

## Juntos Newsletter – September 2016

Changing lives and making a difference!!!

This newsletter is based entirely on Lilia Estrada's reports including her pictures of various people who have been with the Juntos programme for years and who have reaped its benefits.

Mauricio Cadenas Matias comes from a poor family, his father is a gardener and his mother, a cleaning lady. He first came to Juntos when he was still in grade school and he is now a young adult. He is the oldest of five children and has always worked very hard, first at school and then professionally, striving to get ahead. And he has succeeded!

Mauricio has completed his university studies and has found a job at one of the local universities, the Universidad Tecnológica Emiliano Zapata. His title is Advanced Web Technician! Here is a wonderful young man that always wanted to excel and who has achieved his goals.

In the picture below, Mauricio is standing, third from the right.



- One of great achievements of Juntos is that girls and boys, women and men are treated equally, that all the students learn according to their own time frame and interests.
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- Below are the stories of four young women who have come through the programme and have done very well.
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- 1. Nohemí Salgado Paredes from the April 10 site, recently completed Engineering studies with a major in Textile and Fashion. When the Juntos teachers first met her, she was in high school and they have witnessed her intellectual growth first at the high school level, then the development of specific interests, and finally as a university student. She is the eldest of three and has filled her family with pride and has become a great example to her younger siblings. She sometimes drops by to tell the Juntos teachers how much the computer knowledge she gained has helped her in her studies and professional life.





2. Diana Mariana Ocampo is a brilliant student from the Colonia Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez project. Diana is a young woman with a lot of energy and commitment who is studying pharmacy at the university. She has excelled, winning prizes and is doing very well in a very difficult career path.



She is in the center of the picture below, wearing glasses.



In the next picture she has just won a prize in an anatomy contest.



3. Jasmín Anavia Cisneros is another university graduate that has come up through the ranks having started at the Cerro de la Corona project when she was in secondary two (eighth grade). At that time she told the Juntos teachers that she was learning a lot of computer theory at school but wanted more practical knowledge. The Juntos teachers are delighted to report that Jasmín used her computer skills to do homework and obviously to get good marks. When she was finishing her secondary studies, the Juntos teachers talked to her about continuing her studies and how her future would be changed with more education. Jasmín is now an administrator in the public service of the State of Morelos.

She is seated second from the left, wearing an orange blouse and a blue sweater.



4. This is the story of a Marleny, a very introverted girl who had not completed primary education when she first came to us. She blossomed. She has been a star student at Juntos and has not only gone back to school but has been able to make extra money using the knowledge she has acquired. She helps students with their assignments using Word and Power Point. She has improved steadily and her perseverance has paid off!

Since so many of the Juntos Newsletter readers also have some knowledge of Spanish, here is a short biography that Marleny has

written. She has done the layout and inserted the pictures. No translation is given!!

## **Biografía**

*Marleny Guadalupe Santes Mendoza.*

**EDAD 22 AÑOS.**

**PROYECTO 1 DE MAYO.**

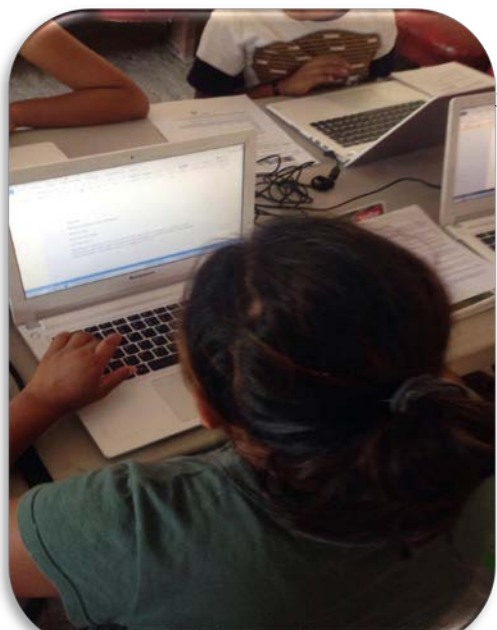
*Col. 1 de mayo.*



Mi nombre es Marleny tengo 22 años, Nací el 12 de abril de 1994 en Cuernavaca, y vivo en la colonia 1 de mayo, vivo con mi papá y su esposa. Mi papá se llama Antonio Santes Ventura y su esposa se llama Rutila Bernal Hernández. Tengo 3 hermanas y un hermano, ellos viven en el Estado de México, actualmente tengo 3 años viviendo aquí en Morelos, ya tengo 1 y medio viniendo a computación, cuando llegue a este proyecto, yo no sabía trabajar en Word, y estando aquí he aprendido muchas cosas, que los maestros me enseñan, yo vine a este proyecto porque quería aprender, y porque me gusta, ahora ya puedo hacer trabajos en Word, Power Point, Excel. Y ahora estoy aprendiendo Photoshop, me gusta venir, porque los Maestros me enseñan muy bien y nos tienen paciencia, me siento feliz de a ver aprendido mucho, a veces hago trabajos de Word o Power Point para otras personas que no pueden, llevo un año aquí en computación, aunque me retrase un poco porque me operaron de la vista, y tenía que estar en reposo un mes, y ahora ya puedo seguir viniendo, me gusta aprender muchas cosas y quiero estudiar secretariado, venir a computación me ha ayudado mucho haciendo trabajos de Word como trípticos, insertar tablas, También he utilizado Power Point y he hecho presentaciones, Me gustó mucho Excel y lo termine rápido ahí aprendí a sacar promedio y hacer sumas y restas, en Publisher hice pancartas y posters, aprendí a hacer videos Movie Maker, hice una práctica de internet donde vi cuales son las redes sociales y para que nos sirven y que es el spyware y malware etc. Ahora estoy en Photoshop y estoy aprendiendo a editar fotos, cada vez que termino un tema me siento feliz y me emociono porque cada vez que



empiezo un trabajo aprendo nuevas cosas. Y le doy Gracias a los maestros por su paciencia y por su ayuda.



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Lilia Estrada, lead teacher, ends with the following saying in Spanish: "No consideres al estudio como una obligación sino como una oportunidad para penetrar en el mundo del saber."

"Do not consider the study as an obligation but as an opportunity to penetrate the world of knowledge."