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This message is not a goodbye because we're sure that someday we will be back. It is a THANK YOU.

Thank you for giving us the best years of our lives. Today, we are all taking different paths, but we're sure that we will meet again, and everything will be the same; our joy, love, and happiness will be intact. Seniors, life may not be easy, it is like a roller coaster with up and downs, and that's the moment when you need to close your eyes, leave behind all your fears, raise your hands in the air and enjoy the ride. No one ever teaches us how to live life; we are in charge of introducing ourselves and making sure that every moment is worth it.

All along with life, people come and go. Some hurt you, others make you smile, but what really matters is that each of them leaves something of theirs. The lessons they teach us, the moments we live with them, the memories that will last forever, and every new aspect of life that they helped us discover equips us better to face the world.

Every journey has an end, but in life, every ending is a new beginning. We reach our goal on this path. Today we need to give probably one of our hardest goodbyes; we are living years of effort, memories that we cherish together, laughs, and cries, but most importantly, we are leaving a print that will never be erased. Our best year in school and the one that we waited for the most were taken away in the blink of an eye, but together we could create memories and leave a legacy and a story that will never be forgotten.

Dear Seniors, this is the book where we gathered all our memories. It is what we take forever to remember what and how we lived our years in school. With effort, love, and dedication, we collected the most important moments and experiences we had. We hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed the process of creating it. We know how important this is to you; you have part of our hearts and part of your life in your hands.

We are about to start life. Live every moment as the last, live today to the fullest. Never regret what you did. Remember, the only limit is your mind. Once again, THANK YOU!

With love, the editors.

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Words From Ms. Adriana

My dear 2021 seniors,

I can't recall the last time I addressed you in person. The past 14 months and four days have been surreal. The pandemic changed all our plans and schedules, but I hope it hasn't changed everything nice and right about you. That is why my words for you tonight, I wanted them to refer to what can define a person.

Resilience: it is the most used word in these times of constant change. Resilience, if I have to choose an image to define it, I would use the non-Newtonian fluids. If you didn't recall what they are, non-Newtonian fluids are the ones that seem liquid when non-disturbed but turn to solids when you hit them. As soon as you stop hitting them, they return to the fluid state.

It's fantastic to see how they seem to defy all physics laws. You might think they don't obey what is expected or ruled. Well, my comparison is NOT an invitation to break the rules of nature, but to keep yourselves fluid and adapting to the continuous change and hits you will face from now on.

Your lives are about to transform in such ways that you can't possibly imagine how they will be. That, I have learned from the pandemic. No plan hasn't been affected by the pandemic. There isn't any person on the whole planet that can say they haven't been touched or impacted by the pandemic. So, my dear seniors, be always ready to face the unexpected outcomes of everything you do. You can foresee and probably predict what can happen in a specific situation or from a decision you make, but believe me, the outcome won't be what you expected, and then is when you will need to be resilient.

Honesty is the second word I wanted to leave for you tonight. Please, my dear seniors, walk your lives always with honesty. Let your words, actions, and decisions be made in the light of honesty. The honest person never needs to regret anything. The righteous person gains friends who will last forever. Being honest is one of the values we need the most in our society.

Trustworthiness will be my last word. One of the values we celebrated so many times in our Character Counts assemblies. Be someone everyone can rely on. When you are trustworthy is because you have shown all the other values: fairness, citizenship, caring, honesty, respect, responsibility. Being reliable grants, you will never be alone. Everyone wants to be around you, look for your help, love, and comfort and grant you happiness and fulfillment.

There is no better time for you to answer the question of **WHO I WANT TO BE FROM NOW ON**. Not **WHAT I WANT TO BE, BUT WHO**. I won't dare to anticipate an answer; you need to find that one on yourselves. Neither your parents nor anybody else can tell you your mission in this life, but at least **TRY TO LEAVE THIS WORLD A LITTLE BETTER THAN YOU FIND IT**, make a difference, not a big difference if you don't want to, but make it.

Para decirle adiós a mis seniors cada año, se ha convertido en mi tradición personal dedicarles el mejor poema que jamás haya leído. Es una declaración de vida y ustedes, mis queridos Seniors 20-21 no se van a escapar de ella. Es una pieza de uno de mis escritores favoritos, Mr. Jorge Luis Borges, y pienso que refleja muchas de las cosas que ustedes van a aprender por sí mismos en esta nueva etapa. Espero que lo puedan recordar o por lo menos algunas de sus palabras en los años por venir.

VALGO – by Jorge Luis Borges

“De tanto perder, aprendí a ganar; de tanto llorar, se me dibujó la sonrisa que tengo.

Conozco tanto el piso que sólo miro el cielo. Toqué tantas veces fondo que, cada vez que bajo, ya sé que mañana subiré.

Me asombra tanto cómo es el ser humano, que aprendí a ser yo misma. Tuve que sentir la soledad para aprender a estar conmigo misma y saber que soy buena compañía.

Intenté ayudar tantas veces a los demás, que aprendí a esperar que me pidieran ayuda. Traté siempre que todo fuese perfecto y comprendí que realmente todo es tan imperfecto, como debe ser (incluyéndome).

Hago sólo lo que debo, de la mejor forma que puedo, y los demás que hagan lo que quieran.

Vi tantos perros correr sin sentido, que aprendí a ser tortuga y apreciar el recorrido. Aprendí que en esta vida nada es seguro, sólo la muerte... por eso disfruto el momento y lo que tengo.

Aprendí que nadie me pertenece, y aprendí que estarán conmigo el tiempo que quieran y deban estar, y quien realmente está interesado en mí me lo hará saber a cada momento y contra lo que sea.

Que la verdadera amistad sí existe, pero no es fácil encontrarla. Que quien te ama te lo demostrará siempre sin necesidad de que se lo pidas. Que ser fiel no es una obligación, sino un verdadero placer cuando el amor es el dueño de ti.

Eso es vivir...La vida es bella con su ir y venir, con sus sabores y sinsabores...

Aprendí a vivir y disfrutar cada detalle, aprendí de los errores pero no vivo pensando en ellos, pues siempre suelen ser un recuerdo amargo que te impide seguir adelante, pues, hay errores irremediables.

Las heridas fuertes nunca se borran de tu corazón, pero siempre hay alguien realmente dispuesto a sanarlas, con la ayuda de Dios.

Caminen de la mano de Dios, todo mejora siempre.

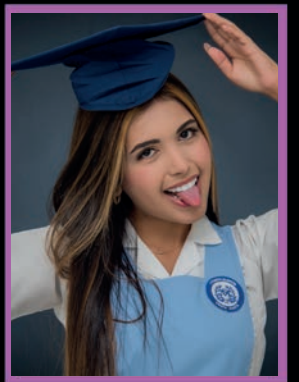
Y no se esfuercen demasiado, que las mejores cosas de la vida suceden cuando menos se las esperan. No las busquen, ellas los buscan.

Lo mejor está por venir.”

Feliz viaje por la vida mis hijos de la Promoción 2021.

Ms. ADRIANA ORTIZ

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RODRIGO JOSÉ APARICIO LOZANO

Saying goodbye is not easy, especially when I have spent most of my life at school, in which I had met wonderful friends and people that had supported me during my time at school. And although many people think that school does not significantly impact our lives, I believe the opposite; I will never entirely forget this significant part of my life, and I will always be grateful to those who made it happen.

First of all, I want to thank God; he is my guide in every aspect of my life. He has given me everything. I want to thank my parents because they allowed me to study at the Colegio Bilingüe Santa Marta, and they have always supported me in everything. My mom for always being here and teaching me constantly

to make an effort and give my best. My father taught me the most important things in life and always being an excellent example to follow—my brother, for being the best and always being there when I need him. For me, this is the best family I could ever have, and I am very grateful to God for being an essential part of it.

At CBSM, I have spent the best years of my life; they have educated me and taught me many values such as respect, responsibility, honesty, caring, and fairness, among others. I will ensure that these values will become a daily practice throughout my life because they are part of me. I will always be grateful to the school and my parents for teaching me these great values that make me a better person.

I will never forget my first day of school when I was only three years old. I did not want to stay at school; I was nervous and scared because I had never lived the experience of being outside my home without my parents. Being in a course with people I did not know, my teacher approached me, speaking affectionately, generating confidence and tranquility in me making me feel safe. I was making friends with whom I played in class, and time went by very quickly. Since that day, fourteen years have passed, and now I am writing my farewell letter because now is the time to say goodbye, and believe me, it is not easy.

When I was in primary school, I did not think that I would leave school one day, but I felt like we were the minor kids when we reached high school. However, time passed very quickly, and now we are in our senior year. The dreams of starting a new stage in my life made me think about reaching that moment when I left school and beginning my study period at the university. Life gives us an answer as we face each moment, and today I see that this moment to say goodbye to school and my classmates have arrived.

I never thought that this moment would come so fast and fill me with so much nostalgia and bring to mind those beautiful memories of my school, classmates, and those unforgettable moments that I shared with my friends, teachers, and directors. But life is full of challenges, and we must carry out each of them to reach the goals that each of us has set out to meet in his or her life.

At school, we have always been told this phrase, "School is our second home." When I listened to it, I didn't think it was like that because it seemed impossible for me to consider how the school could become our second home. Now that phrase rings true because it became my second home, for at school we live a large part of our life. We have friends and teachers with whom we share daily, and they end up being part of our family. We are the CBSM family, of which I am proud and happy to be part.

A mis compañeros quiero decirles que son personas únicas, siempre sigan sus sueños, nunca se rindan. Les deseo éxitos en este nuevo camino que van a recorrer. Gracias por darme los mejores años de mi vida y esas experiencias inolvidables. A los profesores gracias por todo lo que me enseñaron y por tenernos mucha paciencia. Gracias al colegio por darme estas maravillosas experiencias, y por ayudarme a ser cada día una mejor persona.

Thank you!

When I was in kindergarten, I remember how I counted the years until I reached fifth grade. Today, I'm counting the days I have left until I graduate and the moment I will have to say goodbye to my second home. I can't believe that this is my last year of high school. My last classes, my last recesses, my last assemblies, and the last time I'll be able to see people that became my family all day, every day.

Endings have never been easy for me, and even though I have many mixed emotions right now, I don't want to make this essay's tone too melancholic. I'd instead make my final message something that we'll all remember with joy.

My time at school has been a rollercoaster of emotions and experiences, from which I've learned many valuable lessons and made memories that will stay with me forever. It is unbelievable that I will be leaving behind one of the most important stages of my life in just a few months and starting a completely different one. There is no denying that this year wasn't what we all expected it to be. However, I will always remember my senior year with a smile, as it was the one year I learned to enjoy every single moment to the fullest truly. If these past seventeen years have taught me something, it is essential to look beyond the imperfect parts of life and enjoy it. Once you understand the importance of letting go of what you think things are supposed to be and acknowledging them for what they are, everything will change for the better. Seniors, no nos tocó más de lo mismo, think about it this way.

¿Cómo decirles a las personas más importantes de tu vida lo que sientes? Mami, gracias por enseñarme que lo más importante es vivir feliz a pesar de las circunstancias y ver el mundo con ojos de amor. Eres la persona más resiliente, solidaria y amorosa que conozco. Papito, cada día me enorgullece más ser tu hija. Infinitas gracias por siempre ir hasta el fin del mundo por mí. No me alcanzan las palabras para decirles lo mucho que los amo.

MariClauEljach, I don't even know where to start. I want to thank you for being such an unconditional best friend, sister, and human diary. You have no idea how much I'm going to miss you. I can't believe we will never be able to sit on the plaza and, you know, talk again. No desde siempre, pero sí para siempre. Te amo, mi fav. Isaac, I'm so lucky to have a person with such a beautiful heart like yours in my life. Thank you for always being there for me no matter what. Voy a extrañar que me molestes la vida. Te amo, cosa. Luised, you're honestly one of the best people I've ever met, and I can't thank you enough for everything you've done for me. Ojalá te pudiera llevar en mi maleta para Bogotá. Te amo, mi p. You three can always count on me. Never forget that.

DMS, my girls, now with who am I supposed to do stupid things? Pau, my best friend for as long as I can remember. No matter which paths we take in life, we will always have an unbreakable bond. Even if we are old and full of wrinkles, you'll always be my best friend. Mafe, thank you for being such



ISABELLA ARIZA COSTA

a unique and fun friend. I know I can always count on you. Paula, I don't know what I did to deserve a friend like you. Thank you for always being by my side, bestie. To the life ahead of us! Cuellox, my longest friendship, you will always have a massive place in my heart. Cebi, Ome, Sami, Gnecco, I love you guys!

Stellita, I'm so glad I got to meet the most incredible person ever. Cristy and Mq, me van a hacer demasiada falta amigas. Alejo, Dimas José, Juanjolix, you are like brothers to me. Thank you for your friendship. Carlos Fer, Carli, Beto, Sebas, Rafa, Pedrozo, Plu & Juanma Fdz. Bien orgánico, you know who you guys are; thank you for being the highlight of my senior year. Casi no se pasa bueno con ustedes, ah? Mellas Arrriza, Sofi Cabello, Celina, Eduar Diazg and Mia, son como hermanos menores para mí. Disfruten los años que les quedan, time flies, trust

me. Lucha, you may not go to this school or even live in this city, but trust me when I say you and Oscar are the closest thing I've ever had to siblings. Thank you for seeing beyond the girl who ordered a "burger con double cheese y salsa bbq." I love you both so much. Lucas, you too don't even live in this country, but I couldn't possibly write this without mentioning you. Te adoro, mi amigo del alma.

Finally, all of my dear Seniors, nine hundred words aren't enough to express how much I love each one of you; you'll always have an essential place in my heart. Our time has come, and I wish you all the best of luck! Thank you for the best years of my life.

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.



ALEJANDRO BARROS BURGOS

"Graduating is a bittersweet moment every eighteen-year-old kid has to experience, the bitterest part being when you realize the dream wasn't sweeter." - Alejandro Barros

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who has accompanied me throughout this journey. All of those who have made this an unforgettable experience and have given part of themselves make me who I am today.

When I look back to the old days, I can clearly remember how I dreamed of being at this exact moment, of finally

being in 11th grade and being one of the "big ones." To eventually graduate and be independent. Those dreams I share with my classmates and any kid who had the honor to graduate.

Now that I am here thinking about all those years, it does not feel as I had thought it would be. Now that I am here, in my last days at school, I wouldn't mind it at all to go back and relive the fantastic journey, to once again spend more time in the plaza with my friends, the friends who have been with me in every class, in every moment.

More than happiness and joy, I feel nostalgia. Memories invade my mind. I start to revive all those events in the past that have left a mark on me. It feels hard, reliving all those laughs and experiences with my friends at school and realizing that it has come to an end and I will no longer be with the same classmates. It is time to say goodbye to that part of our lives.

My dear friends, I will always be thankful for all the time I spent with you at the school, and I will carry everyone in my memory and heart. I have been part of this school since the beginning, practically all my life. In a few words, this school has become my life, a stage of my life that I will never forget. This school has become my family, and that is why it is so hard having to move on. In a way, I still cannot believe that I am already at this stage of my life. It feels like everything just passed in a matter of seconds. It allows me to see how valuable time is and how fast it goes by and the worst of it is that we do not take advantage of it.

Many of us feel relieved; the time has come to accept what comes now is up to us. We cannot change the things we have already done or the things that we have not done. We can only look up and continue our journey. It will not be easy, but like every journey, it will bring new experiences. There may be ups and downs, but we need to go through them and learn from them in the end. That is just the way it is. That is life. Time never stops; the clock is always ticking.

Now I sit here on my couch writing this essay and wondering about the future, about my future. What will it make of me? Am I going to be an engineer? A doctor? An athlete? Am I going to be successful? Have a family? I do not know, but I think that it is in the unknown where the magic of life relies, on not knowing what will happen or how it will happen, and it is in this point of life when we are going to start experiencing what real life is. It is not a goodbye; this is a farewell; you will hear about me once again; the whole world will hear about me.



As silly as it may seem, there was a time I did not believe I would make it to eleventh grade. I have always considered myself to be a good student so when this realization came to mind, I could not help but to question everything I knew at the time; it was like my life leading up to becoming a senior was empty. In a flash, I forgot what it felt like to care about school and my academic life took a hard blow, but I was lucky enough to have a supportive group of friends that looked out for me in those moments. Looking back on my school years, I can say that this experience helped me understand the importance of living life at its fullest, enjoying the things I liked to do the most and being happy.

Forever treasured will be the memories I made at the school with my friends, with my teachers and in my classes. Even though it took me quite a while to find my place, I am glad I found my people. Regarding my teachers, I am thankful for every single one I got to meet in my years in the school, however, I want to especially thank Miss Toyuko Igarashi, Mr. Christian Beltrán, Mr. Tristan Ellis and Mr. Sebastian Meza, may he rest in peace, as they are the ones that resonated with me the most; all of them English teachers to no surprise as it was the subject I felt the most comfortable at.

Living my final days as a senior, I try to have a laugh; my experience was filled with ups and downs, but that is what makes it memorable, that is what makes me say I enjoyed every single second I spent in the school. I will remember fondly the days where we sat by the Virgin Mary statue during recess, had our laughs near the lockers, shared stories at the cafeteria tables and studied in the classrooms. Even though I did not get to enjoy my final year as fully as I would have liked, I still believe I can close this chapter in my life with no remorse whatsoever.

A special paragraph to my friends: Adri, Nataly, Loaiza, Rafa, Beto & Pedrozo. They are the ones who I looked forward to everyday when going to school. I appreciate your friendship and hope we can continue treasuring it in the years to come. You guys are truly my second family and I love you all. I do appreciate every single one of my classmates too and hope the best for your lives.



MARÍA ANDREA BOLAÑOS ACOSTA

Look at where we are. Look at where we started. Don't throw away your shot so let's keep working hard and hope we can meet again someday.

Me gustaría cerrar con unas palabras en español para mis familiares. Muchas gracias a todos por el apoyo incondicional que siempre me brindaron. Gracias a mi tía Victoria por siempre soportarme y enseñarme matemáticas. Gracias a mis abuelas: Emira y Flor y a mis abuelos: Franco y Pedro, que en paz descansen, por darme siempre motivación para seguir adelante. Gracias a Leo por aguantar-

me tantos días estresada por los trabajos. Gracias a mi papá por creer en mí. Y finalmente, gracias a mi mamá por estar ahí siempre y ayudarme en todo lo necesario.

Thank you and rise up!



JUAN JOSÉ CAMPO VELÁSQUEZ

First of all, I want to thank God for giving me the strength to pursue success. Secondly, I want to mention and thank the people who have been so important to me over the years, the people who have been with me through the happy and challenging times: Verónica Ceballos, Isabella Romero, Samara Celemín, Isabella Ariza. You have always had a special place in my heart, and I want you all to know I will always value our friendship. I also want to thank a special teacher, Alex Quintana,

who has taught us the importance of discipline and encouraged us to love sports. I also want to thank Miss Maira for her patience and the time she took to help me understand. I also want to thank the Maintenance Staff, people like Rafa who always left the classes in optimal conditions to learn in a suitable and clean place. I have been part of this school since Pre-Kinder, and it is the institution to which I owe all my learning.

Now we are about to face new projects and new challenges; we must remember that with faith in God, anything is possible. As many of you know, I aspire to be Governor of Magdalena one day; it has been my dream since I could remember. Representing the students in this institution was one of my goals, but unfortunately, it did not happen because of my misbehavior.

Nevertheless, my passion for protecting the rights of the people I love will always be something I will dedicate myself to.

Though many times I was scolded because of my behavior, I made it to the end in one piece. Finally, I want to thank my brother, who has always guided me and helped me throughout these glorious and painful years in this beautiful school. I love you, bro.



I want to thank God for the blessings He has given me while studying in this school. I also want to thank my family and friends for always supporting me and helping me become who I am today. Frankly, I believe that I would not have been able to achieve this without them.

I absolutely cannot miss the opportunity to offer a resounding thank you to this beautiful school, "Colegio Bilingüe Santa Marta," which opened its doors to me and made me feel comfortable and accompanied through my whole learning experience. I want to thank my teachers, who had the vocation, passion, and patience to teach the generations of the future every day. Their guidance is crucial in our high school life, as they gave us the guidelines that allowed us to choose who we wished to become in life. Our teachers had the primary task of helping us nourish the tiny seed planted in our hearts and minds that was eager to bloom but first had to be supported. For this, I want to thank them, as they encouraged us all along. Just as important, I want to thank the staff and people at the cafeteria who would always meet you with a smile and who you could share a laugh. These little things were the ones that became the most beautiful, as they would help make your day brighter and allow you to know that there is always time to be kind.

The present has become our moment to grow up and be prepared for the new path that awaits us and is eager to see us shape the world of the new generation. Reflecting on this, I realize how far we have come together, and I cannot help but reminisce about the old times. With this in mind, I start to recall my first day at school and how I never thought I would finish my education here in this city or graduate with my classmates. I feel deeply moved by all the times we shared. Likewise, memories of all of us fill my mind. Yet, I can remember some memorable moments that astonished me, as I can notice the long path I have walked and how much I changed and grew over time.

Within all the activities the school planned for us, I will never forget our junior year love and friendship day celebration. That year, we were in charge of preparing it, from the decorations to going to each classroom and taking students' and teachers' orders. I remember the day before the date that our class stayed in the school after classes were over and everybody had gone home. All of us stayed decorating and had a fantastic time together. Later that evening, we went to one of our friends' houses to pick up the student's orders. The next day, we were all wearing our prom love and friendship customized shirts and were running around the school handing out deliveries.

At the end of the school day, we had these awards, which included prizes as "loveliest couple," "school best friends," and so on. Everyone had so much fun that day, and to be able to work with each other to prepare and give a beautiful day for everyone was priceless.



VALENTINA CASTRO FLÓREZ

Entwined among all these memories are engraved the values our school wanted to instill in us. A lot of effort was placed into teaching us as they would help us be better people who would positively contribute to our society in the future, which appeared to be far away from my eyes. Today is becoming my present.

Lastly, I want to offer an extensive and warm thank you to my prom because we experienced valuable moments together. Thank you for all the memories; thank you for making me laugh. Thank you for being a support. In short, thank you for embarking on this journey with me. We will all now sail into a whole new adventure, treasuring in our hearts all the valuable things we went through together. I wish the best to you, who are: my classmates, my friends, my family. I know we all now have the power

to shape an extraordinary future pursued with excellent values for learning. I hope you can achieve everything you have ever wanted. Never stop dreaming and working for it. The future awaits us.

Para concluir este último año escolar, quiero darle a mi mamá y mi papá un cálido abrazo y unas gracias por todo el apoyo y la confianza que han puesto en mí. Sin ellos, hoy puedo asegurarles que no estaría alcanzando la cima de mis sueños. Gracias a sus cimientos, hoy mis metas están más cerca que nunca. Gracias a sus palabras, hoy sueño con ser feliz y alcanzar aquellos pensamientos que forman lo que soy. Sin su apoyo y devoción hacia mi persona, nunca hubiera podido soñar sin límites.



LORENA SOFÍA CAUSADO FONSECA

"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice."

~ Brian Herbert

I am close to completing a stage in my life, and with certainty, I can assure you that I have lived extraordinary moments; many of them full of joy and very few not so happy, but I thank God for allowing my parents to make the best decision. I was one of the lucky ones that I had the opportunity to learn and grow in the best school; This was a gift that I will never be able to repay to my parents fully; they knew that this was and continues to be the school for me, and I am very thankful for that. I have learned and developed my knowledge thanks to my dedication and hard work; I stood out for my ability, as did most of my peers. Also, I could have given up on myself and

my mental evolution, but I didn't; and I encourage you to do the same. As Albert Einstein said, "intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death."

Dear final year students, when I decided to accompany you in recent years, it was a challenge that I decided to face. I knew that it would not be easy, but I had the full conviction that it would not be impossible. Today I tell you that despite being a year very different from what I had in my mind has been an incredible year, full of infinite learnings. However, we could not see each other most of the time. I sincerely thank you because I learned new things, concluding that life is invaluable, and you are part of this path that I decided to undertake and that will be completed in a few days.

To my first class Juniors, gratitude to all of you for helping me become the person I am today. Although I decided to ascend to the grade above you, you always remain in my mind. All moments and experiences are significant to me. I will treasure them in my mind and my heart. All your jokes, our discussions motivated me to keep going and made me want to study and learn more. You pushed me to the limit, and I'm sure I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for you guys. I am sad that I cannot graduate with my 2022 seniors, but this was an opportunity that I could not pass up. I understand that it is difficult, but someday you will understand.

You are all part of my past, my present, and I hope that of my future.

"Making a million friends is not a miracle. The miracle is to make a friend who will stand by you when millions are against you."

~ Anonymous

The foundation of any successful lifelong career is centered on the growth of knowledge, starting from student enrollment. I must specially and sincerely thank the Santa Marta Bilingual School. Its directors, headed by Miss Adriana, my teachers, Miss Rosemary, Miss Maira, Miss Vicky, Miss Maria Fernanda, Mister Willy, Mister Miguel, Mister Tristan, Mister Jonathan, Mister Thomas, and to all the people who supported me in my education and helped me to form as a person. Additionally, I want to thank my classmates Junior especially Daniela Gómez, Isabella De Las Salas, Richard Andrade, Juan Felipe Gnecco, Luis Antonio Romero, Vanessa Serrano, Juan Sebastián Carreño, Sofia Iguaran, Isaac Cotes, and my Senior classmates particularly Maria Andrea Bolaños, Adriana Ramirez, Valentina Castro, Stella Duque, Nataly Cotes, Rafael de la Hoz, Santiago Pedrozo, Veronica Gnecco, Alejandro Barros and Isabella Romero.

I thank the people who were in my path since, in one way or another, they helped me to forge my character and learn for this new stage of my life and the rest of it.

This school could see my whole process, how I was shaped, and my character began to change. They saw my bad moments when I no longer wanted to do anything, when anger took hold of me, stress, and anguish, and they helped me to get out of every problem without expecting anything in return. Thanks to them, I am who I am today. When I was in preschool, I dreamed of the day I would walk through primary school halls. The day I was in elementary school, I dreamed of the day I would walk through the halls of high school. Today that I am in high school, I dream of being in the halls of the university representing the best school in Santa Marta. Thank you very much.

One of my earliest memories of school was the desire to graduate. I have always wondered how I will feel to receive my diploma and know that I will have a new beginning in life. At this point, I feel many emotions, mainly anxiety about what my future holds. It is inevitable not to feel afraid but at the same time cheerful about my next step in life. I cannot measure my parents' happiness because I'm closing one of the most important cycles of my life. I know that at the same time, they feel sorrow because they have always held me in a crystal ball.

I know that this senior year is not what we expected; COVID took many things from us. It took the opportunity for us to grow even more in our last year, to make memories that we would have remembered for the rest of our lives and the people we cared about, the family I chose. The friends I've made at school, the memories that I've created with them, will always have a special place in my heart. I hope that when this pandemic is over, we can continue to make more, even after we graduate, because this is just the beginning of our new lives. Understandably, these new chapters of our lives and the face of it seem scary. Most of us have been living in a bubble without knowing what the real world looks like; being an "adult" who has even more responsibilities is scary. Most of us don't even know what to study or what to do with our lives, but it's okay; life is full of changes, and I know we can handle them.

For my seniors and all the students at CBSM, I say, cherish the people with who you make good memories; you don't know what the future holds. I know that many people say, "from all the "friends" you make at school, in the end, you will just keep in touch with a few, if you are lucky." Still, I believe that CBSM gave me a family; it gave me people that I consider family, that I love and cherish, and I hope that we can still be friends for the rest of our lives.

The following words come directly from my heart. They are for the people who have been with me on every step of my journey at CBSM:

Quiero dar las gracias a esas personas que con el pasar de los años se han dedicado a que a mí no me falte absolutamente nada. Papá y Mamá les doy gracias por todo el apoyo, esfuerzo y dedicación que han puesto en mí. Les agradezco porque siempre me han enseñado un camino correcto, por inculcar valores y educación. Gracias por ser los motores de vida que me inspiran cada día a ser mejor persona y



VERÓNICA MARÍA CEBALLOS LAFAURIE

darles motivos para que nunca dejen de sonreír.

"George" my favorite person, my kid with the biggest heart: thank you for all the unconditional support you always gave me through all these years. I am very proud of you. Remember that you can achieve anything you set your mind to and that no one can stop you. Don't let anyone ever overshadow your great and noble heart; you are great, my love. I love you more than you could imagine, keep in mind that for me. You go above all things.

Nana, gracias por ser mi segunda mamá, jefa de seguridad y ama de llaves. Gracias por ser la que siempre me complace y me consiente. Te doy

infinitas gracias por ser la persona más servicial, paciente y comprensible que conozco. Durante todos mis años en el colegio tú eras quien se encargaba de gran parte de mi día a día, la que me despertaba hasta los sábados para ir a pre-saber y después me esperaba para hacer un postre. Eres maravillosa nana, solo te deseo miles de bendiciones y muchísimos años más junto a nosotros.

I also want to thank CBSM for allowing me to meet wonderful, unique people. My friends Vero, Dani, Juanis & Itzi, with whom I shared many extraordinary experiences and who, over the years, have made my life better. Without you, things would have been entirely different.





SAMARA CELEMÍN GARI

The years have gone by in the blink of an eye! I am filled with sorrow for leaving this chapter of my life behind, but life goes on. I've studied at CBSM since I was two years old, and since then, I have counted the days for this day to come; it is finally here. It is extraordinary to see how something or someone can impact your life in such a meaningful way. I have met wonderful people in my time at school and made the most amazing friends anyone could have asked for. I had the time of my life. I learned lessons that will stick with me forever. For the past fifteen years, this school has been my second home, my second family, but the time has come to say perhaps one of the hardest goodbyes I will ever have to make.

If life teaches us anything, it is to take advantage of every moment. It doesn't matter how big or small the moment is; we should never take them for granted. Life is about enjoying every single part of it, always giving our best, and finding happiness despite the adversities. I will cherish and hold every single memory and feeling experienced in this school in my heart, always.

I want to thank so many people, but first of all, I want to thank God for allowing me to be here, to have graduated, but most importantly, for allowing me to live the most memorable moments of my life in this school. To all of my amazing Seniors, each and every one of you has a special place in

my heart. I have learned so much from all of you. I will never forget you and hope to see you all again soon. I am excited to see what the future holds for all of us.

Papi y mami, Gracias por siempre acompañarme en todos los momentos de mi vida, por enseñarme la importancia de siempre dar lo mejor de mí. Gracias por enseñarme a ser una mejor persona cada día, gracias por siempre estar para mí, por siempre recordarme a seguir mis sueños, por sus consejos, por apoyarme en todas mis locuras y por enseñarme las tablas de multiplicar y las nemotecnias. Esta vida no me alcanzaría para agradecerles todo lo que han hecho por mí. Es un orgullo para mí llamarlos mis padres.

Gabi, thank you for all of your advice, for helping me with my homework, and for being an amazing sister. Although we are apart most of the time, I will never forget all of our time spent together, all of those nights where I taught you how to do your makeup or all the time you studied with me for my exams. I hope we continue to share our adventures and successes.

Luchy N: my most extended friendship. You have been like a sister to me ever since we met all those years ago. Growing up by your side has been one of the most rewarding experiences life can offer. Thank you for our beautiful friendship, thank you for being my sister, and for always stay by my side. I am going to miss you.

Verito, Paulinita, Isa A, Mafe: Girls, my most vivid, craziest, and funniest memories have been beside you guys. I hope you know how much you all mean to me. I will never forget our talks on the benches in front of classroom 1-1. Our friendship has become more like a sisterhood, which I hope time will never fade.

Dani, Paulix, and Vero C: No words will ever describe how thankful I am for our friendship. It is crazy to think that we will not see each other every day from now on, but I am happy to know that my most meaningful memories were made with you.

Rome: You have been my best friend for a while now, and I hope you will remain that. Thank you for always supporting me and being by my side; thank you for trusting me and being my mom, although I was always the one giving the good advice. I hope we continue to make memories together. I wish you the best.

All I have left to say is thank you, CBSM, for giving me the best years of my life.

I'm out.

First of all, I want to thank God and my parents for everything they have given and done for me. I am also thankful for every second I had that got to this moment; it feels unviable. I also want to extend my gratitude to all of my teachers, especially the ones that taught me not only what they were supposed to, but on self-improvement, and the people that motivated me into improvement and discipline.

From now on, everything is going to be different in many ways. Sometimes it makes me not even want to think about it because the future is always uncertain, but as Albert Einstein said, "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." and I will keep on moving until the last second.

My journey at Colegio Bilingüe Santa Marta started long ago when I was just a tiny kid. I still remember how cool it was going to P.E., being in the classrooms with my classmates. We hung around the whole class, jumped, and ran until we were told to sit. Those times were filled with happiness and energy that never ran out. I could say it was a long trip to become a senior, but at the moment, I'm still not sure if it was that long.

It has become the most significant experience in my life, the one that starts and defines what I will do next. The type of experiences that I will never forget, experiences I learned from, whether they were good or bad, all helped me become who I am today.

All those moments with my friends will stay in my mind forever because most of those memories are part of who I am now. Those moments forged my emotions, creativity, friendships, and the way I think. I have realized how I have matured through time, and I am delighted with how it turned out. My grades have been significantly improving since. I was never used to attaining, not even an honor roll, and now I can be Honor Society which is a goal I have achieved since I always wanted to receive that recognition. Still, I never had enough discipline and motivation.

Many of my friends changed through the years, and I would've liked to stick with them, but life goes on, and no matter what, you will have to adapt to the changes. The experience has taught me a lot, and in some way, it showed me how to be independent. This does not mean I don't like my friends; I do. Nevertheless, it helped me to grow up to be independent.



CARLOS FERNANDO CELY VIVES

I will miss most of you, and I know it will be hard for us to meet again, as I would also like to stay in contact with most of you. I know I won't because life will take us down different paths, and many friendships are forgotten along the way, but what we have learned from each other will never fade. At least I hope that my closest friends will stay present until the moment we get to meet each other again.

Sé que lo que más me va a afectar de verdad es dejar a mis seres queridos para partir a una nueva etapa de mi vida. Aunque sea una persona dispuesta a los cambios de la vida no significa que no vaya a extrañar estar en mi casa, mi familia y a todas las personas cercanas a mí. Esto me dejará un

vacío el cual no llenaré hasta reunirme con ellos, pero si he aprendido algo en la vida es a tener paciencia y darme cuenta que todo tiene su tiempo y ahora va a ser el tiempo de crear mi futuro. La única forma que me puedo quitar este pensamiento de tristeza de encima es tener la mirada en lo que voy hacer y aprender para destinarme a lograr grandes cosas en la vida. Siempre he tenido en cuenta que si quiero lograr mis objetivos tengo que sacrificar ciertas cosas para hacerlo. Haré que todo esto valga la pena, buscando el significado de mi felicidad, superando todos mis retos y aprendiendo de los errores para lograr crear una verdadera historia de mi vida que valga la pena.



NATALY COTES URIBE

One of my earliest memories in school is my first honor roll ceremony, back when they didn't tell students beforehand who got the award. When I heard my name, I jumped out of my seat and ran to the podium with excitement— I couldn't believe it! I had won something!

Though the next ceremony came along, they, very loudly and clearly, told the students to go orderly for their diplomas.

It was my first time getting an academic award like that, but certainly not the last. I think that was the beginning of everything that would come to define my time in school. Those first years alighted in me a burning desire for knowledge and understanding of the

world and everything in it. And the awards were excellent, too.

My time at school made me who I am. So, as this time comes to an end, I'm scared. I'm terrified. However, stressed or sad or mad school made me sometimes, it was my second home and the center of my life. And I'm going to leave it behind. Who will I be without it?

Who will I be without all of you? The teachers and staff who have helped me and endured me through my worst recognized my effort and encouraged me to be the best me I can be?

Or my classmates, my second family? Honestly, my second family. Family

in the way that you've been with me through both the good and the bad, in the way I know I can always count on you to brighten my day or to drive me insane. Just like a real family! Even if some of you have hurt me, I know I can at least leave school with the peace of mind that I'll always care for and love you all, in some way or another. I'll always be your callaita.

I guess the least I can do is thank all of you, even if no words can describe my gratitude. Thank you, everyone! Thank you to every person that has taught me, guided me, and pushed me to become the incredible mess that's writing this.

I want to give an extra special thank you to Mrs. Marjorie, who was kind to me, even when I wasn't. I'm sorry for all the times I had tantrums in math class; you were fantastic and loving. I was a bit of a brat back then.

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Mr. Archie and Ms. Toyuko who made me realize the excellence in me.

Ms. Kelly, who's truly the best teacher I ever had. I miss you!

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Y finalmente, y tal vez más importante, gracias, desde el fondo de mi corazón a mi familia, mi razón de ser. Mamá, Papá, Fercho, Edu, Abuelita, Tíos y Tías, y primos, todo lo hice por ustedes, por todo lo que hicieron por mí. ¡Gracias por todo su apoyo!

Even if your name wasn't there, know that I'm forever thankful for everything you did.

My time has come to cross the finish line, to step off the metaphorical tightrope, and though I don't know what's waiting for me there, I'll do my best to be happy as myself and hopefully make all of you proud on the way even if it's not what you expect.

See you all on the other side!

My time in this school holds some of the happiest memories I had during my childhood. Sometimes I wish that I could go back to being a kid again, living without a care in the world and with zero responsibilities. In this school, I met my best friends for life, some nicest, most caring, and most understanding people. I wish that I could write all of the memories that I have from school, but I'm afraid that I will never finish. To the class of 2021, I would like to say you are the best. I've been in two different classes, and the chemistry class of 2021 holds is like no other. We grew up together; literally, most people in this class have been in this school since kindergarten. To every single one of you, I want you to know that I love you, I do. You are the family I will never forget. We always laughed, planned mischiefs together, pranked teachers, and made tons of memories. I think that my favorite memory of all of us being together is when we were on a Chiva. It came out of nowhere, and we had the best time. I still watch those videos and pictures of us dancing and laughing. We had no idea that two months later, we would leave school for eleven months, and we would only see each other through a screen. It was a tough eleven months, and Thank God that we are all alive; the class is complete, and we will graduate safe and sound.

Mommy, Papito, gracias por apoyarme siempre, gracias por todos los sacrificios que han hecho por mí. Gracias por creer en mí y tener fe de que cualquier meta que me proponga la lograré. No puedo expresar cuánto los amo y estoy tan agradecida de tenerlos a mi lado. Ustedes son mi ejemplo a seguir, construyeron un hogar lleno de amor y felicidad junto a la mano de Dios y cada día que pasa me doy cuenta de lo afortunada que soy. Los amo con todo mi ser.

Le quiero dar las gracias a mi hermano Jorge por ser mi inspiración todos los días, por enseñarme que no me puedo rendir cuando las cosas no salen a mi manera, que debo seguir trabajando hasta que mis metas se cumplan.

Quiero agradecerles a todos mis compañeros, gracias por siempre ayudarme cuando lo necesitaba, gracias por ser una gran parte de mi vida. Gracias a mis profesores que me ayudaron a formarme y ser siempre una mejor estudiante y persona. Le quiero dar gracias a todas las personas que me apoyaron en mi proceso de promoción anticipada, a Miss Clara, Miss Valeria, Miss Angélica y Miss Adriana, todas ellas creyeron en mí, me ayudaron a



DANIELA CAROLINA CUELLO VÉLEZ

hacer todo lo posible para que yo pudiera subir a mi curso, estar con mis compañeros de toda la vida y cumplir mi sueño de graduarme en el colegio. No alcanzan las palabras para describir lo feliz que estoy de haber logrado esa meta tan grande.

To my best friends, I want to say thank you for everything. I will always cherish the memories we made and replay them in my head. Thank you for always being there for me when I needed you, and thank you for teaching me what true friendship is. I hope that we keep in touch in the future, still making memories, going out together, and simply being the great friends, we have been for a long time.

Now that we're all going our separate ways, I hope that the dreams of all of my classmates become true. I hope they all get accepted into their dream schools, and I hope they get their dream jobs and the life they deserve to live. If nothing goes as planned, do not worry. Remember, God has a plan for every one of you, and things will turn out great. In 10 years, when we have our high school reunion, I hope that the whole class attends and can catch up on our lives, work, and future projects. I will never forget my time in this school and the class I grew up with. Thank you, class, of 2021, la hicimos boja.

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RAFAEL JOSÉ DE LA HOZ CERCHIARO

Wow! School really just ended. I'd be lying if I said that I am ready to accept it. It feels as though it was just an instant, just a quick breath, and I had to take in my path through life. Who would know that twelve years ago, when I enrolled in transition that I would fly away so quickly. But it did; we all did. Don't take me wrong, and it's not that I regret nothing that happened during these years, but just yesterday, I dreamt about growing up.

The impact of it happening so fast is overwhelming. I need to start defining what, where and how I'm going to study, but I need a moment to appreciate everything that happened. Every emotion that I felt throughout school is coming back to me. Frustration, rage, sadness, satisfaction, warmth,

happiness, the precious feeling I can't explain being in a class where everybody is enjoying each other's camaraderie. So many things that I can't process just yet. I remember those football matches when the team left everything on the field when the score didn't matter because, in the end, everybody was supporting each other. That addictive feeling of adrenaline combined with euphoria and drenched in a sweet cocktail that I felt close to the end of each game when it didn't matter if you couldn't even run anymore; you just had to. These memories will forever be in my heart. I aspire to find that same taste in whatever I decide on doing.

This last year indeed was uncommon, to put it mildly. We went through something I believe that any other promotion

didn't, and our graduation will be something else for people to remember. We suffered and succeeded as a class throughout our history, and we will finish as something close to a family. We have so many ties between us, spending about eight hours together almost every day for years and years, that we know our friends better than anyone else. I am pretty much a single child, so my friends have truly become my brothers and sisters, those people that I'd go to war with. I can hope that I may have the strength to maintain these ties throughout my life.

During this bizarre and pandemic time, I learned many things: self-appreciation, determination, perseverance, among others. I also used to find myself, pretty frequently, I must say, reminiscing about past experiences and anecdotes. I remember the stuff that happened to us as a group during social service. While we organized bake sales or St Valentines, the forever famous Chiva, etc. I also remember things that happened to my closest friends and me while we hung out. The times when I had to see a boring movie because one of my friends was hitting on a girl. The times I went out to do one thing and ended up doing something completely different and unplanned. My closest friends have seen me both at my best and worst times, and they have been with me through them. For that, I'll always be in debt with them, so I assure you that whenever they may need me, I'll be there for them. I may not be a Lannister, but I always pay my debts.

Por último, quiero dedicarle unas palabras a mis padres. No solo me dieron la vida, sino que también me ayudaron a forjarla hasta lograr lo que soy ahora. No soy capaz de decir que alguna vez me faltó su apoyo, y les aseguro que siempre lo tuve en cuenta. Me criaron, no para ser lo que ustedes quisieran, sino para que sea mi propia persona, para que piense por mí mismo y no me deje llevar por las influencias de los demás. Voy a arriesgarme a afirmar que ese ideal pasará a mis hijos, e incluso se verá reflejado en todo lo que haga en mi vida a nivel tanto personal como profesional. No alcanzan ni mil millones de gracias por todo lo que han hecho conmigo, pero les hice sentir orgullo cuando decían mi nombre en Honor Roll u Honor Society, cuando recibía alguna otra condecoración o simplemente cuando otra persona hablaba de mí; y haré que ese sentimiento siga por toda mi vida. Finalmente, solo me queda decirles a mis padres, amigos, y compañeros que los amo y estaré eternamente agradecido por haber tenido el lujo de que estuvieran presentes en mi vida.

At the beginning of the pandemic, it was challenging to size up the problem that was coming. I was not aware that I would miss out on spending time with my friends, going to school, going to the beach, etc. However, I consider that this has been a time of "reflection," as I like to call it. It was a fair and necessary point in my life because I learned to value every second and live every moment at a very young age. School for me has always been more than my education. It has always been one of the essential points in my life. As usual, I have had high moments and low moments; however, I wouldn't have achieved this whole process if it wasn't for the people who were there for me at every stage. It is challenging for me to thank the people who were part of my growth since so many people were present. I want to start by thanking my family. They are the rock of my life and have always been there for me.

Specifically, I want to thank my aunt for being unconditional and impartial at all times. For always giving me her love, support, and knowledge and for watching me grow up eager to see me succeed. To my grandparents for being wise and educated, because thanks to them, I inherited the desire to know more and more every day. For always playing along with my games at my level and seeing the world through my eyes.

I want to thank my mother for treating me like a friend and giving me confidence at all times. To my dad for knowing the right thing to say at the right time and filling my brother and me with life stories. And last but not least, to my brother because without him, without his craziness and his company, I would go completely crazy. I hope you grow up to be what we all see in you, a brilliant child with an unmatched sense of humor.

Over the years, I have been to different schools, making it impossible to name each of the friendships that have been part of my life. If I could only call one from my childhood, it would be my best friend Gabriella; thank you for being my sister and for being a part of me. She has been there for me no matter what, through thick and thin, in childhood and throughout this growing up, maturing, and learning process. To my lifelong friends, to Montes, I want to thank her for putting up all the craziness and always being there for me, to Dina for being so authentic and still being another piece of me, for sharing stories Illuminati and serial killers. To Del Casti for being like a cousin to me, our craziness, and our list of funny and memorable phrases. To Natalia and Ichi for being unconditional no matter the time. I would also like to thank Susana for being a very attentive friend and always willing to help, and Fiorella for being my other me, literally, and always bringing a smile to my face in the worst moments.



STELLA SOFÍA DUQUE ARZUZA

Finally, I would like to thank my grade, my new friends that I will carry in my heart forever, Las Veros, Daniela, Arizo, Paulix, Sami, Lore, Itziar, Juanis, Mafe, Paulina, Dimas, Carli, and everyone else. Each one of you has special characteristics that make you unique.

It is complicated for me to write this essay without thanking my friends in the different stages of my life and the various schools; however, they know the impact they made on my life.

What will I miss most about school? I could say everything, the warmth of people, the love of teachers for their profession, and even the ajiaco in the cafeteria. This school was undoubtedly my favorite school, and it hurts me sincerely not to have shared more time within its walls, but I know that

one day I will bring my children back, and I will be happily reliving the memories that once made me dream. I have never seen the moment of saying goodbye so close to me until I wrote this essay. I want to live every moment again and take with me the fresh memories of this last year that was not.

Every second of my life has brought me to this moment; every second from here on will mark my future, which I look forward to with anticipation and nerves. I pray to God that in twenty years, I will look at this yearbook and remember the best two years of my life hand in hand with the most special people, and realize that what I thought would be the peak of my life was just the beginning.



MARÍA FERNANDA FLÓREZ AARÓN

Many people in our lives, such as our parents, teachers, and elders, have constantly told us that our senior year would be the door to the beginning of our lives.

When I got to be a senior, I have always thought that I would feel like I am finally a grown-up. Curiously, I still think the same as I did on my first day at school. I would never have thought that all of those kids I met that day would become my family later on. The feeling of our first day is similar to our last, that intrigue of what may come and who we may meet.

We have finally made it to that goal we have always idolized. I remember being in elementary and going to my cheerleading practice, like every other girl from elementary. I remember going to change after classes in our sportswear with Paula and going to the high school bathrooms. It was so intimidating walking in the hallways full of "giants," or at least that is what high-schoolers seemed

like at the time. Never in a million years did my third-grade brain realize that I was going to become one of those "giants," even now that I am supposed to be one. It is too much to process that this is the end.

I will miss sitting on the benches of 1-1, talking, shouting and having fun, drinking Milos, and eating the delicious "pan de queso" from the school cafeteria while listening to the music coming from the radio station. We would sometimes even whine about it because they were putting "too much morat on a Friday."

I will miss getting mad and excited at debate all because Dimas and Alejandro will team up and contradict whatever I said—sitting with Alberto during classes to tell him about my "non-existent love life" and playing buzz feed quizzes. Hearing Romero and Samara fighting in the class, Paula and all our deep conversations, being on the third floor and listening to a shout from Danie-

la. Juan Jose's dirty jokes and Verito being my designated roomie, making fun of Carlos and him calling me a "Bruja," and how can I not mention how much I will miss laughing with Ariza about our weird sense of humor and having daily never-ending conversations with Paulina.

All I can feel is gratefulness for all the memories and people CBSM has given me. My parents made the best decision to enroll me here. Here is where I met my second family, my best friends, the people I know I can be myself without feeling judged. My brothers and sisters may not have known from the beginning, but our memories will be with us until the end. We are all CBSM.

Quiero agradecerle a todo el staff del colegio, a mis profesores, directivos, todos los que nos acompañaron desde pequeños hasta la virtualidad, gracias por enseñarnos a ser fuertes, a demostrar que sin importar las situaciones no nos podemos dejar llevar. No es fácil todos los días dar clase a una cantidad de estudiantes, y por eso apreciamos su labor, su esfuerzo por formarse como estudiantes y personas. Como extrañaba un homeroom y hablar con los profesores sobre cualquier cosa que pasara en el colegio, mostrar alguna "marometa" o dato que sucedió durante el fin de semana. Extrañaré el salto al corazón que todos sufrimos al ser llamados a la oficina de Miss Angélica sin importar que tan buena fuera la noticia que recibiríamos. Como no olvidar la sonrisa que nos ofrecían los trabajadores del restaurante y cafetería. Por última vez quiero decir gracias por estos 14 años de felicidad.

During this time, I learned that the world changes every day, and we must learn to keep up with it, even though our last year was different, our heart is still in our school. We miss being with our teachers and schoolmates every day, but we know that the CBSM spirits stand firm. We have made different memories, but we are together at heart; our second home will always be CBSM.

This place, with time, became part of me, my second home. The place I learned what friendship was. I never thought that some of the little kids I met on my first day in preschool will become my brothers and sisters under any circumstance. For my best friends, thanks for being part of my life, and I know school was what brought us together, but ending this chapter opens a whole new book for our stories to be written.

And last but not least, my second family, my dear seniors, 20-21, has not been an easy year for us, but together we have stood, maybe apart. Still, we have become closer; we realized that no matter the circumstances, we have each other's backs and that we genuinely care about one another. That is what our school taught us to be one big family. No matter when you come to school, once you are part of 2021, you will always be part of "Seniors in the house."

Being a senior is something special, for it is the one year that you are eager more than ever break free on your own. That is why we always say, "I cannot wait to graduate from school," but really, we don't know what we are talking about.

Now that I'm a senior, I want to stop time and go back to relive this part of my life for a little longer. I want more time at our second home and with our second family. Alas, we are leaving now, and the only thing we are taking with us is all the memories we have accumulated over the past twelve years at CBSM.

The current pandemic is a solemn reminder that we need to enjoy the moments we spend together more. I know I couldn't spend time with all my friends this year. We are unique in that we are the first class to attend virtual classes for our entire senior year of school. I have mixed feelings about how this year's graduation will unfold.

People had said to me before graduation "...enjoy school, it is the best part of your life!", but I don't think they were right... I believe that everyone can make every part of their life the best. To make it come true, we need to make the most of our experiences. Making every moment of our lives the best depends on our ability to take advantage of the moment. My time at school was when I started to discover myself and what I was capable of, and how to use it. Not only that, but I learn almost everything else, how to think, relate and create. There are many things I have learned at CBSM, and the experience was indispensable for my future.

The journey could not have happened if it were not for some special people. I wish to thank my mom and my dad for making the decision a long time ago to enroll me in the school to obtain the best education. I am also grateful for their support and for being by my side, teaching me that I have to be determined to achieve it if I have a goal. There are no obstacles, only challenges; there are no failures but experience. The difference between people who achieve their goals, and people who don't, is the lack of determination and patience for the moment yet to come. You are enormous; you can be huge; you have to learn about yourself and believe in what you can and more. These words



from my mom and dad have helped me grow. Thank you for believing in me and for all your advice.

Throughout the years, I met different teachers and had different learning experiences with each of them. They have positively influenced my academic formation, and they have left a mark on me. More than teachers, they became friends full of experience. They were the ones I could count on if I needed help. Apart from that, they were a part of memorable moments that I will take with me.

People say that the friends you make at school will last a lifetime. I don't know if that is true for every friend I have made at this school, but what I'm sure of is I found brothers and sisters with

whom I have shared my childhood. The many laughs, tips, experiences, and all the heartache bound us together. When I needed advice or talk with a friend, they were always there for me, regardless of the time--you know who you are.

Best wishes to all of you, and I hope we meet again in the future.

This part of my life has come to an end, and it's time to start a new chapter. I think it will be full of surprises and I'm anxious about what I will find. There is nothing more to say than thank you, CBSM, and I will never forget my time at school.



ALBERTO JOSE GARCÍA BORNACELLI

Primero que todo quiero darle gracias a mis padres, que han hecho el gran esfuerzo para que pueda estudiar en esta institución, ellos me han apoyado y dado fuerzas en los momentos que más lo necesitaba, a mis abuelos que me han brindado todo el amor posible y a mi hermana la cual ha estado ahí siempre para mí.

It seems as if it was yesterday when I went to the school for the first time, and looking back; it's been a great ride. All the school trips and retreats have helped us create a better bond with one another, and I feel that now

my class is even closer than when we were little kids.

In my class, I've met all kinds of people, all with different perspectives and goals for their lives. From them, I've learned that in the end, we aren't that different. I firmly believe that we have helped each other grow as individuals.

I want to thank Alejo, one of the most intelligent people I know. Thank you for being my friend and for always being there. Dimas, thank you for being our DJ who always lifted my mood with your music. To Sebas, you were

always there to help when one of us needed you the most. Carlos, thank you for being crazy and always making jokes which lightened my days. Mateo, thank you for being the person I can trust blindly.

To the soccer team, I want to thank you for constantly pushing me to be the best; I know when I was a kid, I wasn't the best player, but when I finally found my position, I became one of the best. It taught me never to give up and always to keep striving for better. It also gave me great experiences like our trip to Medellín. Even if we won or lost, we all still had fun.

To all my teachers, I've had fun moments with you; you have taught me to strive for the best grades and not conform with good grades. The teachers have been patient with me and have taken their time trying to teach me to the best of their ability. I give my kind regards and thanks to all of them.

*"All that is now
And all that is gone
And all that's to come
And everything under the sun is in tune
But the sun is eclipsed by the moon"
Eclipse -Pink Floyd-*

When did I get to where I am right now? Instead of fast, the time has passed unnoticed. Writing this seemed so far away, but now that I'm here, I can hardly describe all the mixed emotions. I have thousands of stories to tell, but today I want to share something more valuable, what I learned from them.

Gratitude. Gratitude is the value that allows you to fall in love with life. Gratitude knows that the simple things are the most extraordinary. What we have in the present will always be enough. I have learned that life has given me so much that I should not have time to question what it has denied me. This has been the value that has cost me the most to learn, not because it is complicated, but because it has to be born from me. Be happy with what you have while working for what you want.

Trust. What would have been if? Trusting the present is the best way to receive the future. We will always have highs and lows in life, and no matter how much we give of ourselves, we must take that for granted. And what can we do about it? Trust. Although it sounds crazy, you have to trust the wrong things as much as the good things. No matter how strong the storm is, and even if we believe it to be eternal, calm always comes hand in hand with the reward, and sometimes the best bonus is what we learn from it. Trust yourself and trust the process. Trust is powerful. *"A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid that the branch will break because his trust is not in the branch; it is in his wings."* - Charlie Wardle

Likewise, allow people to trust you. The best way for them to do it is to ensure what you do and say is always with love, and even if the decisions are complex, you will know that you have done the right thing. *"To be trusted is a greater compliment than being loved."* - George Macdonald.

Dear students, live in the moment, enjoy the gift of youth, dance to that song, eat your favorite food, hug your friends, remind those people how much you love them, convince your mom to adopt that dog, laugh, participate in carnivals, don't be afraid to meet new people. Everything, absolutely everything is temporary; every opportunity is a gift; dare to live the best version of your life. Cross that



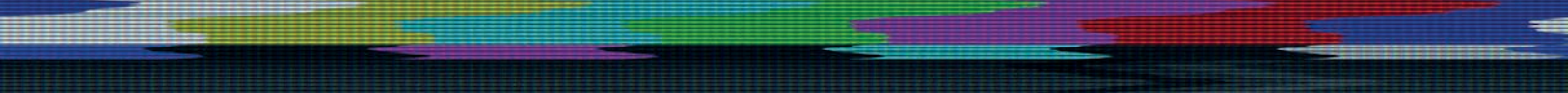
ITZIAR IZASKUN GARMENDIA SERAL

fine line where the comfort zone ends, and life begins. Try, or you will never know what life had in store for you.

Gracias mamá y papá, por enseñarme a dar lo mejor de mí, por enseñarme a ver la vida de la manera más bonita, por llevarme a comprar la carteleira aunque ya fuera de noche. Gracias a mis amigas y amigos, por compartir el tiempo, risas y recuerdos conmigo, pero sobretudo por darme una mano en la cual apoyarme. Gracias a mis profesores y al colegio por enseñarme que los valores humanos son tan importantes como una clase de matemáticas y merecen el mismo mérito.

Por último, y aunque no quise dar espacio al Covid en mi senior essay, tengo presente que las circunstancias no han sido las mejores para todos.

Quiero recordar, a pesar de todo, lo inmensamente feliz y agradecida que me siento de poder tener a todas las personas que amo a mi lado en este momento tan especial. Tengo fé de que todo pasará pronto y juntos saldremos adelante.





VERÓNICA GNECCO VERGARA

I'm currently in love with the irony of this moment; seen as when you're in primary, all you want is to get to sixth grade as fast as possible and be a grown-up in high school. But, when you're in high school, all you want to do is go back in time and stay a little longer being a kid. I'm so grateful to have grown up in such an excellent environment both at home and school. For this reason, I wish to thank those who have accompanied me. Without my family, friends, and teachers, reaching this moment would not have been possible.

I will never forget those crazy moments that I experienced alongside the rest of my classmates. The time when we all moved our desks into the wall hiding for the teacher to think the classroom was empty, or even when we had Servicio Social and stayed outside of the classroom to pass the time.

I believe all of those moments shaped us into what we are today; I won't forget all the chaos and crazy-filled memories.

First and foremost as they don't all speak English I would like to agradecer a mi mamá Carolina, mi papá Admiro y mis dos hermanas Valentina y Victoria, ante todo por llenar mi vida con los momentos más increíbles y agradecerles por su apoyo incondicional desde que era una niña, por cada abrazo cuando estaba triste y cada palabra de apoyo, hay algo que nunca olvidaré de mis mañanas cuando estaba en primaria, todas las mañanas en primaria, cuando tenían que asegurarse de que estuviera lista para ir a al colegio, recuerdo claramente cómo mi mamá me despertaba con la oración matutina del Padre Linero a todo volumen mientras mi hermana mayor y yo nos preparábamos. También recuerdo

claramente cómo solía gritarle a mi mamá desde la ducha preguntándole si debería lavarme el cabello esa mañana, también nunca podré olvidar lo enojada que se ponía después de gritar un "sí quieres" porque había hecho la misma pregunta el día anterior y el anterior a ese. A mis padres les doy el crédito de mi determinación ya que siempre han sido un buen ejemplo y lograr que se sintieran orgullosos de mí fue, es y será una motivación para esforzarme día a día. Los amo demasiado a los cuatro y quiero que sepan que nada de esto sería posible sin haberlos tenido en mi vida apoyándome en toda la extensión de la palabra. Les agradezco por haberme tenido paciencia y ser mi mayor soporte.

I will even miss the events we organized that will forever be with me, love and friendship, the bake sales, the trips and convivencias, the MUNs, the chit-chat in the classroom, and most importantly, the friendships. Out of this experience that has been my school life, I got many loyal friends: I would like to thank them all for being with me and helping me be who I am today. Verónica Ceballos, my best friend, "DMS," Stella and Juanita, and the rest of these beautiful people I had the honor to meet and call friends. And how could I forget all the outstanding teachers, staff, and directives that have taught me incredible life lessons throughout the years? All of them have left their mark as I will hold all those crazy classes, good advice, hard homework, and failed exams. Other memories I hold close to my heart are the times when I would go to the office to ask for an infirmary pass and talking with Ana Ilse while she filled it out, talking to Melissa, the school nurse at recess, or when we had a house day, and it was too hot outside. When I was in preschool, I remember Beatriz how she helped me with silly stuff and how when she always used to say "hi" when I passed by her on my way to class. Hector from the teahouse laughed with me every time I came into the line asking people to buy me chocolate with my account because the line was too long and I was too lazy to wait.

Colegio Bilingüe Santa Marta will forever hold a special place in my heart. Meanwhile, I finish writing this; I'm crying tears of joy because, despite everything, I don't regret a single thing. I leave this stage of my life behind feeling grateful for everything I've learned and hopeful for what's to come because I made as many mistakes as humanly possible and will make more in the future. Still, I also accomplished a lot of great things.

There were friends, enemies, more than friends, fights, parties, unity, and division, but we persevered and are now graduating together as one. I could have never wished for a better group of people to share my experience. I am filling my life with the most amazing moments. I know that we'll look back to our time in school with a sense of melancholy happiness one day. I will miss you all terribly, and from the bottom of my heart, I wish you all the best at this next step in life.

I have dreamed about this day many times. I thought about how it would be to write these words. Now that I am doing it, I'm at a loss for words. I can only say how grateful I am to my family, friends, and God for helping me through every situation I've been through in high school. This class has become a family to me, and they will always have a special place in my heart. All the memories we made and the laughs we shared are things that I will never forget and will always cherish in my heart.

Even though the situation is not ideal, and it's not what I have dreamt of for my whole life, I was able to gain a lot of valuable lessons. I learned to take into account the little things. Samara and I gossiped, Juan José singing in the hallways, Paulina's advice I never listened to. Even though she knew that she gave it to me either way, Isabella Romero complained about Wednesdays. I thought about all the plans my friends and I made, but I ditched them to be somewhere else, or the times we all were too lazy to go out. Now I don't hesitate to tell my friends that I miss them or how much I care for them.

I now see the past, and I remember it with joy, as I know all the situations that happened taught me all the lessons I have learned and have shaped me into the woman I am today, who is someone I am immensely proud of and I wouldn't change one thing.

Mamá y papá, los amo con todo mi ser y siempre voy a estar agradecida por todo el apoyo que me han brindado en mis 17 años de vida, sé que no soy la persona más expresiva, pero espero que sepan y nunca duden de mi amor y admiración hacia ustedes. Gracias por todos los sacrificios que han hecho por mí, y por siempre creer en mí. La comprensión y paciencia de mi mamá y la actitud y fortaleza de mi papá es algo que anhelo para mí. Gracias por ser mi mayor y mejor ejemplo. Gracias a toda mi familia.



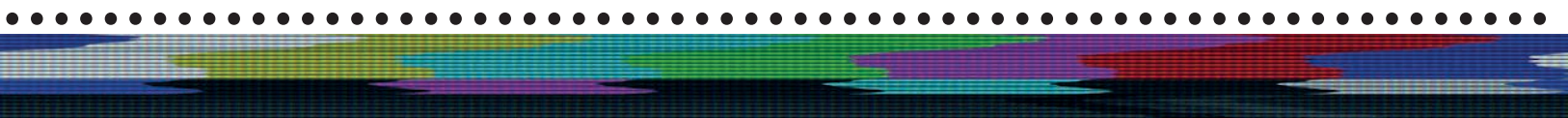
PAULA ROSSANA GUEVARA COTES

Thank you for making my high school experience so fun for all my classmates, all of you have a special place in my heart. I hope all of you achieve all the things you dream of, and I hope we all meet again someday. You guys are family to me, and I am grateful I spent my school experience with you.

Manuela: The sister that life gave me, words can't describe how grateful I am that God put you in my path. We have talked about this moment since we met and knew that it's coming true. I

couldn't be happier that you are still in my life, no matter how much we fight, to celebrate this with me. Thank you for sticking with me and understanding me; I couldn't ask God for a better sister.

Watsi: Even though you are miles away from me, you always made me feel that you were right next to me.





DIEGO ANDRES HERNÁNDEZ SARMIENTO

My dear seniors 2021, I would like to give you all a special message.

Most of us seniors have been here since the beginning of our lives, even though I started my life here in pre-kinder. Some of you entered high school or middle school, but we have built confidence among all of us.

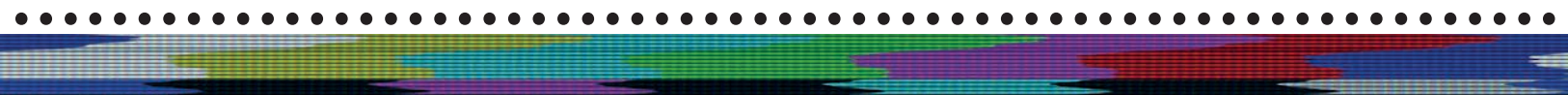
I hope all of you accomplish what you want in life and make a living out of it; I hope to see you all in a few years, and remember the old school time and see what you have become in life.

Although many of you are leaving the country, I am sure that we will meet again under different circumstances.

I hope you enjoy your journey and achieve what you want with hard work; despite the fact it might be very hard, you are what you think about.

“Think you are a clown, and make many many jokes, and you will become a clown.”

This phrase I just invented is just an example that can apply for whatever, just some imagination and discipline.



Queridos padres, este logro es para ustedes, tantos años de esfuerzo y dedicación para formar lo que yo soy hoy en día es algo que me llena de orgullo. Esa ardua labor de ser padres excepcionales que me dieron todo lo que necesité a toda hora, pero sobretodo les agradezco por el amor que me entregan todos los días como si fuera el último. La verdad tengo el placer de ser su hijo y juro que jamás los decepcionaré. Sara, gracias por siempre estar junto a mí en literalmente todo, eres la mejor hermana que me pudieron dar. Abuelo, desde que tengo razón de ser, jamás he visto una persona con el conocimiento y sabiduría que tienes tú, historias de vida excepcional y junto con mi papá, eres mi ejemplo a seguir, algún día quisiera ser como ustedes dos. Tata, tu nobleza y dulzura me recuerda que a pesar de todo uno siempre tiene que ser especial, cordial y buena persona con todas y cada una de las personas. Chela, tú eres lo mejor de lo mejor. Somalia y José con ustedes dos tendré una deuda eterna, por el sacrificio que hicieron para que hoy esté en este lugar.

Dear soccer team, my story with you guys started with a simple tournament. I was in sixth grade when Mr. Alfonso invited me to play with the eleventh graders. I was conscious that my place was on the bench, but I didn't care. I just wanted to be part of the team. The last game of the tournament was going on, and our team was losing 3-0. That was the moment when it all started—my first fifteen minutes with the team. I didn't do something that changed the game, but that first game changed my perspective towards the soccer team. It was a family in which I grew up alongside the team. It was when I felt the field, and mainly it was where my most significant memories were made. The moment Mr. Alex made me the captain was something that I can't even explain. It was the trust he gave me to be the leader of all my mates. Experiences like the Medellin tournament and the famous "guanabanas" are memories that would last a lifetime.

DMS and Patronos con-dones, you were my everyday smile, hanging out almost everywhere and chatting more than studying were some of our best moments together (Soccer, Wz, and paintball). "Embeleque-group," you were the other half of my friends. You were the ones who created this monster. (No regrets tho)

Beto, Sebas, and Carlos L, you were my mates for almost everything. If I needed to play WZ, hang out with some girls, or even drink something, you were right there by my side.

Alejo, you have been there since day one with me and for the rest of our day's bro. Francho, you're more than a brother to me, you are my best friend, and our friendship will last forever. Thank you for always being there. Carlos Alberto and Juanma, you are both my little brothers. I always want the best for you both, even if I need to sacrifice something. Remember always to chill.

Isa R, almost my other mother that helped me out with everything. Isa A and Victor: my bro and my sis. Paulina, my twin. Paulix,



DIMAS JOSÉ MARTÍNEZ GÓMEZ

the crazy friend that is there for good and bad things. Yaya and Manu, you helped me make one of my best decisions in life. Eduar, my cousin.

Titi, you were the one who gave me the push I needed in life to go beyond and to prove to myself that I can do anything and everything with you by my side. I love you.

My dear seniors, the passage through the school, was easy for some of us and hard for others, but the most important thing to remember is that it was a journey for all of us, a journey that we traveled together. Doing what we wanted, laughing, and fighting with Mafe are daily things that I'm going to miss—chatting with Ana Ilse about the class plan. Remember each of our experiences as the little cherry on top of the milkshake that we won't forget. When it was recess time, she would always see half of the class in front of room 1-1, gossiping on their bench. Some would be in the cafe-

teria, but you only needed to go to the radio station if you wanted to find me, a place where you could disconnect from the whole school, so long as you played good music. It was where I did my homework, the third psychology room, and different experiences that can't be written in this letter because I could get in trouble. In the beginning, we were not the best of friends, but as time passed, we ended up being a real family that sadly will split up so each of us can follow his or her path.

Remember, seniors, that we had the privilege of being in the best school in the whole city, and we had the opportunity to interact with such good people that were part of the community of Colegio Bilingue Santa Marta. I wish you all the best in the life you each pursue and hope we all meet again. I appreciate every single one of you, seniors.

"Dios escribe recto en renglones torcidos" Genesis 42.



SEBASTIÁN DAVID MARTÍNEZ NARVÁEZ

With my computer and an overwhelming feeling of nostalgia, I am writing my senior essay. Time has flown since I first entered the school in Transition. I remember my first day at school when my parents immediately left me with my teacher, and I started whining. My instant thought was the fear of not fitting in this new environment, and I thought I would not make friends. Besides, English was a completely new language for me. Eleven years have passed since then, and I thank God and my parents for their initiative to provide me with the opportunity to let me study at this school, the place I consider my second home, the place I where made many friends and learned to speak English. It is funny because I did make friends, and nowadays, I do not consider them as friends, but as my brothers and sisters. They are part of my family, and every single day I am proud of belonging to CBSM.

High school has passed in the blink of an eye. I have lived beautiful, awkward, and sad moments and these memories will forever be in my mind—memories I desire to live again. Many of the best days in my life have taken place at school with my senior friends. You were the protagonists of those memories. High School life will not have been the same without them because everyone is unique and has its essence.

A mis padres, que los amo con todo mi corazón, solamente puedo expresarles palabras de agradecimiento. Gracias por todos los días demostrarme su amor y apoyo incondicional, por guiarme por el camino de la bondad y la honestidad, no sé qué sería de mí sin sus consejos y sus lecciones de vida. Gracias por corregirme y darme siempre ese aliento de esperanza

necesario por cada vez que encuentro un bache en este camino tan difícil y hermoso que es la vida. A mis hermanas, Karen y Andrea, siempre las voy a llevar en mi corazón a dondequiera que vaya. Gracias por ese amor y esa paciencia que han tenido desde el día uno con su hermano menor, que lo único que hace, es “mamarles gallo” y burlarse de ustedes. Por último, también quiero dedicarles unas palabras a mis abuelos, en especial a mi Abuelo Eduardo, que me acompañó desde que empecé en primero de primaria a jugar fútbol y estar en el equipo del colegio. Abuelo, te volviste parte de la familia del equipo del colegio, todos mis compañeros de equipo se acordarán de ti y la calidad de persona que eres, gracias por cuidarme y por ser tan bacano conmigo, y a mi abuela, decirle que la adoro y que gracias por siempre complacerme y hacerme sentir tan especial.

Some special people have been significant and have made this journey something special and unique:

Manu Quintero, you are one of the closest friends I've ever had. Thank you for always being there, especially in my ups and downs. In just a short time, you have become my confidant and the most important people in my life. You know you can always count on me. Even though you don't answer the phone, you have an enormous place in my heart.

Vero G and Paulina, thank you for counting on me. I will never forget the good times I spent with both of you. I will never forget the faces and your expressions whenever I started bothering you. I wish you all the best for your future, and I'm thankful for all the moments we lived together.

To all my bros, you know that you are more than friends. You are almost like my blood brothers. I will never forget those days when we sat behind the cafeteria and played soccer during the first and the second recess or the days that we stayed at the cafeteria and started laughing at each other. You know, guys, that you could always count on me. I appreciate every single moment we lived together; no matter how insignificant they were; they will always be in my memory.

And to all my dear Seniors, we did it; we made it through. All the effort during these eleven years has paid off. When I see this 2021 prom, I think about our most significant achievement as a class, when we left aside all our differences, and we started to love each other as family. I wish you all the best for your professional careers and your aspirations. I could not ask for a better prom; I hope we meet each other again in the future. God bless you all, and good luck in this new stage of our life.

Thinking about what to write in my senior essay has been wandering in my mind for a long time. Ideas do not come easily to write down on my computer or paper. This is something that I consider pretty important, and I want to do it from the bottom of my heart, but it is harder than I thought it would be.

I can talk to you about my goals and why I want to do that, but they don't show me as I am. I can speak to you about my family, people I love, and who have been with me all this time, but they don't define who I am. I can talk to you about my friends and people in the best moments of my life, but they aren't me because I am totally different. Please don't take me wrong I appreciate my friends and family and think they did a lot for me, but I believe that experiences have turned me into a different person. Even though there are a lot of stories and memories that I have enjoyed with my family and friends that I will never forget and have contributed to what I am and what I will become.

In my life with this school, I have not only learned about subjects, but I've also learned values that I will never forget. I've known people who will be in my heart forever and have changed me as a person. In school, I've had the best moments and the worst too, like now. I learned in school to go ahead and not look back, overcome my problems, be better, and always smile on my face. Something that left a mark on me was the teachers. Each of them taught me something different. While some made me hate their subjects, others made me love it, and their passion became mine too. Those teachers are the ones I am most grateful too since those teachers were always there watching my back, taking care of me, giving me advice, and preventing me from making things worse. Thank you! You know who you are.

I don't know what the future has in store for me or what I am going to end up doing, but the truth is life is a mystery waiting for you to discover it, and I think I'm ready for whatever it brings me, whether I like it or not.

These last months have been a nightmare not just for me but also for millions of people worldwide. It shows the world how life can take a turn for the worse in seconds, leading to so many problems for everyone, especially for kids and the elderly. Times like these show us how to adapt, and they force us to face our issues like mature people.



JOSÉ ENRIQUE NASRA ALIPIO

Some may think that as teenagers, we are the ones who have minor problems because our only responsibility is to study, but this is incorrect. It's just the opposite. This situation affected us since we had to be quarantined to take care of ourselves while other people continued with their lives, which took many of our liberties to continue with theirs.

Consequently, our lives have just turned upside down. It has all become different, but my school lessons have taught me to face them like a champ, and my experiences have made me realize that it could be worse. As some of my friends say "Que pase lo que tenga que pasar".

I'm grateful to God for having taken me so far in life up to this point because, without his guidance, I would have probably taken the wrong path leading me to lots of problems in my life. I would have been a different person who doesn't appreciate the value of life, education, and family. Likewise, I'm also grateful for my family, who supported me through all my life and trusted me when I needed it the most.

To conclude, life is difficult but not impossible, everyone's life is different, and they face other kinds of challenges, but you need to have something in mind, and it is that your problems are the most important, and it is not to be selfish. They are more critical because they are yours.



SANTIAGO PEDROZO CORTES

Memories are like flowers; if you don't preserve them in water, their beauty will fade and dry up. Our memories are like the beautiful flowers blooming in a garden. We must take the time to return to our memories and give them some water to bring them back to life and remind ourselves of what they mean to us. Memories we experienced during school are vital for our wellbeing, as they cheer us up in stressful situations or just for making us feel suitable for no necessary reason or condition.

For many years I believed that school was boring and unnecessary at times.

But noticing that I'm just a few months from finishing it, I now realize that this is one of the best experiences in my life until now. Not only talking about the social experience, but also the academic knowledge I have learned from, not only the school but every person who has been part of it. When I was in primary and doing all those crazy things with my friends, I remember this brings tears to my eyes. During the last months at CBSM, I have tried to make the most of my time even more joyful. Thinking about it is like a membership, giving me the opportunity of experiencing all of these things I have lived in the school,

also mentioning that this membership is part of the construction to my personality.

One of the most important things that I learned in school was the importance of having company in your daily life, even virtually. Relationships like friendships and romantic ones are those that, in the end, would teach you from your own experiences. This time was also an opportunity to learn how to choose for good relationships.

I can't be unthankful to all the people who were there for me in all of my situations. All that I have done was possible thanks to my family—starting with my parents. You encourage me and teach me through my evolution in my life until now. My sister, who since I remember, was there to make me notice my mistakes.

A shout-out to my friends. Rafa, my bro for life who always supports me. Sebas, my legal cousin that since very little, we were such good friends. Adri, my crazy companion. Mariana, my sis from another mother. Juancho Luis, my good old friend. Ariza, my crazy as heck and unique friend. Vale, if you don't like her, then you are too bitter for this world. Joche Pan, my Cienaga friend. Maria Andrea, if you need to talk about Billie Eilish, then she is the one. Loaiza, my party organizer friend. Mateo, my crazy and old and SPECIAL friend. Diego, my friend who makes you laugh at absurd things. Nataly, the one who would have 10/10 even in breathing exercises. Beto, if you want to have a chill and exciting talk, this is the guy you would be looking for.

So here we are, at the end of this particular road. It is making me think about how this type of thing in life happens once. It makes me think about how I would remember the teachers, students, and even those who offer me food in the tea house.

Senior year means parties, work, spending time with your classmates, and graduation. By March of our Junior year, work was the only sure thing that we had. Yes, you read that right, not even graduation. One day we left school with our respective STEAM day prize, and ten months later, my project was lying in the high school office while I was at home sitting behind a screen wondering if the plants from my project survived. It's fair to say that senior year wasn't turning out as I had anticipated. Our last first day was canceled, the carnival was canceled, God, even our prom was canceled. Some people would dare say that our senior year sucked, but for me, it didn't.

It didn't suck because first, being at home for more than six months gave me enough time to remember all of the things I'm thankful for. I remembered when in fifth grade, Mafe stood up in the middle of an exam to say, "yo vengo de Guadalajara." At first, she was embarrassed for remembering it, but I think she never knew how thankful I am for brightening our day and giving us something to look back to with a smile. Being at home, listening to Ms. Mafe explain something, and understanding her the first time she said it because of the lingering silence made me miss classroom 1-2, while Juan José sang vallenato only for Ms. Mafe to scold him. Thank you, Juan, for making classes easy to get through, and thank you, Ms. Mafe, for your witty remarks about it.

Second, sitting on my studio sofa while I sipped my iced coffee gave me enough time to plan a million things to do with my friends after the quarantine was over. This was the moment when the guilt started kicking in. I couldn't stop blaming myself for not approaching them when I had the chance, for not living a little. I started missing Rafa, Carlos, and Sebastian more and more by the minute. I don't want something like this to happen again before I get the chance to thank them. That's right, guys, thank you. Thank you for making my last years of high school as easy to get through as you could. It's funny that we can't pinpoint when we became a group, but that's what makes us – we're natural, meant to be. Rachel from Glee said that "being part of something special makes you special," and that's what it felt like to be with y'all.

But blaming myself wasn't going to make things better. Blaming myself wouldn't change the fact that I was stuck at home for God knows how long, and I needed to look on the bright side. If COVID hadn't happened, I wouldn't have taken a minute to appreciate my friends. I wouldn't have spent hours speaking to Mafe and Isabella, planning our Girl Up club, and asking myself how I got these girls to support me in all of my ideas and loving me for who I am. I wouldn't have given Paula my advice just for her to ignore it right away and come back hours later to say, I was right—I will never understand how such a stubborn person can be so understanding at the same time. I wouldn't have spent the whole afternoon laughing at Dimas and the girls from DMS's attempt to make a joint TikTok. I wouldn't have been so determined to create as many memories as possible, even if they were boring, to make this year one to remember.

I feel bad for being happy, for being satisfied with this cycle of my life that is about to end. I feel bad for being happy because I know my family isn't. Mami y Papi gracias por permitirme estar aquí. Sin ustedes



PAULINA PÉREZ LÓPEZ

nunca habría llegado a este colegio y conocido a toda esta gente increíble. Se que no me quieren ver partir, que desearian tenerme al cruzar la puerta del frente para toda la vida, pero simplemente así no es como funciona. Ustedes deben quedarse y yo debo irme para seguir mi vida, para encontrarme. Pero eso no significa que los vaya a olvidar a ustedes ni a mis hermanos. Para mí será difícil acostumbrarme a terminar de cenar y no tener con quien tocar el piano. Será difícil acostumbrarme a no recibir abrazos chiquitos todo el día. Será difícil acostumbrarme a no escuchar un silbido al medio día. Será difícil acostumbrarme a poder hablar de mi vida sin escuchar una voz desde el primer piso que pregunta "¿que paso?." Será difícil acostumbrarme a hacer el ruido que desee sin que alguien me pida que me calle. Será difícil aprender a vivir sin ustedes, pero no se preocupen, me las arreglaré.

Now, being able to sit in my blue chair with the white table attached to it that barely

holds my belongings, I wouldn't wish to be anywhere else. I'm grateful for being able to have my snack while staring at the big tree in the plaza once again. However, it isn't as loud and bright as it used to. I lift my head after taking a bite off my apple, and all I hear is music blasting from the radio station. I see balls flying over people, teachers scolding students because of the flying balls, and people sitting in circles telling stories. A deja vu. A lovely deja vu. CBSM is my home; it is where my passion for international relations grew thanks to Ms. Toyu, where I met the most beautiful people, where my views were challenged only to make me stronger, where my voice was heard. Although I made it seem like attending was an obligation, Beloved school kinda liked it. Thank you for giving me the best childhood. Dear Seniors, I don't hope; I KNOW you'll succeed in anything you want to do. Y'all are the bravest people I know, and my senior year didn't suck because I got to share it with you.



SANTIAGO RAFAEL POSADA GÓMEZ

"Part of the journey is the end."

--Tony Stark

I can't believe it is my last year of high school at Colegio Bilingüe Santa Marta. Being part of this institution is one of the best things that could have ever happened in my life. It is the place I have lived the best moments of my entire life, where I have made friendships that will last forever.

I remember my first day in high school like it was yesterday. I remember walking into the big building of the school and feeling like a big kid. That first day was fantastic; I was so happy, enthusiastic, and just happy to be there, even if that means that I would have more responsibilities. Like everything in life, it will not last

forever because, even though I still can't believe that I am doing my last year at school, I know it has to come to an end.

Throughout my years in this school, I have learned that one of the most beautiful stages that we have is to be a kid in school because everything is more simple and when that is over, the hard stuff comes.

If I could give the reader of this essay some advice: enjoy your time at the school because when you graduate, things will be very different, and I am not just talking about responsibility. I am also talking about personal life. When all of this is over, every single friend that you had in school will be distant, and that's okay, but still, it is something that will

change your life. I am taking this time to talk about it because I was one of the kids who wanted to graduate and start living. When I was a kid in sixth grade, the only thing that I could think about was graduation and starting college. Now, I have lived and experienced many things; I don't want to graduate as much as I had thought. I now realize just how much I loved being in school. Sometimes it is frustrating, but I can tell from what I have heard and seen that all of the school's frustration is nothing compared to what is coming.

For all the future generation, I want to enjoy your time at the school and especially love your school. Be happy that you are there because the school will not only provide you with an education and friends, and it will also be the setting for some of the best experiences of your life.

Being part of this school is one of the best decisions that my parents made because, as most people know, I came from another school. When I started at Colegio Bilingüe, I was sad because I would miss my friends at my previous school, but now I have made more, stronger and better friendships than in my other school. This school has given me more than just friends, and it has given me the best childhood ever. I can honestly say that the best moments that I have had have been in this school, and that's why I am going to miss everything about this school. All the things that this school has given me, I will keep forever.

I am speechless and emotional to share my last words as a Colegio Bilingüe Santa Marta student. To my teachers, I want to thank you for always being there to help me through my learning process. I want to give special recognition to Miss Gloria Mercado. You were the one who helped me every time to get better at school. You were the one who first believed in me, and you have always supported me. To all my teachers, thank you to every single one of you who has helped me. I could talk for hours about how much I love this school but unfortunately, I can't so my last words will be thank you, Colegio Bilingüe Santa Marta. I will never forget you.

Para concluir solo quiero decir que siempre recordaré este colegio, siempre tendrán un espacio en mi corazón todas las personas que me ayudaron durante mi proceso en este colegio y solo quiero desearles lo mejor al colegio y que sigan creciendo como institución y sean aún mejores de cuando me vaya. Por siempre mi corazón tendrá el escudo del colegio marcado.

Well, I knew this day would come but not this fast. Here I am, writing my senior essay, the food note that I will leave in the pages of history at CBSM. I try to remember the time I have been here, and my mind is flooded with the happy memories I had in this unique stage of my life. I really don't know where to start because everything for me was so meaningful.

First, I want to thank God for blessing me and also to those who were with me all the way from my childhood until now. I want to thank my mother and my stepfather for being with me throughout this adventure. I am incredibly grateful to have them in my life and for being there for me at all times, and for supporting me with my decisions. I know it will be difficult for you to accept that your little girl is all grown up now. For me, it is not easy either to believe that I am about to go to university, but life has led me here. Throughout this journey, I lost two wonderful and unique people who were there for me for a long time and were people who gave me their unconditional support. I hope that wherever you two are, you feel proud of me and what I will become in the future.

The journey of my life as a high school student has come to an end, but there's no immense feeling of sadness; it just feels melancholic. People always said that high school is the best era of your life and somehow is true, even if many hardships didn't stop the unforgettable moments during that time. During this stage of my life, I learn so many things that will help me grow as a person both academically and in life. I will forever be thankful for everything that I have learned and for all the experiences.

During my time here at school, I made friends and lost friends. The friends who stay with me during my dark times and bright times, I'm very thankful for your friendship. We used to think that friendships are forever, but life shows you who your true friends are with you. Life will bring me more friends, but the ones I made here at school will remain forever in my heart because we have a lot of memories together and each one of them will always make me happy and cheerful but... One of these memories will always be my favorite, and why not tell you this short but funny memory.

My group of close friends and I were sitting near the nursery (before it was



ADRIANA MARÍA RAMÍREZ PIZARRO

moved). We were chatting and eating until Isabella Loaiza brought a frisbee to play with since cell phones aren't allowed at school. So Rafa, Pedrozo, José Enrique, Isabella, Rodrigo, Maria Andrea and I started to play with the frisbee. Everything was fine until José Enrique threw the frisbee like really bad that it ended on the preschool classrooms' roof. We all started to yell at him while we laughed, and since it was Isabella's frisbee, he needed to pay for it. It has been 3 years, and Isabella is still waiting for her frisbee to be back.

Para finalizar esto me queda decirle a mis compañeros que estuvieron presentes en mi vida estos últimos 13 años, gracias. Gracias por todos lo mo-

mentos que pasamos juntos, por cada sonrisa que me causaron. Se que nuestro curso no fue tan unido pero aun así sabíamos que podíamos tener apoyo entre nosotros. Así que les deseo suerte en esta nueva etapa y espero triunfen en la vida. Gracias a todos, gracias a todos los profesores que fueron parte de esta trayectoria, le agradezco a cada uno de ustedes por enseñarme. Espero volver a verlos a cada uno de nuevo en algún punto de mi vida Y NO! esto no es un adiós, es un hasta luego. ¡Suerte!





ISABELLA MARÍA ROMERO CADAVID

I remember telling my parents every day that I wanted to be a Senior, and several times I said to them that I was ready to graduate. But now I realize that time has passed very fast. It feels like yesterday when I had my first day at CBSM when I had no idea of who my classmates were. However, I knew since then that they were going to be my chosen family.

I thank God because I had the fortune to have the best time of my life with my wonderful Seniors. I remember all the moments we spent together. 'El trencito' we had to do to go to the library, the famous 'one, two, three, four, five, six, seven' that we sang with Mr. Sebastian, all the convivencias with Calu where we cried and thanked each other for everything. All the times, Ms. Mary Paz made us go outside of the classroom and stand in a row because we didn't follow her instructions. How can I forget my 5th-grade year where we spent much of our time doing origami with Mr. Archie. After that, our count began; we were so excited because becoming a Senior was less far. Our first year in high school was unforgettable. We started singing 'Jesus esta pasando por aqui' through the hallways, or in seventh grade that iconic event with Ms. Kelly's Daniela, I'm not a dog!. Eighth grade,

and it was already time to make our freshmen t-shirt. I still remember the fight we had in room 1-1 because we couldn't decide our theme, ninth grade... two years away from our senior year, and since then, we've become more united. So, we cleaned the cafeteria together with Toyu for MUN. Tenth grade and we were already thinking about our senior year, as every year we had that memorable moment; in this case, it was 13/11. Now in a blink of an eye, I'm crying while remembering all those unforgettable moments while writing my senior essay, my final farewell letter.

Dear Seniors, as said before, you were my chosen family. My days at school were not the same without you. Thank you for allowing me to experience what it is to be the "mom" of our class. I don't have words to thank you enough for everything. You will forever be my kids, and I hope to be forever your 'MAMI ROME.' You can always count on me if you need advice. In me, you will always find a shoulder to cry on. Each one of you has a BIG place in my heart. I'll never forget you. Thank you all for making me smile every day, for brightening my mornings when I came to school tired, for choosing me as your mother, and always trust me; you don't know how valuable it is to me. I treasure

unforgettable moments with you in my heart. Thanks to each one of you for making me so happy and for opening me a space in your heart.

Hoy más que nunca quiero darle gracias a Dios por permitirme lograr una nueva meta en mi vida, hoy cosecho los frutos que con esfuerzo he sembrado y me doy cuenta que estos no fueron en vano. A mis papás, gracias por apoyarme en todo momento y ser mis mayores alcahuetas, la vida no me alcanza para pagarles lo que han hecho por mí y darles todo lo que se merecen. ¡Los Amo! A mi abuela, mi segunda mamá, sueño que seas eterna para que me sigas viendo triunfar, gracias por todo abuela, por tus sabios consejos. No sabes lo agradecida que estoy contigo, eres mi vida. A mi hermana, mi alma gemela y mi compañera, te amo demasiado y te admiro, eres incondicional en mi vida. Gracias por nunca dejarme sola y regalarme a mis dos personitas preferidas. Fifi, gracias por tus consejos y por tratarme como una hermanita, no sabes lo mucho que te quiero. A todos los profesores que me acompañaron a lo largo de este camino. A los que me han visto crecer en el colegio y a aquel que siempre recordaremos con alegría y permanece en nuestros corazones, Mr. Sebastian. Ana Ilse gracias por siempre estar pendiente de mí, tu personalidad arrolladora la recordaré siempre. Beatriz, gracias por cuidarme cuando estaba en preescolar, eras como una mamá. Miss Angélica, la que más me aguantó, extrañaré ir a tu oficina por cualquier cosa (se que di bastante lidia). Los Quiero a todos. Estarán por siempre en mi corazón.

My sisters from another mister, my squad. Samacou, thanks for everything you've done for me. I hope our friendship lasts forever; you know how much I love you. My best friend, the one that has always been there for me, nunca me fallas amiga. Through thick and thin. We have so many good memories together. Cebi, Paulix, Verito, Cuellox, Apotete, PauP and Mafe Flowers. Forever together! Thanks for everything you've done for me; I'm very thankful for life because I have you in mine. So many moments together. We've cried together, laughed together, but most importantly, enjoy this awesome journey that is almost over together. Dimas gracias por aguantarme. I'll miss you, buddy. You're so important to me, I have only good memories with you, and I'll keep them forever in my heart. Remember that you are capable of everything, hermano! Juanjo, mi gober, my brother from another mother, so many good memories together. Thanks for always being there. Alejo, my mathematics teacher, thanks for everything you've done for me. I'll miss you! Carli, gracias por todas las salidas y por hacermos reir. Nos volvimos a unir casi terminando el año pero me has acompañado en momentos especiales. Sebas, my route partner. Beto, Posi, Carlos Fer, I will never forget you. Since ever and forever, my friends! Adri, probably we didn't talk as much as we should have. But remember that I'll always be there for you. Stellita gracias por tus consejos time was not enough, but still, you have a massive space in my heart. Juanmita y Eduar, los amo y los llevaré en mi corazón. Disfruten esta etapa de la vida al máximo. Nos vemos pronto! PROM 2021, thank you all for every moment. I know each one of you will accomplish your goals. Remember that we may not be together anymore, but someday we will see each other again, and everything will be the same; our love and joy will be intact. Life may not be easy, but you are capable of anything! Every journey has an end, and unfortunately, we reach our goal in this one. We are about to start life—one of my hardest goodbyes. I LOVE YOU ALL FOREVER!

"One day, you'll leave this world behind. So live a life you will remember. My father told me when I was just a child. These are the nights that never die" NEVER FORGET THAT.

-Isabella Romero Cadavid.

Grown-ups have always told me to enjoy school “It is the best part of your life” and “You will cherish the memories you make there.” To be honest, I only started having good memories of school when I arrived at CBSM. Before coming here, I had never stayed longer than three years at a school, and I didn’t have confidence in myself at all. People used to bully me and make fun of me, but it was a different world when I came here. This massive group of friends involved me and treated me as I treated them. It was hard to believe that I could find good friends after all the bad things I had been through with my last school. Though, of course, we had many upside downs, I cultivated good friendships. Even in the rough times, they have helped me grow thicker skin and not let any negativity affect me. I’ve grown into the person that I am today. I could not write this essay without thanking them: my friends, “friends,” teachers, parents, siblings. I don’t regret any of my bad memories as they helped build my character, personality and made me a better person.

In the bad times, I used to tell myself, “you’re bigger than this” and “school is just part of the way in becoming the person you want to be.” All I ever wanted was to graduate to be a grown-up and start living the way I wanted to. I never thought that this day would come so soon and in this way. I never thought that a global pandemic could take over my life, my last year, my senior year. When my sister was a Senior, I always wished my year would be like hers, having fun with my friends and having the best year of my life --thank you, Coronavirus!

Even though my year wasn’t like my sister’s, I’ve realized how lucky we are to share memories with our loved ones and the fact we could create more. So here I am, telling everyone that reads this in the future: enjoy every moment like it’s the last time; you will never know what the future holds. Sure, have fun, don’t be afraid of making mistakes, but learn from them and never, NEVER forget what you want for your life.

Primero que todo quiero agradecer a mis papás, a mi papá que toda la vida ha sido la persona que más me ha apoyado incondicionalmente y siempre está a mi lado a pesar de la lejanía física. A mi mamá que me crió para vivir fuera de “la burbuja” de ser una persona independiente y perfeccionista. A mis hermanas mayores, las que me regaló la vida, que me enseñaron cómo afrontar mis problemas con valentía y aconsejarme en mis peores momentos. A mi hermanita menor, que después de mi partida seguirá en el colegio y probablemente no me extrañará, porque aunque no lo quiera admitir, ella ya no es una niña y siempre me ha ayudado y aconsejado con una sabiduría desproporcionada para su edad. A mis amigas, ellas saben quienes son, las que me apoyaron en mis momentos más oscuros, cuando no podía ni encontrarme a mi misma. A estas ami-



JUANITA SIERRA PARRADO

gas que se aguantaron mi indecisión y mis “mental breakdowns” las que después de tantos errores, me dieron amor y consejo incondicional.

I want to thank my school for being my second home, the home where I met incredible people, fantastic teachers that contributed to my personal and academic improvements. The school that helped me dream big and help me build what I want for my future. It won’t teach you EVERYTHING you will need in your life, and to be honest, probably most of the things I learned won’t help me in my future and will be forgotten, but what I will never forget are the values that this school taught me, and those you will need. It’s OK not to know all the answers, it’s fine not to be the best in math, it’s OK to feel like you’re not learning anything at all, but believe me, at the end of the day, these challenges will not only make you stronger but smarter. Enjoy these challenges, even if you feel

overwhelmed. This experience is what will help you in the future. Don’t be afraid of demanding what by right should be given to you, don’t just talk, shout, make a difference, don’t be a conformist. No one will remember the person who was conformed with injustice but who fought to fight it. Do not be afraid to be different, to fight for what you believe in and your values, that nothing or nobody shut you up, because your voice and your opinion are as important as anyone else’s.

I thank my school for allowing me to see what the real world would be like when a strong and courageous woman decides to defend her rights and those of others. I thank my school for giving me challenges that have made me realize that now I am the grown-up telling whoever reads this to enjoy school.



BABY DJS



Rodri



Ariza



Alejo



Andre



Juanjo



Vale



lore



VC



Sami



Carlos fer



nCU



Cuellox



Rafa



Stells



mf



Mate



BABY DJS



Beto



Ichi



Gnecco



Paulix



Dhex



Carlibre



DJ



Negro



Johepan



Mana



Pau



Posada



Adri



Rome



Sierra

Senior Profiles



Rodrigo Aparicio Lozano

Nickname Lodli

Will always be polite

Will never be without Diego and Posada

Known for ser callado

Destined to be successful

Will always be saying "No se"



Isabella Ariza Costa

Nickname Ariza

Will always be con ganas de rumbear

Will never be not eating

Known for su risa

Destined to be Ministra de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible

Will always be saying "Osea brother", "Papi..."



Alejandro Barros Burgos

Nickname Alejo

Will always be exercising

Will never be quiet

Known for su cuerpover

Destined to be an important engineer, Alex Trainer

Will always be saying "Vamos a salir"

Senior Profiles



María Andrea Bolaños Acosta

Nickname Andre

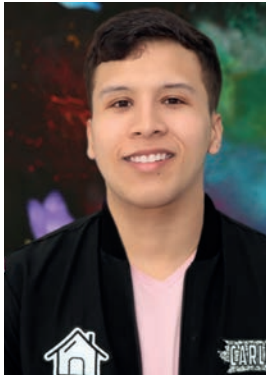
Will always be drawing

Will never be saying something bad about Billie Eilish

Known for her drawings

Destined to be a high class Doctor

Will always be saying "La Billie..."



Juan José Campo Velásquez

Nickname Juanjo El Patrón

Will always be cantando Vallenato

Will never be con alguien de su edad

Known for pasear por los pasillos, being loud

Destined to be político

Will always be saying cualquier barbaridad



Valentina Castro Flórez

Nickname Vale

Will always be durmiendo, leyendo, comiendo

Will never be estresada

Known for ser la persona más chill del mundo

Destined to be pintora 100%

Will always be saying "Tengo hambre"



lorena Causado Fonseca

Nickname Lore

Will always be smart

Will never be aburrida

Known for su inteligencia

Destined to be "Tú puedes ser lo que quieras ser." -Barbie

Will always be saying "Tu sabes que aja"



Verónica Ceballos Lafaurie

Nickname Cebi

Will always be partying

Will never be at school

Known for sus planes

Destined to be boss

Will always be saying "Eso no es nah"



Samara Celemín Gari

Nickname Sami

Will always be yelling

Will never be callada

Known for ser the life of the party

Destined to be editor in Chief of Vogue

Will always be saying "Cuando yo sea famosa..."



Carlos Fernando Cely Vives

Nickname Cely, Carlos Fer

Will always be kind

Will never be impolite

Known for ser inquieto

Destined to be CEO

Will always be saying "Manejando la tranquilidad"



Daniela Cuello Vélez

Nickname Cuellox

Will always be cantando Megan Thee Stallion

Will never be dominada

Known for ser determinada y revolucionaria

Destined to be soltera y exitosa

Will always be saying "PERIODT", "That's hot"



Nataly Cotes Uribe

Nickname Nats, Natalia

Will always be reading something weird

Will never be ruidocita

Known for being callaita

Destined to be the next best author

Will always be saying "¡Perdí la página!"



Rafael De la Hoz Cerchiaro

Nickname Rafa

Will always be haciendo química bb

Will never be not funny

Known for being sarcastic 99,9% of the time

Destined to be CEO de SpaceX en Marte

Will always be saying "Mucho texto"



Stella Duque Arzuza

Nickname Stellita, Stells

Will always be the life of the party, over-thinking

Will never be a pushover

Known for tomar más Coca Cola que buenas decisiones

Destined to be president, famosa

Will always be saying "I can't eat that",
"Bueno, te cuento..."



María Fernanda Florez Aragón

Nickname Mafe

Will always be talking

Will never be normal

Known for sus comentarios peculiares

Destined to be an intellectual

Will always be saying random facts



Mateo Forero Rodríguez

Nickname Mateo

Will always be distraído

Will never be paying attention in class

Known for terneritos

Destined to be finquero

Will always be saying “E e e e es que”



Itziar Garmendia Seral

Nickname Ichi

Will always be el epicentro de eventos

Will never be esposa de un blanco, disloyal

Known for echar los mejores cuentos, su risa

Destined to be administradora de herencias

Will always be saying “Fijo es Géminis, eso no es muy piscis de tu parte”



Alberto García Bornacelli

Nickname Beto

Will always be sleepy

Will never be awake

Known for his controversial opinions

Destined to be químico

Will always be saying “Mani que”



Verónica Gnecco Vergara

Nickname Verito

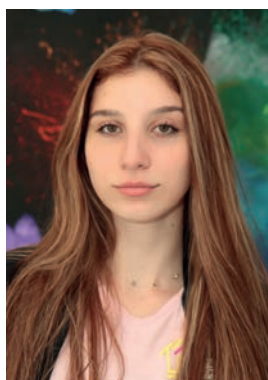
Will always be la más tierna

Will never be normal

Known for la risa malvada

Destined to be successful

Will always be saying “¿Cómo así?”



Paula Guevara Cotes

Nickname Paulix

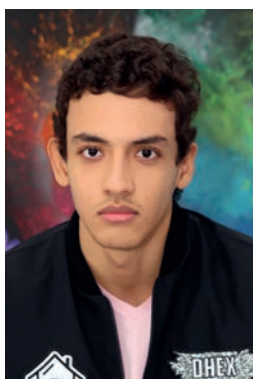
Will always be late

Will never be en su casa

Known for su frescura ante cualquier adversidad

Destined to be Miss Universe

Will always be saying “OMG”,
“Hierba mala nunca muere”



Diego Hernández Sarmiento

Nickname Diego

Will always be tall

Will never be showing emotions

Known for being serious, but funny

Destined to be a comedian

Will always be saying “Ey”



Dimas Martínez Gómez

Nickname D+

Will always be metido en un problema

Will never be not fixing his hair

Known for HIS radio station

Destined to be the next Donald Trump

Will always be saying DNP (Dimas nunca pierde)



Sebastián Martínez Narvaez

Nickname Sebas, Negro

Will always be trustworthy

Will never be an artist

Known for being sociable, procrastinating

Destined to be successful

Will always be saying "Chill"



José Enrique Nasra Alipio

Nickname Jochepan

Will always be absent

Will never be in Pre-Icfes

Known for living in Cienaga (literalmente)

Destined to be panadero

Will always be saying "Ay lodli", "Yo no se, Miss"



Santiago Pedrozo Cortés

Nickname Pedrozo, Mana

Will always be tomando fotos

Will never be rude

Known for ser caballeroso

Destined to be astrónomo

Will always be saying “Te mamaste”



Paulina Pérez López

Nickname Pau

Will always be making tiktoks, cocinando

Will never be sharing water or food, not a germaphobe

Known for toser como un paciente con pneumonia

Destined to be SG of the UN, successful

Will always be saying “Yo no soy vegana, soy vegetariana”



Santiago Posada Gómez

Nickname Posi, 7mesino

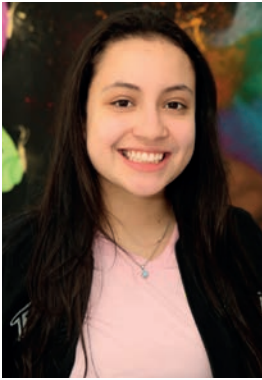
Will always be en las nubes

Will never be focused

Known for ser el hijo de Romero

Destined to be working for Ojo Vallenato

Will always be saying “Que pase lo que tenga que pasar”



Adriana Ramírez Pizarro

Nickname Adri

Will always be traveling

Will never be rude

Known for good music, memes

Destined to be a dancer

Will always be saying "STAN LOONA"



Isabella Romero Cadavid

Nickname Mami Rome

Will always be mandando, gritando

Will never be quiet

Known for ser la mamá del curso

Destined to be mamá de 15 pelaitos

Will always be saying "Espérate que yo hablo con Angelica"



Juanita Sierra Parrado

Nickname Juanis

Will always be doing witchy stuff

Will never be sane

Known for being a witch, arguing with teachers

Destined to be Indiana Jones

Will always be saying "Not a costume, a lifestyle..."

Cosas Mal Dichas

"Oigan, yo quiero ser la gobernadora de Santa Marta." (alcaldesa) - Cebi

"Hubieron 8 goles." (Hubo) - Juan José

"Estyben" (Styven) - Cebi

"Quiero ser tu operador." (cirujano) - Juan José

"La reunión va a ser como a las 6 de la noche." (tarde) - Gnecco

"El esposo de mi prima es postrero." (repostero) - Paula

"Alejandro pon tus chácaras a volar." (chakras) - Gnecco

"Muéstrame la lista de los dichos mal decididos." (mal dichos) - Mafe

"Dictaduría" (Dictadura) - Todo el salón

"Si lo dimos, solo que tenemos un dieficit cerebral." (déficit) - Carlos Fer

"Anettota" (Anécdota) - Mafe

"Actora" (Actriz) - Sami

"Lorena gobierna a Rafa." (manda) - Adri

"Lo desesmande"- Carlos L.

"Nabidad" (Navidad) - Libreros

"¿Me das un Hershey integral, porfa?" (Ni ella sabe que queria decir) - Mafe

"Tu qué sabes que explotó una vaina ahí y haya inciendio en cafetería."
(incendio) - Paulina

"¿Cómo se te pasa por la cabeza?" "pasandoseme": Vero G.

"Australiano Buendía" (Aureliano) - Mafe

"El se inyecta asteroides." (esteroides) - Posada

"La ácidad de X es la menor." (acidez) - Mafe

"Ay, desapagué esto." (apague) - Samara

Cosas Mal Dichas

"Yo a esa vieja si la maldejí." (maldije) - Posada

"Oye, no seas bruta, culturate." (culturizate) - Daniela

"Miss, es que me estoy confundiendo." (confundiendo) - Paulina

"Verónica ha decido unas barbaridades." (ha dicho) - Paulina

"Ostra tío." (Ostia tío) - Juan José

"Desevolución" (Involución) - Carlos Fer

"Polandia" (Polonia) - Daniela

"Ya se sabe que él es conservativo." (conservador) - Carlos Fer

"Miss, ¿se dice audacia o audacidad?" - Rafa a Miss Mafe

"Ahun" (Aún) - Carlos Fer

"A Mafe le dicen "La Mecha" y entonces ella estaba mechando."
(trapeando) - Ariza

"Comeré agua." (Tomaré) - Gnecco

"Mojó a la aduana." (armada) - Gnecco

"Ms. Maira, odebrecht es un padre de familia" (Odradek) - Samara

DO YOU EVER LOOK AT SOMEONE AND WONDER, WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE THEIR HEAD?

"And what if I want a boyfriend?" - Romero

"You want next one, and next one and the next one." - Juan José

"Miss, me siento acosado. Me dijo que tenía un péndulo." - Juan José

"Feliz Día de la Marmota" - Mafe

***Se para en la mitad de un examen* "Yo vengo de Guadalajara"** - Mafe

"¿Una docena tiene 24?" - Mafe

"¿Por qué se llama salmonella si no es del salmón?" - Samara

"Mr., ¿te tenemos que prestar atención?" - Ariza

"Ey, ¿Beethoven no tocaba Estrellita?" - Juan José

"Yo maté a Aureliano Buendía" - Juan José

"Yo tengo un síndrome que tengo 200 años pero parezco de 16. Por cada 10 años cumplo 1. Yo era el mejor amigo de Simón Bolívar. Yo jugué boliche con él" - Juan José

Le toca con Paula en el proyecto de American Dream "Bueno, somos el grupo sin visa." - Juan José

"Bogotá no tiene departamento porque es un distrito capital." - Mafe

"God illuminates me." - Posada

"Las hormigas no son animales. Las hormigas son insectos y los insectos son primos de los animales." - Cebi

"Tu eras un aguacero y tanta lluvia fastidia." - Gnecco a Alejo

"Abraham Lincoln fue el primer presidente de Estados Unidos." - Sami

"No confundan la carne con la taja." - Juan José

***Dicen que el bebé se va a llamar Emiliano* "¿Es niño o niña?"** - Gnecco

En pleno MUN "El que tiene pal whiskey, tiene pal hielo" - Paula

"Formulen las preguntas que les vamos a preguntar." - Paulina

¿Por qué dejaste el cargador? "Porque se me quedó." - Vale C

"Miss, ¿se puede decir que la verdad es descrita?" - Sami

"Henry Dunant se tragó una tabla de surf." - Pedrozo

"Chispa con chispa vuela." - Sami

"¿El ácido bórico es ácido o base?" - Mateo

"Mr. the answer is number B." - Mateo

"Es importante el comienzo, porque sin comienzo no hay final." - Juan José

"Del 2008 al 2009 han pasado 10 años." - Romero

"El agua se mueve." - Mafe

"¿El agua de Venecia es un río o un mar? Lo que sea" - Paulina

"¿En Santa Marta hay papelerías?" - Stella

"¿La cárcel de acá es una isla?" - Stella

"¿Cómo es que se llamaba el De la Cruz Roja? ¿Henry Drummond?" - Romero

"En su mano derecha tiene un clavo enterrado en la palma de la mano" - Daniela

El cuadro se llama "La madre naturaleza contemplando el lago seco" "¿Pero el lago está seco?" - Paulina

"Nataly is working on her work." - Mafe

"...because if you want to suicide yourself" - Sami

Mr. Miguel le comenta en classroom "copied" y él contesta "no". - Diego

El lunes tenemos servicio social en Los Laureles. "Ey, ¿entonces el lunes toca ir a Los Manglares?" - Romero

"¿Arriba se escribe con dos Rs?" - Nataly

"Arriba es con 2 Rs y V chiquita." - Adri

“El pescado es una verdura.” - Pedrozo

“¿Qué viene después de la E?” - Daniela

“Pásame el negro oscuro.” - Alejo

“Voy a bendecir sus bendiciones” - Alejo

¿Cuál es la diferencia entre emergencia y desastre? “El desastre es más desastroso” - Sebas

“¿Di Caprio no es el que pinta?” - Juanita

“No le hago caso a mi mamá, ahora te voy a hacer caso a ti.” - Daniela

¿De dónde vienen las medusas? “Del mar.” - Nataly

“Conclusión en inglés con tilde en la O” - Posada

“After es antes. After es lo mismo que pre.” - Carlos Fer

“Hagámoslo de tarea en la casa.” - Cebi

“Cali queda en el eje cafetero.” - Mafe

“El río más grande que pasa por Colombia es el Magdalena.” - Mafe

“Bogotá queda en Cúcuta.” - Mafe

“Rápidos y furiosos está basado en hechos reales, pero no es de verdad.” - Juan José

“Las personas son personas.” - Juan José

“Tu cara es inverosímil.” - Juan José

“¿Práctica es con K?” - Nataly

“¿Miss la palabra hallanza se puede utilizar?” - Romero

“¿Vichada es un municipio?” - Sebas

“¿Qué es eso?” - Sami

“La música alta me pone a vibrar el cerebro.” - Juan José

“Me salió un uñero en la uña.” - Itz'ar

“Mr., your eyes are bigger than the Chinese people.” - Dimas

“Niños, el 3 de diciembre nos toca las novenas.” - Miss Maira

“Si, Miss. Estas soooooon las mañanitasss...” - Beto

“El único país primermundista de Colombia es Chile.” - Alejo

“Miss Maira, ¿Qué profesión tenía el Dr. Jekyll?” - Stella

“Mr., no se puede poner tarea de viernes a lunes.” - Diego

“Bueno, imagínense que la puse ayer.” - Mr. Miguel

“Imagínate que la hicimos.” - Diego

“¿Por qué no doctriz en vez de doctora? Decídanse.” - Nataly

“Ay Mr., because aja.” - Ariza

“En ningún momento sentí que me dolía el estómago con esos abdominales.” - Daniela

“No puedo porque le voy a revisar las cartas a 11B.” - Miss Maira

“Ah ¿y a ellos si se las van a revisar y a mi no? - Sebastián (él está en 11B)

“Será fusilado en una guillotina.” - Daniela

“¿Los filipinos son asiáticos?” - Daniela

“¿Quién fue el que inventó la gravedad?” - Romero

“Quiero estudiar pavimentación aérea” - Nataly

“Ay, no sabía que eso existía.” - Samara

“¿Qué significa even?” - Daniela

“El sudor da frío porque está mojadito.” - Vale C

“Límpiate el alma porque el cuerpo ya lo tienes podrido.” - Juan José

“Beto, pero no Beto Villa, Beethoven.” - Juan José

“Atentado a un peluquero: se salvó por un pelo.” - Juan José

NO FUISTE SENIOR 2021 SI...

No te sentaste en la banca del 1-1.

Juan José no te rateó en clase.

No estuviste presente el 13 de noviembre del 2019.

No viste a Paulina, Romero y Mafe pelear por Love and Friendship.

Miss Tere no te llamo a la oficina.

No te sabes el cuento de la limonada.

Nunca lloraste en una convivencia con Calu

Nunca le pediste perdón a Mafe en las convivencias.

No viste a Samara y Juan José pelear

No viste o estuviste en “perdí la página”.

No te sabes el cuento de la bandera de Japón.

No fuiste al sepelio de los sapos.

Ariza no te mostró a biancheo y biancheta.

No molestas a Gnecco por el “hola” sin H.

No jugaste “te vendo un AHH”.

No viste a Dimas estar metido en todos los problemas.

No escuchaste los audios de Paula.

Kelly no te pregunto que era “caile”.

No sabías que Carlos y Daniela iban a ser novios.

No le compraste un brownie a Vero C.

No le gorreaste a Alejandro en primaria.

No jugaste charlie charlie.

No escuchaste a Nicolle rezando en illuminati.

No viste el super dab de Juan José.

Si no pusiste guaracha en arte.

No le dijiste cabeza de maní a Sebastián.

No escuchaste a Daniela con un cuento raro.

No le dijiste “mana” a Pedrozo.

No sabes que 9B se comió la comida del cumpleaños de Eiccer.

No comiste las tajaditas de Adriana.

No sabes del problema de Samara y Dimas con la tarea y la canción.

No quisiste vender a Mafe para el grado.

No viste a Mafe llorar.

NO FUISTE SENIOR 2021 SI...

No estuviste obsesionado con "Fantasías".

Nunca viste a Paulina mandar los trabajos tarde.

No viviste el Scholastic de Dimas.

No planeaste un class plan que nunca se dio.

No tenías pesadillas cuando te decían que había quiz de "Metamorfosis".

No fuiste a The Laurels.

Nunca diste una clase al mes con Marvin.

No comiste en clase de Marvin.

No escuchaste a Posada hablar de Dios.

No viste la pelea en Seniors por el paro.

No escuchaste las rateadas de Rafa.

No escuchaste a Juan José cantar.

No te sabes el cuento de la limonada de la mamá de Posada.

No dijiste "nasty" o "boom" en ICT.

No pusiste el sonido de pito en ICT.

No viste a posada en sus elevadas.

Todavía no superas que Sebastian y Nataly hayan perdido monografía.

No sabes por qué llamaron a la mamá de Juanita.

No sabes de la "impotencia s" en la semana intensiva con Milton.

No fuiste a la chiva y viste a Diego acostado.

No dijiste "dictaduria" en clase de Luis Carlos.

No pensaste que Fady Zawady era vampiro.

No le dijiste Pochys u Oso Polar a José Miguel.

No escuchaste la bulla de Samara.

Si no te sabes el cuento de la "callaita".

No sabes que Fanny Wilches llegó a clase en 3a y dijo "Hoy vamos a..."

No fuiste a la convivencia con frozono en 10.

No escondiste a José Miguel toda la clase de matemáticas en los maletines.

No hiciste la tarea del chismoso.

No sabes que es jabón líquido.

No sabes quien es el Mario.

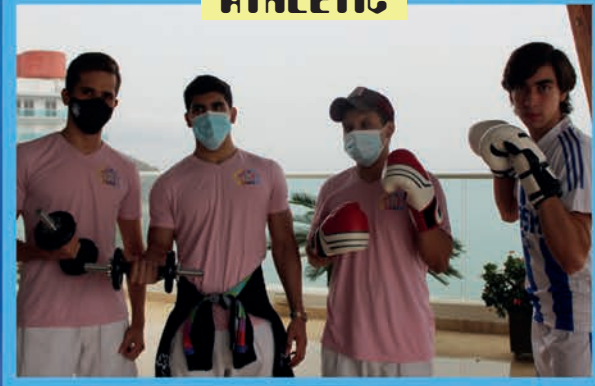
No supiste de la diabetes de Paula.

No le preguntaste a Mateo quien es Lau.

No estudiaste con Trump.

SUPERLATIVES

ATHLETIC



TEACHER'S NIGHTMARE



DORMILONES



LOUDEST



PARTY ANIMALS



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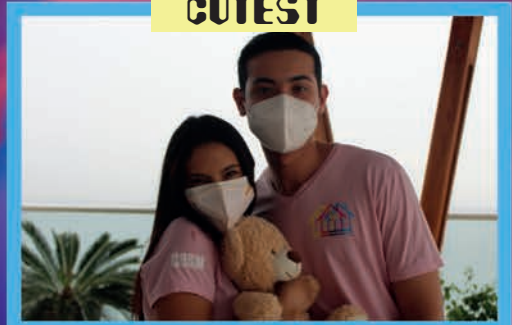
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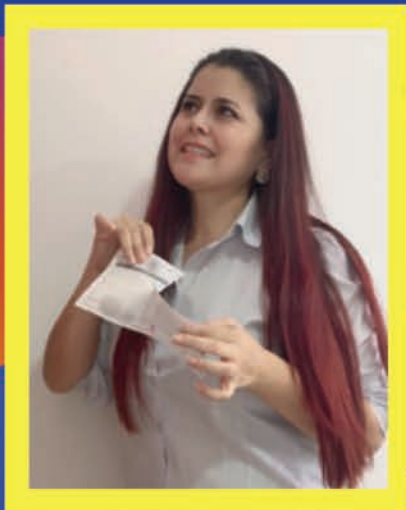
PROCRASTINATORS



VERY SPECIAL



PEOPLE



TEACHERS' MESSAGES



Mr. ALEXANDER PÉREZ
Lectura Filosófica, Religión, Ética

Queridos Jóvenes, la vida a diario nos enseña lecciones para cada día ir discerniendo las decisiones que debemos tomar para lograr impacto positivo a nivel personal, familiar, escolar y social. El año 2020-2021 ha estado marcado por una serie de incertidumbres, desesperanzas, angustias, miedos y retos. En este mismo sentido les ha tocado reinventar, crear, renovar, dinamizar y solucionar las distintas formas de vivir y convivir.

Ustedes tienen la oportunidad de recordar y reflexionar las experiencias vividas y compartidas en un tiempo crucial que afectó sus existencias. Valoren todo lo bueno y hermoso que la vida les ha regalado y les seguirá entregando. Son la promoción que entendió, aceptó, asumió e integró su formación y educación en la presencialidad, virtualidad y alternancia. Contaron con el apoyo y acompañamiento en sus hogares, Colegio y Sociedad. Son los jóvenes ejemplares de lucha y sacrificio para lograr su objetivo y meta de llegar a feliz término a pesar de los pesares. Recuerden que Dios permite el mal en la historia no para burlarse de sus hijos sino para enseñarnos y mostrarnos su Gloria y Grandeza. ¡Ánimo! muchas bendiciones y éxitos en sus vidas...



Mr. TRISTAN ELLIS
English

Dear Seniors,

This moment was always going to be. Learning to adapt to deal with the present will shape your future, and now more than ever should this weigh on you. My message for you as you continue your journey is this: find happiness and fulfillment in the decisions you make, embrace life and duty to those you love, and remember your home.

Least you forget that you too are a part of this world as much as it is a part of you. Make of it what you will.

As T.S Eliot once wrote...

'We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.' Your class was my joy. Faithfully yours,

Mr. Tristan



MARIA FERNANDA ARROYO
Español

Estimados Seniors,

Mira que te mando que te esfuerces y seas valiente; no temas ni desmayes, porque Jehová tu Dios estará contigo en dondequiera que vayas. (Josue 1:9) Y es precisamente lo que quiero decirles: sigan siendo valientes y persistentes en este nuevo camino empiezan. No fue fácil, especialmente este año tan incierto, pero lo han logrado, terminaron. Y estoy dichosa, porque no se rindieron. Cada uno de ustedes tiene un lugar especial en mi corazón y estoy totalmente segura que Dios tiene grandes y maravillosas cosas para ustedes. No olvidaré la charlas existenciales, las recomendaciones de series (100% Marvel), de lugares y emprendimientos en Instagram, las discusiones sobre lo tóxico, los días de pijama, las quejas, las risas, los silencios, el perfeccionamiento del sarcasmo y en especial, el potencial que todos tienen. Así que... Adelante, lo que viene es aún mejor. ¡Un abrazo y muchos éxitos! Ms. Mafe.



Ms. ANA MILENA PÉREZ
Math

Queridos seniors 20-21

Este año se gradúa una generación de estudiantes a quienes la vida les puso un reto muy grande y que con toda seguridad los ha hecho personas más fuertes, tolerantes, empáticas y con una capacidad de resiliencia, que probablemente otras generaciones no tuvimos que pasar; se termina una maravillosa etapa, pero comienza un momento importante en sus vidas, con todas las herramientas que hasta ahora recibieron y que implica la mayor responsabilidad de cada uno de ustedes para afrontar el mundo real. Espero que sueñen en grande, no tengan miedo a equivocarse, no tengan miedo al fracaso, pues también los fracasos y los errores forman parte del proceso, cada uno de éstos serán parte de un paso más para cumplir esos sueños. Por último, solo deseo que SEAN MUY FELICES. Ms. Ana Milena



Ms. VALERIA MALDONADO
Psicóloga

A mis queridos Seniors, quiero decirles que son mis maestros. Aunque muchas veces he estado en la posición de hablarles, enseñarles y orientarles, también he podido aprender mucho de ustedes, de su fortaleza, y capacidad para superar los obstáculos. Sé que ha sido un año extraordinario, de muchos retos, de situaciones nuevas, de incertidumbre, pero ahí han estado ustedes, sobreponiéndose, para seguir adelante por sus sueños, por sus metas y qué lejos han llegado.

Como les he dicho en diferentes ocasiones, recuerden siempre dar prioridad al cuidado de ustedes mismos, a su crecimiento personal, a su bienestar, lo demás viene añadido. No sé qué nos depara el futuro, pero tengan presente vivir un día a la vez y que cada día tenga su propósito, disfruten de las cosas pequeñas, de eso que tienen ahora y vivan al máximo, sean conscientes, curiosos, como niños descubriendo el mundo y siempre muy, pero muy agradecidos. No permitan que el miedo los limite, arriésguense por todo aquello que para ustedes sea valioso y valga la pena y nunca olviden que lo que más vale la pena, son ustedes mismos. A donde sea que se dirijan, mis mejores deseos, los quiero y los recordaré siempre a cada uno de ustedes.



Mr. KHURRAM SHEHARYAR
ICT

Dear Seniors 2021,

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your ICT teacher for the past four years. I can't believe that the time's gone so quickly. As you continue through life, never forget to keep learning, to keep having fun and to always face your challenges with courage and smile. Always work hard and know that your teacher is one of your biggest fans. I am so proud of you all.

Love and best wishes,
Mr. Khurram Sheharyar



Ms. GIZELA VAN DER SANDT
Art

Dear seniors,
Despite all the difficult moments and frustrations we all had to endure, I know that because of your determination and courage, you came out stronger and more resilient. This is one of the most important life skills that a person could possess. It has been such a joy getting to know you and I can tell you that I have learned as much from you as you have from me. Thank you for being you! Don't ever compare yourself to others. Each of you has something special to share with the world and you have a special place in my heart.

I would like to leave you with this prayer as you start this new journey in your life; May God give you the strength to overcome all things even when you feel like giving up. May you rest in knowing that He remains the same and is all-knowing so you don't have to understand everything - especially in a time when things remain so uncertain. Listen for His voice so He may bless you with His everlasting peace. I pray that you will not only have the courage to be brave and make mistakes but that you will be courageous to learn from your experiences and continue to grow in your resilience. Go and be the change you want to see in the world. The world is your oyster!



Ms. MAIRA VEGA
Monografía

A diario las personas nos enfrentamos al reto mismo de vivir, pero quehaceres como este "la docencia" es un ejercicio retador que ustedes desde mi área denominaron "suspense". En el camino descubrieron que el aprendizaje desde lenguaje y monografía puede ser dinámico, interactivo, proactivo y exigente.

Hoy expreso que son parte de las mejores experiencias de mi vida, ¡Gracias! Pronto nos encontraremos como profesionales, deportistas, escritores, entre otras profesiones y oficios que con sus habilidades sin duda alguna llegarán a ser los mejores. Los quiere. Ms. Maira Alejandra



Ms. VICKY ARTEAGA
Lectura Crítica Literaria

Queridos Seniors 2021, ha llegado el momento de terminar esta etapa muy importante en sus vidas. Atrás quedan los recuerdos de infancia, las travesuras de adolescencia, las aventuras, los años de aprendizaje en el CBSM y todos esos grandes recuerdos que a partir de ahora atesorarán en su corazón, es tiempo de dejar su segundo hogar pero, para ser mejores hombres y mujeres, esos que se forjaron día a día en cada aula de nuestro amado colegio, esos que hoy salen en busca de sus sueños y que a pesar de las circunstancias que estamos viviendo no se desanimaron, por el contrario han sido resilientes y siguieron dando lo mejor de ustedes.

Los voy a recordar como mis primeros estudiantes, esos que me acogieron con cariño y respeto y hoy cuando es hora de partir tengo esos mismos sentimientos hacia ustedes. Confío en que Dios seguirá siendo su guía y de su mano llegarán a la meta que cada uno de ustedes se ha trazado. Les deseo todo lo mejor que la vida les regale, éxitos a todos y un abrazo fraterno. Ms. Vicky



Mr. JUAN PABLO VARONA
Homeroom Teacher 11A – Química

Ustedes hacen una parte muy importante de la historia de la humanidad y muy especialmente de la historia del CBSM, ya que en muy poco tiempo han aprendido lo que le toma a un adulto aprender en una vida entera. Ustedes han tenido que adaptarse, aprender y superarse en unas condiciones que nunca antes se habían vivido.

La pandemia ha cambiado y sigue cambiando la historia y el mundo en el que vivimos. Los eventos del 2020 y el 2021 no solo cambiaron sus planes, también los planes y la vida del resto del mundo.

Sin embargo, si le ven el lado positivo, se están preparando para afrontar cualquier reto futuro. Si logran mantenerse positivos y continuar con sus sueños, aun con la incertidumbre y con la preocupación que todos tenemos, entonces, les aseguro, que lograrán vencer cualquier reto en sus vidas.

En los momentos más difíciles, es cuando se define el verdadero carácter. Los logros que han alcanzado bajo estas condiciones actuales, además de ser muy admirables, serán parte de las experiencias vividas que forjarán sus futuros. Todo el sacrificio y trabajo fuerte valió la pena, ya que ahora se encaminan al próximo capítulo de sus vidas. Celébralo, siéntanse orgullosos y nunca dejen que alguien les diga que no se puede. Definitivamente, en ocasiones las cosas no salen como uno las quisiera o como las planifica. Sin embargo, así es la vida real. En sus caminos van a continuar enfrentándose a situaciones externas, las cuales no controlan y los llevan a realizar cambios o a modificar sus proyectos, pero eso no representa que sus sueños y metas no se vayan a lograr; luchen por ellas y vivan la vida al máximo, disfrutando cada momento. Mis más sinceros deseos de éxito y felicidad en sus vidas. Un fuerte abrazo...



Mr. FADY ELKHALAWAY
Support Teacher 11B – AP Microeconomics

Congratulations! You finally made it. You are here, the start of your personal journey, be sure to make it a memorable one. Dare to dream and may all your dreams come true!"



MS. ANGÉLICA MANJARRES:
High School Director

My dear Seniors 2021, not an easy day, not an easy year, but that's what makes you stronger than any other Seniors; you spent a whole year with your hopes up, looking forward to come back to school, to see each other, to develop your activities, to have a "normal" final year, but the days passed and here you are, not as expected but with a huge goal achieved. This effort is what makes us appreciate you even more, we know what you've been through and we also miss you every single day of the year. You are very brave, and you will always be remembered as the resilient generation that gave their best to have an unforgettable virtual last year. As Henry Ward Beecher said "Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. Never excuse yourself. Never pity yourself. Be a hard master to yourself-and be lenient to everybody else." You are amazing my Seniors and you will achieve marvelous things in your future.

Last First Day



Love & Friendship Day



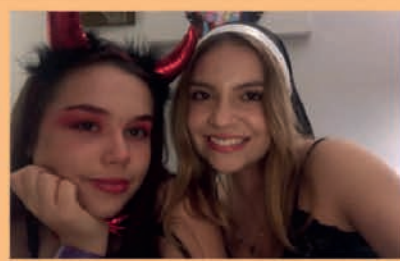
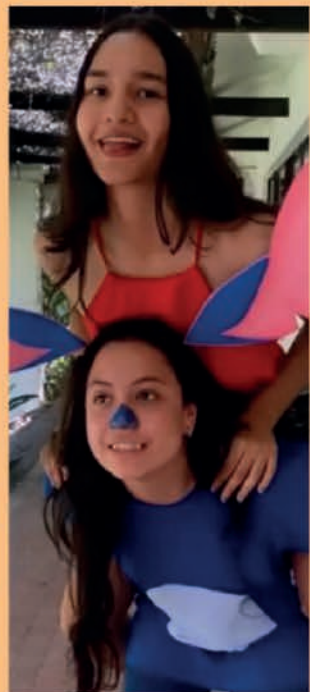
St. Valentine's Day





Halloween





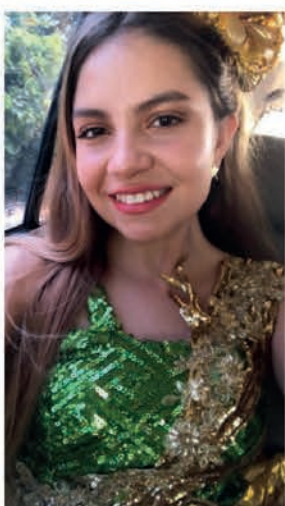
Christmas





Carnivals







Elections



Debate de Candidatos a Personero 2020-2021



Isabella Ariza
Directive Council
Representative



María Fernanda Flórez
11A Class
Representative

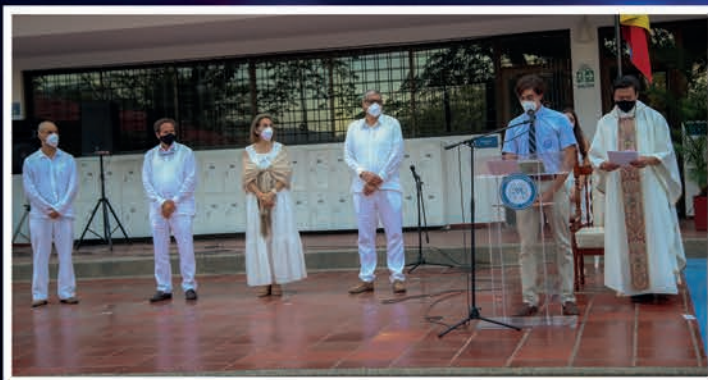


Paulina Pérez
11B Class
Representative

Thanksgiving Day!



LIGHT CEREMONY



BIRTHDAYS

January

- 3 Dimas Martínez Gómez
- 20 Lorena Causado Fonseca
- 24 Paulina Pérez López

February

- 6 Alejandro Barros Burgos
- 25 Santiago Posada Gómez

March

- 5 Valentina Castro Florez
- 12 Daniela Cuello Vélez
- 24 Juan José Campo Velásquez

April

- 3 Mateo Forero Rodríguez
- 10 Stella Duque Arzuza
- 21 Juanita Sierra Parrado
- 24 Itziar Garmendia Seral
- 28 Verónica Gnecco Vergara

May

- 8 Adriana Ramírez Pizarro
- 20 Verónica Ceballos Lafaurie
- 24 Isabella Romero Cadavid

June

- 21 Carlos Fernando Cely Vives
- 28 Samara Celemín Gari

July

- 9 Rodrigo Aparicio Lozano
- 10 Isabella Ariza Costa
- 10 Sebastián Martínez Narvaez
- 17 Santiago Pedrozo Cortés

August

- 9 María Fernanda Florez Aarón
- 17 Carlos Libreros Naranjos
- 19 Paula Guevara Cotes

September

- 9 María Andrea Bolaños Acosta

October

- 1 Rafael De La Hoz Cerchiaro
- 7 Alberto García Bornacelli

November

- 8 Diego Hernández Sarmiento
- 14 Nataly Cotes Uribe
- 20 José Enrique Nasra Alipio