

Convocation
August 19, 2002

Prelude

Crib 10
Minji Ro
2002 IMSA Graduate

Pledge of Allegiance

Urvi Purohit
Student Council President

Welcome

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Student Council President

Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall
President

Eric McLaren
Principal

Musical Selection

Bambe
Minji Ro

Keynote Speaker

Jennifer Nesbitt Styrsky
Charter Class Graduate

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Jennifer Nesbitt Styrsky graduated from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in 1989 as a member of the charter class. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology, with Honors, from the University of Chicago in 1993. After graduating, Mrs. Styrsky spent three years working as a seasonal field biologist in Australia, California, Idaho, and northern Illinois. Currently, Mrs. Styrsky is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Animal Biology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her dissertation research topic is life-history evolution in a Neotropical forest bird.

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 you 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 Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

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