



# ENTREPRENEURIAL CHAMPIONS!

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## BLUE VALLEY CONNECT

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## Impressive Champions!

**!** Nicole Proudfoot and José Leonardo Brenes are the National Champions of the Diamond Challenge for high school entrepreneurs with their company, "Manitas para Yabá." They will represent Costa Rica at the international competition in Delaware from April 11-13. There will be young people from 35 different countries and 25 U.S. states. During the national finals, they went up against fifteen projects from four schools, and were selected internationally from the 640 entries worldwide. As part of IB last semester, Nicole and José Leonardo researched and designed a company producing prosthetic hands that, given the growth of children, are not profitable because they have to be frequently changed. Both students took advantage of the 3D printers in our "Inventoría" and achieved a prototype that not only comes out much cheaper but can also be adapted for growth. These champions are an example that academic dedication (in addition to IB, José Leonardo is a mathematics champion and Nicole organized last year's CRIMUN) does not hinder entrepreneurship.

What sources of inspiration! Congratulations to both students and their teachers, especially Ms. Cordero and Mr. Tercero, and our community that admires them!



Congratulations to **Adriana Filleri, Claudia Herrera, Tiziana Mora, and Juan Carlos Alpizar** for also being among the fifteen entries selected to participate in the same competition. They are developing "HITCH" an app that connects people seeking employment and potential employers within the same geographical area. They will have the opportunity to compete with it again next year!

Mr. Tercero, design engineer and facilitator in our Inventoría, is participating in the national ICAFE contest for entrepreneurs. His design was selected as a finalist. What motivation for his students to continue developing their own projects!

Our alumni are also entrepreneurs! Former BVS students: **Amir Translateur**, medical doctor, and **Mónica Figueroa**, administrator, are part of the team that developed "EduParent", an app that informs parents when their children enter and leave school and also the school buses in which they travel.

Also created by BVS alumni, **Mauricio Porras** with the aide of his sister **Fabiola Porras**, last year guided, through their social enterprise **NOVA** student entrepreneurs from Blue Valley, Lincoln, and Pan American school in preparation for the Diamond Challenge (in association with Mrs. Iris Prada, Lincoln School Strategic Alliance Coordinator). During a recent interview, Mr. Porras (who is also the CEO of Humanity Group) said that the objective is to train leaders of the future and conscious entrepreneurs that seek to generate a greater social and environmental impact while creating innovative economic models allowing them to fulfill their sustainable ideas, long-term. Thank you for modeling this message to our students.



## Forming Citizens

Values, Attitudes, and Actions of Citizens in Different Scenarios

Special guest: Monserrat Vargas, journalist from La Nación

She will be addressing students about the inclusion of women in technology. We will be broadcasting the conference live on our Facebook page.

## Parents



### Member of Inspired

A special thank you to the Senior Management from Inspired; **Nadim Nsouli, President and Founder; Dr. Stephen Spurr, Director of Education; Matt Harbison, CEO Inspired Americas; José Gavoglio, Chief Financial Officer; and Laura Cepeda, Chief of Operations**, and our parents, faculty and staff for attending and celebrating alongside us our partnership with this elite educational group of premium schools.



### Upcoming Parent Meetings

#### Elementary

Click [here](#) to check the schedule for A level meetings.

#### Secondary

##### Parents

##### 6A

**Thursday, February 22nd, 5:00pm, Room 38**

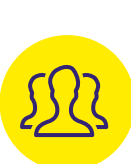
Ms. Alisa Zelaya invites you to meet your child's teachers and answer questions about the transition into middle school.

##### 6B-11B

**Thursday, February 22nd, 6:00pm, gym**

##### Parent's night

Please join us for an open house to interact with your children's teachers and ask questions. Take advantage during this time to speak with Ms. Patricia Prats, our IB coordinator, and Ms. Renee Lurie, our college counselor for universities abroad.



### PSAT Score Report

##### 10B-11A

Students should have received the online PSAT score report via email in December 2017. They will receive a hard copy at school. To learn more about free PSAT preparation, click [here](#). Further questions: contact Ms. Lurie, informational flyer: [here](#).



### French

#### Group A 1.1 (beginners)

#### Group A 1.1 (continued)

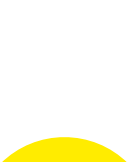
Schedule: Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30pm  
Please click [here](#) for details and enroll.



### All Things Delicious!

Click [here](#) for the cafeteria's menu.

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### Welcome to Blue Valley family

#### New Parents in Montessori

**Tuesday, February 20th, 7:30 am, cafeteria**

We welcome all new Montessori parents to join us for a lovely breakfast and mingling. Thank you for choosing Blue Valley as the school for your children!



### Sound of the week: a

Montessori A: **My body**

Montessori B-C: **External body parts**

Enrichment: Unit: **Little Red Caboose & Valentine's Day**



### Free Dress

**Friday, February 16th**



## A<sup>2</sup> Academics & Activities

### Love is in the Air!

**Tuesday, February 13th -Thursday, February 15th**

#### Secondary

**Tuesday:** student government will be selling flowers, Valentine's gifts and serenades during snack and lunch.

**Wednesday:** serenades will be done during snack.

**Thursday:** delivery of Valentine's gifts & bake sale

For 300 colones, students may wear a red, pink, or white shirt with BVS pants.



COLEGIO LOS NOGALES

### Guests from Colombia at BVS!

**Monday, February 19th, 5:00pm**

6A - 6B

We are happy to host a group of 70 sixth grade students from Colegio Los Nogales. They will exchange a cultural sleepover with our students. They will enjoy an evening of team building, friendship, and national folklore legends.

### John Cabot's University

9A-12A

**Monday, February 19th**

See [Ms. Lurie](#) for more information if you'd like to speak with the university representative.



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## GO ARMADILLOS!



### Sports Clubs

Will begin on Monday, February 19th. Click [here](#) for schedule.



### Would you like to play chess?

If interested, please contact Mr. [Acuña](#), no later than Friday, February 16th.



### Uniforms

Place requests at the ASEBVS February 22nd.

## Don't forget



### Breakfast for New Parents

Prep A - 11B

Thursday, February 15th, 7:30 am, cafeteria



### Student Accident Insurance-INS

Friday, February 16th

Last day to pay make payment to increase coverage in Accident Insurance for students. Contact [Lorena Jiménez](#) for information.



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