

## *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.*

*August 20, 2001*

**Convocation**  
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Prelude	Chanon-In-D <b>Johann Pachelbel</b>  <b>Kathleen King</b> 2001 IMSA Graduate
Pledge of Allegiance	<b>Danny Yagan</b> Student Council President
Welcome	<b>Danny Yagan</b> Student Council President <b>Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall</b> President <b>Eric McLaren</b> Principal
Musical Selection	Toccata Aram Khachaturian <b>Ms. Kathleen King</b>
Keynote Speaker	<b>B. Scott Gaudi</b> 1991 Graduate

***B. Scott Gaudi***

B. Scott Gaudi is a 1991 IMSA graduate. Scott graduated Summa Cum Laude from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Astrophysics. He received a Master of Science and Doctorate in Astronomy from Ohio State University. Scott is currently a Hubble Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study. During his time at Michigan State, he was named the Outstanding Junior Physics Major, the Spartan Scholar, and was recipient of the Graham T. Schmidt Scholarship. While attending Ohio State, he received the Presidential Fellowship, and first place in the Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum. Most recently, Scott was named one of the "Twenty Scientists to Watch in the Next 20 Years" by Discover Magazine and appeared on the television show "Planet Finder". Scott has authored more than twenty publications in refereed academic journals, and was invited to Colloquia including the Leiden Observatory, Space Telescope Science Institute, Columbia University, Duke University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Case Western Reserve University.