



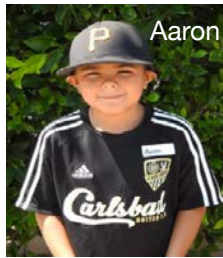
2nd Quarter April - June 2021

Can you believe it's June already? Hopefully your lives have returned to a more normal level! The Board is beginning to return BSF's in-person activities back on again with our first wine pairing in over a year at Susanna's, and we are planning on our "normal" being in full swing sooner than later.

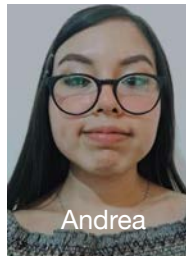
*Whatever you
decide to do
make sure it
makes you
happy.*

Paulo Coelho

Happy Birthday!



Aaron



Andrea



Aneth



Diana



Jesus



Johann



Karla



Lidia



Luis

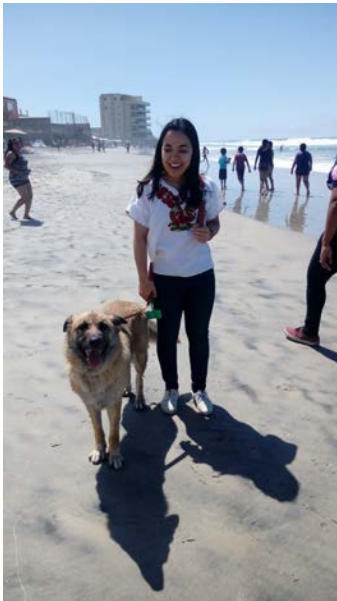


Nahomi



From Graduates

Perla
(unedited)



I graduated in 2017 with a bachelor's in science in Mexico. I'm a genomic biotechnologist, which is a new career focus in research finding new technologies in biology that can be helpful. To get my degree I made a small cancer research that involved the isolation of bacteria, get some compounds produced by bacteria try them on cancer cells. All that in two years. After I graduate, I didn't want to keep my field as a researcher, so I decided to get a job instead to get a master degree.

In the mean while of the search of a job, I helped my vet parents in their small business. I got my first job as chemistry in a pharmaceutical company, working in the develop on drugs. Working in this field help me to understand how an industry works and the regulation that must be follow. After a year I decide to change my field since pharma didn't make really happy. Since there aren't to many areas where a biotechnologist can work in Mexico, I decided to look for and industry more related to biology. I ended up working in a winery here in Baja California.



From Graduates

Perla

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Sometimes opportunities arrive when you're not looking for them, but they are ready for you. I wasn't looking for a new job, I was enjoying my work at the winery, learning new things about the industry. Since the pandemic had begun, a lot of people lost their job and keeping mine was very lucky. However a new project was looking for a laboratory chief and I decided to apply for the job. It took me a while to realize that I was changing my field again, but it was a job made for me.

I started the selection process thinking a lot of people might get interviewed and I would not have the experience other people had. However, I got the position, and it was thanks to all of my previous experience: knowing the fields of research, pharmaceutical and production. I received my training at Guadalajara with human stem cells, however the laboratory for animal stem cells it's located in Tijuana, Baja California.



From Graduates

Perla

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I am in charge of the stem cell extraction and processing at the laboratory. The project it's beginning and soon we will be able to help dogs, horses and cats with therapies for osteoarthritis and others. It makes me really happy to work with animals, since they have always been a part of my life. Right now I feel so glad and I think it's one of my great achievements: work in something that I love and I studied for.

Being part of BSF family has given me aptitudes to achieve my goals and I keep working with BSF, helping them with some students, and given back to my community working in a new area in development.



From Graduates

Alondra

(partially edited)



My name is Alondra, I am 23 years old and I have been in Baja Scholarship Foundation for 8 years.

I graduated as a Language Teacher in 2020. I speak English and a little bit of Chinese; I am still learning this last language. Now days I give private English classes (online) and I help a High School teacher with her classes, this give me a lot of knowledge and practice while I wait for my degree.

Also, I am taking an English course to be C1 (a more advanced level of English) and improve myself.

While I was at the University I went to several conferences about teaching and translation. I learnt many things and met a lot of people in the field. All my classes where about how to teach English, how to deal with students, which activities would be better according to the age. I gave many class simulations to practice; we even bring real children to our classroom.

I did my Service at a High School named Cobach Nueva Tijuana for 1 year, at the beginning I thought it would be difficult to teach teenagers because they will see me too young, but they all were awesome.



From Graduates

Alondra
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I had 9 groups, each group with 50 students, and It was great! Having a lot of students and all their eyes paying attention to me is the most priceless as a teacher.

I really enjoyed my time in the career and I will miss it, but I know that the best is yet to come because my passion is teaching. I love helping others to achieve a new language and see them grow. I want to teach High School and besides teaching English I want to help the students to be better. That is why I want to study a post-graduate about Educational Psychology. And also, I would like to do another degree about English or Spanish Literature just for my own pleasure, as a hobby because everybody knows that I love reading and I want to study something related to that.

I could not be more thankful to BSF for helping me in this journey. Many people in the foundation have helped me a lot, and not just me but also to my family. Thank you to all BSF for existing and support students like me. You all are the kind of people that will always be in our hearts.

Thank you, a lot.

Love, Alondra.



From Graduates

Gisel
(unedited)



I can say that graduate from university made me feel mainly two feelings; first I felt happy for being able to accomplish this goal and have a degree, being the first member of my family to have one; and second it made me feel sad since due the situation of Covid the graduates from my generation couldn't have the ceremony to celebrate our graduation, which I was really waiting for.

Now that I have a degree my goal is to get a job related to my career where I can apply the knowledge and abilities that I acquired through my studies; then to be able to support back to the ones who help me through years and even all my life to achieve not only this goal, but to be a better person too, as my family and all of you on BSF, whom I'm really grateful to.



From Graduates

Flor

(by Judie Kesson)



Flor and her husband Edgar do "everything" right. They fell in love at a very young age and while they were dating Edgar was busily building a little house for his parents. When it was done, Edgar proposed to Flor. Their wedding was spectacular and they started building a house for themselves, which is adorable, and soon the baby they planned arrived!

Flor had graduated from the University and was working as a photographer (her field was communications/photography). Their new business, STRAW ART in Puerto Nuevo, was a long-time dream of Edgar's, going out on his own instead of working for the straw art gallery that existed. He made no secret of it. They budgeted, did a business plan, etc. Now they are working and doing well! A wonderful success story!



From Graduates

Flor

(unedited and Google translated)

Edgar, Isabella y yo (Flor) estamos muy emocionados de compartirlas la apertura de nuestro nuevo negocio que se trata de Una Galería de Arte y cafetería En el cual el lo principal es el Arte de paja que se elabora con pasto de escoba teñido naturalmente y se va pegando sobre una base de cera para crear increíbles obras de arte, en la Galería también encontrarás Artistas locales como Victor Amaya (el pintor del café) como es conocido por su técnica única a base de café, El Maestro Armando Becris también de Rosarito, Jorge Prieto de Tijuana German Rubio entre muchos otros.

Edgar, Isabella and I (Flor) are very excited to share with you the opening of our new business which is an Art Gallery and cafeteria

In which the main thing is the Straw Art that is made with naturally dyed broom grass and is glued on a wax base to create incredible works of art, in the Gallery you will also find local artists such as Victor Amaya (the painter of the coffee) as he is known for his unique coffee-based technique, Master Armando Becris also from Rosarito, Jorge Prieto from Tijuana German Rubio among many others.



From Graduates

Flor

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La Galería cuenta con Cafetería y próximamente degustaciones de Vinos 🍷, estamos Ubicados justo al lado del Restaurante La Casa De La Langosta en Puerto Nuevo, Rosarito, B. C.

The Gallery has a Cafeteria and wine tastings soon 🍷, we are located right next to the La Casa De La Langosta Restaurant in Puerto Nuevo, Rosarito, B. C.





Juan Manuel



Juan Manuel came to the BSF as a youngster with an outstanding academic history as well as a love of music. Mexican music, to be exact. Over the years we have enjoyed listening to Juan Manuel sing and play his guitar, and have watched his musical abilities reach new heights and his interests spread music in general. And, all the while graduating from high school and entering University.

Everyone agrees that his career as an ElectroMechanical Engineer is one of the toughest in the university system, and Juan Manuel continued to excel, graduating from the University in the midst of the Covid Pandemic with the accompanying scarcity of jobs. He also faced the huge disappointment of receiving the opportunity to make a trip to Italy, fully paid for, only to have it cancelled.

But, Juan Manuel didn't just sit and moan. He found various part time jobs and through a BSF Director, was presented with the opportunity to help out his fellow man, our student Cesar. Cesar's Multiple Scleroses and living conditions made him further handicapped. He simply couldn't get in and out of his home.



Juan Manuel (continued)



Juan Manuel loved the challenge and worked with a La Mision volunteer, Maria Silveria, to find a solution. Maria found an elevator chair that could be donated if there was a way to use it! Amazing! Juan Manuel drew a plan for setting the rails and Cesar's Father and Juan Manuel did the job! Cesar is "mobile" once again!!

BSF has long prided itself for finding the cream of the crop when it comes to our students. We often talk about sharing responsibilities and helping each other. We think that Juan Manuel's "gift" of using his education for the good of others and volunteering his time and talent is a great example for students and adults alike.

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The beautiful table setting from a past dinner.

Pagen and Gary Zoss donated two more Titanic themed dinners for 12 in their beautiful home, which Ruth successfully auctioned off on June 2nd for \$2,700 each, all to be donated to BSF. Thank you again Pagen and Gary for your generosity!!!

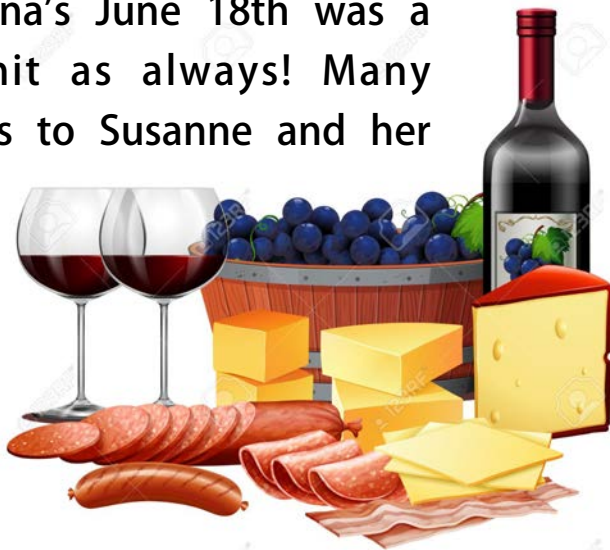


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Wine pairing Luncheon at Susanna's June 18th was a big hit as always! Many thanks to Susanne and her staff!!!



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We were especially blessed to have Judie, her sister from Utah, and her gal pals from North Carolina with us for the first in-person event in over a year

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Friends and acquaintances getting together to support a good cause



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Even though Bill didn't win, the raffle was a big success.



A Board Member's Story

Eloisa



The Baja Scholarship Foundation is fortunate to be made up of a wide variety of individuals. We've been introducing them to you throughout the past year. Today we would like you to meet Eloisa, if you haven't already crossed paths with her! She is a long time, busy and committed community member, and invaluable to the BSF and our students.

Born and raised in Tijuana, Eloisa graduated from UC San Diego where she went on to have a successful career in the hematology department of the University.

Eloisa's native Spanish language and her in depth understanding of the Mexican culture makes her invaluable when it comes to relating to parents and students who do not speak English. She is both firm and compassionate, a combination needed as a Director and Historian for the Foundation.

Eloisa has made her home in Punta Piedra in Baja, with her retired Navy husband, Bob. She also manages a very hands on relationship with her grandchildren in San Diego.

It would be a sad day, indeed, if we had to do without her skills and dedication.

A Board Member's Story

Hilde



Hilde was born in the Netherlands just before the invasion of Holland by Germany. Fortunately, when this event happened, she (a mere infant at the time) and her parents were living in Budapest, Hungary, where her father was posted by his employer, the Philips Corporation, a giant worldwide electronics firm. How they finally got to the USA, one step ahead of the Germans, is a long story that is filled with enough danger, excitement, luck, and intrigue to make a best-selling thriller. However, she doesn't remember a whit of it since she was so young!

The family moved to Larchmont, New York, a suburb of New York City, and grew to where she was the oldest of four children. After high school she attended Purdue University, eventually married, had three children and settled in Connecticut. At the age of 32, she was widowed and suddenly a single mom. Thanks to the love of her very supportive siblings and parents, her kids enjoyed a busy, normal family life and when they were old enough (no day care in those days), she was able to go to work and start a business career.

She worked for almost thirty years for Homequity Corporation, later called Cendant Mobility, a corporate-to-corporate service company. Corporate life agreed with her, as did the commute which was less than five minutes from home. Alas, eventually she was posted to another company site and her commute increased to 35 minutes. As her kids grew, she grew, getting promoted to more responsible positions and traveling to do training and to help negotiate contracts with major clients. The last two years she served as a project director.

A Board Member's Story

Hilde
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Outside of work she was an avid bridge player, tennis player and volunteer EMT. She served for 20 years on the local ambulance corps, eight of those years in various leadership roles (treasurer, secretary and a term as president). This was a most gratifying time for her, going on emergency calls in the middle of the night and providing aid and solace to the people in our small town. She also traveled extensively in Europe, the Caribbean and Asia.

Her romance with Club Marena started in the early 2000's. She was traveling through Baja with friends, and her sister and brother. They stopped to look at Club Marena and within an hour she and her sister had signed up pre-construction for two units in what is now Las Perlas. After retirement she has divided her time for the first seven or eight years between Connecticut and Club Marena. Finally, she sold her Connecticut house and moved to Baja for good. She loves it here and has never looked back.

She met Judie Kesson (and Ken) at a homeowners get-together when she first moved to Club Marena. She was immediately interested in BSF and subsequently brought every houseguest she had to come hear the BSF story! And, many of them made donations, as did Hilde on a regular basis. Judi slowly familiarized her with BSF and when she attended one of Robbie Walker's English classes for the BSF students, she was hooked. She bonded with some of the families, got further interested, is now a Board member, and the rest is history.



Dear Friends of the BSF Foundation

I have no words to thank you for everything you do for my son Agustin and for all the young students that you support.

You have been and continue to be a Blessing for many Mexican families and on their behalf I thank you.

I feel very fortunate that God put us in your way, thank you, thank you, thank you and thank you a thousand times.

Augustin and I read the regulations of the foundation and we agree they are ideal for those situations that thanks to God we have not had.

Queridos Amigos de la fundación BCF

No tengo palabras para agradecer todo lo que hacen por mi hijo Agustín y por todos los jóvenes que ustedes apoyan. Ustedes han sido y siguen siendo una Bendición en muchas familias mexicanas y en nombre de ellas les doy las gracias. Me siento muy afortunada de que Dios nos puso en su camino, gracias, gracias, gracias y mil veces gracias.

Agustín y yo leímos el reglamento de la fundación y estamos de acuerdo y nos parece ideal para esas situaciones que gracias a Dios no hemos tenido.

¡Dios los Bendiga!

afte. Paula Rodríguez