

Three New Scholars!

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2010 VISIONAR SCHOLARS



Maximiliano



Gastón



María Ángela



Carolina



Karen



Elizabeth



Emiliano

VISIONAR Awards Three More Scholarships!

VISIONAR continues to grow: Thanks to the support of our generous donors and to the continued dedication of Atrapasueños members and volunteers, three new students now enjoy full scholarships to attend college.

Gastón Alberto Madera, María Ángela Contreras, and Maximiliano Alejandro Senno were selected in January 2010 for their academic performance and leadership potential to receive VISIONAR scholarships. They join continuing scholars Emiliano Gudiño (now in his 4th year), Carolina González, Elizabeth Quinteros and Karen Centurión (all three scholars starting their 2nd year of college).

Gastón enrolled in Agronomy studies; María Ángela will pursue Business Administration and Economics, and Maximiliano started a Chemical Engineering program at Universidad Tecnológica Nacional in San Francisco, Argentina.

Gastón shared with us: "My dream to become an agronomic engineer is now much more achievable (with VISIONAR's help)".

María Ángela received the announcement of her scholarship the day before her 18th birthday, and commented, "The VISIONAR scholarship was the best birthday present; it which will allow me to pursue a degree in Business Administration and Economics. I am very happy."

"We see declining enrollment in universities, because many people have to go to work, but getting an education is the best thing we can do for ourselves," Maximiliano said. "This scholarship is an incentive and a double challenge: to achieve my academic objectives, and to give back to the VISIONAR team that believes in me."

VISIONAR wishes all its seven scholars the best success for the 2010 academic year!



L to R: Gastón Madera, Graciela Asis (VISIONAR coordinator), María Ángela Contreras, Maximiliano Senno

How VISIONAR helps

VISIONAR is a scholarship and mentoring program for outstanding Argentine students who want to pursue a college education (in Argentina).

As long as scholars maintain a GPA of 7/10 and complete 4 hours of community service per month, VISIONAR provides a monthly stipend that covers costs of tuition, books, transportation, clothing, and any other needs related to their college education. The total cost of one full scholarship for one year is USD\$1,400.

In addition, VISIONAR scholars receive mentoring and guidance from an outstanding group of volunteers, led by VISIONAR coordinator Graciela Asis de Lombardi.

VISIONAR ensures our students grow to be successful leaders in their communities.

Feedback? Questions?
We would love to hear from you!

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VISIONAR BOARD MEMBERS

We are passionate about what we do!

We believe in education, and we are fully committed to support deserving students in Argentina.

We invite those who identify with our cause to get involved and be part of this VISION!



VISIONAR Board of Directors: (L to R) Flavia Lamberghini, Sandra Cravero, Marcelo Lanzarotti, Gabriela Mondino

MEET BOARD MEMBER MARCELO LANZAROTTI

Marcelo, what can you tell us about your background?

I was born and raised in Córdoba city, Argentina. I attended the Catholic University in Córdoba, where I received a degree in Systems Engineering in 2000. Before finishing my thesis, I participated in an exchange program to do research for nine months at Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. While there, I decided that I enjoyed living in the US and that, after finishing my thesis, I would come back to continue my education. I arrived in Chicago in 2002 to pursue a Master of Science in Computer Science at DePaul University. Almost simultaneously I started working for the Information Services division of the University, as part of the Enterprise Systems Administrators team. In addition, recently I completed an MBA in Leadership and Entrepreneurship at DePaul.

What made you join VISIONAR?

Growing up I had the opportunity to attend the college of my choosing and then have my experience in the US as well. Because of these opportunities, I have the career I wanted and do what I really love. I believe that everybody should have the same chances that I had, and by joining VISIONAR I get to help other people that would not otherwise have the means to pursue a university degree. Furthermore, as an Argentine, I want to give back and help the country to prosper and stabilize its economy. I have the firm belief that

education, and therefore, a country's educated population, is the only vehicle to achieve and sustain long-term prosperity and economic independence.

What is your message to others who might consider joining VISIONAR?

WE WANT YOU!!! You should consider joining because we are a small yet rapidly growing organization with BIG plans for the future. By joining, you'll have the opportunity to shape the future of the organization and you'll make a significant, positive difference in someone's life. Remember when you were 18 years old and about to go to college? Remember how hard it was for you or your parents to send you to college? Imagine, if you hadn't had that opportunity, what would have happened to you and your career? Well, now fast-forward to today, and imagine that by joining VISIONAR you get to give this opportunity to an 18-year-old tomorrow!

What is your message to current VISIONAR scholars?

We are all very proud of you and the great efforts you have put into achieving your dreams. Even though sometimes the road can be challenging and long, always remember that you have colleagues, classmates, family and friends that are here to support and help guide you throughout your career. Keep up your efforts; in the end they will pay off handsomely and open an infinite number of possibilities.

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Meet One of Our Volunteers in San Francisco, Argentina: Daniela Taverna



Name: Daniela Alejandra Taverna
Occupation: High school teacher in San Francisco, Argentina, with specialization in Accounting and Law.

“I decided to collaborate with VISIONAR because I

thought it would be good experience,” said Daniela. “I often see students in their senior year of high school who either have not decided what to study if go to college or don’t consider themselves capable of going to college. VISIONAR gives me the opportunity to encourage my students to change their attitude and to prepare their future.”

Since last December, Daniela has assisted with VISIONAR’s recruitment by presenting the program and applications to local high schools, and by interviewing candidates in their home environment. “The experience was wonderful,” commented Daniela. Thanks to her thorough interview reports, our Board of Directors was able to identify the candidates most deserving of a VISIONAR scholarship.

“I would like to tell the community to get involved, to believe and invest in our adolescents, so that we all help them build a better future for themselves,” added Daniela.

“The message I wish to give to VISIONAR scholars is never to give up, and to keep working hard if they want to succeed.”

Daniela’s work has been extremely valuable to VISIONAR and to the new scholarship recipients, Gastón, M. Angela, and Maximiliano. Thanks, Dani!

PARTNERSHIP WITH FUNDACION LOSANO: UNITING FORCES TO SUPPORT EDUCATION

VISIONAR is pleased to announce the collaboration with Fundación Losano, an important donor for our scholarship fund this year.

Fundación Losano was established in 2006 by San Francisco residents in memory of Mr. Nicolás Losano, who believed strongly that education is an important tool to improve lives. The Fundación’s objectives are “to promote, participate, stimulate and intervene in initiatives related to education, in the area of technology and science, in order to contribute to the development of the young generation.”

Since its inception, Fundación Losano provided scholarships and assistance to help educate San Francisco residents in IT, medicine, nutrition, physical therapy, and nursing. In 2009, the Fundación supported post-graduate studies for an agronomic engineer.

Continuing to realize its mission, in January Fundación Losano offered to sponsor one VISIONAR student through his or her college program. We are very thankful about this support, and we are delighted about the opportunity to collaborate with such important institution.

VISIONAR and Fundación Losano share common values and goals; we are hoping this is only the beginning of more joint projects and exciting opportunities for our students!

For more information about Fundación Losano, you may visit their website:
www.fundacionlosano.org.ar



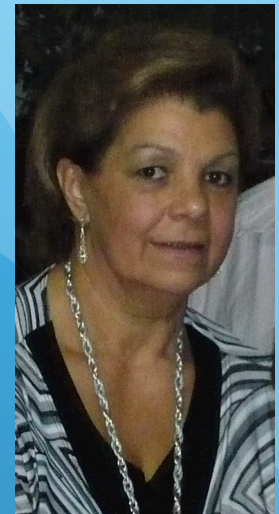
Recent Events

December 2009 - VISIONAR presents at Argentine Economic Symposium

The Consulate General of Argentina and the Argentine-American Midwest Chamber of Commerce invited VISIONAR to present at their December 17th symposium on Economic Perspectives and Business Opportunities for 2010, held at the Chicago Cultural Center on December 17th 2009.

VISIONAR opened the event with an informative presentation on the scholarship program. After the symposium, guests mingled at a cocktail reception while tasting samples of Argentine cuisine and wines.

The Board of VISIONAR is very thankful to the Consulate General of Argentina and the AAM Chamber of Commerce for this opportunity to reach the community. We are happy to announce that our presentation inspired some of the guests to contribute to VISIONAR so that we to continue our support of Argentine students.



Graciela Asis
VISIONAR manager
in San Francisco,
Argentina

March 2010 - Innovation workshop: inspiring and providing value to VISIONAR supporters



One of our goals for 2010 is to continue to engage the donor community by providing opportunities for personal and professional development.

On March 4th, VISIONAR organized a workshop in Chicago, led by innovation expert Adam Shames, entitled: THE TIME FOR INNOVATION

IS NOW: CREATIVITY COMPETENCIES FOR INDIVIDUAL AND CULTURE CHANGE. In this interactive session, Adam taught the skills and mindset that are essential to the creative process, and that can be applied to our professional or personal activities.

In Adam's unique approach, creativity skills were demonstrated through the lens of Argentine cultural traits. For instance, to demonstrate flexibility and adaptation skills, essential to foster creative solutions, Adam invited the audience to practice tango steps, where the male dancer leads and the female dancer typically follows. Adam surprised us by requesting that roles be reversed, with women leading the dance while men followed.

Increased awareness on VISIONAR scholarships, new contacts, newly learned creativity skills and an overall positive energy summarize the outcome of this great workshop!

**VISIONAR HAS
RECEIVED THE
SUPPORT AND
RECOGNITION OF:**

**Municipality of San
Francisco
(Argentina)**

**Córdoba Province
Legislature**

**Consulate General
of Argentina in
Chicago**

**Argentine-
American Midwest
Chamber of
Commerce**

How you can help



As a growing organization, VISIONAR has diverse needs:

DONATIONS

- A donation of USD \$1,400 provides a ONE YEAR scholarship to a college student
- A donation of USD \$116 covers ONE MONTH scholarship
- Scholarship funds help with tuition, books, school materials, transportation, meals, clothing
- Itemized expense reports for each student are available upon request

TO MAKE A DONATION :

In the US, VISIONAR is registered with the GlobalGiving Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization.

1. Make your check payable to the GlobalGiving Foundation
2. In the memo line, please add VISIONAR's ID: GC-85805-CB-GG
3. Mail your check to:

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Phone: (202) 232-5784

Or visit www.globalgiving.org and type VISIONAR on the search box.

WEBMASTER

We are seeking a webmaster to update the information on our website!

INTERSHIPS

VISIONAR is about providing opportunity. In addition to their college education, our students would greatly benefit from an internship in the United States or in Argentina, for 3 to 6 months. This experience would broaden their horizons and strengthen their skills as they work toward their degrees. Let us know if you would like to get involved in this project.

FUNDRAISING and PROMOTIONAL EVENTS

Join us to organize and participate in events that will help VISIONAR continue its mission by raising awareness and funds to provide additional scholarships.

Contact us: contact@vision-ar.org