



NEW BRUNSWICK
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COVID-19 update

- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health risks and the travel restrictions associated with it, the decision was taken that the NBFISP would not welcome any students for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- All students that were registered for the first semester or the complete school year had the option of differing their registration to the second semester, to the 2021-2022 school year, or to cancel their registration altogether without any additional costs.
- There is a small number of students currently registered for second semester (February-June 2021). Their participation and arrival is conditional to the improvement of the health situation and the lessening of travel restrictions to Canada and New Brunswick.
- We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year, with the hope that the situation will be back to a certain 'normal' and that we will be able to offer the quality program that everyone expects at that time.

For any questions, contact us at admin@pacnb.org.

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Where are they now?



Sara Ramos (left) with her host family in 2013.

Spotlight on Sara Ramos - Colombia

At 15 years old, Sara Ramos from Colombia was a student in the French International Student Program during the 2013-2014 school year. When she arrived, she did not know a word of French.

"I could not understand anything. I was always trying to understand and it was draining. After 2 or 3 months of full immersion, it clicked.", she explains.

Living here was a big change for Sara. Not only was she learning a third language (she also speaks English), but she also went from living in a city of 8 million people (Bogota) to a province of less than a million inhabitants.

"I honestly loved living in a small city where everybody knows each other", she adds.

After her school year in Dieppe (New Brunswick) at École Mathieu-Martin, Sara returned to her home country to finish her high school studies. But before leaving the province, she knew she wanted to come back to Canada to pursue her university studies.





Sara Ramos (left) with her host family upon arrival in New Brunswick.

She was interested in Sociology.

“In Latin America, the subject is not as developed. I knew I had to go to Canada, Europe or the United States to study in this field.”

After building a strong bond with her host family in New Brunswick, Université de Moncton became the obvious choice for her. She is still in contact with the family to this day.

“For my parents, it was a relief that I would be living in the same city as my host family. I returned to New Brunswick on December 29, 2016, and it was like never left.”

Sara Ramos will obtain her bachelor’s degree in December 2020. She will have a double major in Sociology and Political Science, and she plans on staying in Canada to pursue her master’s degree.

“I want to become a permanent resident after my studies and eventually become a Canadian citizen. I consider myself as much Canadian as Colombian. A lot of values resonate with me.”



Left picture: Sara Ramos is a member of the Université de Moncton soccer team.



Right picture: Sara from Colombia celebrates Acadian Day on August 15, 2017, with her host family.

Discover our schools!



School : Mathieu-Martin
Community/city : Dieppe
Students : 1178
Level : Grade 9 to 12
Founding Year : 1972

Description : École Mathieu-Martin is a community school located in the heart of Dieppe, a mainly French speaking urban community. As part of the Greater Moncton area (pop. 140 000 approx.) it shares a public transit system with the cities of Moncton and Riverview. Dieppe boasts a Centre for Arts and Culture, an outdoor ice rink, an aquatic centre, over 55 km of walking and cycling trails, and a farmer’s market. It is the largest school in the district and is named for Mathieu Martin, the person considered to be the first Acadian student.



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