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## Twenty-Six IDS-CC Students Selected For Duke TIP

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Twenty-six students from Independent Day School - Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) recently participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholastic Talent Search sponsored by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). Qualifying for the program enabled these seventh grade middle school students to take the College Board's SAT I test – a test usually taken by high school juniors and seniors.

The IDS-CC students qualified for the Duke TIP program by scoring at or above the 95th percentile on a standardized achievement test with national norms in the areas of Total Reading, Reading Comprehension, Total Math, Math Problem Solving or Language Expression. The highest of either the fifth or sixth grade scores determined their eligibility.

After taking the SAT exam, six of these IDS-CC students received state-level recognition from Duke TIP by scoring between 510 and 649 on either the math or verbal portion of the test, or at least 500 on both portions: Michael Evanoff, Lisa Hernandez, Rachel Klausner, Luiz Lima, Christian Pandtle, and Kaley Pellingra. Other IDS-CC students who participated in the Duke TIP included: Dylan Attal, Brian Barrazueta, Holland Bittick, Molly DeLattre, Devon Diaz, Hannah Goering, Will Hamilton, Derek Herscovici, Shelby Houston, Kyle Kortum, Natasha Kurji, Jake Lange, Helen Latimer, Willi Martin, Desiree Meyncke, Kathryn Okulski, Erin Pearlman, Fernanda Pierre, Spencer Sinkiewicz, and Michele Vernick.

Duke TIP is a non-profit educational organization established with the premise that the future of this nation depends on the fullest development of our best intellectual resources. The objectives of the program are to identify the very bright among our youngsters at an early age; to facilitate the education of these students; to follow and nurture their talent through the critical middle and high school years; and to develop an effective research effort to help understand the nature of academically talented students.

“We commend these students for choosing to go above and beyond our expectations academically and extend our appreciation for representing our school so well,” said Betty George, IDS-CC middle school director of studies.

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School - Corbett Campus is a fully accredited independent school located in northwest Hillsborough County educating students from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. A 2004 National Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award school, IDS-CC features superior academic programs, small class size, and leading edge fine arts, sports and technology programs. IDS-CC balances a nurturing learning environment with high standards and expectations. For more information about IDS visit <http://www.idsyas.com>.

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