

Don't miss a valuable Zoom career panel for students (5/31), PTIA elections (candidacy deadlines), join a new graduate alumni network & membership/fundraising drive

Hello Parents,

Hello – We know it's a long weekend of R&R.

But, we've got 4 important initiatives coming up that you don't want to miss: Career Panel, PTIA Elections, building a graduating Senior/Alumni network and a membership /fundraising drive.

1 Career Panel

We want to raise awareness quickly for your students about the first in a series of CAREER PANELS – featuring 6 panelists THIS TUESDAY (right after long weekend), on 5/31 in an easy to attend ZOOM session from anywhere, from 7p-8p.

Just join the Zoom call on Tuesday (tip: students can even eat dinner and still listen in ☺ on zoom). <https://bloomfield-org.zoom.us/j/91812225309>

Tip: Put it on the family calendar. Parents and younger siblings can listen in as well.

Please help us make it a great session by having your student do this SHORT google form (1 min or less) to confirm their attendance and share any questions they want to ask so we can collect common questions for our panelists in advance. Students will still have plenty of time to ask live questions. <https://forms.gle/oxj3b4UjC6zCok2n9>

Why attend? The PTIA's vision is to support our IAE students with career related programming. It's an excellent way for your child to get insight into different careers they might want to explore, what it takes to prepare now and in college and tips /advice from parents in management and executive roles in their fields.

Who's Speaking?

The PDF with the 6 panelists is attached and more info will be posted on our website www.iaeast-ptia.com on Sat 5/28. industries: medicine, nursing, research, automotive, technology, software engineering and banking.

2. **PTIA Elections**. Please volunteer to run for one of our many positions on the executive board. We've updated information about the PTIA, what we do for the school community, teachers and students throughout the year and why we need YOU to step up to share your ideas, talents and time to help. Again, just visit the home page of the website www.iaeast-ptia.com *As you can see we need a communications chair to help us keep it updated too.* There is a PDF of all the roles on the board and committees and other docs on the website.

Read through the elections section, click on the links and download the BIO / Candidacy Form http://www.iaeast-ptia.com/uploads/1/0/0/6/1006764/ptia_east_board_-_elections_-_bio_and_candidacy_form_-_2022-2023_school_year_.pdf

Nominate yourself or send it to someone who would be great in one of our many roles.

Every position is open to election on 6/14, deadline for submitting candidacy is next TUESDAY 5/31. Contact me if you'd like to talk about joining the board, Kaushika.bhogal@gmail.com (please include phone number so I can reach out this weekend).

3. Vision – Build a better IAE Alumni Network - starting with our graduating seniors.

It was great to meet the seniors at the breakfast and work with Rebecca our Treasurer to give out a special gift that gets funded by the PTIA every year for last 3 years even during COVID years. It's a beautiful keepsake, see the attached photo. We shared a letter asking graduates to fill out the alumni contact google form with the blanket (we pay \$30 each for these keepsakes and we need your support below in helping us pay for these and other valuable ongoing initiatives).

Please remind your Senior to click <https://forms.gle/ktjV6r3fH3vixzZ27>

4. Year End FUNDRAISING DRIVE – Campaign Goal \$8000.00

(if every family donated just \$20 we could reach our goal. Any amount large or small is appreciated)

Why are we fundraising now at the end of the year? - You may not know about all the great programs your PTIA team funds for your students, teachers and school. We didn't drop any key programs this year despite raising only \$900 in memberships allocated to this year. Here is an overview

http://www.iaeastptia.com/uploads/1/0/0/6/1006764/ptia_2022_year_overview_and_fundraising_goals_.pdf

- **The Teacher Grant program** (PTIA allocated \$4000 towards classroom and other needs that teachers sent in grants request for in April. We approved 10 new scientific calculators for math and physics department for student use and an clay extruder with attachments for the art department to support curriculum projects. We will continue to review future grant proposals next school year.)
- **The Senior IAE Blankets** - Did you know that every year (even during COVID for past 2 years) we have given every graduate a personalized beautiful blanket with every senior's name on it so they can remember their time at IAE. These are cherished blankets by every senior. As Sherry Ann Nguyen says "My son graduated in 2020, one of his favorite cherished items in college is his Senior Blanket from IAE (PTIA). He wears it all around the dorm and it is awesome"
- We weren't able to fund other programs such as student scholarships or graduation yard signs due to both lack of funds and lack of parent volunteers.

In addition, this year the **PTIA purchased \$12,000** in school upgrades: portable printer stations so students can print throughout the building and modern new flexible tables/furniture and equipment for the library. New TVs and the library conference room were updated for this school year and the remainder of the furniture will be installed over the summer!

We've funded and managed all these programs from our PTIA savings **but now need your help** to replenish our budget as we are in a deficit because we didn't want to cancel or stop doing valuable things for our school and students.

Join our year end **\$8000 fundraising campaign**:

Please send any amount via check (made out to IA East PTIA), or cash in an envelope to the main office (put PTIA Fundraiser on envelope), or easily just click on the PTIA paypal link below and donate.

Note: paypal is set up with our treasurer on our PTIA nonprofit account so the name will show as Rebecca Lukasik as a personal payment type request, funds go directly into the PTIA account - just note it for “fundraiser”. We’ve tried to make this as easy for parents as possible.

PAYPAL LINK: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/ptiaeast>

You can also still sign up for membership to show your support as well. Membership form and links are on the website on the homepage.

We thank the parents who started sending in donations since last Saturday for their support and need to raise much MUCH more to achieve our campaign goal!

Thank you and enjoy the long weekend with your families.

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