



## Convocation

### August 19, 2013

The mission of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy®, the world's leading teaching and learning laboratory for imagination and inquiry, is to ignite and nurture creative, ethical, scientific minds that advance the human condition, through a system distinguished by profound questions, collaborative relationships, personalized experiential learning, global networking, generative use of technology and pioneering outreach.

#### **We Believe That...**

- All people have equal intrinsic worth.
- All people have choices and are responsible for their actions.
- Belonging to a community requires commitment to the common good.
- Diverse perspectives enrich understanding and inspire discovery and creativity.
- Honesty, trust and respect are vital for any relationship to thrive.
- Learning never ends.
- Meaning is constructed by the learner.
- No one's path in life is predetermined.
- The ability to discern and create connections is the essence of knowing.
- We are all stewards of our planet.

# IMSA Convocation

## **Prelude Music**

**Jonathan Besancon**  
*IMSA World Language  
Faculty Member*

## **Welcome**

**Robert Hernandez**  
*Director of Student Affairs*

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Anthony Marquez, '14**  
*Student Council President*

## **Opening Remarks**

**Catherine C. Veal**  
*IMSA President*  
"Interstellar Space, Broken  
Bones and IMSA"

**Branson Lawrence, Jr.**  
*IMSA Principal*  
"We are Titans"

## **Featured Piece**

**Alan Shramuk, '12**  
*Yellow After The Rain*  
Mitchell Peters

## **Keynote Speaker**

**Jenny Deller, '94**  
Writer-Director-Producer of  
the feature film, *Future Weather*

## **Closing Remarks**

**Branson Lawrence, Jr.**  
*IMSA Principal*



# Biography

## Jenny Deller '94

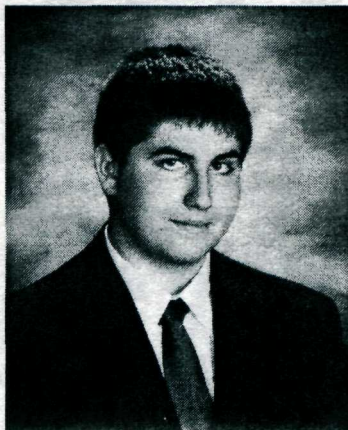


Jenny Deller is a writer, director and producer. Her debut feature, *FUTURE WEATHER*, was released in early 2013 and stars Amy Madigan, Lili Taylor and Perla Haney-Jardine. It premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival, played many US fests including the Seattle International Film Festival, and received Napa Valley Film Festival's jury prize and the Alfred P. Sloan Science in Film Prize from Hamptons International Film Festival. The script for *FUTURE WEATHER* received the Showtime Tony Cox Award for Screenwriting, an honor shared with Sophie Barthes and Debra Granik. The project also received three production grants from the Sloan Foundation.

Trained as an actor, Jenny studied at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco, and in New York at the Ward Studio Meisner Program and American Mime Theater. Named one of "10 Filmmakers to Watch" by *The Independent*, Jenny has directed and edited five short films. She's participated in a number of competitive film programs including the Nantucket Screenwriters Colony; IFP's Narrative Lab; and Film Independent's Producers Lab and Fast Track Market. Most recently, Deller was selected to participate as one of 25 up-and-coming directors in the inaugural Emerging Visions program co-curated by IFP and Film Society of Lincoln Center. A recipient of an NEH Young Scholars grant, Jenny has appeared on *Law & Order* and has been directing theater and film since attending high school at the Illinois Math & Science Academy. Her mission is to make evocative films that challenge viewers and illuminate the human spirit.

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## Alan Shramuk '12



Alan Shramuk is currently a student at the University of Rochester where he is studying Electrical and Computer Engineering and Japanese. Upon obtaining his degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Alan hopes to pursue law school, studying to become a patent attorney.

At the age of three, Alan became interested in music and began piano lessons. When he was eleven, he learned to play percussion, a hobby he still has to this day. His favorite percussion music to play is four mallet marimba music, as it requires him to mix the skills he learned as a pianist and those he learned as a percussionist. Outside of music, Alan spends his free time tutoring local students, practicing his Kendo and Iaido, and playing board games.

