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Letter to the Editor of *The New York Times*

Students First and Foremost

“Is This the Best Education Money Can Buy?” (May 5) reported that top college admission officers were asked what qualities were lacking in New York City applicants; “the answers coalesced around the idea of values, civic engagement, inclusiveness and diversity — in a word, humility.” While humility should be modeled by parents and values learned early at home, the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum has put both center stage. Standing side-by-side with rigorous academic preparation is the IB’s dedication to nurturing culturally sensitive, principled, thoughtful, civic-minded global citizens. Dwight School, the first comprehensive preschool–grade 12 IB School in America, puts students — not parents — first. With a 140-year-old tradition of personalized learning and extremely low 1:4 teacher:student ratio among New York City independent schools, Dwight builds the self-confidence students need to pursue their individual talents and passions while remaining humble lifelong learners.

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