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## SALUDOS FROM THE BOARD OF CT QUEST FOR PEACE

For more than twenty years, CT Quest for Peace has provided high school and university students with scholarships – our “Beca” students! This year, we have fifteen students who meet monthly under the wise leadership of two adult leaders, Monica and Ascension. Their courses of study include medicine, dentistry, engineering, nursing, business, social work, and teaching. Our students are conscientious because many find it necessary to hold jobs while attending school so that they can contribute to their educational expenses and help their families meet household expenses. Additionally, we want them to realize that they need to pay it forward in their local communities. So, we ask our Beca students to participate in school service programs such as providing tutoring to neighborhood children, volunteering in a hospital, and helping orphaned children.

In December 2022, the students wrote letters to the Board. We would like to share their thoughts in their own words when they thanked “CT Quest for Peace, who make the dreams of the youth a reality.” The \$150 Club helps to support our scholarship students... truly wonderful young men and women because they face incredible obstacles and forge on!

Federico: Dentistry. “My years of study were a process. I laughed, I cried, and I got angry. But I always kept my dream of being a professional. CT Quest for Peace became a light, my hope and at that moment I realized that I was going to be able to continue my studies.”

Edwin: Nutritionist. “Thanks for your unconditional support to young people who want to continue studying to offer a better future to their families. I thank God for having given all of you the peace of love, charity, sharing and accompaniment towards our group.”

Jonathan: Engineering. “Through this letter I want to thank CT Quest for Peace for its grand effort, dedication, generosity, and nobility [that] motivates and makes it possible for many young people to have success and meet their goals. Thank you for the trust you place and for the faith that we will be able to achieve our objectives.”

Grethel: Medicine. “This year I will start working in a hospital. Now my responsibilities, obstacles, and my fears begin. But I want you to know I will do my best to help those who need it. My heart fills with love, I hope CT Quest for Peace continues to support many young people who are trying to get ahead. Since many find themselves alone and [think] their fight is not worth it, you give them a new light to keep going.”

Deyling: Education. “During the teacher training process I had many lessons and obstacles that helped me to become stronger and not give up on my dreams. I learned to earn love, trust, and respect in my classroom and to believe in my abilities. I thank God, my parents, my grandparents, and CT Quest for Peace for the support to complete my teaching career.”

This scholarship support is life altering for these young Nicaraguans. The “Butterfly Effect” suggests that one small gesture can change someone’s life. In their own words our students have told us that the lives of their families, and their communities are improving. With your financial support CT Quest will endeavor to improve lives in Nicaragua.

With gratitude, we thank you.

Maureen Shanley and Carol Ferraro

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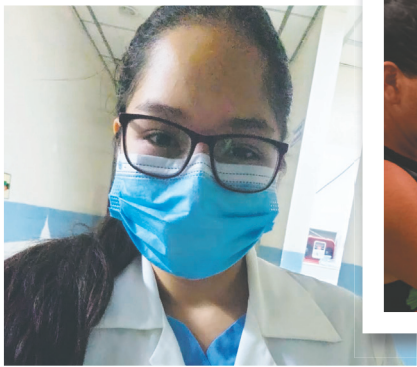
This 2023 University School Year we are happy to host 15 Scholarship Students. From left to right, back row: Cristian Tellez, Jonathan Mendoza, Hamilton Martinez, Alvaro Montes, Bryan Melendez, Cindy Mendoza, Deyling Hernandez, Valeska Reyes. Front row: Eddy Olivas, Alejandro Fernandez, Felipe Espino, Grace Mendoza, Irania Munguia, Eunice Arauz, Camila Martinez.

“Here are a few of our students who have full-time jobs that help them along their career path as they continue to finish their university programs. It really is a team effort of donors, organizations like CT Quest for Peace, program managers, the students, and their family and friends. When we share the burden, everything feels more manageable, and the likelihood of success is greatly increased.”

## Thanks Everyone!!



Deyling Hernandez – is Teaching at Maria Mercedes Varela School for Special Needs.



Camila Martinez and Alejandro Fernandez – are both in their final years of Medicine and have full time jobs working at the public hospital HEODRA and also for the Ministry of Health (MINSA).



Jonathan Mendoza – is working in the department of Matagalpa during the week as a Computer Engineer.



Irania Munguia – is working full time at Claro one of Nicaragua’s leading phone companies.



Valeska Reyes – is working at Alberto Berrios High School in the rural community Chacraseca as a Librarian.



Aracely Garcia – is looking forward to her 2 years of service with the Ministry of Health after earning her medical degree.