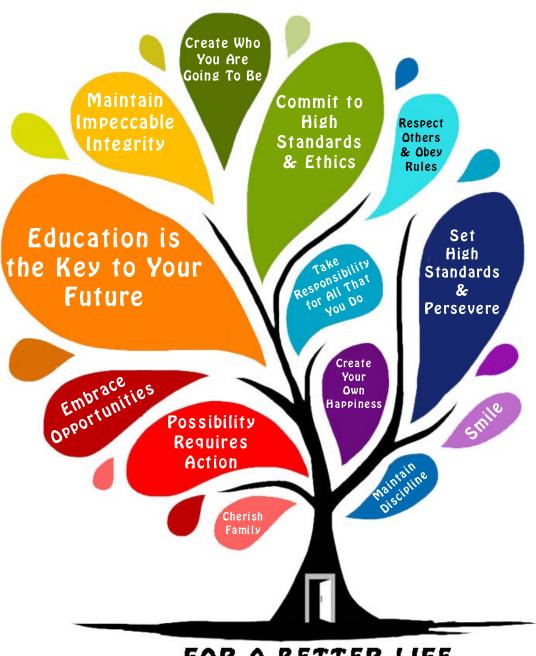
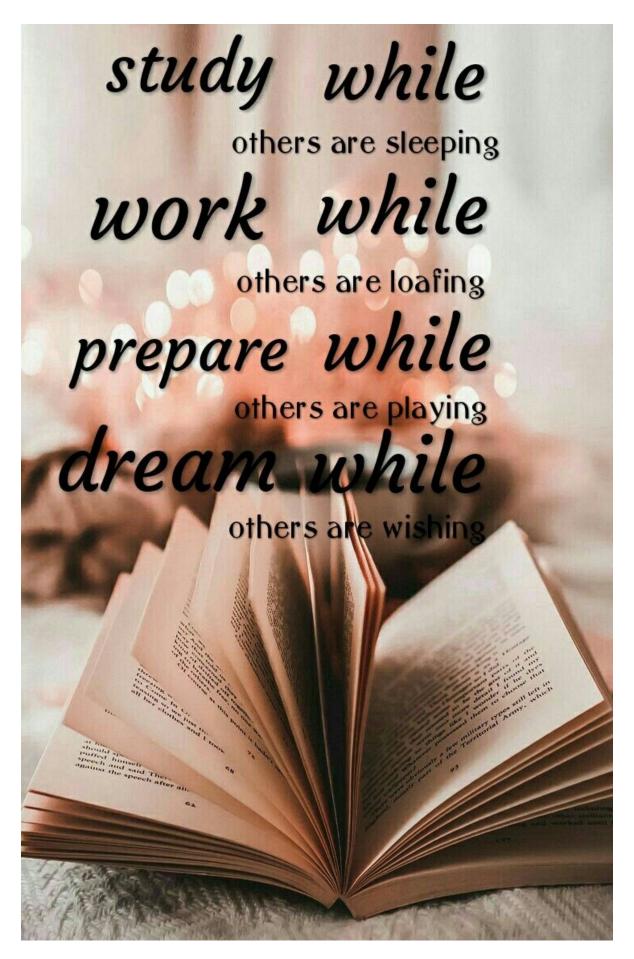


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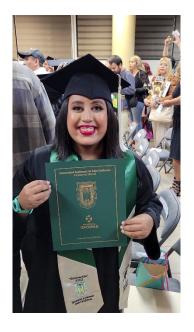


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Hi, my name is Sharon and I just graduated from university (my career was Translation) this year. I have been in BSF for 15 years now. That is quite a lot! And they have always helped me with everything that has to do with school. Everything that I have accomplished academically would not have been possible without BSF. And actually, I went to medical school for 6 months but I realized it wasn't for me, and when I got out of med school and I told them, instead of judging or pressuring me, they

always supported me and encourage me to find what I wanted to do with my life or who I wanted to be, and they waited a whole year for me to achieve that! And for that, I am forever grateful. I want to continue being part of BSF but now I want to give back a little bit of all that they have given me, and I want to become a sponsor in the not-far-away future. I really believe what BSF does - actually changes people's lives and if I can be of any help or contribute, I will do it gladly.

#### A PROUD MOMENT FOR BSF



Those attending her graduation ceremony were her proud Dad and BSF Board Members Joanna and Bill Wood and Bob Blanton. Thank you, Adi, for making BSF proud! And thank you, Cambridge Rosarito for providing our students this opportunity!

Hi, I'm Esther or known as Adi and today I received my diploma for finishing my English classes and I want to thank the entire foundation for this great opportunity they gave me, for the great trust they placed in me. I want to especially thank Judie, who from the beginning was a great inspiration, who gave me her trust and love; I hope that wherever she is, she is seeing my achievement and feels very happy that one more is achieving what she started one day. Thanks also to Rosemary for her help and great support of my family. Thanks to Joanna and Bill for the gift. I really appreciate everything they do for me, and I hope I can continue to be a source of their pride. With love, Adi.





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(Translated by Perla)

Mi nombre es Flor Rodriguez, tengo 30 años y he pertenecido a BSF desde hace 16 anos.

Me gustaría contarles un poco de lo que sido de mí, me gradué de la licenciatura de Ciencias e la comunicación en el año 2016 y ese mismo año me case con Edgar Zepeda. Estuve trabajando en Hotel castillos del mar, como ejecutiva en eventos un tiempo y en el 2018 tuvimos a nuestra pequeña hija Isabella. Durante la pandemia tomamos la gran decisión de abrir nuestra propia gallería "Straw Art Gallery " ubicada en Puerto Nuevo. Gracias a Dios nos ha ido muy bien y poco a poco hemos podido ser fuente de trabajo para nuestra comunidad.

A c t u a l m e n t e t e n e m o s 10 p e r s o n a s trabajando con nosotros entre ellas Agustín Díaz que también pertenece a la fundación.

My name is Flor Rodriguez, I am 30 years old, and I have been a part of BSF for 16 years.

I would like to tell you a little about what has happened in my life. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences in 2016, and in the same year, I married Edgar Zepeda. I worked at Hotel Castillos del Mar as an event executive for a while, and in 2018, we welcomed our little daughter Isabella. During the pandemic, we made the big decision to open our own gallery, "Straw Art Gallery," located in Puerto Nuevo. Thanks to God, we have been doing very well, and little by little, we have been able to

provide jobs for our community. Currently, we have 10 people working with us, including Agustín Díaz, who is also part of the foundation.



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Él está aprendiendo sobre la técnica de Straw art y apoyando con atención al cliente ya que tiene un buen inglés, y su hermana Marisol Díaz nos apoya



con todo lo administrativo.

En la galer í a tenemos arte de diferentes artistas locales pero nuestra arte principal es la que realiza mi esposo, se llama popotillo coloreado (Straw art) es una técnica mexicana que proviene de los Aztecas, ellos utilizaban elementos naturales para realizar murales, usando el pasto de cambray que crecía en sus campos, y utilizaban la cera de abeja de abeja combinada con resina de árbol para crear un pegamento. Esta resina ayuda a proteger las piezas ya que cuando seca esta cristaliza creando ámbar. Edgar comenzó creando patrones de color y figuras simples después de años de trabajo esfuerzo y dedicación logro perfeccionar la técnica y la convirtió en toda una obra de arte creando imágenes realistas y espectaculares.

He is learning about the Straw art technique and supporting with customer service as he speaks good English. His sister Marisol Díaz helps us with all the

administrative tasks.

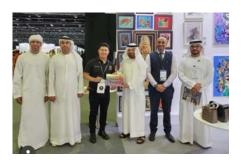
In the gallery, we have art from various local artists, but our main focus is the artwork created by my husband. It's "Popotillo called Coloreado" (Straw art), a Mexican technique that dates back to the Aztecs. They used natural elements to create murals, using the cambray grass that grew in their fields and a mixture of beeswax and tree resin as adhesive. This resin helps protect the pieces, as it crystallizes and becomes amber when it dries. Edgar started by creating color patterns and simple figures. After years of hard work and dedication, he perfected the technique and turned it into a true work of art, creating realistic and spectacular images.

En 2021 cuando abrimos la galer í a comenzamos a crear contenido en las redes sociales. algunos videos se volvieron virales, clientes y galer í as de diferentes partes del mundo se contactaron con nosotros, hemos enviado cuadros a Sudáfrica, Portugal, Qatar, Dubái, Portugal, Miami entre otros, también nos invitaron a dar un taller a Qatar y tuvimos la oportunidad de tambi é n est á n estar Paris y Madrid. Este año 2023 fuimos una exposición de arte en Dub á i y reci é n abrimos nuestra segunda Galería en lobby del hotel Rosarito.

Por el momento mi principal trabajo es ser mam á de tiempo completo, pero adem ás apoyo a mi esposo en las dos galer í as con fotograf í as, redes sociales y literalmente en todo lo que pueda, mi parte favorita es ser su asistente en los eventos internacionales.

In 2021, when we opened the gallery, we started creating content on social media. Some videos went viral, and clients and galleries from different parts of the world contacted us. We have sent paintings to South Africa, Portugal, Qatar, Dubai, Miami, and other places. We were also invited to give a workshop in Qatar and had the opportunity to visit Paris and Madrid. In 2023, we participated in an art exhibition in Dubai and just recently opened our second gallery in the lobby of the Rosarito Hotel.

For now, my main job is being a full-time mom, but I also support my husband in both galleries with photography, social media, and anything I can help with. My favorite part is being his assistant at international events.



Sé que Judie en donde este estar á muy orgullosa de nosotros, es parte importante en nuestra historia. Nunca voy a olvidar esa primera vez que llegue a un evento de la fundación, ten í a mucha vergüenza e incertidumbre, cuando la conoc í me trasmitió de su amor y me hizo sentir bienvenida.

No quiero terminar de redactar este texto sin darles las gracias a todos los miembros de la fundación por preocuparse por la educación y la calidad de vida de cada estudiante que pertenece en BSF, son motivación e inspiración para nosotros y sin duda somos afortunados de poder pertenecer a BSF.



I know that wherever Judie is, she would be very proud of us. She is an important part of our story. I will never forget the first time I attended a foundation event. I was very shy and uncertain, but when I met her, she radiated love and made me feel welcome.

I do not want to finish writing this text without thanking all the members of the foundation for worrying about the education and quality of life of each student who belongs to BSF, they are motivation and inspiration for us and we are undoubtedly fortunate to be able to belong to BSF.



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Maribel Zavala with Perla at
July 29th Family
Fiesta



Proud Parents Maria and Julio



I am very grateful to the fundation, they have given a lot of support to me and my family and I will always be grateful for that. I am about to enter the second grade of high school or seventh in the bilingual institute of Santillana del Mar, I feel that it will be a great year since I am more familiar with the subjects and the teachers. I have been part of the foundation for almost 5 years and it has been the best, I met many great people including my sponsors karon & carl and my godparents chuck and juanita, I am very grateful to them because thanks to what they have done for me



Hi,my name is Julio Zavala. Im 9 years old and I go in 4 grade and I'm very grateful to be in BSF. Recently I got a little brother it was born in (7/14/23) and I have two more brothers,(Joshua and Maribel).

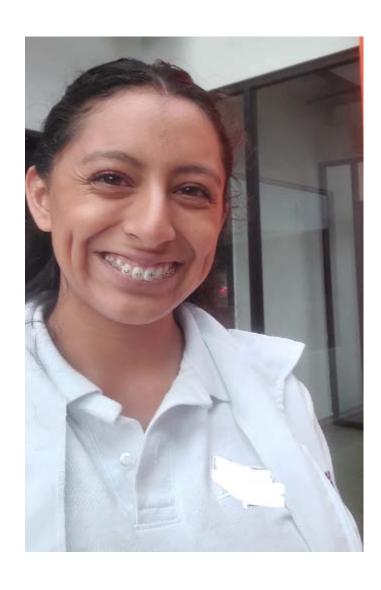
When I grow up I want to be a baseball player. I like to play, baseball,hotweels and with virtual reality (vr) I study in (redacted) and when I grow up I will go to (redacted) in high school

**THANKS** 

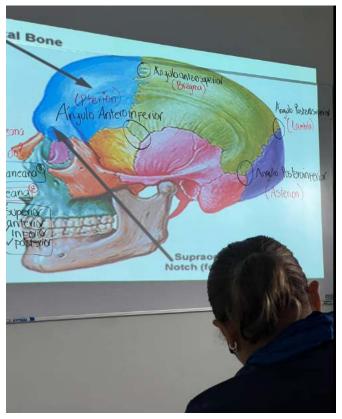
I have a bright future



Hello, my name is Andrea, and I'm in my fifth semester of medicine, my classes started a week and a half ago, the schedule I have is a little tiring, but I know it's worth it and, to be honest, I don't think It's boring because everything I learn seems fascinating and sometimes fun, I love it and I enjoy every moment at school, and everything I'm learning. Last Sunday, I went to an internship at the hospital, so I think you can imagine how excited I am was. I am very grateful, I really have no words to describe how happy it makes me to be able to study what I like and all that you have done for me and my family, thank you very much, may God bless you very much!!!







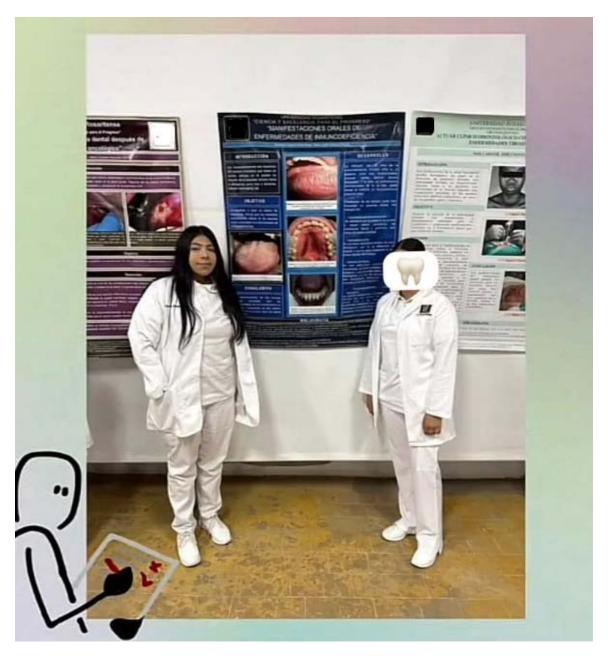
Alannis Fonseca started the seventh semester of the industrial engineering degree. Soon she will start her professional practices

and linkage project.



A photo from her classes

## Tania Judith started her fifth semester for dentistry degree



#### BSF FAMILY FIESTA, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>: A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank You to
Santos and his
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Our BSF Family Fiesta is always a proud moment for BSF! This event brings students, their families, sponsors, and donors together to create a heart-warming experience for all those attending. The highlight is our students, on stage at the mic, introducing themselves in both English and Spanish. They bring to the forefront what BSF is all about! A huge thank you again to Santos, our BSF Board members, our sponsors, our donors, to Cindy and Charlie for volunteering, to all our students, and our graduates and alumni who attended. Also, a big thank you to Sonja and Perla for a fantastic job as MC's! And thank you, Rosemary, for overseeing all our students' monetary needs and paperwork. All of you contributed to the success of this event.

#### Our students at the mic!



To ALL our students: YOU were the stars of the Fiesta. All of you truly inspired everyone.



















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