



Parent Association Council (PAC)

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September 26, 2026

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & PAC Mission
- Introduction of PAC Executive Board
- CAC Office Update
- Principal's Office Update
- Student Affairs Update
- PAC Update
- Q&A Session

Mission Statement

The PAC's mission is to enhance the educational and residential experience of IMSA students by providing resources and working collaboratively with IMSA's administration, faculty, staff and students.

2025-26 PAC Executive Board

- President - Sunil Narayanan
- Vice President - Ana Caballero
- Secretary - Trudy Forkin
- Treasurer/Assistant Secretary - Jay Hwang
- Sophomore Parent Representative - Trupti Kale
- Junior Parent Representative - Angela Malloy
- Senior Parent Representative - Gee Lau



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CAC Office Updates

Melisa Williams-Rivera

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Agenda

- Who We Are
- How to Contact Us
- Class Info
- Q & A

College and Academic Counselors

The College and Academic Counselors (CACs) at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy provide comprehensive guidance to support students in their academic journey and future college planning. They work closely with students to develop effective study strategies, select challenging courses, and balance academics with extracurricular involvement. Counselors also guide students and families through every stage of the college search and application process, from exploring career interests to preparing strong applications. By fostering both academic growth and personal development, the CACs ensure students are well-prepared to thrive at IMSA and beyond.

Staff Contacts

• College and Academic Counselors

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- Melisa Williams-Rivera (Team Coordinator) - mwriviera@imsa.edu

• Staff

- Staci Marsden, Attendance/Admin Asst. - smarsden@imsa.edu
- Shari Katich-Rogers, Registrar - registrar@imsa.edu
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Senior Class...

- The CAC team met with Seniors in August to highlight the following information:
 - College Application Process
 - Requesting Letters of Recommendation and Transcripts
 - Creating and submitting their College Application Plan
 - Scheduling their Senior Meeting with their CAC
 - Essay Writing Workshops

Senior Class...

- CACs are currently meeting with each senior to review their College Application Plan
 - Please check with your student to ensure that they have completed their plan and that you have had a chance to review it
 - Additionally, confirm with your student that they have scheduled a meeting with their CAC
 - Students can email their CAC to schedule an appointment or come into the CAC office to schedule in-person
- The goal of the CAC office is to have all Senior Meetings complete by by Friday Oct 10th

College Application Plan

College Application Plan - Class of 2023

First, complete and submit the signed Plan (two-sided) to your CAC electronically or in person by **August 31, 2022**. Then, schedule your college counseling appointment. NO meeting will be scheduled without this submitted Plan.

Name: _____

Parent signature : _____

Under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), *after* you matriculate to college, you may request from the college access to the recommendations and supporting documents submitted on your behalf.

Please list colleges and universities with their application due date and your personal due date for submitting each application. For schools with Rolling due date, indicate RO.

Colleges/Universities	College application due date	My personal application due date
<i>EXAMPLE: Iowa State University</i>	<i>RO</i>	<i>October 10</i>
<i>EXAMPLE: Northwestern University</i>	<i>January 1</i>	<i>November 25</i>

Junior Class...

- The CAC team met with the Junior Class in August to introduce ourselves
 - Juniors worked almost exclusively with Ms. Amy Keck last year
- Fall College Visits
 - College Admissions Representatives are provided with opportunities to meet with students during our Support and Engagement Mod
 - To date approximately 66 colleges have signed up
 - FCV's are open to Juniors & Seniors, with Sophomores invited to attend any military school visit and those colleges with a smaller number of attendees.
 - Some visits are reserved for Seniors only, due to space limitations.
- College Exploration Kick-Off (September 11th)
 - Dr. Michael Magee - Minerva University

Sophomore Class...

- The CAC team met with the Sophomore Class in August to introduce ourselves
 - Sophomores work exclusively with Ms. Amy Keck this year
 - Ms. Keck assists students with acclimating academically to IMSA
- Sophomore Seminar
 - These monthly events are facilitated by Student Life
 - Provide resources and supports for students personal growth and development

Thank You For Your Time

Questions?

Principal's Office Updates

Dr. Angela Rowley

Principal and Chief Academic Officer

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Principal's Office



Dr. Angela Rowley
Principal & Chief
Academic Officer



**Dr. Manuel
Donelson**
Dean of Student
Support & Equity



Dr. Paul Gaszak
Dean of Academics
and Equity

**Ms. Lourdes
Velazquez**
Sr. Administrative
Assistant



**Ms. Shari
Katich-Rogers**
Registrar



Ms. Hong Zhang
Administrative
Assistant

**IMAGE
COMING
SOON!**



Ms. Staci Marsden
Attendance Clerk
CAC admin assistant
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Attendance reminders:

Students are expected to go to class, on time, unless they are excused by the academy.

If they are sick at IMSA - MUST be seen by the nurse, parents cannot call students in sick if the student is on campus.

College visits, family vacations, or appointments should be scheduled for days and times outside of class or other required academy events.

Leaving early on a Friday or returning late on a Monday morning may be considered an UNEXCUSED absence without prior approval.

If students must miss class, they will need to provide documentation to excuse their absence

Academic Success Tips

- 1) encourage on time & in attendance
- 2) communication with teachers (students and parents)
- 3) time management
 - a) use open mods
 - b) use support and engagement
 - c) don't wait for soph required study times
 - d) academics before activities
- 4) SLEEP
- 5) Resources - Ms. Keck, CACs, Ms. Martin (math office), Ms. Micklo (writing center), Ms. England (accomodations@imsa.edu)

Student Affairs Updates

Dr. Katie Berger
Chief Student Affairs Officer

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Student Affairs at IMSA



Residence Life



Campus Safety & Security



Student Health Services



School Counseling



Student Conduct



Leadership Education



Service Learning



Clubs & Campus Activities



Athletics & Co-Curriculars



Admissions

Positive Steps Forward

- ❑ Prioritize consistent sleep schedule
- ❑ Eat balanced meals and stay hydrated
- ❑ Limit or avoid caffeine
- ❑ Schedule regular physical activity and relaxation time
- ❑ Community support matters—families, staff, and peers can model and reinforce healthy habits

Conversation Starters for Families:

- What did you eat today?
- What time did you go to bed/wake up?
- Are you using the weight room, pool, gym, or track?
- What is your nighttime/morning routine?
- Are you staying hydrated and taking technology breaks?

Resources at IMSA

- **Academic Support**

- Sophomores: Ms. Keck, Academic Support Coordinator
- Juniors & Seniors: College & Academic Counselors (CAC)

- **Health & Wellbeing**

- School counselors: counseling@imsa.edu
- Health Office nurses

- **Student Support After Hours**

- Resident Counselors in the evenings
- Campus Safety and Security

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Budget 2026-27

Income	
Banquet Tickets	\$ 45,000
IMSA	\$ 17,500
Donations	\$ 5,000
Other - Miscellaneous	\$ -
Interest	\$ 400
Total	\$ 67,900

Expenses	
Senior Banquet	\$ 45,000
Bus Transportation Support	\$ 5,275
Fees	\$ 300
Teacher Appreciation	\$ 4,500
Academic Committee (Finals Food)	\$ 2,000
College Days - need committee	\$ 1,000
Multicultural Committee	\$ 7,500
Wing	\$ 5,600
Regional Picnic	\$ 1,200
Total	\$ 72,375

September 2026 Financial Report

	As of September 20, 2026	
	Assets	
Chase - xxx1090	Checking	\$35,925.02
Chase- xxx8191	Reserves	\$23,012.06
PayPal	Balance	\$63.28
Cash Assets	Total	\$59,000.36

September YTD - Income

	Budget	YTD
IMSA Fund	\$17,500	\$8,750
Donations	0	1,250
2026 Banquet Refund	0	2,698
Interest Income on Savings / CD	400	\$0
Totals	\$15,400	\$12,698

September YTD - Expenses

	Budget	YTD
Regional Reps	\$800	\$298
Totals	\$800	\$298

Sophomore Representative Update

September Sophomore Parents' Meeting
Tuesday, September 22nd 6:30pm

PAC Overview/resources/volunteer opportunities
Parent participation/Q&A at September Monthly Parent Meeting

Next: October Monthly Meeting Date : TBC

Reminders: Intersession Enrollment Deadline Sunday, September 27 at 11:59 p.m

Junior Representative Update

September Junior Parents' Meeting

Guest speaker: Melisa Williams-Rivera will be discussing
College visits
at our Junior monthly zoom meeting
Tuesday, September 29th 6:30pm

Reminders for Junior Parents:

- PSAT Oct.7th (encourage them to study)
- Sign up for AP test are coming soon!! (Research)

Senior Representative Update

September Senior Parents' Meeting
Tuesday, September 24th 6:30pm

Guest speaker: Melisa Williams-Rivera discussed Common App and college applications at monthly senior parents' zoom meeting

PAC Committees

- Academic
- Hospitality
- Multicultural
- Regional Representatives
- Senior Banquet
- Student Life
- Technology
- Transportation



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PAC Committees

Transportation Committee

Minerva Ratsamy (and Gee) have recruited volunteer shuttle stop coordinators for the 2026-2027 academic year.

- Peoria: 5
- **Bloomington: 1**
- **Springfield: 1**
- Troy: 2
- Champaign: 3
- Marion: 2



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2026-2027 Multicultural Committee Update

Cultural Show Schedule

Alma Latina: Nov 6-7

ASIA: Dec. 4-5

ISA: Feb 5-6

BSU: April 16-17

**Volunteer information meeting for the Dinner Reception after the
Student Show is coming soon!!!**

Upcoming Dates

Important Dates & PAC Meeting Schedule

Saturday, October 10	PAC Meeting - Virtual
Saturday, November 14	PAC Meeting - In-person/ Virtual
Saturday, December 12	PAC Meeting - In-person/ Virtual

Questions or Comments



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