

## Dwight School Launches First Annual Film and TV Industry Professionals Week

### *Emmy-Award Winners, Documentary Filmmakers, and Producers Showcase Real-World Career Opportunities for IB Film Students*

**New York, NY, October 15, 2013:** This week, Dwight School, an independent International Baccalaureate (IB) World School located on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, launches its first annual Film and TV Industry Professionals Week with a series of guest lecturers for its IB Film program.

Dwight School, which is dedicated to igniting the “spark of genius” in every child, is a global leader in IB education, one of the most challenging pre-university courses of study in the world. Dwight’s IB film studies program, now in its third year, is the only one of its kind in New York City.

During the week, a line-up of directors, producers, cinematographers, and other specialists, with accolades ranging from Emmys to a MacArthur grant, will share with Dwight students their experiences, demonstrating to teenagers how their own passion — or “spark of genius”— for film can translate into exciting, successful careers in the real world.

“I am delighted to welcome such a diverse group of creative and talented experts, each of whom is making a mark in the world of film and TV. I’m particularly pleased that women will lead half of the guest lectures, most especially because it will help this year’s uniquely all-female senior film class recognize that opportunities can exist for them in a business that is still relatively male-dominated,” said Nicholas Lindner, IB film teacher, who works on award-winning film and TV productions worldwide outside the classroom.

One of eight experts worldwide participating in an initiative to restructure the global approach to IB film education, Mr. Lindner continued, “It’s a real pleasure to work with students who are receptive to both abstract territories of film theory and the hands-on elements of production. They are a curious and enthusiastic group of learners exploring the language of cinema.”

The guest speakers are:

**Eric Diebner:** Freelance sound mixer, Mr. Diebner has worked on several Emmy- and James Beard-awarded cooking shows; and his personal experience includes programs with chefs Lidia Bastianich, Eric Ripert, and Emeril Legasse. He was editor of the documentary feature, “I Want My Name Back,” which chronicled the history and legal battles of the legendary hip hop group the Sugarhill Gang. Mr. Diebner also covers sports for ESPN, ABC, and NBC.

**Lauren Elmer:** Head of post-production for A24 Films (“Spring Breakers,” “Bling Ring,” “The Spectacular Now”), Ms. Elmer was previously manager of post-production for Sony Pictures Classics, which distributes for filmmakers, including Woody Allen, Pedro Almodóvar, and Francis Ford Coppola She is currently developing her own feature.

**Mike Grabowski:** Recipient of three broadcast Emmy awards — the first won at age 23 — Mr. Grabowski is currently working as a senior lighting designer for The Lighting Design Group. He has worked with Spike, VH1, MTV2, MTV Tr3s, CBS, NBC, ABC, Howard TV, Bravo, and CNN.

**Anna Rose Holmer:** Ms. Holmer is currently producing, with Cinereach Productions, the feature documentary “Charge,” which has earned grants from the MacArthur Foundation, the Tribeca Film Institute, the San Francisco Film Society, NYSCA, Paley Center for New Media, and Snag Films. She co-produced “A Ballet in Sneakers,” a

companion documentary to “NY Export: Opus Jazz.” Her first feature, “Twelve Ways to Sunday,” was one of ten films to participate in IFP’s 2009 Documentary Lab and premiered with Rooftop Films 2010.

**Anthony S. Lenzo:** President and owner of Air Sea Land Productions, Mr. Lenzo is a digital cinematographer, both underwater and on land. He is a five-time Emmy Award winner for Innovative Camera Systems, POV Technician, Electronic Cinematographer, and Technical Team Remote; and has worked on feature films and TV shows around the world.

To learn more about Dwight School’s IB Film program, visit [www.dwight.edu](http://www.dwight.edu).

### **More About Dwight School**

Founded in 1872, Dwight School is dedicated to igniting the spark of genius in every child. A Dwight education rests on three pillars: personalized education, community, and global vision. Dwight was the first school in the US to offer the comprehensive International Baccalaureate curriculum from preschool-grade 12. It is the flagship campus of The Dwight Schools, with programs and campuses in London, Seoul, Beijing, and on Vancouver Island. Dwight graduates attend the world’s leading colleges and universities, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, MIT, and Oxford.

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