

SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE

La Paz Community School 2022-2023




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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 \$7,000 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 fulfillment of family cooperative hours.

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CINDY ACOSTA DÍAZ

Graduated from La Paz Community School & graduated from IB in 2021

My experience in La Paz began in 2017, but the idea of wanting to be part of a community where values such as discipline, gratitude, commitment and self-improvement abound had been there ever since I was in primary school. When I arrived in La Paz I realized that it would be a place where I would leave my comfort zone and learn a lot about the people in the community and about myself, because it made me break the idea that there were limits on how to learn and teach. It showed me my creative side by having the opportunity to imagine, plan and then execute community projects that could be both in the local community and internationally. Likewise, it helped me find my passion in literature, and I learned how to write essays, poems, novels, literary analysis that I didn't imagine I could write before. This became almost a hobby because I specialized myself in this area by having so many options of what to write. What I am trying to show is that arriving in La Paz made me feel so welcomed, because there was always a space for everyone as there are many learning options that can adapt to each student or that are easy for students to adapt.

The International Baccalaureate program was a key part of my development process in La Paz, since it gave me the opportunity to grow in areas such as global politics, where I was able to connect with my community for interviewing projects, statistics, analysis, social problems and more. It is a program where the process was difficult but very rewarding, because thanks to all of the preparation I had in the program, I can say that the result was not only intended to culminate in the International Baccalaureate exams, but to take the experience of it to my post-graduation experience.

Currently, I am a law student, and the part of myself that I was able to grow and improve during my time in La Paz definitely shines. Thanks to this I have been able to easily adapt to university life, with the dream of being more present in my community again, as I plan to do once I can finish my professional career as a lawyer and provide my services to the community that once saw me start the dream that I continue to fulfill.

DONATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM

The **goal** for the **2022-2023** school year is to raise **\$700,000**, to **support** 47 students from Cabo Velas and the 37 students from Tempisque; for a total of **84 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

SCHOLAR 1

I trimester Tuition

\$3000

SCHOLAR 2

II trimesters Tuition

\$6000

SCHOLAR 3

Full year Tuition

\$9000

TECH-SAVVY

Laptop + Software

\$500

TRAVELER

Safe bus for one year

\$750

LUNCH

Brain food for one year

\$1000

EXTRAS

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

\$1000

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
- **2020-2021**
 - Universidad Latina, CR
 - Universidad Nacional, CR
 - Universidad de Costa Rica
 - ULICORI
 - UNED
 - Pura Vida Ride, CR

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