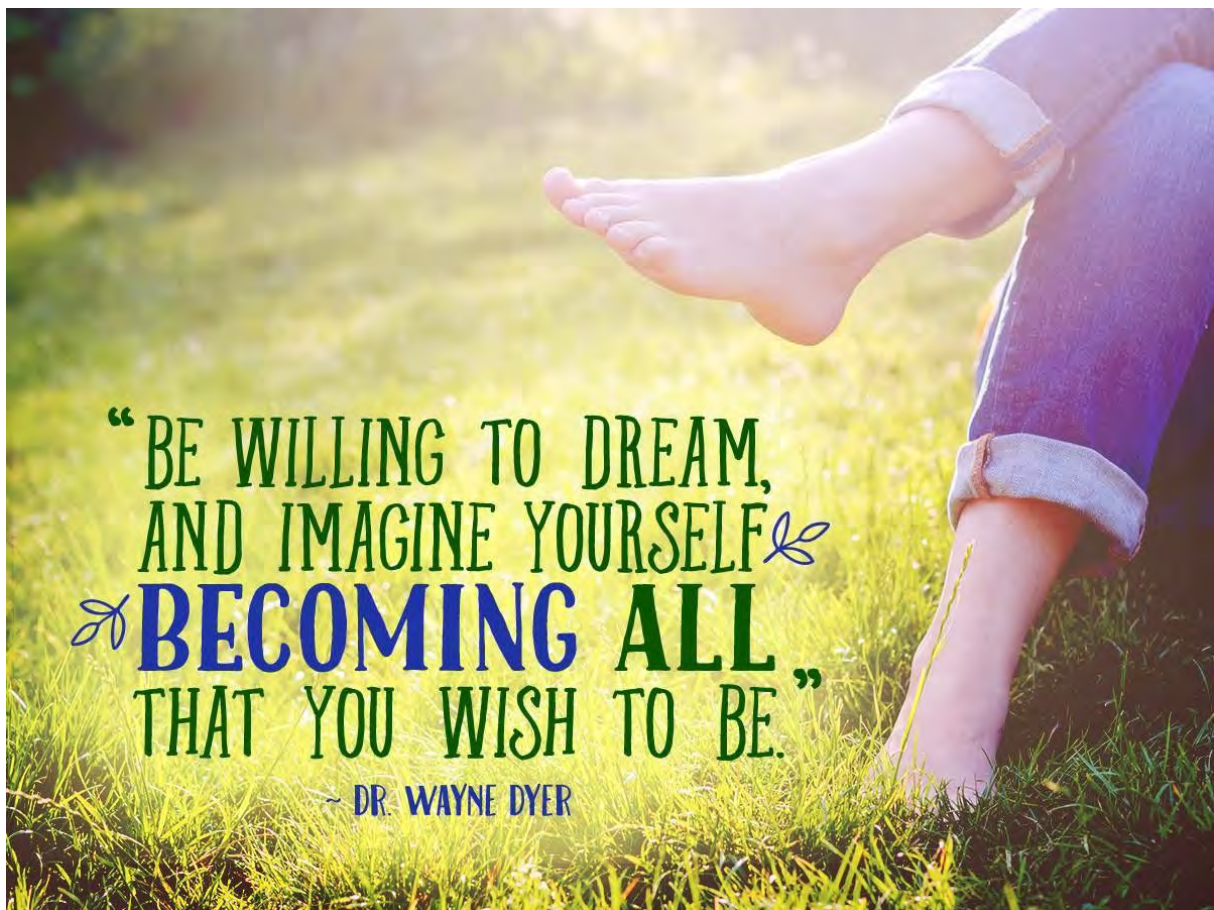
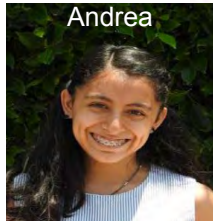
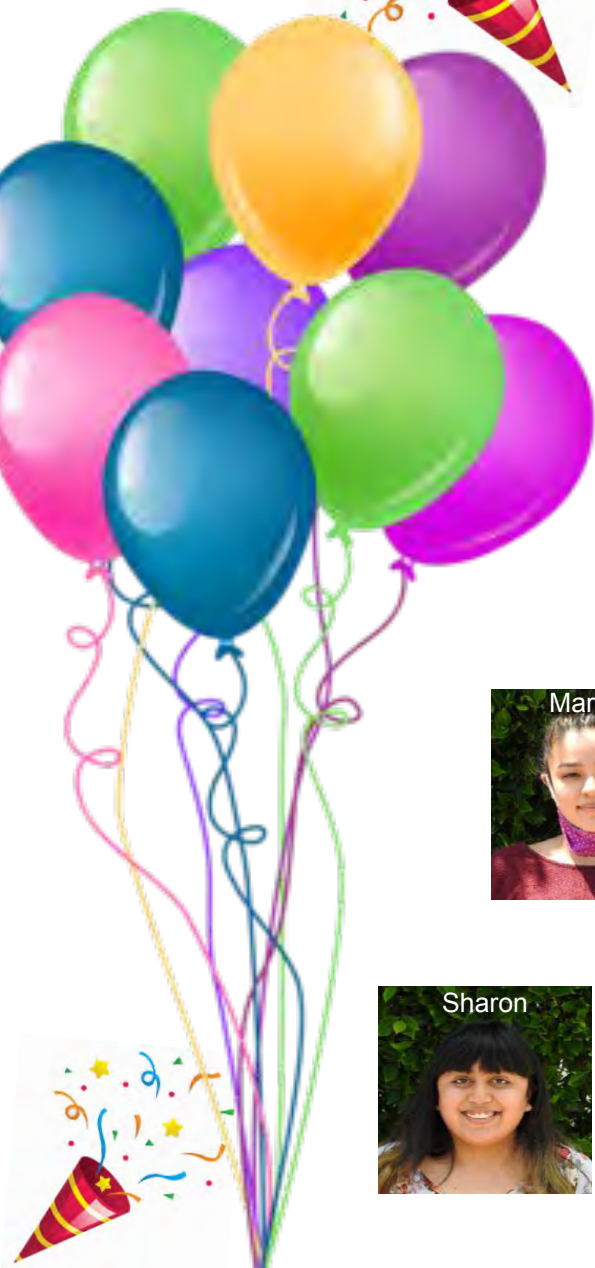




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What is it that seems to be chronic, persistently annoying or that just won't go away? COVID-19 is the current culprit and continues to be the cause of the cancellation of our normal events. So this issue is focused more on current student goals and dreams, "where are they now?" stories about some of our graduates, and the people behind the scenes.





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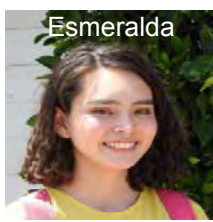
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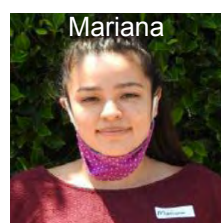
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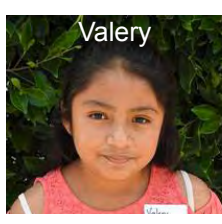
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Sharon



Tania



Valery

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!

GOAL



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Mariana

Finish my accounting degree, do a master's degree in finances, and start a business

Sharon

Be an interpreter in the International Business area

Write and Publish books

Karla

I want to do something relate it to music or civil engineering

Lidia

I would like to Live in the State of Sinaloa, I consider it a good place to develop as a professional.

I want to be an Accountant

GOAL



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Would like to be an old school Rapper and meet Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube or Dr .Dre. I am inspired by B.I.G. and 2Pac

Rosarito

USA

'64 Chevy Impala

Lowrider

?

I am undecided about a career goal, still thinking about it ?

Martin

Maybe around 30

I would like to meet my favorite groups and be able to make a song with them.

Annelisse

I want to be a graphic designer

Buy for my parents

Buy for myself

Travel with parents to Bahamas

Top Chef

Own Several Restaurants

Halley

Healthy Life

Learn to Drive

EMANCIPI-

Not sure when

Johann

Be a psychologist and give sessions to teenagers that need it

Visit all of Mexico with my family and friends.

GOAL



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Jesus

Buy a house close to me for my Mom

Live in a large house near nature or some natural space

Travel to Thailand and visit its famous fish market

Speak English Perfectly

Be a great Judge

When I retire as a Judge

Jessica

Live in a house in a distant part of the city, where there is a lot of vegetation

Buy a house for my parents

Travel to different countries, learn about cultures and get to know the people from those regions

Write a book

Study psychiatry

Start an organization dedicated to the search for missing persons, or human trafficking

Be an excellent Lawyer

Dedicate myself to the defense of human rights, as well as prison law

Maybe in the future

Marco

I train and I study regularly

STUDY HARD TO BECOME A PILOT

I want to become a fighter pilot of the North American Air Force

I want to buy a trailer and a motorcycle to live comfortably with my dog.

I would like to live a life as a free spirit

I don't want to get married or anything like that

Joselin

After finishing my Bachelor's degree in International Trade and Customs, I would love to be able to study for a MBA

Maybe in the future

GOAL



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Where are they **now**?

Yessi

(unedited)

I'm still working at Da Toni restaurant, as a restaurant manager.

I live alone, well, with my 4 cats (I'm crazy about cats 😊), I'm single. In one way I see myself married with my job.

BSF represents for me an opportunity. Change my life for good. I started to work at 13 years old, for my serious responsibilities, so, I had to work for that, but I never had to worry about school since junior high school to college, that's make the BIG difference, I owe you that.

In my future plans are travel, a lot, London again, Paris, Germany, Portugal (ate chicken at Lisboa)...



Where are they now?

Juan

(unedited)

In my personal opinion, be part of BSF and study and finish a professional carrer has been one of the most beatiful things in my life. I am so gratefull for your support and all the love you give us. You really make us feel like a big family! I know that the new students do not have a clear idea about how important is all this because are very young still. But tomorrow, I hope that everyone be concience of this.

I study a lot because I learned how important is the knowledge. Even, I am studing I "course" of personal finances" for interner by CONDUSEF. I am not working for Covid-19 in the industry. But I recieved good offers for jobs. While this happend, I work like a independet engineer and is enough. My family and me are well, with health and with no problems.

I have all my papers like oficial Engeneer. But I am trying to work in calm for my trip to Italia in July 🇮🇹 .

I let you a photo when I recieved my papers like engineer. Thanks!



Where are they **now**?

Abril

(punctuation edits)



This past year it's been crazy and a lot of things changed.

I'm working in Camalú, a town close to San Quintin, two hours south Ensenada. in August of 2019 I became the new Director of the 2nd campus of the daycare that I been working in the past 8 years. They provided a house for me, I don't pay rent, water or electricity and I get 2 meals a day. Last summer I wrote an article for the BSF newsletter about the COVID situation in this town.



I have big news 🐻. I'm getting married !!! 💍 The day of the wedding is December 31, 2020...I met my fiancé almost 2 years ago, and this past summer he proposed to me ❤️. It's going to be a small thing, because of the situation that we're living right now, but I will definitely send you pictures ❤️.

With your help, you open a world of hope and opportunities, we could focus in our education thanks to your support, and accomplish our goals with out worrying.

To the Directors, the Sponsors and current students: Thank you for everything ❤️...and for the students: be patient, every effort has a reward



Where are they **now**?

Juleny

(unedited)

After 1 year because my graduation was in October 2019, I got my Degree. i'm so happy, i was thinking that it wouldn't be the same but it feels so good, i say after a long time finally concluding my career.

I have been working at Volkswagen here in Tijuana since June 2019, this started with a project to put in order some documents about a special Anti-Laundering Money Law. Now I'm the connection between Guadalajara and Tijuana-Ensenada in this new Department.

i like my job, my supervisor is happy with my work (i really hope he is serious about is) and is close to my house, but my plan in a future is find a place where i can speak english, but it's ok now, this could give the opportunity to take and special course and improve my skills.



I will not have enough words to thank the support that BSF gave me for years to conclude this life goal, supporting my IELTS, my semester in San Luis Potosi, my Degree and more important, believe in us.

I hope you keep in mind that your faith in us has done incredible things.

Here is a picture, yesterday i received my International Business Degree

Where are they **now**?

Ana

(punctuation edits)



I moved to Cabo San Lucas, I have almost 4 years living here. I currently work for a company of which my boss owns, and for another of which he is a partner. The first is Westwood Design, we design and build luxury carpentry. (You can find us online, we do beautiful work). It is a very good company, the owner is a great person. And the other company that just started working this year is Prestige Construccion Group, a construction company of luxury residences in La Ribera, a place in development that is 2 hours from Los Cabos. I am a project manager in both, so I am exercising my civil engineering career.

I got married 3.5 years ago, after 8 years of relationship with my high school boyfriend. We still don't have children, at least not humans. We both like animals so we have 4 pets, a 10 year old lady dog, a 2 year old cat, a 3 year old turtle, and a 1 year old hedgehog. A happy family.

(How important was the BSF and your education to you and your life now?)
Essential, I would not be where I am without the education I received from my mom, and from school, which would have been extremely difficult without the support of BSF.

To the directors and sponsors: thank you very much, at the beginning I had to be on the student's side and sometimes you don't understand what motivates people to help us, although we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. But now that I am an adult and I have had the opportunity to help someone I understand it, it is a great satisfaction, the feeling of knowing that in some way we can and decide to do something for the well-being of someone, so Thank You Infinite.

To the students: never lose faith and don't stop trying, because you achieve what you decide, it sounds like a phrase that would be said in movies but it is true, the only limit we put ourselves; use and take advantage of all the support you receive wisely.

Where are they **now** ?

Angeles

(format edits)

Hello good afternoon, an apology I know that I have been absent a lot, but I only rest on Sundays and almost all that day I sleep, since my work is very tired, I have not forgotten about you and everything you did for me, I am still in procedures of my title.

I studied nursing and I'm working in a clinic. (Have you started a family?) No, in a few more years I want to continue studying more.

(How important was the BSF and your education to you and your life now?) They are very important to me, if it weren't for you I would not have been able to fulfill my dreams of being a nurse.

(Is there anything you want to share with the Directors, the Sponsors or current students?) They are angels. and I will always be grateful to you for all your help.

A few others without quotes:

Angelica, who we know is now practicing dentistry and wants to study facial reconstruction.

Anarbol who is an electro-mechanical engineer working outside of Baja, but still in Mexico.

Iris..now called Liebiv...who is a chef working for a faith based community organization with her husband.

Perla...Miss Do All Know ALL!!! Endless words about her!

Flor...studied Communications and graduated UABC. Has a daughter and volunteers for BSF whenever there is something for her to do. She is currently tutoring a student of ours.

A Little About Our Long Time Treasurer, Rosemary

(by Judy Kesson)

Rosemary Morris has been Treasurer of the BSF for many years now and a Director for about 20 years. Until a year ago, Rosemary and her husband, Pete, lived in Club Marena where they were among the very first to buy. Pete's health required a move north, but Rosemary, typical of her dedication and work ethic, drives to Baja frequently to pay student fees, update treasurer records and attend to other student needs. Rosemary and Pete have sponsored Andrea Garcia Cancino (a talented harpist and outstanding student) and has known that family for over 25 years.

Judie Kesson says "I can't imagine BSF without Rosemary! Her incredible dedication to her job could be replaced by someone willing to work that hard, keeping books in both pesos and dollars, but her sincere love of the students, and knowledge of their families and lives, could not be replaced." Rosemary and Pete combined their families 38 years ago and now have 7 children, 17 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, in case you think she has no one else to take care of!

Rosemary is known as a great cook and tireless traveler. She and Pete traveled with Judie & Ken to Africa and Asia and now Rosemary travels with Judie & Friends...well, she will when this virus goes away! She will persevere! She actually took eight years of part time attendance, while raising her family, to obtain a BA at Cal State Fullerton. She is an active worker and volunteer at her church in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Bottom line: If Rosemary says she will "do it!," you can count on it getting done.



One of Our Longest Sitting Board Members, Ruth

(by Judy Kesson)

In spite of being the "out front" creative genius in our organization, Ruth continues to feel like a very private person who does not like the attention directed at her! She really did not want to submit a bio for herself, so we are doing that for her!

Ruth is a Bajamar resident, where she and her husband bought their home more than 36 years ago. For many years they commuted from San Diego, while still working. But, this has been Ruth's only home for 15 years now. Ruth formerly worked in marketing at the San Diego Zoo as well as a Mexican tourism agency. She runs a tourism related business as well.

Ruth has made a huge commitment to the BSF...and many other local charities. She is the founder of our wonderful Classy Bag Affair, which we hope will happen again in 2021.

Ruth not only speaks Spanish but loves and collects Mexican folk art. She's a great cook! And, she absolutely never says NO to the BSF and its endless needs. She always sponsors a student (or two or three!) and helps secure sponsors when we're in need. She has served on the BSF Board of Directors for 15 years and we cherish her involvement and talents.



BSF's First Board Member, Cristina (by Judy Kesson)

Almost the minute that the BSF went from being “Judie & Ken’s Shoebox,” and the recognition that there would be more than one student, Cristina Imana, of Bajamar, was asked to become the first Board Member.

Twenty five years later, Cristina continues to bring her professional experience, varied talents and big heart to the organization that she clearly loves...and that loves her back.

BSF was not Cristina’s “FIRST” as she was also the first to begin sales and life in Bajamar! She continues to design and sell homes in that community, as well as her previous business in La Jolla. Her knowledge of real estate laws and procedures in Mexico are legends and she is called on often to consult.

Cristina and her late (kind and charming) husband, Jorge, started their life together 40 years ago. Together they traveled the world, often returning to Jorge’s homeland of Bolivia, where his international reputation as an artist was based.

Cristina’s talents also go beyond business. She too is an artist, an untrained architect with astounding examples of her skills in many neighborhoods, a consummate traveler and a friend to many. She has one son and two grandsons, all in Utah.

Because of her active role in the local Catholic church, Cristina knows many of our BSF families well. She has also sponsored various students and has helped many find a career by providing professional mentoring. The fact that she is bilingual and bi-cultural has been an immense gift to the organization.

Our thanks to Cristina are endless.

Closing with sad note



BSF joins the community in mourning the passing of Haydee Stodola Pierro, Rosarito resident.

Haydee was a former BSF Board Member and sponsor of a student, Analy, now a university graduate. She always gave more than was expected and was generous in every way to the students and families of BSF. We'll remember her with gratitude.