

## **Independent Day School Student Receives Hispanic Leadership Award**

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Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) sixth grade student Pedro Lima recently received the Orgullo Juvenil Hispano Award from the Hispanic Youth Voice of Tampa for outstanding academic performance and for being a leader in the community and in his school. The award was presented at the Orgullo Juvenil Hispano gala on Oct. 18, 2007 at the Centro Asturiano de Tampa.

This is the second consecutive year that an IDS-CC student has received this Hispanic youth leadership award. Last year, kindergartener Marcos Arias was the youngest student ever to be honored with the award at the elementary level. Marcos was then featured in this year's commercial promoting nominations for the award which aired on local Spanish TV stations.

Pedro was nominated for the award in the middle school category by his Spanish teacher, Senora Odette Figueruelo, for his constant commitment to the Latin culture and the Spanish language.

"Pedro is an extraordinary student who always goes above and beyond to learn more about the Spanish language and culture," said Figueruelo. "He has a tremendous thirst for knowledge." A native of Brazil, Pedro speaks fluent Portuguese in addition to English.

Pedro will be joining several other IDS-CC students in the fourth Hispanic Cultural Festival of Tampa, which will take place at Leto High School in Tampa on Nov. 3. Sponsored by the Taller Intercultural Hispano-Americano, the festival will feature a wide variety of Hispanic cultural experiences including contests, cultural exhibitions and presentations. IDS students are preparing to compete in the declamation, art and spelling contests and will also be reciting a poem by the Cuban poet Jose Marti.

*Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited, independent school located on Orange Grove Drive in northwest Hillsborough County. The school serves 550 students in PreK3 through 8th grade and offers the International Baccalaureate program of study for all middle school students. At IDS, all children experience learning in a nurturing and highly academic environment focused on excellence and developing a positive self-concept. IDS-CC has become recognized as an exemplary school with over 3,500 visitors observing and learning from and with IDS-CC teachers about the school's M.O.R.E. Approach to education. For more information about IDS visit [www.idsyas.com](http://www.idsyas.com).*