



**Dr. Ron Dimentberg**  
**Father of Ryan Dimentberg '15**

*Ron Dimentberg's son, Ryan, graduated from grade 12 in 2015, having also completed the two-year International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Here are some of Dr. Dimentberg's comments about his son's experience.*

**Why did Ryan choose the IB Diploma Programme?**

RD: Ryan has always challenged himself and the IB Programme was a natural fit for him. When he made that choice, we never really thought about whether or not he was going to leave Montreal after high school. From our perspective, choosing the IB Diploma Programme meant that he would be taking an internationally recognized curriculum that would leave his options open: stay in Montreal and go to McGill, go to school out of town or, if he didn't like IB, drop it after grade 11 and go to CEGEP. So it seemed like a win-win situation.

**Where is Ryan now?**

RD: Ryan wanted to see if he could get into a top US school, and we wanted to give him the tools to help him get there. He first went through the SAT process. We then visited eight schools and he ended up applying to 10. Ryan was ecstatic to have been accepted to the University of Pennsylvania and is currently pursuing an undergraduate science degree.

**From a parent's perspective, how did the IB Diploma Programme prepare Ryan for his post-secondary education?**

RD: Looking back, from a parent's perspective the challenging workload of the IB Diploma Programme prepared Ryan very well for the rigours of college. What struck me in particular, was that when we visited the eight universities and listened to their presentations, reference to the IB Programme was made at every school. We didn't realize just how important IB was going to be in terms of what these schools considered important. As such, we were both surprised and impressed that a lot of what the schools were looking for were things that LCC had offered, both in terms of academics and co-curricular activities.

**Do you have any additional insights or recommendations?**

RD: I would recommend the IB Diploma Programme to any strong student who is taking high-level courses in grade 10 and is looking to challenge themselves. Having just completed his first semester at UPenn, Ryan feels that the reading and writing skills he acquired by doing the IB Programme really prepared him for the workload of his college classes.