NEW BRUNSWICK
French International Student Program

NewsLETTER

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COVID-19 update

- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health risks and restrictions associated with it, the decision was taken that the NBFISP would not welcome any students for 2020-2021 school year.
- All students that were registered for 2020-2021 school year had the option of differing their registration to the 2021-2022 school year, or to cancel their registration altogether without any additional costs.
- We are not accepting any new applications for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- 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?

Juan Pablo Arellano Baeza (third from the left) with his host family at the airport upon his arrival

Learning French in New Brunswick : It runs in the Arellano Baeza family

Three members of the same family participated in the International Student Program over the years.

Daniela Arellano Baeza (who was in grade 11 at Louis-J.-Robichaud high school) and her brother Juan Pablo Arellano Baeza (who was in grade 9 at Clément-Cormier high school) both arrived in New Brunswick for the 2012-2013 school year.

Two years later, their youngest brother, Jeronimo Arellano Baeza, also joined the Program to learn French and attend Mont-Carmel elementary school (grade 8).

The three siblings from Mexico grew up traveling a lot and their family has lived in many parts of the world. Their travels eventually brought them to Canada.

After her year in New Brunswick, Daniela obtained her high school diploma in Bangkok, Thailand. The following year, the family moved to South Africa.

Jeronimo adds that this way of life, traveling a lot, has its benefits. "It's great to have the chance to learn a lot about different cultures and countries."

According to Juan Pablo, this lifestyle is, in a way, addictive.

“Now I’m thinking about where I’m going to live next, about the countries I want to go to. But, it’s always hard saying goodbye to our friends and not seeing our childhood friends. We are saved by social media.”

They all live in Montréal at the moment. Daniela and Juan Pablo have finished their postsecondary studies at McGill University and Jeronimo is now attending Concordia University, pursuing economic, political and environmental studies.

Years after their participation in the International Student Program, they all returned to visit their host families and friends. Jeronimo says he spent last Christmas in New Brunswick with his host family. “After 5 years, it’s like I never left. It’s fun to be able to see them again. I missed them a lot.”

What’s next for this traveling family? Juan Pablo says he plans on staying in Montréal for a few years and pursue his master’s degree. “My dream job would be to work with rural communities in underdeveloped countries to help them improve their quality of life and at the same time to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

As for Daniela, she is in the process of becoming a Canadian permanent resident. She is working as an economic development consultant and hopes to work in international commerce in the future.

(Left picture) Jeronimo, in the center, with his host family in December 2019. His host parents, Lucie Levesque and Francis Larrivée, have welcomed a few international students over the years, including Juan Pablo and Jeronimo.

(Right picture) Daniela with her host parents, Sylvie and Michel Boudreau, and their daughter, Karine.

Discover our schools!

School : Clément-Cormier
Community/city : Bouctouche
Students : 455
Level : Grade 9 to 12
Founding Year : 1970
Description : Clément-Cormier was the first high school to be recognized as an entrepreneurial community school by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It is located in Bouctouche, a dynamic municipality of 2,500 people on the Acadian coastline of the Northumberland Strait, about 30 minutes away from Moncton. The J.K. Irving Multicultural Centre is host to many sporting events, conferences and performances, and the nearby Dune de Bouctouche, offers an interpretive centre, walking trails and a boardwalk, where nature lovers can admire and learn how to protect this 12 km long sand dune and it’s sensitive ecosystem.

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