

Wishes and Blessings For Our Students

We, the IMSA Community, wish for you :

A sense of wonder and imagination.

A sense of belonging that will last throughout your life.

The joy in discovering your place in the world.

The opportunity to discover your astonishing possibilities and to live into them.

The opportunity to lead with moral courage.

The capacity to recognize the beauty in the world around you and appreciate its aesthetic and practical value.

The commitment to protect and preserve the beauty in the world so that it can serve as the birthright of each new generation.

We, the IMSA Community, bless with:

A life filled with love and the passionate pursuit of your life's work in and for the world.

A life filled with wisdom, purpose, a hopeful soul, and a grounded spirit.

The gift of inner peace and self-acceptance;

Care and nurturing on your journey.

*Offered by the IMSA community for all of the students of IMSA, present, past and future, and in celebration of the fifteenth birthday of the Academy.
August 18, 2003*

Convocation August 18, 2003

Prelude	Chopin and Poulenc Drew Massey <i>1999 IMSA Graduate</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	Nisha Wadhvani <i>Student Council President</i>
Welcome	Nisha Wadhvani <i>Student Council President</i> Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall <i>President</i> Eric McLaren <i>Principal</i>
Musical Selection	Intermezzo in A Major Op.118, No.2 Johannes Brahms Drew Massey
Keynote Speaker	Cynthia Morales <i>1992 Class Graduate</i>

Cynthia Morales

Cynthia earned a B.S. degree in Plant Biology from the University of Illinois in 1996 and a J.D., cum laude from Tulane Law School in 2001.

While in law school, Cynthia was Senior Managing Editor of the Environmental Law Journal and a student attorney in the environmental Law Clinic where she represented indigent clients in their efforts to enforce Louisiana's environmental laws and regulations. Presently, Cynthia is a Law Clerk to the Honorable Cecilia M. Altonaga, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Previously, an Associate in the Miami office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP, Cynthia received the firms' Pro Bono Award for her involvement with the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center representing unaccompanied minors in INS custody. Cynthia has also had a few accomplishments in the field of science. She was a 1993 Research Training Participant at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. and returned as a Pew Fellow in 1994. Cynthia currently serves as a Director on the Dade County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section and as a member of the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors.