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2018 Candidates Achieve 100 Percent Success Rate with International Baccalaureate Diploma

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy is proud to recognize five recent graduates who received an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma this summer. The success of the Class of 2018 brings Harrisburg Academy’s total IB Diplomas earned to 80 (in 10 years). The school congratulates:

- **Madison Barto '18** – Lafayette University, Most Competitive*
- **William Chaddock '18** – Arizona State University, Very Competitive
- **Xuwen “Amy” Lou '18** – University of California Los Angeles, Most Competitive
- **Andrew May '18** – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Most Competitive
- **Hayden Qualls '18** – Union College, Most Competitive

Harrisburg Academy’s pass rate in 2018 was a perfect 100 percent – far surpassing the worldwide average pass rate of 78.40 percent according to the most recent IB annual review and IB Diploma Programme Statistical Bulletin. Additionally, the Academy’s average points score for students who pursued the Diploma and passed continues to measure higher than worldwide averages (30 vs. 29.87 worldwide).

2018 IB Success at Harrisburg Academy	
Average IB Grade of Academy Students who Pursued the Diploma and Passed	4.77
<p><i>Harrisburg Academy IB Diploma recipients earned seven scores of 6 or 7 on individual subject tests. All five Academy IB Diploma recipients earned at least two scores of 5 or higher on individual subjects, with a grand total of 12 scores of 5. The highest grade possible for each subject test is 7. Scoring a 5 is comparable to scoring a 4 on AP exams; scoring a 6 or 7 is rare.</i></p>	
Average IB Points Score of Academy Students who Pursued the Diploma and Passed	30
<p><i>The total points possible is 45.</i></p>	
<p>Individual Merit: Class Valedictorian Amy Lou '18 Earned an Individual Points Score of 31 <i>Based on the most recent available IB statistics (May 2017), a score of 31 places Amy in the top 7.2 percent of all IB Diploma recipients worldwide.</i></p>	

**2018 Candidates Continue Success with
International Baccalaureate Diploma**

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Individual Merit:

Andrew May '18 Earned an Individual Points Score of 34

Based on the most recent available IB statistics (May 2017), a score of 34 places Andrew in the top 6.3 percent of all IB Diploma recipients worldwide.

“We are very proud of our 2018 graduates’ accomplishments in the IB Diploma Program, particularly the 100 percent pass rate for the Diploma. The global average pass rate typically is around 79 percent,” said John Binnert, head of Middle and Upper Schools and IB coordinator. “The symbiotic relationship between our challenging IB courses and the innovative Centers programming is unique among all IB World Schools. I was proud to share information about Harrisburg Academy’s programs, practices, and students at the 2018 IB Global Conference in San Diego, California this summer.”

**Competitive rankings are determined annually by “Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges,” an industry-standard tool for comparing the selectivity of colleges and universities. Barron’s ranks all colleges and universities on a scale comprised of seven levels of selectivity, based on difficulty of acceptance and strength of accepted-student SAT scores (the higher a school is rated, the more difficult it is for a student to gain acceptance). Barron’s scale is as follows, beginning with the top classification: Most Competitive, Highly Competitive, Very Competitive, Competitive, Less Competitive, Non-Competitive, and Special (including exclusive music conservatories and art schools).*

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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