



2022 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

President's Column

By Tom Lindblom

After a year missed due to the pandemic it was very gratifying to see the in-person interaction between the sponsors and students at the breakfast. Viridiana Sotelo, an Irene Sheahen Memorial Scholarship recipient, addressed the sponsors and students assembled at the breakfast and shared the life changing experiences that were made possible because of the generosity of our sponsors.

We had the opportunity to recognize our class of 2020-2021 scholarship recipients and thank the generous sponsors that have made these opportunities possible. With half of our students now enrolled in college, we are focused on creating scholarship opportunities and our sponsors have responded with great generosity. In this newsletter we have shared profiles of these and our latest scholarship recipients. They are an exceptional group of students with enormous potential. Our thanks and appreciation go to the donors Jocelyn Servick and Gary Steinhafel, Mike and Kathy Gallagher, the family of Francis and Irene Sheahen and the family of Nick August whose generosity has made these scholarships possible.

We have included photographs of the event and hope that more sponsors and students will have the opportunity to join the upcoming breakfasts. There is a signup form included in this newsletter.

We are looking at new options and opportunities for sponsor involvement in the February English classes. After two years off for the pandemic, and with several sponsors no longer traveling to Zihuatanejo, we are looking at options to welcome involvement of those sponsors who are visiting Mexico during February and can contribute even a limited amount of time. Please see the article on the English classes and contact Bob Albright if you can assist.

Ticket sales for the Annual Fund-Raising Dinner are an important part of our fundraising as it helps to cover the costs of our Zihuatanejo staff and office as well as non-scholarship student costs. As many of you are aware, 100% of the dollars donated for becas by our sponsors go directly to our students. There is a signup sheet included in the newsletter and those that attend will enjoy refreshments, music, and a great meal for a good cause.

Thanks again for your support. The involvement and generosity of our Sponsors is extremely gratifying and instrumental in changing lives. I look forward to seeing many of you in Mexico in February.

Save the Dates

Sponsor-Student Breakfast – Sunday, January 15, 2023
February Sponsor-Student Breakfast – Sunday, February 12, 2023
2023 Benefit Dinner – Thursday, February 16, 2023



2023 SPONSOR/STUDENT REUNION BREAKFASTS

This is the time to see your becado, hear about current Niños Adelante activities and experience the energy of a room full of kids and parents who appreciate the support they receive from Niños Adelante. Translators will be available to help you and your becado get the most out of this experience.

Please use these Breakfasts to meet and visit with your student and his or her family in place of having José arrange a private meeting. As you can well imagine, the months of January and February are very chaotic for José.

Breakfasts will be held at the Hotel Fontan in Ixtapa at 9:00 A.M. on **Sunday, January 15, 2023** and 9:00 A.M. on **Sunday, February 12, 2023**.

Register now! José must notify your becado to attend the breakfasts. This notification takes place during beca payout day on the first Saturday/Sunday of the month in which the breakfast will be held.

Registration Deadlines

January 15 breakfast – deadlines is December 31

February 12 breakfast – deadline is January 31

As in the past, padrinos are responsible for their becados and their family's breakfasts. Cost of breakfast is expected to be about \$15 per person.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT and complete the following form and send to:
Friends of Niños Adelante, PO Box 1624, Sonoma, CA 95476

Please reserve _____ places for me at the January 15 Breakfast.

Please reserve _____ places for me at the February 12 Breakfast.

I will be staying at _____ in Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo from
____/____ and departing on ____/____ (this helps José communicate with you, if necessary).

My name is: _____.

If you would like to host the student and his family of a friend who cannot be at the breakfast, please give us the Sponsor's name: _____.

Note: Please include only yourself and your family and friends in the count of guests below. José will contact the students and their families to determine their numbers.



2023 ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

The annual benefit dinner will be held this coming February in Ixtapa on Thursday, February 16, 2020 at the beautiful Spa venue of the Pacifica Club Ixtapa. Refreshments at 5:30 p.m.

This event is a fundraiser for our Special Needs and College Scholarship Funds. What a wonderful way to enjoy a fabulous meal, complete with refreshments, at a very special place and help a great cause at the same time.

Please register early! Please PRINT and complete this form and send it along with your check, payable to Friends of Niños Adelante to the address below.

If you wish to pay via a credit card please visit our website at www.friendsofninosadelante.org and use the registration form and PayPal provisions found there. Look under, For Sponsors then Online Functions and click on the General Donation Form.

Reserve _____ seat(s) at \$125 each. Amount enclosed for dinner \$ _____ .

Names of attendee's _____

I am unable to attend the Benefit Dinner but enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of \$_____.

Thank you, Tom Lindblom

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USA TAX LAW QCD – DIRECT IRA CONTRIBUTIONS

With the tax law changes and the new limits on itemized deductions, those sponsors that are 70 1/2 or older can now arrange to make contributions directly from their IRA's to 501(c) charities such as Friends of Niños Adelante. This can be structured to decrease your taxable IRA amount. To accomplish this, tell your IRA fiduciary who/what/where to make the donation (you do not touch it). They will then give you a letter acknowledging they sent it, and the charity should give you a letter saying they received the contribution from your IRA. This distribution then counts towards your RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions), and if your tax advisor has the two letters they can deduct that amount from the IRA distributions that are taxable. As always, consult your tax advisor for details and to confirm this is applicable to your specific situation.

<https://www.fidelity.com/building-savings/learn-about-iras/required-minimum-distributions/qcds>

<https://www.kiplinger.com/article/taxes/T055-C032-S014-10-things-anyone-considering-a-qdc-should-know.html>

English Classes Brighten Niños Adelante Students Futures

Friends of Niños Adelante has long understood the need and opportunity to improve the English language skills of its students not only to bridge the communications gap between sponsors and students but, more importantly, to help deserving students gain access to expanded educational and job opportunities.

There are two separate and different English programs that have developed over the years. The sponsor taught classes and the formal English classes offered by Stella. They are synergistic and compliment the student's formal educational journey.

The Sponsor taught February classes.

- Conversational oriented classes offered during February to interested students.
- Volunteer Sponsors perform the teaching duties.
- No charge to the students or Sponsors of attending students
- Participant recommendations come from sponsors, parents of students, teachers and Jose
- Student's school schedules and level of commitment are monitored by Jose

Early on, the Friends of Niños Adelante sponsors who visited Zihua and spent time with their students, saw the need and the opportunity for English instruction. Formal classes offered by local schools such as The Maryland School were good but too expensive for most of our students. Ty Bujold, Shelia Yarnell, Leif Lindblom among others organized a group of volunteer Sponsors to conduct classes promoting interest in English during their Feb



visits. These classes continued through time up to a pause due to the pandemic. The structure changed somewhat with more focus on conversation and some fun stuff mixed in. Thanks to dedicated and committed fellow sponsors who selflessly give up their time, these classes were popular and well attended. Here are a few photos of recent classes taught by Margaret & Vinny Diglio, Shelagh & Ross Yarnell, Mary McGlinn, Alan Axelrod, Stan & Emily Karhoff, Annette Jones. (not pictured, Tim Ellis, Diana Boom).



IF this Sponsor taught February effort is to continue, Volunteers who visit Ixtapa/Zihua during Feb are needed! Changes to the class format are being discussed. Under investigation is the combining of these sponsor taught classes with the Formal English Classes taught by Stella. Volunteers would be assigned to assist with conversational segments of Stella's classes on a once-a-week schedule. Please contact Bob Albright, bobalb@comcast.net for more information if you have an interest in helping during the month of February.

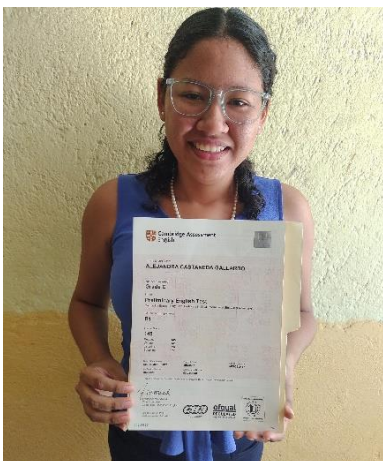
The Formal English Classes

Formal English classes were established in 2013 and have maintained class sizes of approx. 40 students. Around a dozen students are admitted each year. Most, but not all, stick with the instruction from year to year and come away with varying degrees of English proficiency. A small percentage leave because they lose interest or drop out of school but most leave when they attend college in a distant city. Over half of the students progress to the point of some proficiency. Twenty-five students have taken one or both of the universally recognized Cambridge University B-1 and B-2 proficiency tests. The B-1 satisfies college graduation requirements while the B-2 is recognized as proof that one can use every day written and spoken English for work or study purposes.

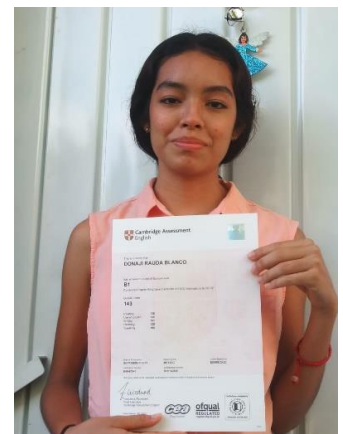
Formal English Classes

- Offered by Stella Delgado and Teacher Ana
- Consist of two-hour classes two days per week for the 10 month academic school year
- Approximately 40 Students can be accommodated in this program
- Available to selected students from all grade levels including college
- Students are recommended for these classes by Sponsors, the conversational class teachers and Jose.
- Final selection is determined by Jose after careful consideration of a student's academic schedule & level of commitment
- Students are segregated into beginner, intermediate and advanced groups.
- The curriculum includes preparation for the internationally recognized Cambridge University English testing program.
- There is a cost of \$200 per student for the 10 months of instruction.
- The Student's sponsors are solicited to support half of this \$200 cost.
- For those students that advance and qualify to take the Cambridge tests, there is an additional cost of \$160 for the B-1 tests and \$250 for the B-2 tests that Cambridge charges. The student's sponsors are solicited to support these added costs.

For both English classes, students are responsible for any extra transportation costs they may incur to attend



classes. The biggest investment for students is their time (an extra 4 hrs of formal classes) along with their commitment and determination to make the most of the opportunity. Niños Adelante is not a school but a supporter of all its students that are enrolled in the program with the goal to provide tools that will help lead students to reach their fullest potential. Thank you to all involved, especially to all sponsors who have historically and selflessly continued to make a positive impact in the lives of such deserving young adults. You are making a difference! The resultant smiles like those of Alejandra and Donaji are the biggest reward of all!



STUDENT BREAKFAST – FEBRUARY 13, 2022

It was a Pandemic shaped Breakfast this year. The good news is, with half the number of sponsors attending it was possible to organize a safe but more intimate gathering. The not so good news is, with only half the number of sponsors attending, only half the number of students were able to meet with their sponsors. None the less, this year's event was a success.

Our preparations to stage a Pandemic influenced gathering worked out well. A reduced number of Sponsors (30 vs the normal 50) and the decision to encourage the students to invite only their mom and dad, reduced the crowd size by about half, providing open space and the ability to concentrate more on communications between Sponsor and Student. Fifteen students from the Formal English classes acting as translators added a big plus to the event.

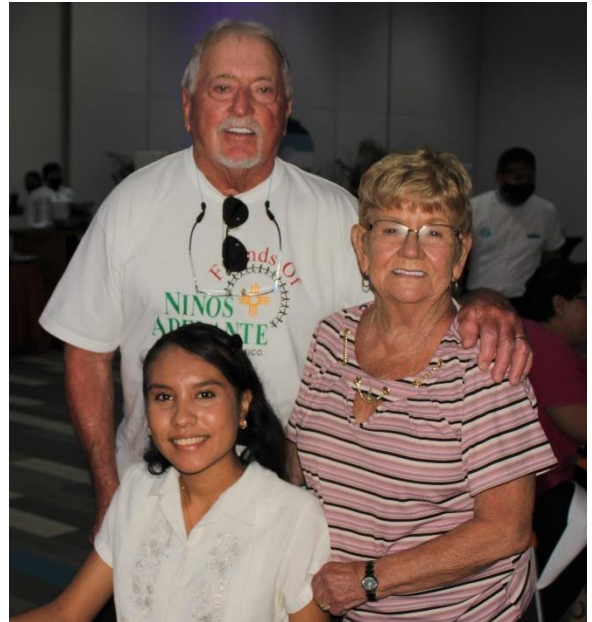
The shortened Program included a presentation of our Special Scholarship program by Tom Lindblom and Daniela Perez. Their presentation included some history of the program, recognition of the six 2021 Special Scholarship winners, recognition of another dozen former recipients present at the breakfast and recognition of the several of our wonderful scholarship donors present in the audience.

Viridiana Sotelo, an Irene Sheahen Memorial Scholarship recipient, and recent graduate of UAPueblo Benemerita shared her Niños Adelante experiences and her profound gratitude with the audience. Jose delivered a note and gift in memory of Tom and Carolyn Wenrich, offered by their neighbors from the Xiguacan condominiums. Here are some photos.





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WELCOME NEW SPONSORS AND STUDENTS TO Friends of Niños Adelante

We have five new sponsors and students that have joined our organization this spring. The new sponsors are all residents at Bayview Grand Residential. They are long time visitors to Ixtapa that wanted to get more involved in the local community. Picture below are Jose and the Sponsors, with their the new Students, from left to right, Samantha, Cinthia Yaretzi, Marcos Abimael, Ana Karen and Ana Iris.



What better way to do so than to become a sponsor and help a child get an education. If you know someone that would like to get involved, please send them to our website. www.friendsofninosadelante.org



2021-2022 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to each of the scholarship recipients and our thanks to the generous scholarship contributors who have made these awards possible.

Student	Award	School	Course
Ximena Perez Campos	Francis and Irene Sheahen Memorial Scholarship	Tecnológico de Morelia	Industrial Engineering
Alexander Higuera Pascacio	Jocelyn Servick and Gary Steinhafel Scholarship	Universidad Tijuana	Aerospace Engineering
Cinthia Sanchez Leyva	Jocelyn Servick and Gary Steinhafel Scholarship	Tecnologico Zihuatanejo	Public Accounting
Leslie Margarita Baños Sotelo	Jocelyn Servick and Gary Steinhafel Scholarship	Instituto America	Nursing
Yuditzi Hernandez Huicochea	Jocelyn Servick and Gary Steinhafel Scholarship	Juan R Escudero Guerrero UBBJ	Rural Medicine
Alison Selene Madora	Nick August Memorial Scholarship	Tecnologica Petatlan	

Here are the application letters from the students

My name is Alexander Higuera Pascacio, I'm 18 years old, I just finished high school, I studied in preparatory No. 13 , I met the foundation six years ago, i was very excited, for this great opportunity that they offered me, however I had not contemplated that i would meet some extraordinary people, my godparents Tom and Carolyn Wenrich, I'm more than grateful to them for everything they did for me, for all the support they gave me and I'm grateful to the foundation for giving me the opportunity to meet them.



I like astronomy and any topic about space that is why I decided to study aerospace engineering, I am very excited to enter the career although at the same time I feel some anguish since I'm going to study in Tijuana since that is where the university is, it will be like starting over since I practically don't know the city the good thing is that I have a place to go, my uncles, They have a house there so they are going to lend it to me, even so, I feel a little nervous since I have never lived alone.

I have a small family since I only have one brother named Luís Ramiro, he is 10 years old, my mother's name is Edith and she works in the public registry, my father's name is Arturo, he is a cook in Punta Ixtapa.

Ever since I was little, topics about the universe have caught my attention. I was excited to be able to know what the stars and planets are made of and to be able to visit them. I wanted to study astronomy, but I was worried because it doesn't have much of a job field, so I better decide. look for another career, I was looking for a long time until I discovered the Aerospace Engineering career and I loved it since

there is a lot of work field and it is connected with things in the universe, such as making rockets and vehicles that go off-planet, so that's why I decided to study this career but to my surprise, I realized that it is very expensive and very difficult so I would like to receive the special scholarship to at least not work the first year and dedicate myself only to the university, it would help me a lot. My plans for when i finish my university is to be able to work for NASA in research or in some private space agency, i know that it Will not be easy at all and what terrifies me the most is that I will be away from my family and I Will not be able to visited them, but I know that the one day it Will be worth all the sacrifice that is made one day that child who dreamed of reaching the stars will be able to achieve his dreams.

Words aren't enough to show my gratitude to the foundation and especially to my sponsors because without their support I wouldn't have enough motivation to achieve my goals.

Alex

My name is Ximena, I am 18 years old. I was born in Atlanta, Georgia. There are 5 members in my family, my mom Leticia, my dad Jose Antonio, my oldest sister Mayra, my middle sister Daniela, and me.



I got in Niños 5 years ago, and my sponsors are David and Danna Sheahen. They have been supporting me ever since, that is why I am so grateful to Niños. Thanks to them I learned English, which has been something really important to me, I already did two Cambridge certifications, and none of this wouldn't have been possible without them.

I just finished high school with a final grade of 9.4, and now my next goal is going to college. The major I chose to study is industrial engineering. I didn't have many choices for school, because the degree I want it's not in many schools, and the nearest one is in Morelia, that's why I chose there, besides my sister attends to that school, and it also would be easier if we both live together. Last week I took the exam to get in, and I got the result a few days ago, and luckily I did get in, so I'm going to be moving out with her when the school year starts.

About my plans after finishing college is going to study a master's degree in the USA, so it would be easier for me to settle in there, getting a job, and therefore I could help my family, and maybe someday, I can help in Niños Adelante just the same way my sponsors did with me.

I'm so grateful for being a candidate for the special scholarship this year, I always remember my mom pushing me on getting good grades ever since I started high school, so I could finish with good grades, and hopefully I could get a special scholarship for college. I will always be so thankful with Niños Adelante for everything they have given me.

Ximena Perez

I introduce myself, my name is Cinthia Sánchez Leyva, I am 18 years old, I was born in Mexico, in the city of Zihuatanejo, Guerrero, I am the daughter of Mr. Baltazar Sánchez Chávez and Mrs. Norma Leyva Ramírez.



My mother and my two sisters (Esbeyda Yiseth Sánchez Leyva and Alma Iris Sánchez Leyva) are an important part of my life, together we have progressed during these years, I can say that, as a result of family problems with my father, I have learned to drive perfectly my emotions, I consider that it has made me a strong woman, sure of myself and capable of facing any adversity.

I am currently a graduate of the Preparatoria Federal por Cooperación "Nicolás Bravo". During my stay at the school I have learned valuable knowledge, not only academically, but also personal growth.

During these 3 years I have learned to be a self-taught person, I have always cared about learning and despite having been sick with COVID-19 and having missed 3 full weeks of school, my desire to continue learning never left. This experience helped me improve myself and create a better version of myself.

I studied in the "economic-administrative" module with a specialty in accounting, since I really like mathematics and finance, I can say that I have learned to be able to design, control and evaluate financial, administrative and fiscal information systems, that is why I have decided to study public accounting at the Instituto Tecnológico de la Costa Grande, located in Zihuatanejo, Guerrero.

Today more than ever, communication is of great importance, that is why my professional goals is to empower society, as an accountant I will have the opportunity to help my community with the transmission of my knowledge, informing about changes in tax codes or laws, explaining how they will benefit or affect the society.

I see myself as a professional with an ethical, critical and leadership attitude, I want to transmit my ideas and skills through transparency, preventing and punishing corruption, my goal is to promote the truth of the financial and fiscal situation of society.

I hope that in the future I find myself financially stable to be able to help children and adolescents like me, because I know how difficult this process is where motivation, improvement and potential are limited by money, Fundación Niños Adelante opened the doors for me, I greatly appreciate being a candidate for this special scholarship.

I end my letter expressing my deep gratitude to the Foundation, to Mr. José Bustos who allowed me to be part of this wonderful experience and especially to my sponsor Ellen de Man, a great woman who has helped me and my family for 3 years. Thanks to this, fortunately I am finishing high school and studying the last year of the English school. I hope to be able to obtain my certification for this new school year. Without the help of the foundation, this would not have been possible.

I say goodbye thanking you for your attention.

-Cinthia Sánchez Leyva

My name is Leslie Margarita Baños Sotelo. I am 17 years old and I was born in Zihuatanejo, Guerrero. My story in Niños began 6 years ago when I was going to start seventh grade. They assigned to me my sponsors Douglas and Joan Corderman, and from that moment my life changed completely. My family is made up of 2 members, my mom's name is Linda Sotelo Olea, she works in house, she is a hairstyle, and me, I don't work, I just study.



I will finish high school a few months, from which I ended with a final grade of 9.3, when I started high school, my goal was to finish with a good grade to be able to obtain a special scholarship because my mom works a lot to pay for my school and support me and sometimes what she earns is not enough for both. Now I am grateful for the opportunity to be a candidate for the scholarship. Currently I'm about to start my university studies, where I chose the major of nursing. The university I will go to is Instituto America, it is located in Zihuatanejo and I decided to stay at that university because my family's economy is not very good.

For now, my goal is to finish my degree because I know how difficult. I dream of being someone very important one day and I have never wanted money, but if I had the possibility of being financially stable, I would like to help others as my sponsors have taught me, since apart from the opportunity to study, they helped me.

I hope to finish my university studies and after that I plan to start working at the IMSS, maybe go out of state or even out of the country, I know it is difficult but nothing is impossible and with the support of people like my sponsors, Jose Bustos and others people who sponsor children day by day meeting my goals will be easier and easier.

I am very grateful to my sponsors for giving me the opportunity to be a candidate for a special scholarship and giving me the motivation, I need to never give up, continue studying and never stop pursuing my dreams. I am grateful to the foundation for the support it has given me all these years.

Sincerely, Leslie.

My name is Yuditzi Hernandez Huicochea, I'm 18 years old and I'm from Zihuatanejo. I live with my mother Azucena and with my brother Victor. My mother works as a cook in small restaurant in town and my brother is a grade 9 student. When I'm on vacation, I like to work to help my family. Sometimes I help my mother with her work and other times I find other places that offer me a job.



I studied high school in CESA where I took a clinical test course and got a final grade of 9.2. Thanks to the help of José, I've been in Niños Adelante for five years receiving the help of my sponsor Anette, who has become a big motivation for continuing my studies and reach all my goals, due to the big support she's given me ever since I met her.

I want to become a doctor, so I applied for studying Medicine in UBBJ University which is in Tierra Colorada, Guerrero and where I was accepted. Since I was in junior high school, my dream has been studying Medicine because I find it very interesting and I feel motivated by the idea of helping other people. I recently took a five week introductory course at my new university, where I could get to know some of the doctors who will be teaching me and I'm sure I will learn a lot from them, the students and also more about my career, and that's why I'm happy about my university.

On this letter, I want to express my gratitude for considering me as a candidate for the special scholarship, because I know it will mean a huge help for my family and I. Specially because going to that University represents moving away from my town, and having several expenses like paying rent for a place to live, food, transportation to school and services like internet, electricity and so on, so it would mean a lot for me to continue with my life project, where I will put all my endeavour to make all the help I've been receiving worthwhile.

Yuditzi Henández Huicochea

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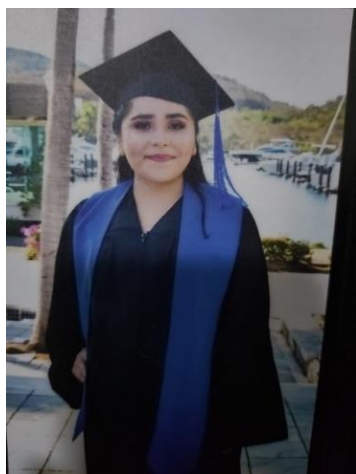
Congratulations also to last year's class

Student	Award	School	Course
Alexandra Martinez Mojica	Jocelyn Servick and Gary Steinhafel Scholarship	UDG Universidad de Guadalajara	Public Medicine
Carlos Alberto Bello Sanchez	Jocelyn Servick and Gary Steinhafel Scholarship	Tecnologico Zihuantanejo	Electro Mechanics
Christian Elian Carrera Herrera	Jocelyn Servick and Gary Steinhafel Scholarship	Universidad Michoacana	Medical Doctor
Luis Alberto Gonzalez	Mike and Kathy Gallagher Scholarship	UA GRO Chilpancingo	Civil Engineering
Selsi Lizette Olivan Aviles	Jocelyn Servick and Gary Steinhafel Scholarship	UA GRO Acapulco	Medicine
Mayra Sastre Porfirio	Nick August Memorial Scholarship	Tecnologica Petatlan	Hospitality

The following are the thank you letters from the 2020 – 2021 recipients to their respective Award grantors.

Dear Gary Steinhafel and Jocelyn Servick.

Hello, my name is Alexandra Martinez Mojica and I was the winner of one of the special scholarships that you gave in the Niños



Adelante Foundation, I can only say thank you very much for this great support in my education, I hope to meet you soon and thank you for your support for my studies. during college. I hope you are very well and in good health.

So I'll tell you a bit about myself, I'm 19 years old, I live in Zihuatanejo Guerrero, my parents are Julio Gómez who works as an electrician and Lucina Mojica who works as a domestic worker, I have two brothers, my family is really wonderful, they are the ones who support me with my decisions. and it is my parents who motivate me to follow my dreams. I remember that when I entered this foundation I was so happy that this could help me and motivate me to continue studying and I know that I succeeded because just when I entered I asked Don José for English classes that I wanted to certify and I did it with the PET level because I know that I would need it in university and more in a career of medicine. Four years ago, just when I was about to finish high school, I noticed that what most attracted me were the health sciences. From there I have my goal in mind that I want to be a doctor, although the specialty may vary. I finished with the baccalaureate of chemist-biologist where it made me reaffirm even more that I want to be a doctor. I want to help others, especially vulnerable people with few resources because it is very

sad to see how few can receive good health care and others cannot. I finished high school with an average of 9.6 I know it is not the

best and that I could have given more. I have very clear goals in my life and some projects that I would like to start after finishing my medical degree. Perhaps opening a clinic here in Zihuatanejo. Another something I would love to do is give back a little bit of the support that the godparents of the children in Niños Adelante have been giving for years to children just as my godparents Jay and Sandra Mesinger and also a person who has been honorably an angel for many Maryellen Jackson.

Currently I am testing to be admitted at the UDG University of Guadalajara, it will help me to train as a doctor and I will surely continue studying a specialty. This is why I am applying for a special scholarship at the Niños Adelante foundation since although my financial resources are not the best and I know that my parents are concerned that they cannot help me pay for an expensive career, as well as rent, food and transportation out of state. It is clear that I could work in my spare time to help myself, but still I think this is not enough because in addition to not being able to cover my school expenses and high rent, I know that my parents have to pay for that I need this scholarship, I know that I am a student who can make the most of it, focusing on what my professional goal is. I want to be a great doctor for this world and be able to be of help to others.

Alexandra Martinez Mojica

Hello godparents Gary Steinhafel and Jocelyn Servick my name is Carlos Alberto Bello Sanchez. I am writing this letter to thank you for giving me your support for my studies.



I was born on January 29, 2003 in Zihuatanejo, Guerrero. My mother's name is Norma Sánchez Valdez and my father's name is Carlos Rafael Bello Diaz, I only have a 2-year-old sister and her name is Hanna Kaory Bello Sánchez.

I currently work with my dad on boats, I started helping when I was 5 years old. I just finished high school with good grades, my final grade is 9.6. I'm going to study at Tecnológico in Zihuatanejo, Guerrero. I am studying electro mechanics, my dream is to finish my degree with good grades so that I can have a better chance of getting a good job, and then start to start my business.

I joined the foundation when I started my first year of preparatoria, and 6 beautiful years have passed since I joined the foundation. The foundation motivated me to give much more of myself since it is one more reason to be able to make my godfather Harry Mah proud, although this last year we did not see each other much when he came to Zihuatanejo because of the pandemic that we are experiencing worldwide

This scholarship would help me to be able to make my dream of finishing my degree come true as it could help with school expenses that are not within my reach since my family and I are low income. I am very grateful to the foundation for the support they have given me over the years.

Carlos Alberto

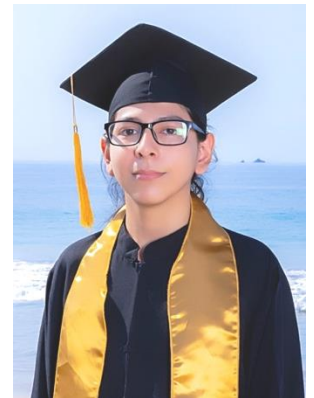
Dear Gary Steinhafel and Jocelyn Servick,

My name is Christian Elian Carrera Herrera, I am a 17-year-old student from Zihuatanejo Guerrero, I only live with my mom Rosalba while my brother Erick works abroad.

I have been part of the Niños Adelante Foundation for more than three years and my sponsors are Douglas and Patricia Sederquist, who have helped me a lot with my studies and even sponsored my English classes and now I can write this letter for you, so I am very grateful to them. I just finished high school with an average grade of 9.76, and thanks to the kind José Bustos informing me that I could be a candidate for the special scholarship for university students, something that I had always wanted to make my university studies possible.

Well, I want to study a medical degree to become a doctor of medicine at the "Universidad Michocán de San Nicolás de Hidalgo" in the city of Morelia. I am very happy to have been accepted to this university since it is recognized for having a good quality education.

Therefore, having the support from my scholarship will be a relief and will certainly benefit my academic performance by allowing me to achieve my goal of being a well qualified doctor in pursuit of the health and well-being of the people of my community. My aspirations are to be a useful and good person for Mexico, to be financially stable and to help others just like the Niños Adelante Foundation and my sponsors have done for with me these years.



Dear Mike and Kathy Gallagher,

My name is Luis Alberto Gonzalez Bustos, I was born on August 30th, 2003 in Zihuatanejo, Guerrero. In a month I will be 18 years old, my hobbies are listening to music, painting, going to the beach, going for a walk, cooking, I also really like gardening. My mother's name is Idania Bustos Herrera, she works as a chambermaid in the hotel zone of the port and my father's name is Gilberto Gonzalez Ortiz who works as a maintenance worker in the hotel zone. I have an older brother, Luis Manuel and a younger sister, Maria Arleth Garcia Bustos. I just finished my 12th school year, where I got a final average of 9.9. This was one of my proposed goals when entering high school, since in middle school I had done well, however, I knew I could improve and I achieved it. Obviously, I can not say that the merit is only mine, but I owe it to all those people who have supported me throughout this time, people like: my parents, brothers and of course the foundation of Niños Adelante that without them I could not have met my godmother who has always supported me. My story in Niños Adelante began 6 years ago when I finished elementary school. I was assigned to my current godmother Brooke O'Donnell, for which my gratitude is infinite since she has supported me unconditionally from the first day we had contact for this and for many more reasons I thank her deeply and sincerely to the Foundation Niños Adelante, because she is contributing greatly to fulfill my dreams.



My dreams or my plans for a future since childhood have been to finish a professional career, since in my family, very few people have achieved it and I would like to be one of those people. Also for the future, I would love to practice my profession in the best possible way. I would just like to master the English language because I know that this will open up great and new opportunities for me. I would like to explore different parts of the world, meet people with different cultures and traditions of which I can enrich my knowledge. Finally, my biggest dream is to be able to support people to fulfill their dreams in the same way that they have supported me and driven me to fulfill my own goals and dreams.

Little by little I have been working to fulfill these dreams. The first steps to fulfill this was to finish high school, the other was to find the best university. I will study Civil Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering of the Autonomous University of the State of Guerrero (UAGro) located in Chilpancingo. Being honest, I had no knowledge of the existence of civil engineering, until two years ago when I was looking for options for university careers. This one caught my attention and out of curiosity I looked for it on the internet. From that moment it became one of my first options. After researching universities in which I could apply that were not too far from Zihuatanejo, the Faculty of Engineering in Chilpancingo had a wide range of specialties for this career, just as their study program is one of the most complete in terms of subjects, this is why I opted for this university. When I had to attend the university for the admission exam, I was a little nervous but confident that I had prepared enough and had the support of my whole family. When the results were published I was very excited to see my name on the lists. I know that I will strive every day to achieve the dream that I wanted for so long, I also know that I will not give up so simply, I know that I will achieve it.

Luis Alberto

Dear Gary Steinhafel and Jocelyn Servick

Hello, my name is Selsi Lizette Olivan Aviles, I am 18 years old and live in Zihuatanejo de Azueta, I have two brothers, Abelito, 5 years old and the other Fernanda is 9 years old.

I just finished high school, and it was not easy.

Today I appreciate very much the opportunity to receive the special scholarship that you provide, already are difficult times of pandemic and more for those who want to study outside as is my case. I want to study medicine, I passed the exam and I intend to study in Acapulco, in the Faculty of Medicine; and although I know that, it will be a lot of expenses and effort I am convinced that I will succeed, thank you very much for the support.

I have many dreams; the first one is to finish my professional career, then I'd like to actually work in the area I studied for. In addition, if I have the possibility, I'd like to study a specialty in gynecology, I know there is still a lot of time, but those are my dreams and I hope that with your help I can achieve this.

Again, thank you for giving me this opportunity, it means a lot for me.

Selsi Lizette Olivan Aviles



Dear Laen August,

My name is Mayra Sastre Porfirio, I was born on January 13, 2003 in Zihuatanejo, Guerrero. I am 18 years old. I currently live in Colonia Dario Galeana with my mother, Sabina and my father, Librado. I have two older sisters Ilse Janitzi and Ana Lizeth, they always help me and are an example for me. My parents rent a house and also have their own fruit and vegetable store in Nuevo Amanecer.



I really like to draw, exercise and work in my free time. I have had the opportunity of working in different Villas. This brings me a lot of benefits since I learn many things related to my career at school and I can also help to provide financial support to my parents.

Currently I have just finished High School at Conalep. This year and a half was difficult for everyone since the classes were online. For me personally, it affected me since some teachers were not responsible in the fact of connecting to the classes and we lost many practice opportunities. I am going to enter the Technological University of the Costa Grande de Guerrero in Petatlan where I have been accepted to study the career of "Hospitality". I chose this career in tourism since I really like the environment that where you can make an effort so that tourists have an excellent stay and you can show our culture to all tourists. I hope one day to be able to travel to other countries to learn more about their culture and their tourism. My dream is to be able to finish my career with good grades and from there to be able to get a good job in an important company in order to make my godparents and my parents proud and be able to help my parents, so that in the future we can have our own home.

I joined the Fundación de Niños Adelantes when I was in the second year of secondary school, I have had the opportunity to spend 5 beautiful years, the foundation has motivated me to really want to go to school by seeing my godparents and my parents who believe in me and support me during this journey

This scholarship would help me fulfill my dreams and be able to continue with my studies since my family is low-income. It would be a great support for me now more due to the pandemic that we are going through since my family has been affected by the fact that sales have dropped by which I also work, this support would be a great motivation to continue working and studying since my career is a bit expensive and it would help me to achieve my goals.

Mayra

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