

### THE COUGAR TIMES

INNOVATIVE ARTS ACADEMY



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Dear Families and Community,** 

As we approach the holiday break and the close of 2025, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to every IAA student, staff member, and family who has made this year meaningful and full of growth. May this season bring you rest, joy, and time to celebrate the moments that matter most. We look forward to starting the new year refreshed and ready to continue learning, growing, and supporting one another. Wishing you all a peaceful holiday and a bright beginning to 2026!

Mr. Batha
Assistant Principal,
Innovative Arts Academy



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# UGLY SWEATER CONTEST WITH OUR STAFF

Our staff got into the holiday spirit with a fun and festive Ugly Sweater Contest! The competition brought lots of laughs and creativity across our school. Mr. Haddad took home the award for Ugliest Sweater, while Ms. Fulmer and Ms. Otruba wowed everyone with the Most Creative design. The title of Most Spirited went to Ms. Haigh for truly spreading holiday cheer. Thank you to our staff for making the season extra merry!

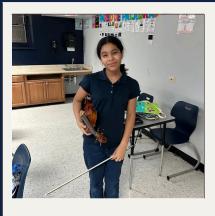
## MASS COMMUNICATIONS: STOP-MOTION SET DESIGN

Mass Communications students organized and designed their stop-motion sets, showcasing creativity, planning, and attention to detail as they prepared their projects for filming. Through thoughtful arrangement of props, backgrounds, and characters, students focused on visual storytelling and learned how strong set design enhances the overall quality and impact of stopmotion animation.





#### **Student Snapshots**



**CHOIR CLUB** 



TREE LIGHTING



Matching with Ms. Haigh



## BASKETBALL























#### **IAA's First Basketball Season**

IAA Basketball is officially underway in its first season! Our Middle School Boys team, along with our High School JV Girls and Boys teams, have begun their seasons—marking history in the making here at IAA. Our athletes work hard each day, practicing and preparing for every game with dedication and teamwork.

So far this season, our High School teams have earned a total of three wins. The Boys secured victories against Our Lady of the Cross (62–33) and Alliance Christian School (65–45), while the Girls celebrated a win against Lehigh Christian Academy (27–20). We are proud of our teams and excited to see what the rest of the season brings!





















Our IAA Esports Marvel Rivals Team traveled to Harrisburg University to compete in the PSEL State Finals, marking an exciting milestone for our program. Our students put up a strong fight against St. Joe's Prep. After St. Joe's Prep took an early two-game lead, our Cougars staged an incredible comeback to tie the match, forcing a best-of-five showdown.

Although the Cougars ultimately came up short, this was far from a loss—making history in their first year of competitive gaming, our Marvel Rivals team earned 2nd place in the state! This is a huge accomplishment, and we couldn't be prouder of our Cougars and their hard work and determination.



# Senior Shoutouts 👺 🖰







Shytavia Hammond

"I just want to give a huge shoutout to Shytavia for being such an awesome student. She's always ready to help, always positive, and always finding ways to get involved in the IAA community. Whether it's stepping up when someone needs a hand or showing pride in everything she does, she truly represents what being a Cougar is all about.

Shytavia, thanks for being such a great example of Cougar Pride, you make our school better just by being you and we will miss you dearly when you graduate!"



-Ms. Jimenez



"Congratulations to Kavon Carter on your acceptance into Clark University!"

-Ms. Wheatley



We are so proud of Kavon's hard work and dedication and can't wait to see all that he accomplishes in this next exciting chapter.



**Kavon Carter** 



"Congratulations to Nelsa Ortega on your acceptance into Kutztown University!"

-Ms. Wheatley



Nelsa's commitment and perseverance have truly paid off, and we wish her continued success as she begins her college journey?



Want to submit a senior shoutout? Email your nomination to nvasquez@IAAcslv.net.