



# Fundación A. Jean Brugger Annual Report 2018

# Fundación A Jean Brugger: Education. Opportunity. Community.

**Our mission** is to create and promote educational and community development programs in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua.

To fulfill our mission we promote the creation and sustainability of educational opportunities through a scholarship program, which includes social awareness components that benefit the personal and professional development of the youth in the community.

**Our vision** is based on the principle that education is the most cost-effective path to development and improved living standards.

**Where We Are:** San Juan del Sur Nicaragua.



## Note from the President of the Board of Directors

2018 was a difficult year for Nicaragua. Protests against the government broke out in April and continued into July. This had an impact on our students, as many universities closed for at least part of the year. In the face of this challenge Fundación A. Jean Brugger chose to expand programming to ensure our students could continue to learn. We instituted a Life Skills Program, which included a four-month English course and an intensive 30-hour Excel course.

Our 40 scholarship students attended classes when they could and continued with their community service projects. 10 managed to finish their coursework and graduate.

One of the most exciting things that happened in 2018 was the Fundación graduates have begun to hold regular meetings with the plan of organizing to continue to serve the San Juan del Sur community. Their first action was to agree to collectively sponsor a university student, Jorge Ramos.

We also took a big step towards securing a permanent home for the Fundación offices. A friend of the Fundación purchased a lot in a great location in-town, with the plan of leasing it to FAJB at \$1 a year. The Fundación Board of Directors agreed to proceed with a Capital Campaign to raise the funds for offices, a meeting room, and a separate office that can be rented. If you would like to learn more about this project, visit: <http://www.fundacionajbrugger.org/building-the-future.html>

We are pleased that in the face of the challenge of Nicaragua's political crisis we have been able to expand and plan for the future.

Kathleen Brugger

President, U.S. Board of Directors

# Highlights of 2018

**39  
university  
scholarships**



**1 scholarship for a special high school for the deaf**

## 10 university graduates:



**Environmental Engineering**  
**Business Administration**  
**Customs Administration**  
**Banking and Finance**  
**Medicine**  
**English**  
**Accounting**

## New in 2018:

### Life Skill Program developed in response to Nicaragua's political crisis

25 students took a 4-month English-language course



16 students took an intensive 30-hour Excel course

Also of note:

A community celebration of Jean Brugger's 20 years in San Juan del Sur



Plans begun for new offices



# Programs: Scholarships



Jorge Ramos (blue shirt, center, with some of the FAJB graduates who are sponsoring his university education)

Individual donors finance a student's university education. In 2018 there were 40 sponsored students, in accounting, systems engineering, medicine, nursing, economics, civil engineering, law, social work, tourism, psychology, telecommunications, marketing, graphic design, and dentistry.

In addition, a young man who is deaf had a scholarship to attend a special high school at a distance from his home where he could receive instruction in sign language.

# Programs: Community Service

Community service is a requirement of the scholarship program; all students are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours a month of service. The students are organized into groups based on their field of study. They work together to develop a project that uses their talents and knowledge learned from their coursework. In 2018 there were four different programs:



Empowerment  
through  
Environmental  
Education



Computer  
Instruction



Reproductive  
Health Talks



Talks on Human  
Trafficking and  
Internet Safety

# Other Programs

**School Supplies.** Fundación A. Jean Brugger began in 1999 as the Uniform Project, providing required school uniforms to poor rural children so they could attend school. This program lives on as the School Supplies program. At the beginning of every school year several rural schools are given needed supplies like notebooks, pens, and backpacks.

**Baseball Camps.** The twice-yearly baseball camps are another opportunity to educate San Juan del Sur's youth, in this case using a beloved sport as a vehicle to teach values such as teamwork and self-discipline. Alejandro Noguero, the coach, is a former pitcher on the Nicaraguan national baseball team and inspires awe and respect in the children. Alejandro takes the boys and girls through the basics of the game over the course of the week. These camps are given in collaboration with the Christopher Shatigan Sports Foundation.



**Ancianos.** Senior citizens are a respected part of the community in Nicaraguan society and the twice-yearly luncheons provide an opportunity for the scholarship students to serve their elders and help them enjoy a special day at El Timon restaurant.

# Fundación A. Jean Brugger team

## Staff

Vilma Bustos, Executive Director  
Álvaro Novoa, Director of Student Affairs  
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Ana Isabel, Kiara, Vilma, Jean Brugger, and Alvaro

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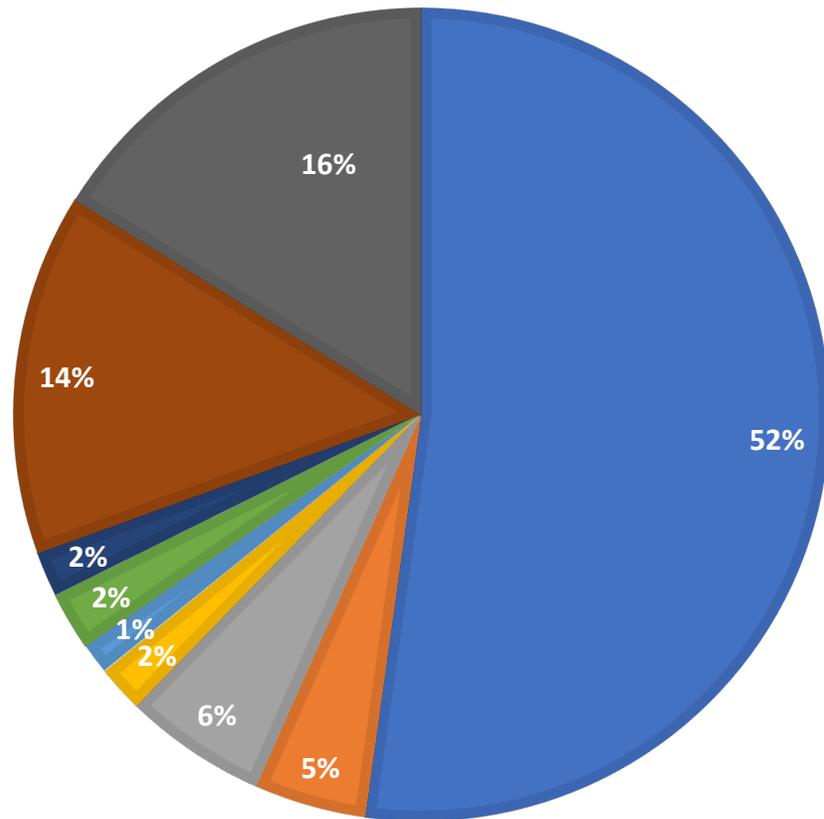
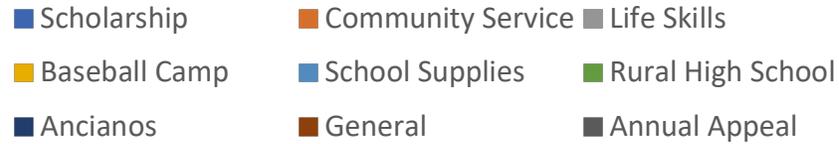
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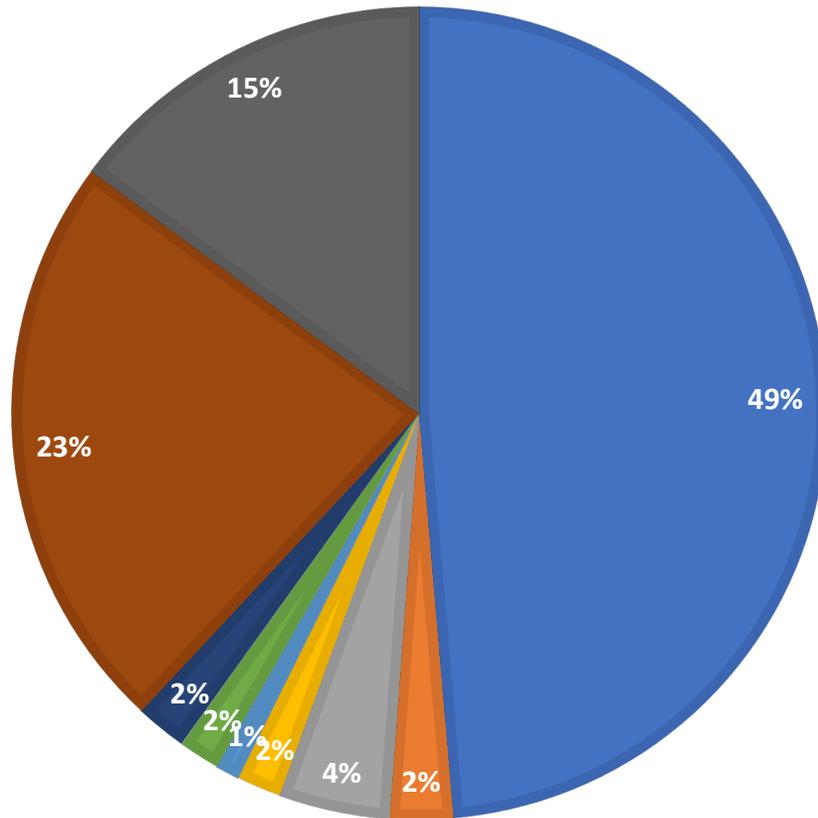
## INCOME



Program	Income
Scholarship	53,917
Community Service	4,575
Life Skills	5,868
Baseball camp	1,893
School supplies	1,240
Ancianos	1,863
Rural High School Institute	2,400
General	14,870
Annual Appeal	16,667
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,183</b>

## EXPENSES

- Scholarship
- Community Service
- Life Skills
- Baseball Camp
- School Supplies
- Ancianos
- Rural High School
- Salaries
- Administrative



Program	Expense
Scholarship	51,503
Community Service	2,663
Life Skills	4,644
Baseball camp	1,846
School supplies	1,006
Ancianos	1,733
Rural High School Institute	2,160
Salaries	24,618
Administrative	11,689
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,863</b>