ABOUT IMSA ALUMNI

Alumni support IMSA and the global alumni community by volunteering in a wide range of important roles from reunion planning to fundraising to fulfilling an IMSA Alumni Cabinet role. These Titans are leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields, business and numerous other fields. Among them are renowned scientists, entrepreneurs, artists, engineers, educators and other accomplished individuals. IMSA alumni impact our world in very real ways.

• IMSA has 5,457 alumni from the classes of 1989 – 2014, from every House and Senate district in Illinois.

• 99.8% of alumni attend college, and many receive Fulbright, Hearst, Marshall, Rhodes, Siebel, Truman and other prestigious scholarships.

• 70% of undergraduate degrees earned are in STEM, compared to the national average of 33%. Of the alumni who have shared their career information with IMSA, nearly 60% work in a STEM occupation or field.

• Each year, alumni from every graduating class generously give back to IMSA as program volunteers and donors to the IMSA Fund. More than half of all graduates have volunteered or contributed to the IMSA Fund since graduating.

SNAPSHOTS OF IMSA ALUMNI

DR. THANDEKA K. CHAPMAN ’89 [AURORA]
Associate Professor of Education Studies, University of California, San Diego
Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Madison

“My life philosophy is from the book of Luke chapter 12 verse 48 in the Bible—‘To whom much is given, of her shall much be required.’ I have been given, enjoyed and benefited from much so I use my scholarship to push for public schools to provide all children with the same amazing, lasting experiences that I had at IMSA. IMSA should be everywhere.”

STEVE CRUTCHFIELD ’93 [CHICAGO]
EVP, Head of U.S. Options, NYSE Euronext
M.B.A., University of Chicago

“IMSA gave me my first taste of what it’s really like to learn and grow in a collaborative environment that encourages discovery and creative thinking. I completed my time at IMSA with a terrific foundation for future studies, an intense love of learning, and friendships that will last a lifetime.”

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DR. SCOTT GAUDI ’91 (STAUNTON)
Associate Professor, Department of Astronomy, The Ohio State University
Ph.D., Ohio State University

“IMSA forever instilled a fundamental and foundational belief and confidence in me and my abilities, and the conviction that life is about the continual search for answers, the never-ending quest for self-actualization, and the lifelong pursuit of learning and inquiry.”

TIM MEYER ’92 (SOUTH ELGIN)
Chief Operating Officer, Fermilab
Ph.D., Stanford University

“My first weeks at IMSA as part of its fourth class are frozen in my mind as the start of something amazing. We attended a convocation at Fermilab with IMSA Founder and Nobel Laureate Dr. Leon Lederman to start the year, and I absorbed inspiration, possibility, and the pursuit of excellence. Those three years were not just formative, they were transformative for a young mind looking for a place in the world and for the chance to make an essential difference. What I learned then still guides me now. And the people that influenced and supported and guided me then, still do today. For all of this, I am grateful.”

DWAN PRUDE ’97 (EAST ST. LOUIS)
Procurement Financial Analyst, Boeing Company
M.S., Missouri University of Science and Technology

“IMSA taught us to dream big!”

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