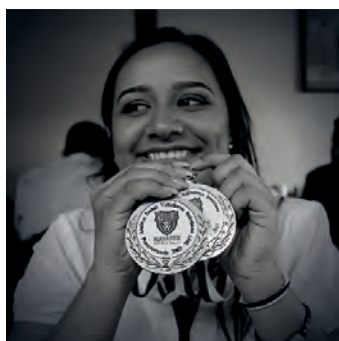
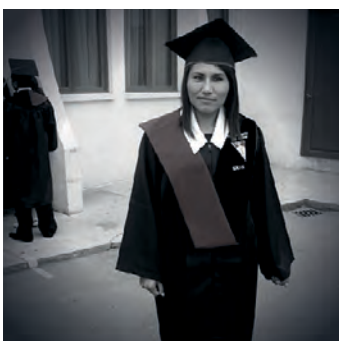




2021 Annual Report



Since our founding, LaBECA has awarded 140 scholarships – More than \$540,000 – to support women and girls achieve their educational dreams.



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Dear Friends,

La Que Persevera, Alcanza. That Spanish proverb (she who perseveres, wins) might have been first coined to describe our La BECA scholars. They persevere. When classes shut down in person, they study online. When internships are not available, they create their own.

And they win. This year we are delighted to celebrate the graduations of three of our La BECA scholars. In **El Salvador**, Ana Mirian has completed her nurse technician degree and graduated in October 2021. Now, she's enrolled in a bachelor's degree program to become a graduate nurse in 2025. Lourdes Vanessa has completed High School and graduated in November 2021. Now, she's studying medicine. In **Bolivia**, Gladiz completed a three-year technical degree in public accounting. And in **Honduras**, Jennifer graduated with a degree in industrial engineering.



All these young women faced challenges that might have defeated them. But instead, through persistence, determination, and sheer grit, they are all winners.

Without your support, they might not have been able to achieve their dreams. But because of your generosity, we continue to support our scholars. We provided tuition. We helped them get the technology and the internet access to continue their studies when in-person learning was not possible. In all, your support has meant that since our founding in 2005, we have provided over **\$540,000** in scholarships.

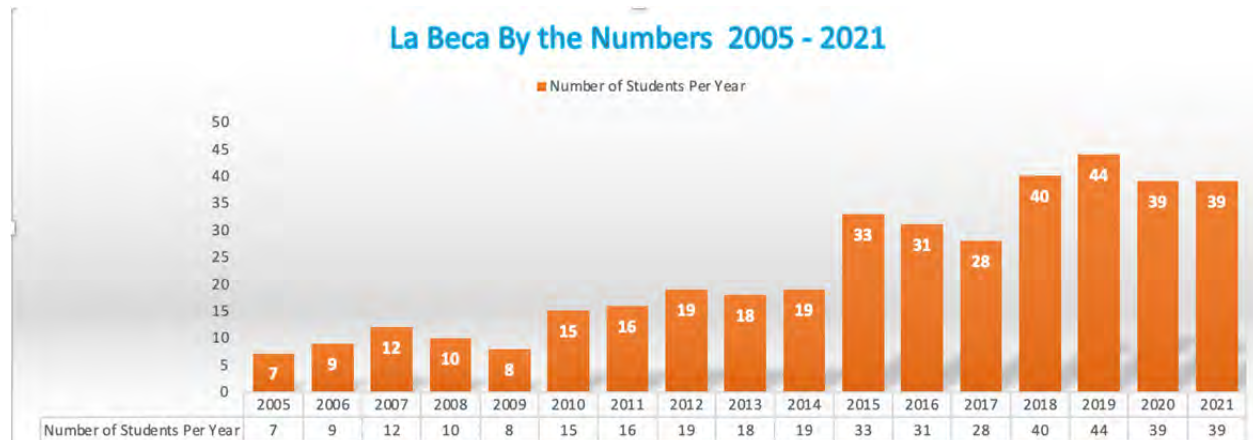
Our La BECA graduates include a school administrators, attorneys, engineers, dentists, and business leaders. They also include the first person from her community ever to earn a high school diploma.

This year, La BECA awarded our 140th scholarship. For 2021, **our scholarship total was a record \$105,500.** This year, **we are supporting 39 young women from four countries –Bolivia, El Salvador, Honduras, and Panama.** These young women want to be doctors and lawyers, engineers and teachers. They all share the common dream of getting a good education.

This annual report shares information about our scholars, past and present. We also provide information on our total scholarship contributions.

Since Our Founding, LaBECA Has Supported 140 Scholars

These two charts show the growth of La BECA since our founding in 2005. In that first year, we supported 7 scholars in two countries. Today, we support 39 scholars from four countries in Central and South America – Bolivia, El Salvador, Honduras, and Panama. They range in age from elementary school through graduate school. With the funds already expended in 2021, our total scholarships awarded now exceed \$540,000.



In 2005 La Beca awarded **\$8,418**,
In scholarships, to **seven** young women
In 2 Central American Countries

Seventeen years later,
La BECA has awarded more than
\$540,000 in scholarships
to **140 scholars**.



More Ways You Can Help La BECA

If you are receiving this Annual Report, you have probably supported La BECA with a donation you made by writing a check or using a credit card. Some donors have arranged banking mechanisms to provide recurring, monthly donations.

Now it is also possible to donate long-term appreciated securities, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to La BECA. Some donors have found that this type of gift increases their gift and their tax deduction at the same time. You should consult your tax adviser before making a gift of stock. But we are happy to provide you with more information on this new way to support La BECA.

Additionally, this year we created an investment account, allowing us to create an endowment, over time. Should you wish to include LaBECA in your estate planning, we now have a way you can contribute to our longer term stability.



Miriam is a 2021 LaBECA Graduate

We are deeply grateful for your support in whichever form it takes!

Do you want to help la BECA by supporting young women in Central and South America as they achieve their educational dreams?

Contribute online at www.labeca.org

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“I was able to take 16 classes in 1 year and I am already enrolled in 4 more classes for the next term. Thank you, La BECA!”

-Yulissa