Special International Edition

Chamberlain School has attracted international students and faculty for many years. We have often had students attend Chamberlain, as special education services have not been broad enough in their home countries to meet their unique needs. In recent years, we have seen this need increase dramatically, as countries all over the world have begun to recognize the need to provide for all students. As part of the broader move towards meeting the special needs of students throughout the world, more and more families have reached out to us directly as they have struggled to find appropriate educational and clinical services for their child. In order to meet this demand, Chamberlain has been growing its presence overseas for the past several years. Our office in the Netherlands has provided direct consultation to families in the area and held workshops for parents. As part of this initiative, we have recently built an alliance with The U.S. Embassy in The Hague. Last month we were honored to be invited to give a presentation at the home of Ambassador Broas for families and professionals living in and around The Hague. Chamberlain School is very excited to be a part of the global outreach to all students with special needs, at home and abroad.

“The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.”

- Diogenes

Members of Chamberlain International School administration are greeted by Ambassador Broas. Pictured from left to right: Michelle Gosselin, Ambassador Broas, William Doherty, Sarah Norfleet and Lawrence Mutty.
Chamberlain International School Hosts Reception At The Home Of The U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands

Chamberlain International School hosted a networking reception December 2\textsuperscript{nd} at the home of the U.S. Ambassador of The Netherlands in The Hague. The reception was held to introduce guests to Chamberlain International School and International Consultation Services provided by Chamberlain and to increase awareness of special education needs.

U.S. Ambassador Broas graciously greeted guests alongside William Doherty, Executive Director, and Michelle Gosselin, Associate Director. Lawrence Mutty, Chamberlain Clinical Director gave an informative presentation, as Ambassador Broas, U.S. Embassy staff and approximately 50 attendees listened attentively. A question and answer session followed immediately thereafter. Ambassador Broas personally spoke with many of the guests both prior to and following the presentation as they enjoyed hors d’oeuvres and cocktails in the beautiful setting of his home.

Everyone at Chamberlain is sincerely appreciative of what Ambassador Broas has done in support of the school and special education in general. Chamberlain will continue to work closely with the U.S. Embassy in The Hague as part of Chamberlain’s global outreach to all students with learning and emotional challenges.
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International Baccalaureate Program

Three members of Chamberlain’s administrative team, Melissa Connors, Scott Davignon and Diane Wilson, recently attended a three day workshop on the International Baccalaureate Program. The goal was to identify the feasibility of bringing their Diploma Programme (DP) to Chamberlain. The DP is widely recognized across the globe as representing the highest level of academic achievement. Students who successfully complete a DP course of studies have greater access to colleges and universities and are afforded college credit for courses completed successfully. Bringing the DP to Chamberlain will bring some unique challenges, however, we are very excited about the possibilities it will mean for our students. We look forward to continuing on this path and plan to make a formal application in the spring. By being able to offer the International Baccalaureate at Chamberlain, we will continue our commitment to providing the highest degree of academic instruction to all our students, both local and international.

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Chamberlain International School has an office located in Utrecht, Netherlands. Over the years, Chamberlain has established a presence in the International Community thanks to the efforts of Bill Doherty and Sarah Norfleet, Director of Marketing and Program Development, and the many staff participating in international activities. Currently, Michelle Gosselin is the coordinator for European and Asian Relations. This and other such international activities are held to inform international families and students of our programming and to form partnerships/affiliations with other schools, programs and agencies working with students with learning and emotional challenges.