



**Brillantes  
Caminantes, A.C.**

## **November 2025 Newsletter**

### **Volunteer Spotlight**

**Hermés Antonio Villafuerte Molina**  
*Student Affairs Coordinator*



**Please welcome our new BC Student Affairs Coordinator, Hermés Antonio Villafuerte Molina! Hermés has a Master's degree in Communication and Educational Technologies, and is also a Computer Systems Engineer.**

**Welcome to BC, Hermés! How did you learn about BC and what motivated you to join?**

One of the graduates, Andy Barbosa, contacted me to invite me to fill the position of Student Affairs Coordinator as a volunteer. They explained that BC supports high-achieving students facing financial difficulties. In Mexico, support for these types of students is lacking, which is why I was drawn to collaborate closely with you.

**Could you please describe your role as Student Affairs Coordinator?**

My role is to address student needs that align with BC's mission and ethics, securing necessary support from the Board of Directors when required. I also verify that students meet the scholarship requirements and provide support in exceptional cases that warrant closer monitoring.

**What are some interesting initial experiences you have had so far with the BC students?**

The most interesting was the work done by the scholarship recipients' sponsors to choose the topic of conversation for September: the importance of English for good work. Finding someone

with extensive knowledge of the topic, as well as availability, was a pleasant surprise. Designing an integration activity for students from diverse majors and higher education institutions was also a significant challenge.

### What advice would you give to others considering joining BC as a volunteer member?

Maintain a positive attitude, open communication, and expect a lot of work at first to adapt well to BC's collaborative culture.



### Upcoming Events:



**Pastorela** - Thursday, December 11, 4pm,  
Casa Museo Gene Byron

**Members' Meetings** are held the  
fourth Monday of every month, 5:30pm,  
at the home of David Rosen and  
Sunday Sommers, Calle Puertecito #5,  
Col. Embajadoras, Centro, Gto.  
Contact info: 473-121-6976

*All are welcome*

**Student Meetings** are held  
the first Sunday of the month, 1pm,  
Foro Cultural, Calle Positos 81

### We value your support:

Thanks to your past generosity, we have made a significant impact in the lives of more than 75 Guanajuato students through our university scholarship program. This year, we are proud to support 18 truly exceptional students who are not only pursuing their dreams but are also becoming 'brilliant pathfinders' within their communities.

Your contributions help ensure that these deserving young individuals can continue their education and achieve their goals. We invite you to consider making a donation today. A contribution of just \$25 dollars or \$500 pesos can make a real difference in the lives of our students and allow us to continue our mission of supporting Guanajuato's promising future leaders.

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Every donation is deeply appreciated and goes directly towards empowering our students on their educational journeys. Thank you for your continued support!

Year-end tax planning tips: Retirement accounts, such as individual or inherited IRA's in the USA have required minimum distributions (RMD) in most cases, beginning at age 73. Consider the tax benefits of using the qualified charitable deduction (QCD) made payable directly to Brillantes Caminantes, A.C. (U.S.) and you may avoid the taxes on that amount. Most can use this benefit starting at age 70 ½. The QCD can also exceed your required minimum, to over \$100,000 depending on your overall income and filing status. Your tax advisor knows the details.

The new tax break effective January 2026 creates a universal charitable deduction of up to \$1,000 per person, \$2,000 per couple. This deduction is available to all, regardless of whether the taxpayer itemizes or takes the standard deduction.

Legacy planning: Please consider making Brillantes Caminantes, A.C. a beneficiary of these and other accounts as an easy way to leave a legacy donation. Planned giving ensures a surviving legacy to BC.



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