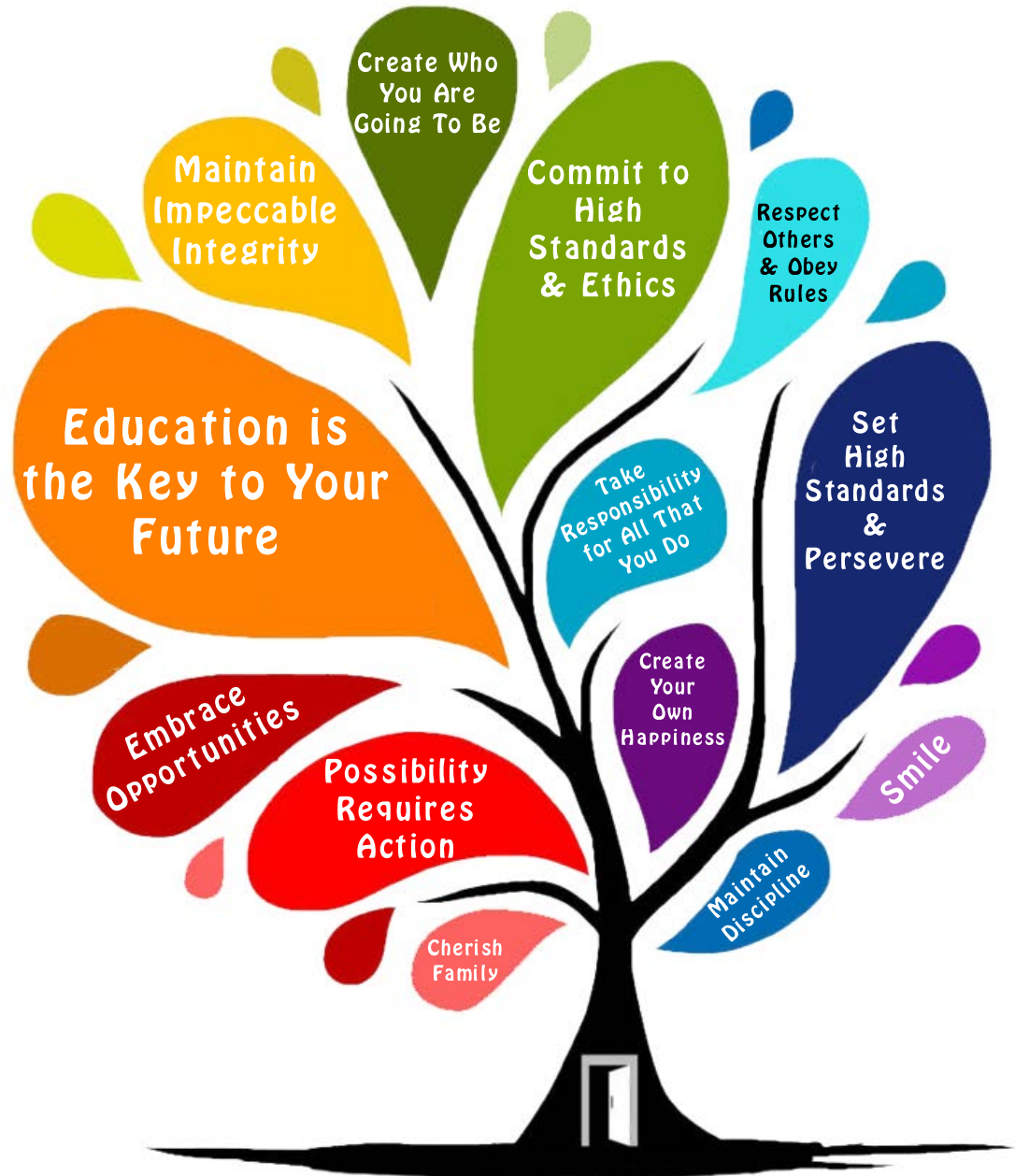


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# 5 STEPS TO REACH YOUR GOALS



**Visualize It**  
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**Tell Others**  
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**Work on it**  
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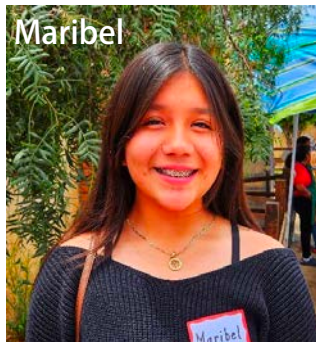
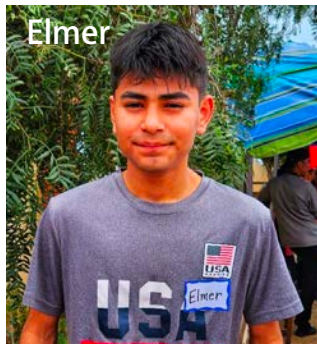
**Get Support**  
Ask your friends for support when you need help

**Stay Positive**  
Make the journey easier by cultivating a positive attitude along the way



**Reach your Goal**  
Be happy you reached your goal







## From our students & graduates

(all unedited)



Hello, my name is Andrea Garcia Cancino, I have 20 years old, and I have been a Baja Scholarship Foundation's student for 10 years now, I'm so grateful because I can study what I always wanted, and I thank God for BSF. I'm studying my 6<sup>th</sup> semester of medicine at Xochicalco's university and now my classes aren't just at school, now I'm having practices at Hospital, last month. I used to go to ISSSTE hospital to Otorhinolaryngology and at ISSTECALI, Pneumology classes it was a great experience because I literally see what the books said in a very certain way, I heard their breath and this kind of things are the ones that makes an impact in my life.

Now I have traumatology, at first I just listened the consult but then the doctor let me begin it, I explored the patient and the most exciting thing for me was being in a surgery, at first I was kind of afraid because existed a little possibility that it could be scaring, but it doesn't, and now I'm more than sure that I want to be a surgeon, everything was so interesting, and the patient, fortunately, was fine, actually I played the harp in the Tea's Party the last Saturday, it was a really beautiful event, sadly I couldn't play Sunday because I had to go to a surgery but really enjoy to play for them and I did it with so much love and affect, I meet amazing and beautiful persons, I hope that one day I can help someone else dream, as this foundation has done for me, I can't describe how grateful I am I thank God for all you, for my sponsors Rosemary and Peter Morris, I love them so much, I consider them like my family.

I love what I'm studying, its beautiful how function our body and the way everything is connected. Today I went to a congress and meet many doctors with subspecialties that came to talk about medic advances, also, I had a course where I learn how to put ferules when someone had an accident and how bind up an un patient with a lesion to evict complications. Furthermore, I want you to know that I am putting all my effort and heart of what I am studying, thank you again for everything and May God bless you today and always.

Here I was on the course "Advanced tools in traumatology and orthopedic for general doctors."





Hi, my name is María Elisa García Cancino and i'm half seventeen years old. I've been part of the Baja Scholarship foundation since I was in eighth grade of junior high. Actually I'm in my fourth semester at high school, and I'm very thankful to my sponsor Lois Lewis VonCannon and each person of the foundation.

Since I started high school, I have been putting a lot of effort into my learning. For example, in physics they taught us about Pascal's theorem, through which, I had the opportunity to make a hydraulic hand in a project. This project seemed very interesting to me, so I decided to do it with great dedication. So the day I presented the project together with my team, the teacher loved it so much that she gave us eighteen out of twelve points that the project was worth. That day my entire team hugged me in a very funny way. What I like most about learning is being able to apply that knowledge in something fun or entertaining. And I think the best thing about those good moments is being able to share them with others.

Now I have met new friends and teachers, but above all I have learned many new things. And I know that much of this learning would not have been possible without the support of people who support me, such as those who are part of BSF. I am truly grateful for everything the foundation has done for my family. As well as for those messages of support that Lois VonCannon gives me and they always make me smile.



# From Dreams to Achievements: Alexa Joslin Garcia's Inspiring Journey with Baja Scholarship Foundation.

By Alexa's sponsors Larry and Jennifer French



As the new year begins, we want to share the remarkable story of Alexa Joslin Garcia, a recent graduate of the Baja Scholarship Foundation program. Alexa's journey embodies the transformative power of education and the profound impact that contributions have on the lives of promising individuals in Baja California.

## Early Life and Foundation Involvement:

Alexa, a La Mission native, grew up in a close-knit family with her parents. She had a brother but he was 13 year older, was out of the house before she was old enough to remember and she never really got to know him. Despite facing economic challenges, her family remained a pillar of support. The pivotal moment in Alexa's life came when she joined the Baja Scholarship Foundation at the age of 9, inspired by a cousin already benefiting from the program. A momentous decision that would shape her future. When she was in high school her parents divorced and her mother needed to work in the US. Alexa was left to be on her own for much of the time. Her mother got her a Chihuahua to keep her company. Working with BSF kept her focused on her goals during this trying time.

## **Educational Milestones:**

Her educational journey began in primary school (primaria) with Alexa receiving exemplary grades as a BSF scholar. She continued her excellent performance through middle school (secundaria) and continued to flourish academically. However, an important moment was when BSF organized a lunch event at her high school (preparatorio), where computers were distributed. This was Alexa's first computer, a gift that not only facilitated her studies but also ignited a passion for technology. These early experiences set the stage for her academic success, leading her to pursue a master's degree in international business administration at Xochicalco University in Tijuana.

## **College Experience:**

Commencing college wasn't without its challenges, requiring Alexa to travel at dawn for classes. However, her determination and adaptability prevailed, even more so when the pandemic necessitated a shift to online learning. Despite the unconventional graduation experience, Alexa expressed gratitude for achieving this significant milestone with the support of her parents and boyfriend.

## **Current Endeavors and Future Aspirations:**

While currently balancing part-time work and job hunting, Alexa envisions securing a position in the United States aligned with her master's degree. As a Latina woman, she recognizes the challenges but embraces them with determination. Fluent in her aspirations, she plans to further her English proficiency, stay abreast of technological advancements, and ultimately build a stable professional career.

In her own words, "I am committed to continuing training to stay updated in new technologies and enhance my knowledge."



## A Call to Action:

Alexa's story is just one among many, illustrating the transformative impact of your support. As we venture into the new year, we invite you to reflect on the countless opportunities your donations create for individuals like Alexa. Your continued contributions empower dreams, break down barriers, and pave the way for brighter futures.

If you'd like to learn more about Alexa's journey or explore other success stories, visit our website at:

<http://BajaScholarshipFoundation.org>.

Your ongoing support ensures that the Baja Scholarship Foundation continues to be a beacon of hope for aspiring students in Baja California.

(From Perla)

Some of the responsibilities of my job may involve solving problems that are not within my area, because I work for a company that is growing. Among these problems, sometimes it involves finding temporary workers to help us with very specific tasks. During the compliance with a municipal regulation, one of the requirements was to create a blueprint of our establishment with certain characteristics. It was my responsibility to find an architect who could assist us, and who better than one of the graduates from the foundation. It was a coincidence that a month earlier we were seated together at the same table for the Three Kings Day celebration, where I had the chance to talk to Guillermo and catch up with him. That's the kind of connection we would like to establish with all our graduates to create a network of professionals in our community.



Guillermo and his sister Abril



We would like to offer Special thanks to Perla for all the help that she gives BSF as an advisor to the board and just by being the helpful, caring person that she is. As one of the graduates of the BSF program, she knows what makes the program work, the expectations of the students, the school requirements, the dynamics of Mexican families and of course the Spanish language. Don't know what we would do without you, Perla!



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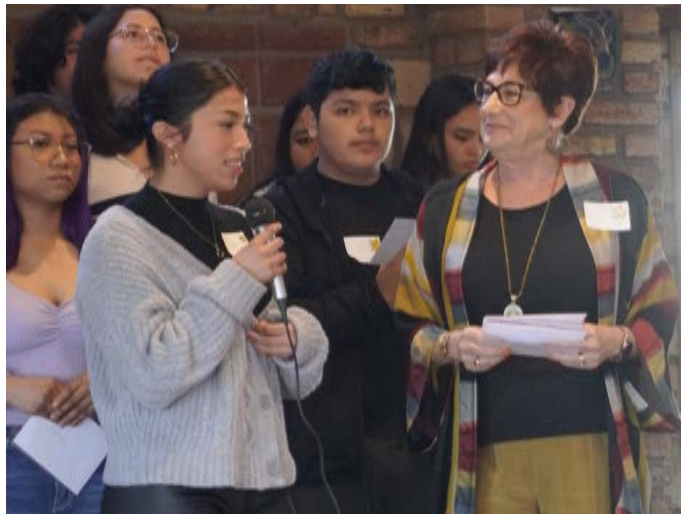
A good time was had by all at the BSF Three Kings Day party on January 7th. Our Three Kings party is a very special time when students get together with each other, their sponsors who are able to attend, and the BSF Board. The students received a monetary gift to purchase school supplies and other necessary items to start the school term. Twice a year we require them to attend events at which their main school fee contributions are paid out. We thank all the sponsors and Board members that were able to join in the fun that day to be with the students. Many thanks to Robbie for organizing the event at El Pescador who did a good job of taking care of everyone.

A special thanks to Bertha Morales from the Nursery in Descanso, on behalf of Baja Scholarship Foundation, for the event. It was very generous of her to donate her time and materials to make these lovely arrangements that will continue to be enjoyed by sponsors of BSF students who were present at the event. Bertha is a longtime friend of BSF and has helped for years with student contacts and referrals.





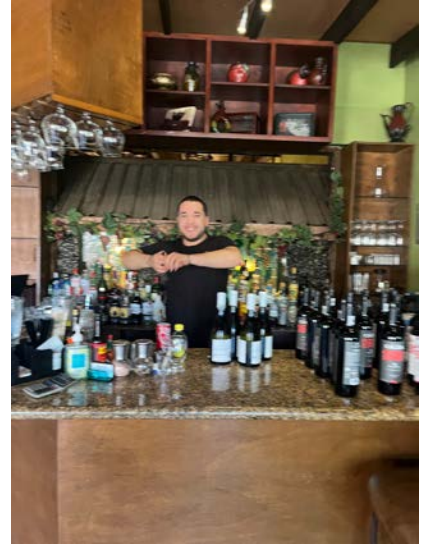








Another Fun Wine pairing at Susanna's  
February 16th







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Our first tea went very well. Lots of lovely new women that we have not met before. Lots of interest in BSF, very tasty food by Jane Roehrig, excellent attention to detail by Jane, Chuck, Diane and lovely harp music by Andrea. Unfortunately Andrea can't join us for the tea March 10th because she's going to watch a surgery as part of her university studies. Perfect music for this type of event, soft and melodious.

The ladies enjoyed a lovely meal and three lucky ladies happily went home with raffle prizes, Jan Cohen, Nannette Conley and Shelly Guy.

Thank you, Jane and Chuck for your generosity. Thank you Andrea for the lovely entertainment.







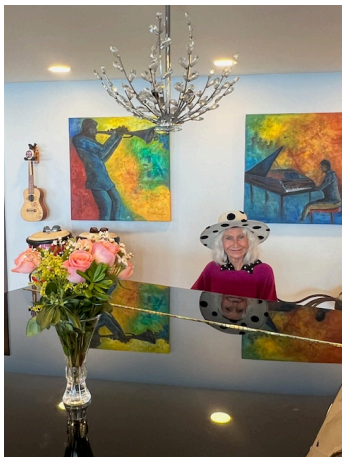
Our second tea went very well. So many lovely new women to meet with lots of interest in BSF and helping our students. Jane Roehrig excelled in the variety of foods she produced and excellent attention to detail by Jane, Chuck, Karen, Shelly and Pagan. Andrea was unfortunately unable to join us for the 2nd tea because she had to watch a surgery as part of her university studies through the BSF Program. One of the guests, Winifred Morice, sat down at the piano and entertained us for close to an hour. A very talented women who played a wide variety of music including South African folk song, "Sarie Marais" for Sonja.

Thank you, Jane and Chuck for your generosity. Many thanks to your great helpers. Thank you Winifred for the lovely entertainment. We appreciate all the guests for their attendance and participation in our raffle.









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