



URBANA HIGH SCHOOL

IB Student Showcase & Auction



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**EXHIBITION OF ORIGINAL WORKS AND SILENT AUCTION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
FREDERICK COUNTY'S INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM**

**Urbana High School Highlights Frederick County's International Baccalaureate Program with
Student Showcase and Silent Auction**

(Ijamsville, MD –January 25, 2016) –On Thursday, February 25th, juniors and seniors in Frederick County's International Baccalaureate (IB) program will welcome guests from across the region for the IB Showcase, a special program of instrumental performances, visual arts, and research projects.

The event, to be held from 6 to 8:30pm at Urbana High School, will include a silent auction. Items for auction include music lessons, a 2-hour professional photography shoot, theater and concert tickets, gift cards, and signed work by renowned public artist William Cochran. Organized by the parent-run International Baccalaureate Advisory Council (IBAC), the auction aims to raise funds to help students pay for testing fees associated with the IB Program.

Urbana High School houses the county's IB Program, one of the best pre-college programs offered by Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS). The highly competitive academic program admits high-caliber students from across the county, regardless of income level. The IB Showcase is a terrific opportunity for middle school students from across Frederick County to learn more about the IB Program and all that it offers.

“The IB program is an ideal preparation for college and beyond,” said Helen Golibart, IB Program Coordinator. “It creates independent, life-long learners, strong writers, and intellectual risk takers. IB students develop strong study skills and critical time management skills. The program cultivates an international mindset and high moral standards. Students develop self-discipline and an interest in the ideas of others.” The IB Showcase is an opportunity for the community to experience the work created by students in the program, and will feature student projects in art, music, science, economics, math, and history. “It gives the students a place to share their passions and talents,” Golibart said.

The entire community is welcome to enjoy this unique evening featuring FCPS students at their best. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information about the IB Program in Frederick County, please contact the Urbana IB Office at: 240-236-7748 or visit the Urbana High School web site at: <http://education.fcps.org/uhs>

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