



US Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala

IMPACT REPORT 2021



ABOUT US

The US Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala (USFUVG) was started in 1977 by a group of US citizens committed to the idea that education is essential to Guatemala's development of civil society and prosperity for all its citizens. USFUVG is a non-profit organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code. Our tax ID number is 22-2171258.

USFUVG's mission is to improve educational opportunities for the citizens of Guatemala and, to this end, raise funds for scholarships and endowments, build alliances with US donors, corporations and non-governmental organizations, and to provide financial and other assistance to the University of the Valley of Guatemala (UVG).

Objectives:

- Increase the availability of scholarships for qualified Guatemalan students. Special emphasis is on providing opportunity to the country's historically disadvantaged Maya majority and other rural poor, with a particular focus on female students.
- Enhance the overall learning environment and facilities of UVG and bolstering UVG's future by securing USAID ASHA grants and building our endowment.

About Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG)

UVG is a private, not-for-profit, non-ideological, and non-sectarian university founded in 1966. The University has more than 6,500 students enrolled at three campuses:

- Central Campus in Guatemala City
- Altiplano Campus in Sololá, serving Mayan communities
- South Campus, serving agricultural communities on Guatemala's Pacific Coast

Today, what distinguishes UVG from other Guatemalan universities is not only its high quality academic programs, particularly in the fields of engineering and education, but also its innovative, practical approach to tackling the problem of accessibility to education. UVG was named the #1 university in Guatemala and the #1 private university in Central America by QS World University Rankings. All three campuses received accreditation for five years from the French Institute of Accreditation. UVG has been awarded a "Great Place to Work" for the third year.



Fifty-six percent of UVG students are women. UVG was the first private university to place a strong emphasis on technology in Guatemala.

USFUVG FUNDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND MORE

In 2021, donors to the US Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala (USFUVG) provided over **US \$306,000** in support for students, staff, and facilities of the University of the Valley of Guatemala (UVG). USFUVG facilitated an additional donation of **\$900,000** from ASHA to UVG.

USFUVG donors provided over **\$249,819** of scholarships for students at UVG in 2021. Across the three campuses, 258 students received support.

SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

CAMPUS	FUNDS	# STUDENTS
UVG Central	\$68,716.92	51
UVG Altiplano	\$172,012.56	189
UVG Sur	\$9,089.21	18
Total	\$249,818.69	258



UVG CENTRAL SCHOLARSHIPS

FUND	DONATION	GIFT AMOUNT (US\$)	STUDENTS
Archeology Scholarship: Mack Foundation	Restricted	\$8,930	6
Blackburn-Hughes Scholarship	Endowment	\$2,750.75	2
Franklin	Endowment	\$35,667.38	19
Jeanne M. Blackburn Fund for the Arts	Endowment	\$1,119.36	3
Philip B. Taylor Scholarship	Endowment	\$1,384.08	2
Reader's Digest Scholarship	Endowment	\$1,943.47	2
Texaco	Endowment	\$1,246.88	1
Fondo CAG 77 Memorial: Wayne Parrot, Samantha Moore; Chaterine Catherine	Restricted	\$5,050	4
Student Loan Plus Technologies	Restricted	\$10,625	10
Total		\$68,716.92	51



Debora Serech
Technical Degree

Agro Forestry
Technology

Miriam
Rosengarten
Scholarship



Alejandro Pérez
5th "LICENCIATURA"
Engineering

Argo Forestal
Technology

Calvin Hughes
Scholarship



**Santos Diego
Calel Tecún**
3rd "LICENCIATURA"
Engineering

Argo Forestal
Technology

Mack Foundation
Scholarship



Marco Andrade
4th "LICENCIATURA"

Industrial Technology
Engineering

Carlos Nottebohm Scholarship

UVG - ALTIPLANO

FUND	DONATION	GIFT AMOUNT (US\$)	STUDENTS
Calvin Hughes	Endowment	\$114,412.20	132
Katherine Terrell Scholarship and Friends (US \$627.55)	Endowment	\$2,672.71	3
Leveo Sanchez	Endowment	\$649.44	3
Mack Family Foundation: San Andrés Semetabaj	Restricted	\$10,000	5
Miriam Rosengarten	Endowment	\$3,225.34	3
Altiplano Scholarships for Women: Alvaro Molina, Popzkel Lighting LLC	Restricted	\$12,176	7
Phillip Herrera	Endowment	\$14,757.50	21
Rosengarten-Horowitz	Endowment	\$387.03	1
Teacher´s Empowerment	Endowment	\$1,380.71	2
Berkley Freeman Cone	Endowment	\$8,951.63	11
Lynn Horowitz (Sirin Family Support)	Restricted	\$3,400	1
Total		\$172,012.56	189

UVG - SUR

FUND	DONATION	GIFT AMOUNT (\$US)	STUDENTS
Carlos Nottebohm Scholarships	Endowment	\$9,089.21	18

ENDOWMENT FUNDS - CHAIRS & LIBRARY

CHAIRS	FELLOWSHIPS IN THE STATE OF WYOMING	LIBRARY
Kidder	Thomas Stooock	Thomas Stooock
Pardo	\$8,132.74	\$8,132.74
Shook		
\$25,881.09		



1st Semester Students 2022 – CIT



Library – CIT

OTHER FUNDS TO BE APPLIED IN 2022

FUND	DONATION	DONATION (US\$)
Center for Health Studies (CES): Guy & Dianne Pamer	Restricted	\$850
CAG Formerly PBA Program: Judith Gibbons, Lorena Passarelli	Restricted	\$250
CAS – Judith Gibbons	Restricted	\$1,700
Total		\$2,800

ENDOWMENT FUND THOMAS STROOCK 2010 (Central Campus) – In Guatemala

FUND	DONATION (US\$)	STUDENTS
Thomas Stroock Scholarship	\$4,997.98	2



1st Semester Students 2022 – CIT

RESEARCH LABORATORY, CEA (Tessa Namuth \$3,400)

The fund for the research laboratory CEA, to support the project of Drs. Michael and Margaret Dix, was used to improve the capabilities by consulting services of Ninoshka López, and to purchase a flight for Juan Estuardo Bocel for a training at Dr. Sudeep Chandra’s Laboratory in The University of Nevada in Reno.

SAN ANDRÉS SEMETABAJ



The Semetabaj site (also known as the Finca Plaza Maya) is an extension of the UVG-Altiplano campus and serves as a living laboratory for archaeology, ecology, and community development. It contains a significant Mayan archaeological site, confirmed by UVG, Stanford, and Vanderbilt University’s Departments of Archaeology to be one of the oldest Mayan sites in the highlands of Guatemala. The site dates to as early as the pre-Classic period, circa 600 BC.

2021 was a significant year at the Semetabaj site. The museum housing artifacts excavated on site was completed and is open to the public. USFUVG and the Mack Foundation provided 14 students with scholarships and provided 6 students from the Casa Hogar Feliz orphanage with internet connection and UVG tuition so they could continue their studies.

STUDENT STORIES



Mildred Yessenia Pérez Mátzar

3rd Teaching Program in Learning Disabilities (3 Years)

Average: 96.25

Mildred lives with her mom and three sisters in Caserío Xejuyup, San Andrés Semetabaj. Mildred's mother has health problems and Mildred provides care for her. This has meant Mildred has had to miss some classes, but she has been able to participate. Mildred's mother did not receive her salary for several months due to these difficul-

ties and it has been very hard to cover household expenses and Mildred's school.

Here is Mildred's letter to you. Hello, I am Mildred Yessenia Pérez Mátzar, a student at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala Altiplano Campus.

Studying this career has been very enriching for me, I have taken full advantage of the knowledge that the teachers of the university have transmitted to us. Despite the difficulties in which we find ourselves due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the quality of education provided by the university is still present.

For this reason, I am very grateful to the professors for the effort, time and passion they dedicate to each of the

areas they teach and motivate us to move forward and above all to transcend and innovate as professionals.

I am also grateful for the scholarship that gives me the opportunity to continue studying. In the highlands there are many students like me who need this support to continue advancing in their studies. This scholarship is a help for our families, it is an opportunity for their children to have an academic preparation that will allow them to have a better future.

I thank the Mack Family and USFUVG for the support they give us with this scholarship program that allows young people from the highlands to achieve their dream of becoming university professionals.



Kevin Moisés Xirum

3rd year "Licenciatura" in Informatic Systems Technology (5 Years)

Average: 81.17

Kevin lives in the Casa Hogar Feliz Orphanage located in San Andres Semetabaj. Kevin and the other students at the orphanage are supported by donations from abroad, which have decreased due to the pandemic. USFUVG and the Mack Family have supported several students

each year with tuition and other expenses to attend the Altiplano Campus at UVG.

Here is Kevin's letter to you. During this year there have been several challenges during the teaching-learning process, but this helps to improve and do the things we propose in a more satisfactory way. This year I received the title of Technical Degree in Computer Science.

During this time, I have had courses that has caught my attention and therefore I want to present and talk about it, it is the programming of video games a very interesting activity that provides the opportunity to learn about other programming platforms.

Personally it has not been easy to program and I have

had the need to read and practice about the Unity platform. Unity is a development engine or game engine, and is the platform we are currently using to develop the video game.

During the semester, I made different projects using this platform. The first one was a video game in which you have several characters, the main character must face various challenges such as zombies and spikes, if you can beat them you will win the game. The game lasts only 2 minutes. It is a very short game but very entertaining.

The new courses have made me investigate in order to learn more. The virtual modality was a great help in some moments, but in others I felt it was necessary to exchange information with teachers and classmates.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The US Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala is governed by a 17 member Board of Trustees. The Trustees currently meet twice a year, once in Washington DC and once in Guaremla City at the UVG. Much of the Trustee's work is performed throughout the year in committees.



Most recent photo taken of all BoT together before Covid

American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA)

Chair: Marcello Canuto

USAID ASHA provides international aid to schools, hospitals, libraries, and other centers of excellence that showcase U.S. ideals and practices. It has provided over \$25,672,645 to UVG through USFUVG since 1979. The ASHA Committee works diligently with UVG year-round preparing grant proposals and reporting on ASHA grants received. Initiatives funded by ASHA have been highlighted on ASHA newsletters as examples of how funding has benefitted students and the community, while meeting ASHA's mission.

The current ASHA grants are:

- 2017 Awarded Oct 5, 2018 - \$1M
- 2019 Awarded Oct 1, 2020 - \$1.1M
- 2020 Awarded Oct 1, 2021 - \$900K

Committee on Trustees and Governance

Co-chairs: Howard Wright, Margot Herrera

The Committee on Trustees and Governance recruits and nominates new members and addresses all matters pertaining to trustees and best governance practices.

The Committee on Trustees and Governance prepared a slate for renewal of two trustees for an additional term and the reappointment of a previous Board Member at the March, 2021 meeting.

The Committee also prepared a slate for renewal of six trustees for an additional term at the October, 2021 meeting. Motions for renewals were passed unanimously. The Committee is considering several recommended candidates for Trustee membership.

Communications Committee

Co-chairs: Bruce Wharton, Lucia Cottone

The Communications Committee held their second virtual fundraiser in October 2021, produced by Trustee, Lucia Cottone, with help from fellow committee members. The event was successful and raised several thousand dollars.

The Committee has continued efforts to improve USFUVG's website, working with developers to improve the site's visual appeal, content, and effectiveness as an information resource. The Communications Committee is also considering how to gain a social media presence without paid staff.

Alumni Committee

Chair: Alvaro Molina-Cruz

The Alumni Committee strives to reconnect UVG alumni living abroad with their alma mater. The Committee promotes networking, conferences by alumni and mentoring of UVG students (<https://soyuvvg.com/mentoring>).

A USFUVG Alumni Scholarship Fund (www.usfuvvg.org/graduados/#donate-form) for UVG- Altiplano students was established in 2019 and has already passed its initial goal of \$10,000 for scholarships.

Donations have been made honoring UVG professors including Dr. Ricardo Bressani, Dr. Hector Centeno, Dr. Oscar Pineda, Ana Maria Peralta and Dr. Jack Schuster. Join UVG Alumni to lend a hand to the next generation of UVG students!



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