## FW: Successful Summer School 2020

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Dear Tandana Friends and Supporters,

Not even a pandemic could keep us from hosting our *cursos de verano* or summer school course. We transitioned everything to our new, online format, and it was a huge hit!

Courses started on July 6th with 20 students ranging from 12 years old to 16 years old from various communities around the Quichinche Parish, including Gualsaqui, Pastavi Bajo, Yambiro, Agualongo, Quichinche, Moraspungo, and Muenala. The Tandana team included the return of our resident theater extraordinaire, Hank Fincken, two outstanding ESL interns, Mallory and Hannah, our two Program Coordinators, Nicole and Charlotte, as well as Program Manager, Majo and Scholarship Coordinator, Vero. In addition, four university scholarship students joined in teaching math, psychology, art, and English.

This year, English and Math were mandatory subjects to help students solidify their skills. They were also able to take Art, Leadership and Entrepreneurship, theater, and Psychology. Students were learned new skills, further developed skills they already had, and were given a safe space to release tension from the stressful living situation caused by the coronavirus.

I'm also happy to announce that the 20 students that completed the course are all accepted into the high school scholarship program. We are very excited to see them tackle this new phase of their lives, and we are especially thankful to all of you for your support in helping make this program happen.

Here are some photos of the classes, and don't forget to check out the video attached of Hank's theater class!









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Thank you, again. Until next time, --Emily Della Fera

