds will provide resources to IB educators seeking to deepen and enrich curriculum content and increase student engagement.

One of 20 U.S. high school educators selected from 11 states, Spahr will use the grant to fund a trip to a “Shakespeare in Action Workshop” presented by the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington D.C. in March 2018. “Within our small, independent IB School, we fortunately manage to squeeze in more Shakespeare than many schools,” Spahr said. “While admittedly, I and my fellow Upper School English teacher would welcome the chance to introduce our students to additional Shakespearean classics, we realize we need to keep the concept of depth versus breadth in mind. This is where the NSHSS grant would be of great value.”

“NSHSS recognizes the vital role educators play in the success of high-achieving students. International Baccalaureate teachers are challenging our students to strive for excellence, and our organization is pleased to be able to enhance their efforts,” said NSHSS president, James Lewis.

Designed as a comprehensive, two-year curriculum that allows students to fulfill requirements of various national education systems, IB incorporates the best elements of education across the globe. The IB Diploma program is internationally recognized as one of the most challenging college-preparatory curricula available, which is why it aligns seamlessly with the Academy's high-quality college preparatory liberal arts format and globally minded mission. Harrisburg Academy is proud to be the first school in the Harrisburg area to receive International Baccalaureate World School accreditation 10 year ago.

About Harrisburg Academy:

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg's only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

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