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Extending the Meaning of Excellence - IASA Graduates the Class of 2010

After three years of life-changing experiences on the Schusterman Campus of the Israel Arts and Science Academy (IASA), graduation was held on June 17th, 2010 for the 19th class to graduate since the Israel Center for Excellence through Education founded IASA in 1990.

This year marked the 20th year of study at IASA. Two full decades have come and gone, and the Academy still lives and breathes the values of excellence, community, leadership, ethics and independent thinking upon which it was founded.



Center for Excellence founder, Bob Asher, speaks at graduation

This year also marks the first year in which four separate academic departments have graduating students; science, music, art, and now the humanities track which began just three years ago. IASA is extremely proud of the young Humanities Program, which rounds out the school's offerings and allows us to reach a broader base of talented young people.



Principal Nulman presents an award to graduate, Inbar Abarbanel

By all measures, this year's class of 72 individuals is exceptionally talented. The list of prestigious academic awards and distinctions earned by this group of young people has grown too long to recount. At graduation, Certificates of Distinction were presented to students Inbar Abarbanel, Ido Benbagi, Navot Zilberstein and Ariella Lehmann, by IASA Principal Ilana Nulman. A Certificate of Excellent Academic Achievement was awarded to Pavel Padayev.

These graduating seniors are remarkable for their academic achievements, but no less so for their strong values and dedication to improving the world around them. For example, we can be extremely proud of the 29 graduates who have chosen to complete a voluntary year of community service before entering the army. Representing more than 40% of the class, this marks a new record for IASA alumni. In fact, 11 of the students have chosen to complete their year of service together, joining a program that provides art

education and therapy. IASA graduates are dedicated to giving back to their communities and taking a stand on issues that matter.

There is no doubt that IASA's Class of 2010 has the skills and abilities to contribute to a better society.



Students perform at the graduation ceremony



The Israel Center for Excellence through Education and the Israel Arts and Science Academy wish the graduates the best of luck in their upcoming army service or community service, and all of their future endeavors. They are warmly welcomed as the newest members in the IASA Alumni Organization.