# SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE

La Paz Community School 2021-2022













Graduates from 2020-2021 scholarship program

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The La Paz Community School Scholarship Program is a donor funded initiative that is aimed at identifying children from lower income households in our communities and offering them a mind enriching education with the expressed intent of creating future leaders who will have the capacity and skills to serve their communities, nation and the world. This program matches donors directly to individual students in order to provide a tangible connection.

The Scholarship Program students graduate with a bilingual IB education and a strong sense of connection between self, family, community and world.

They are balanced, empathetic and passionate lifelong learners who know how to make the world a better place. Scholarship students come from lower income families where the annual income is often less than \$7000 USD per year and they may be the first in their family to ever receive a secondary education. Scholarship students are empowered to attend a college or university of their choosing with the end goal of returning to their communities as strong agents of sustainable change.

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# **MISSION**

Our mission is to cultivate informed. mindful citizens of the world. Our innovative, bilingual, experiential learning program empowers students to develop the analytical skills, cross-cultural empathy, and creativity necessary for fostering harmony within our local and global communities.

# **ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

The selection process for scholarship students is comprehensive and rigorous. The Scholarship Director works with local community leaders to identify potential students. The La Paz Scholarship Committee then conducts interviews and home visits and carefully considers factors such as the family's economic need, the social and cognitive ability of the child, family support, involvement and future family goals. Scholarships are renewed annually based upon the student's academic achievement, attendance, behavior, financial need and

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fulfillment of family cooperative hours.

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100% graduating scholarships students are attending, have graduated from or are working at the following universities and businesses.

#### 2013-2014

- Antelope Valley Community College, USA

#### **2015-2016**

- Columbia University, USA
- Marymount Manhattan College, USA

#### **2016-2017**

- Universidad Latina, CR
- Universidad Nacional, CR
- Hotel Casa Chameleon, CR

#### **2017-2018**

- Tecnológico de Costa Rica
- Universidad Nacional, CR
- Sfera Legal, CR
- HG Consultores Accounting, CR

#### **2018-2019**

- Northern Kentucky University, USA
- Universidad UNIBE, CR
- Universidad San José, CR
- University of the Ozarks, USA

#### **2019-2020**

- Earth University, CR
- Instituto de Formación
- Aeronáutica, CR
- Universidad Nacional, CR

# **MELANIE UREÑA DUARTE**

Graduated from la Paz Community School & graduated from IB in 2020

"14 years ago La Paz welcomed me to this beautiful family and today full of joy and enthusiasm, I can say that a family like La Paz cannot be found anywhere else. My gratitude is inexplicable as I managed to fulfill many of my dreams such as traveling to another country for the first time and cultivating many unique friendships with classmates and teachers that I keep to this day. Thanks to La Paz I discovered, learned, engaged, grew and became who I am.

These were the most important years of my life because they allowed me to grow as a student, athlete and person, in an environment with a great diversity of cultures, race, religion, and ideals. This allowed me to learn to respect and accept all these differences with an open mind and heart. On the other hand, it would be dishonest to say that the process was easy as I faced difficult challenges such as learning English, however, today I am able to speak and communicate with fluency.

Another great challenge was the IB, however, now I know that it prepared me to face my life and obtain the success that I have today in the University. Thanks to everything I learned in La Paz, I have become an organized, thoughtful, balanced, supportive and proactive student. For this and a thousand other reasons, I am eternally grateful to this wonderful school that opened its doors to me at a young age and gave me the education of my dreams. I am proud to mention that I had the opportunity to be part of this community. Peace is love, equality, acceptance, protection, inclusion, unconditional support, fun, adventure, affection, future and friendship; it is my most beautiful memory and my desire to continue growing and at some point give them back a little of what they gave me."

# DONATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM

The **goal** for the **2021-2022** school year is to raise **\$60000**, to **support the 63 scholarship students** enrolled this year. Donation levels to help achieve these goals are as follows:

### **ALL IN**

Full-year tuition, lunch, uniforms, books, school supplies, field trips & after-school

\$12000

### TECH-SAVVY

Laptop + Software \$500

#### SCHOLAR 1

I trimester Tuition

\$3000

#### **TRAVELER**

Safe bus for one year

#### SCHOLAR 2

II trimesters Tuition

\$6000

#### LUNCH

Brain food for one year

\$1000

#### SCHOLAR 3

Full year Tuition \$9000

### **EXTRAS**

One year of books, uniforms, school supplies, field trips & after-school

\$1000

La Paz Community School is recognized as a non-profit association in Costa Rica and is a partner with the 501(c)3 registered non-profit organization in the United States, World Children's Project. As a result, donations made in Costa Rica may be claimed as a deductible expense on CR tax filings and donations made in the US are fully tax deductible.



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