

JKC ANNUAL REPORT

2024



Together we are empowering children of the jungle so that they can break the cycle of poverty and abuse and share that message of transformation with their family, community, country and world.



JUNGLE KIDS
FOR CHRIST
Empowering Children

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

by Roberto A. Davalos

The older I get, the more I learn to enjoy people for who they are. During my trip with the senior students to Washington, D.C., I had the privilege of sharing an Airbnb with the guys. I told them, "Make sure you sleep at least 7 hours." They confidently laughed at my suggestion. By our third day, they were so exhausted from walking that they would be knocked out on every subway trip. We kept our schedule as planned, and every sight fostered a deep conversation about what it is to be a person of virtue today. Similarly, working as a team with my staff, leaders, and board members creates a diverse environment for opinions and perspectives. Sometimes, we agree, and sometimes we don't. However, at the end of the day, we love each other and are better as a team because we are diverse. We have much to learn and much to grow. Mysteriously, their growth is strictly linked to my personal growth. It is not my journey but our journey.

"May our Father continue to bless everyone who invests in the lives of children in the jungle of Ecuador."

HIGHLIGHTS

398K

in Program
Grants to the Field

8.8%

Increase in
donations

350+

Children participate
in our programs

210K

Raised through
Sponsorships

18%

Increase in Revenue
Unrestricted Fund

7.6%

increase in giving
transactions

22%

Increase in
Recurring Donations

21%

Increase Short
Term Team Revenue

0.39%

Increase in
Expenditures

19

Short Term
Teams Hosted

585

Partners Donated

217K

Raised for
Missionary Support



OVERVIEW

274K

IN PROGRAM
GRANTS

ANTIOCH
ACADEMY

BASKETBALL
CLUB

STUDENT
RESIDENT
HOME

85%

OF STUDENTS
HAVE A SPONSOR

110

KIDS IN
BASKETBALL

227K

TO SUPPORT
MISSIONARIES



ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

244

STUDENTS
ENROLLED

77%

GRADUATES
ENROLLED IN
COLLEGE

100%

REACHED THE
EXPECTED LEVEL OF
READING

40%

GRADUATES
ATTENDING COLLEGE
OUTSIDE ECUADOR

50%

PARTICIPATE IN
ADVANCED ENGLISH
CLASS

ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Antioch made notable progress with an enrollment rate of 89%, an increase from 85% last year. Among the Class of 2024 graduates, 11 out of 13 successfully transitioned to college. In Class 25, all students intend to seek higher education. By August 2025, of our graduates attending college, 60% are enrolled in Ecuadorian universities, and 40% are studying abroad. All students have achieved their reading comprehension goals in Spanish and English, with over half participating in advanced English classes. We are also pleased to report a staff retention rate of 89% and 39% of our students have been awarded the highest scholarships. Also, late tuition payments have decreased from 40% to 20%. Engagement with IKIAM University is underway, with students actively collaborating on projects with the Biotechnology department.

However, we recognize that there are areas for improvement. During the 2024-2025 season transition, 34 students departed, largely due to economic challenges. Twenty-five families still face difficulties with tuition payments, highlighting the need for continued communication and support. Teachers are committed to our students but often experience heavy workloads that impact their work-life balance. We also acknowledge the need to enhance staffing stability, as trained teachers occasionally leave, affecting consistency in the classroom. Additionally, one individual manages campus facility maintenance, which can slow response times to issues that arise.

In middle school, there is an opportunity to improve effective classroom management to better address student needs. Additionally, we are working to streamline the process of grade entry, as delays can strain communication with parents. Recruiting qualified teachers remains a priority, and we recognize the importance of on boarding them well to understand our methods and procedures. By focusing on these areas, we can foster a more supportive and effective educational environment for our students and staff alike.





STUDENT RESIDENT HOME

FIRST

YEAR LEAD
BY LOCAL
PERSON

8

GIRLS FROM
DIFFERENT
VILLAGES

ALL

GIRLS HAVE
A SPONSOR

ALL

GIRLS PASSED SCHOOL
YEAR W/OUT REMEDIAL
INTERVENTION

MOST

PARTICIPATE IN
ADVANCED ENGLISH
CLASS

STUDENT RESIDENT HOME

The SRH is excited to welcome Naisha, bringing our total to eight girls. Liz started her role as SRH Manager in April 2024. Mami Laura has joined our team full-time for the 2024-2025 year, and her high school graduation sets a wonderful example of perseverance for the girls. Julissa has come on board to help with cooking, while Laura Cavalenes is volunteering to teach English to the younger girls.

Most of our parents are current with their commitments, though a couple are facing challenges. We're pleased to report that none of the girls had to attend summer school this year, and congratulations to Jessica, Karen, and Jeimy for becoming certified English translators! They participated in trips to Bellavista and Quito, expanding their experiences. Yureimy excels in English and sciences, while Madelin and Keysha consistently achieve top academic results. Additionally, Jessica and Karen represented the Amazon region in the national basketball tournament, showcasing their talent and teamwork.

We are aware of some challenges, including the need for psychological support and concerns regarding safety in our community. Some families are grappling with alcohol-related issues, which adds to the difficulties we face. Moving forward, we aim to motivate families to engage actively in education and fulfill their commitments to the well-being of all the girls.

Our goals for the year include ensuring parents maintain their tuition payments, providing Naisha and Yureimy with the necessary English support, encouraging all girls to participate in church activities, and hosting at least three workshops for parents focused on strengthening family relationships. We also plan to facilitate the older girls in assisting short-term teams by coordinating their transportation to and from Quito. Lastly, we will continue to foster strong connections with the Duncan family and Pastor Ramiro.





BASKETBALL CLUB THE WARRIORS

110
KIDS
ENROLLED

7
VILLAGES
REPRESENTED

3
LOCAL
COACHES

FIRST
REFEREE TRAINING
SEMINAR HOSTED

27
NEW KIDS FROM
NEW VILLAGE

WARRIOR BASKETBALL CLUB

Enrollment in the basketball program has increased by 10% due to the introduction of training in Machakuy Yaku, which welcomes children from neighboring communities like Latas and Ponceloma. We adjusted our strategy to focus on basketball “schools,” meaning we now strategically place our coaches in the “schools” (Misahualli, Pukachikta, Machakuy Yaku) to train the players. Therefore, empowering coaches to achieve local standards, enhance community engagement, and ultimately see player development.

We successfully hosted a referee training clinic and the second annual Warriors Cup tournament, featuring various age groups. To assist families, we provided job opportunities for 80% of parents to help cover tuition while strengthening our partnership with Alliance Academy through tournament participation in Quito.

To address transportation challenges, we purchased a motorcycle for trainers and are seeking a new coach for Machakuy Yaku. This will enable Kelvin to focus on training coaches and players in their communities. Our goal is to have the new coach ready for the 2025 season.

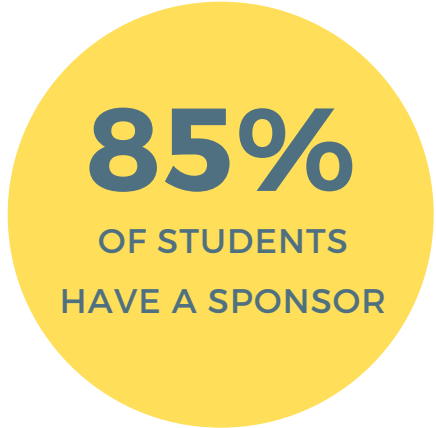
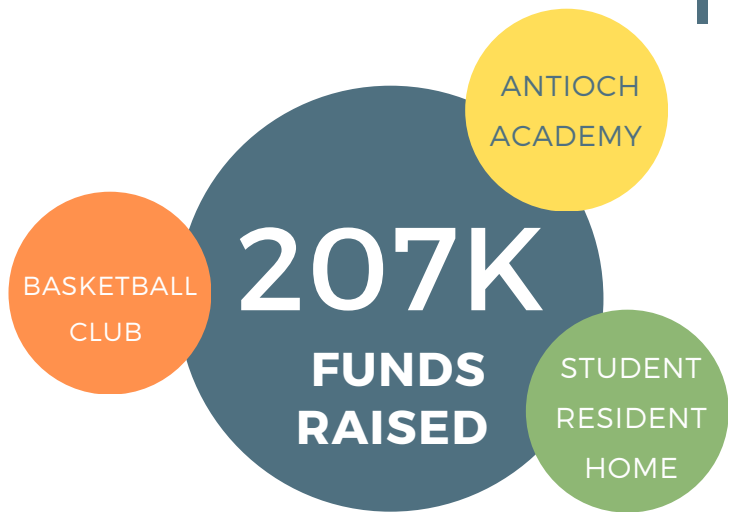
Looking ahead, we plan to participate in three major tournaments: the Warriors Cup, the SAFB Cup, and the Alianza Cup in Quito. We are also preparing our club administrator, Mike, to manage organizational tasks, while hosting a tournament in Misahuallí to invite teams from Quito and generate additional revenue.

GO WARRIORS!





SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (STUDENT, CHILD & PLAYER)



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS DEFINED

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

Partnering with the student, their family and others sponsors to help cover the cost of tuition through scholarship of \$540 a year.

Tuition covers classroom materials, training for staff, technology and teacher salaries.

\$45
monthly

PLAYER SPONSORSHIP

Sponsoring a player to participate in the Warrior Basketball Club through a scholarship of \$300 a year.

Scholarships help with the programs operational cost such as salaries for coaches, transportation and tournament fees.

\$25
monthly

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Partnering with the child, their family and others sponsors to help cover the cost of living through scholarship of \$2,160 a year.

Scholarships help with the cost of living expenses during the school year and part of their tuition.

FULL
\$180
monthly

PARTIAL
\$90
monthly

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

In 2024, we successfully raised more than \$207,000 from our sponsorship programs, with \$194,421 originating from individual gifts and fundraisers, and \$12,840 from short-term teams. To enhance our impact, our sponsorship programs have moved under the Partnership Development department, and we developed guidelines aimed at increasing partner involvement and fostering stronger relationships.

This summer, we sent 60 gifts and over 100 Christmas cards to students in Ecuador and ensured that all girls in the program, including our newest member, had sponsors. Plus, over \$1,000 in special gifts were given to support medical expenses, such as braces and diagnostic testing for the girls in the resident home.

In an exciting development, we launched the player sponsorship program, successfully enrolling 30 new sponsors following their participation in short-term teams this summer. We are focused on maintaining and expanding our sponsorship base, proactively addressing payment lapses, and creating practical, individualized student materials for teachers to implement in the classroom.

It's essential that we work on improving students' and parents' understanding of the sponsorship program in Ecuador. To this end, we aim to develop clear guidelines for both child and player sponsorship, deepen engagement opportunities for sponsors, and facilitate ongoing communication through our student sponsor liaison. We also plan to organize "Sponsorship Sundays" to provide updates, recruit new sponsors, and strengthen relationships with our community partners.





SHORT TERM TEAMS

19

TEAMS HOSTED
291 PARTICIPANTS

53.7K

RAISED FOR
PROGRAMS

4

NEW TEAMS

77K

ADDED TO
ECUADOR'S
ECONOMY

FIRST

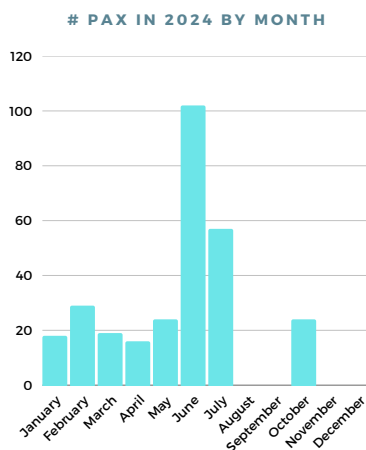
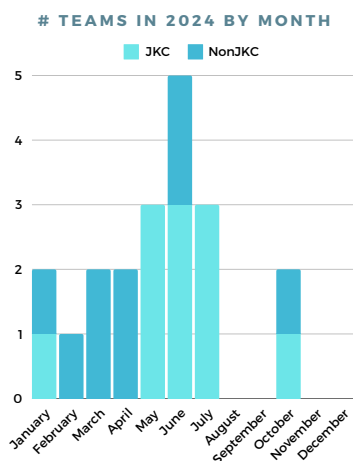
FAMILY TEAM
HOSTED

SHORT TERM TEAMS

In 2024, we successfully welcomed 19 teams, totaling 291 participants, with a commendable participation mix of 58% JKC-hosted teams and 42% non-JKC teams. Financially, we raised \$53,965.00 through team fees that were used for work projects, sponsorship, and the general fund. We also significantly contributed almost \$78k to Ecuador’s economy. We introduced new initiatives such as Prayer Walks, "As you go" conversations, and Community Engagement Programs, enhancing the overall impact and experience. Lastly, we hosted our first ever Family Team.

Challenges included canceling seven teams due to not meeting participant minimums (set by teams) and political unrest. Additionally, teams had urgent medical needs and issues with expiring passports, which have resulted in clearer medical protocols and improved deadline trackers in team documents.

Looking ahead, our goals for the upcoming year are ambitious yet achievable: we aim to host at least 20 teams with a total of 300 participants, maintain a favorable ratio of JKC to non-JKC teams, and introduce at least 2 new JKC teams. Additionally, we aim to strengthen our feedback loops locally and better prepare teams for their experiences. By striving to improve, we want to enhance each teams’ experience leading to greater impact in the jungle.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

28

VILLAGES
SERVED

677

PATIENTS RECEIVED
CARE

3

HOSTED MEDICAL
BRIGADES

13

COMMUNITY HEALTH
CLASSES

4

CHURCHES PARTNERED
FOR EVANGELISM &
DISCIPLESHIP

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

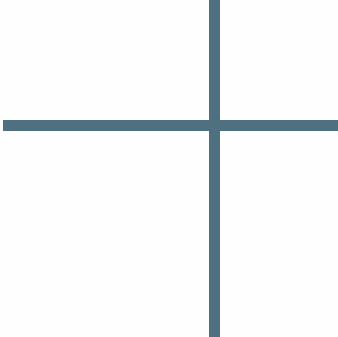
We have made significant progress in building partnerships with other JKC ministry programs, such as Antioch, the Resident Home, and Short-term Teams. Our collaboration with four local churches has enhanced their discipleship and evangelism efforts. In Barrio Cielo Azul and Awatino, we formed and strengthened two CHE committees and are close to completing Phase 1 of the Awatino Water project.

Our partnership with Centro de Salud has enabled us to serve as a liaison for six Medical Brigades and conduct quarterly visits to the Puka Urku community. We supplied First Aid Kits and training to three Community Schools and provided community-based English and self-defense classes. All Antioch faculty received Basic First Aid training.

We struggled to manage healthy expectations among partners and empower community leaders to minimize reliance on our resources while also focusing on where God is producing fruit. Our future plans include ongoing discipleship training, completing the Awatino Water Project, and establishing a CHE Health Committee in Bella Vista. We will also assess the feasibility of a CHE water project in Verde Cocha.

In health services, we served 677 total patients, including 22 obstetrical cases, facilitated referrals, provided vision exams and eyeglasses for 30 elderly patients, and hosted three medical brigades. Despite challenges such as security issues that led to the cancellation of some brigades, we conducted 13 community health classes in four communities, highlighting our commitment to health education.





MEMBER SERVICES

11+6
ADULTS + CHILDREN
MISSIONARIES
ONSITE

2
MEMBERS
RETURNED HOME

WELCOMED
RACHEL AND MELISA
(NEW BORN)

EXPECTING
2 NEW MEMBERS IN
2025: MIKE NEIL &
MOLLY

FIRST
JKC SPONSORED 5
DAY TRAINING FOR
ALL MISSIONARIES

MEMBER SERVICES

In 2024, our on-site team became more dynamic, with 11 cross-cultural workers and 6 children. We welcomed Art teacher Rachel and TCK Melisa Foster while also acknowledging the contributions of and saying goodbye to departed members Addie and Lisa.

Mike Neil will join us as the Basketball Training Manager in 2025 after completing language training, and we look forward to Molly Castina becoming an English teacher in the Spring of 2026. Collaborating with a local lawyer has improved our visa application process, though we are addressing challenges with outdated foundation paperwork and communication.

Despite experiencing nationwide power outages from September to December, our team remained resilient and maintained ministry operations. We've recognized the need for better crisis response protocols and clearer communication,

Conflict resolution efforts have strengthened relationships, and we are committed to enhancing communication to build trust within the team. Our social committee organized successful events, but the year's highlight was hosting a training/retreat that fostered team building.

To improve onboarding, we added a week-long training for new members. Cheyenne's promotion to English Department Coordinator reflects our commitment to leadership development. We aim to maintain a member care retention rate above 90% until July 2026 by enhancing check-ins, planning sabbaticals, and implementing contingency plans, ensuring a supportive environment for everyone.





PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

47K

RAISED DURING
EOY CAMPAIGN

53%

EMAIL OPEN
RATE

589

CONSTITUENTS
GAVE

SUCCESSFULLY

COACHED 3
MISSIONARIES

84K

RAISED IN GIFTS
HIGHER THAN 10K

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

In 2024, we received \$84,000 in significant donations, which included individual gifts ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and a valued \$15,000 grant from Buncombe Street. We successfully coached three missionaries to meet their personal fundraising development goals, with tailored monthly support and launch funds.

Our fundraising events demonstrated great success, notably the Egg My Yard event in Memphis, which raised \$4,000, and a Poker Tournament that generated \$5,615. Additionally, our year-end Giving Campaign exceeded expectations by raising over \$47,000, marking a remarkable 135% increase from 2023.

Our consistent social media strategies yielded positive results, as evidenced by a 10% increase in Facebook followers and a 22% rise in our Instagram audience. Our top posts, featuring staff, students, and significant moments like weddings and current events, resonated well with our community. We also made strides in improving email engagement, achieving an impressive 53% open rate.

A total of nine applications were received for various positions, leading to the acceptance of three candidates, which reflects our effective outreach efforts. Our partnership with Anderson University has flourished following their campus visit, providing mutual benefits. Moving forward, we recognize areas for growth, such as enhancing our fundraising efforts to meet construction needs and converting interest from team participants into continued partnership after their trip.

Our goals for the this year include increasing financial partnerships by 10%, developing a strategic fundraising plan that addresses ongoing support needs, ensuring that new missionaries are fully funded within 10 months of starting PDM, maintaining regular social media engagement, and sending targeted newsletters with high delivery and open rates. By focusing on these objectives, we are positioning ourselves for continued growth and impact.





CONSTRUCTION & PROJECTS

44K

OVERALL
INVESTMENT IN
INFRASTRUCTURE
UPGRADES

29

PROJECTS
COMPLETED

5.7K

UNDER BUDGET FOR
THE CALENDAR
YEAR

31K

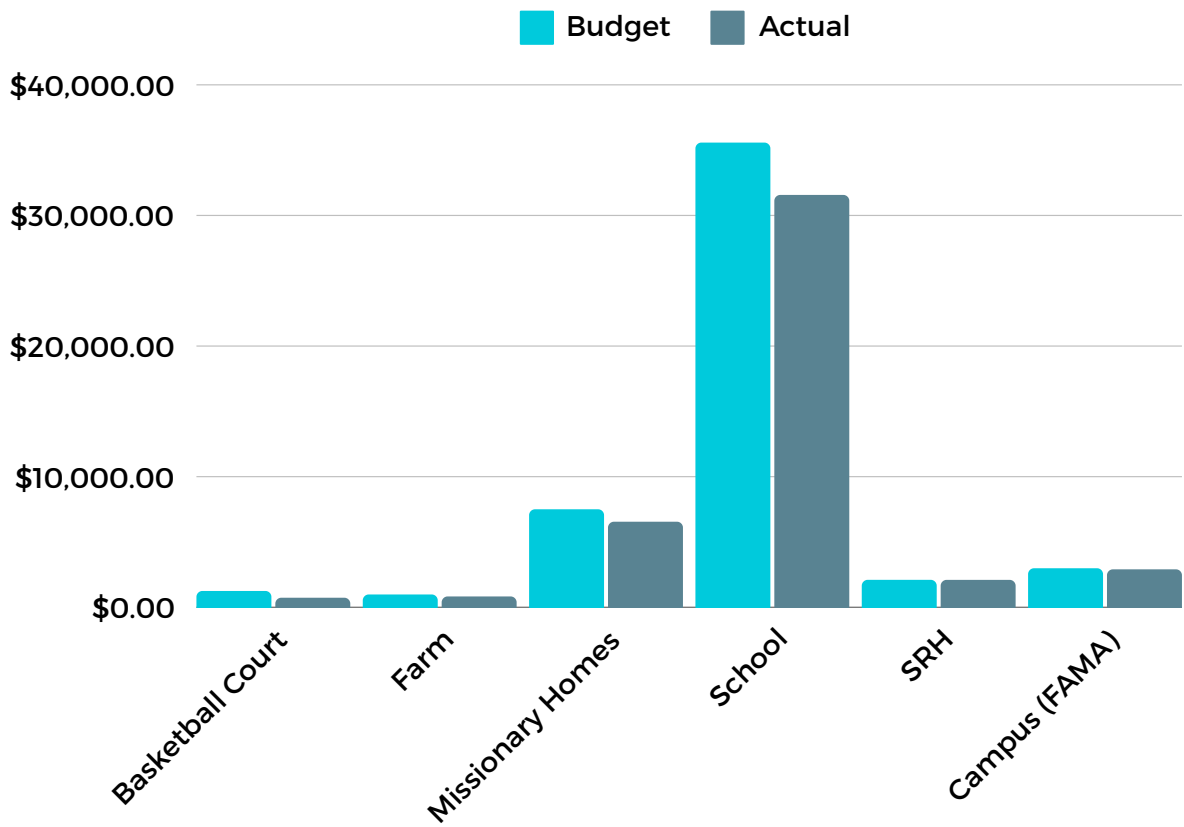
INVESTED IN SCHOOL'S
INFRASTRUCTURE
ENHANCEMENT

8.2K

PREPARE SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS & TEACHERS

CONSTRUCTION

COMPLETED PROJECTS BY DEPARTMENT



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**CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETED PROJECTS**

Description	Department	Budget	Actual	Difference
New Basketball Board	Basketball	617.50	\$429.80	(\$187.70)
Basketball Court Cover Maintenance	Basketball	630.00	\$300.00	(\$330.00)
Rebuilt water conduit on campus	Campus FAMA	785.00	\$716.76	(\$68.24)
Purchased Furniture for Admin Office	Campus FAMA	235.00	\$227.00	(\$8.00)
Installation and Maintenance of Generator during electric Crisis	Campus FAMA	1,766.77	\$1,766.77	\$0.00
Installed New Farm Water Conduit	Farm	665.60	\$595.22	(\$70.38)
Fix Plumbing Farm House	Farm	100.00	\$59.00	(\$41.00)
Power Conduit for Farm	Farm	213.49	\$173.49	(\$40.00)
Tin roof in Missionary house	Missionary Homes	3,000.00	\$2,424.39	(\$575.61)
Missionary Home Paint Exterior	Missionary Homes	1,635.00	\$2,637.61	\$1,002.61
Missionary Home Paint Interior	Missionary Homes	2,556.00	\$1,176.82	(\$1,379.18)
Dehumidifiers for Missionary Home	Missionary Homes	311.02	\$311.02	\$0.00
Drop Ceiling to increase AC efficiency	School	4,500.00	\$3,851.54	(\$648.46)
New Playground	School	7,700.00	\$6,833.75	(\$866.25)
Maintenance Playground	School	2,000.00	\$1,388.19	(\$611.81)
Fence for Playground	School	2,900.00	\$2,914.26	\$14.26
Starlink Installation	School	250.00	\$110.00	(\$140.00)
Power conduit new building	School	1,200.00	\$1,204.45	\$4.45
Installation of Security cameras	School	450.00	\$322.35	(\$127.65)
Roof Pre-School Maintenance	School	1,445.50	\$1,576.15	\$130.65
Built New Set for Playground	School	400.00	\$300.00	(\$100.00)
Remodeled Counseling Office	School	1,040.00	\$1,742.08	\$702.08
Remodeled Teacher's office	School	1,000.00	\$824.50	(\$175.50)
Pre-School Start Date Maintenance	School	8,032.00	\$8,272.97	\$240.97
Pressure Washing School Roofs	School	1,500.00	\$140.00	(\$1,360.00)
Septic Tank Maintenance	School	518.00	\$947.50	\$429.50
Maintenance Roof Teacher Office	School	2,643.00	\$1,143.30	(\$1,499.70)
Paint SRH exterior	SRH	2,100.00	\$2,097.11	(\$2.89)
Total		50,393.88	44,679.22	(5,714.66)



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DANIEL INITIATIVE

21

OUT OF 27

Graduates are
enrolled in
College.

10

**GRADUATES
STUDYING OUTSIDE
OF ECUADOR**

**MARISOL
GRADUATED
COLLEGE WITH A
TEACHING DEGREE**

12 OF 13

**SENIORS CLASS 25
HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED
TO COLLEGE**

34K

**INVESTED FOR
STUDENTS TO ATTEND
COLLEGE IN THE U.S.**

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

DANIEL INITIATIVE

In the United States, at College of the Ozarks in Missouri, Nayib Tobar is making strides as a sophomore in finance, and his sister Romina is embarking on her academic journey as a freshman in psychology. Additionally, Maya Leiva is beginning her freshman studies in engineering at the same college. Over at Welch College in Tennessee, Kory Escola is advancing in her sophomore year with a focus on psychology.

In Ecuador, Marisol Shiguango, graduated from Universidad Catolica, and is looking forward to contributing to the community by taking a position at Antioch in the 2025-2026 school year. Furthermore, Elizabeth Tapia, a current student at Antioch is actively pursuing opportunities for Summer 2025, having applied to College of the Ozarks and is currently awaiting their response.



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