



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?



Santiago Fernandez celebrating his 15th birthday in New Brunswick with his host family and his father (center of the photo).

Interview with one of the first students to participate in the International Student Program

Santiago Fernandez was one of the first students to participate in the Program in 2010-2011. From Mexico, he was only 14 years old when he arrived in New Brunswick to learn French. He was welcomed by his host parents, Lucie Levesque and Francis Larrivé. Santiago attended the 8th grade at Blanche-Bourgeois school in Cocagne, in southeastern New Brunswick.

While Santiago first wanted to study Shakespeare's language, his parents convinced him to learn another language, French. Today he is happy to have made that choice because he finds it very useful to be able to communicate in a third language.

"I am currently studying online in a university in France. This helps me with my career, as I am now a doctor. I graduated 6 months ago and I work at a hospital in Mexico City. I want to specialize in trauma and orthopedics", he explains.

At 15 years old, Santiago already knew he wanted to be a doctor. He says that his experience in New Brunswick helped him a lot, especially to overcome his shyness. "I was a shy person before coming to Canada. I overcame that and I developed as a person. It's important not to be shy with my patients to instill confidence", he adds.



Santiago developed a strong bond with his host family, who he reunited with in 2018.

“Two years ago, I spent the Holidays with Lucie and Francis. There is a strong connection between us and I consider them as my second family. We talk often. I had lost contact with them for a while during my medical studies, but when I saw them again, it was like seeing my parents.”

According to Santiago, everyone should have such an international experience once in their life.

“It’s great to go to another country and to meet new people. It helps you open your mind. It’s a wonderful experience to get to know another country. People are very nice in New Brunswick. The Program was incredible, and so was my host family and my community (Cocagne and Sainte-Marie-de-Kent).”



Left picture: Santiago Fernandez, center, at his high school graduation in Mexico, accompanied by his host brother (left) and host father (right).



Right picture: Santiago (left) when he visited his host family in 2018 during the holiday season.

Discover our schools!



School : École Louis-J.-Robichaud

Community/city : Shediac

Students : 556

Level : Grade 9 to 12

Founding Year : 1969

Description : Louis-J.-Robichaud is an entrepreneurial community school located in the town of Shediac, a bilingual seaside community of 6 053 people, located fifteen minutes from the city of Moncton. Famous for its hospitality and known as the “Lobster Capital of the World”, every year thousands of visitors flock to its sandy beaches and the warmest water in the Atlantic Ocean, north of the Carolinas. There are walking and cycling trails, an arena, soccer and baseball fields, a golf course, bowling centre, tennis courts and a multifunctional centre.



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