



# The Community Ascent Network

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## Crowdfund 2021

The Community Ascent Network is launching our second crowdfund in support of Piñán's high school students and along with it, a brand new video that brings you to meet the students and community of Piñán!

It would mean so much if you'd join us in **sharing** and **supporting** our second ever crowdfund and video launch on **Friday Dec. 3rd** at 12pm EST/ 9am PT.

This crowdfund is to help the graduating students of Piñán to develop their careers, post-secondary studies, and to become leaders in their own community's development .

So far, your support has had a tremendous impact in Piñán and helped all of our projects to succeed!

Your donations have enabled us to:

- Build the community's first high school classroom
- Equip the classroom with new computers and a projector
- Install a satellite internet connection for the school



These project milestones allowed Piñán to run their first high school classes and give students in the community a way to graduate!



Allocate more teachers to the community  
Hire two high school teachers for the year  
Build a teachers dormitory for their remote work in the community



# What will you be contributing to?

These are the programs our 2021 crowd-fundraiser will support:

## 1. Pre-university courses

This is an essential set of courses for students to enrol in university after graduation. The courses prepare them in the specific subjects that will be on their university placement tests, which all students must take at the end of their graduating year.

## 2. English language classes

Learning English is a crucial step for those students who will work with tourists in their community. Some of the funding will go to cover the costs implied with our new English Language program that we're running in Piñán.

## 3. Graduating class tour

The graduating class is planning a tour to visit universities and other community-run tourism ventures around Ecuador to learn about university programs, and to develop ideas and connections for Piñán's own community-run tourism venture.

## 4. Fund for university studies

All of the students in Piñán's new high school program are working hard toward this year's graduation. All of these students are determined to continue their studies next year. We're creating a fund to support their families in covering some of the costs for these students to study at university.

## 5. Covering classroom costs

Completing Piñán's high school this summer was a milestone accomplishment done with the help of the entire community. To accomplish this CAN accepted a counterpart contribution at no interest which made this project possible. We will be working to pay back this generous loan over a three year plan. So that we can continue to support more impactful programs in Piñán and in other communities in Ecuador a portion of the funds raised will be allocated to these payments.



## Our funding goal

**Our funding goal to run these programs is \$15,000.**

To run these programs we need to raise \$15,000!

These programs will open up incredible opportunities for the students of Piñán. They will give young women in the community an opportunity to pursue a career, for youth to become local, bilingual guides, agricultural engineers, veterinarians and environmentalists.

Your support has made a HUGE difference in Piñán, and I'm hoping I can count on your support once again. Our upcoming programs have been designed with full student and community participation, to help them become the next leaders in their community and begin to bring local, sustainable jobs to Piñán.

For this crowdfund to work we're hoping to see 10% of our total goal reached on day 1, which will help us to start off with momentum and proceed with confidence to reach our goal.

I'm incredibly thankful at how much support you've provided for this community. I can only begin to describe how proud and thankful the parents of these students are, and how it must feel for any of the kids to now have this opportunity that a without your help none of them would have even imagined being possible.

We'll be keeping you updated with more information as the date gets closer. I sincerely thank you all for making this vision of ours a possibility. I look forward to hearing from many of you in the coming weeks.

With warmest regards,

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