



URBANA HIGH SCHOOL

IB Student Showcase & Auction



**Urbana High School to Host the
FCPS International Baccalaureate Program **Student Showcase**
Thursday, February 27, 2020, from 6 until 8 pm**

(Ijamsville, MD – February 7, 2020) - On Thursday, February 27, 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 original research projects. The event, to be held from 6 until 8 pm at Urbana High School, will also include a silent auction and light refreshments.

Urbana High School houses the county's only IB Program, one of the best pre-college programs offered by Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS). The highly competitive academic program admits promising students from across the county, regardless of feeder area. The annual **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 annual event presents students' best work in several disciplines: Art, Music, English, Science, Economics, Math, and History. The entire community is welcome to enjoy an evening featuring FCPS students at their best.

A **Silent Auction** will be held concurrently. Organized by the International Baccalaureate Advisory Council (IBAC), proceeds from the auction will support IB students and help to defray costs associated with the program. The growing list of auction items includes vouchers for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the Weinberg Center for the Arts; certificates to the Autobahn Indoor Speedway; a tasting for 8 at Blank Ankle Vineyards; gift cards to local restaurants, movie theaters, and farms; vouchers for river tubing, ice skating, and golf; a hand-crocheted Baby Yoda; a baseball signed by the Washington Nationals, winners of the 2019 World Series – and much more.

About the IB Program: Urbana High's IB program is a rigorous, two-year, pre-university course of study in which students "learn how to learn." The program emphasizes analysis and critical thinking, encouraging students to arrive at thoughtful, considered conclusions. More than 4,000 schools worldwide teach the IB curricula, stressing students' personal development while challenging them to excel in their studies. Schools authorized to offer IB programs are known as IB World Schools (<http://www.ibo.org>). Across the US, colleges and universities view IB graduates as uniquely prepared for advanced study.

For more information about the **IB Showcase** or the program at Urbana High School, please contact the Urbana IB Office (240-236-7748) or visit the school website (<http://education.fcps.org/uhs>).

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