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## INTERACT

By Valentina Rubio Herrera (Edited by Gabriela Sofia Makarian Ghawali)

The Interact chapter at Colegio Interamericano stays active in the community, always looking for ways to help different organizations in Guatemala. This past month, they launched "Kit for a Teen," an initiative focused on helping teens going through migration. The project brings the school together by asking students to donate essentials like deodorant, toothpaste, and other hygiene products these teens might need.

📷 By Inter's Interact Team



# STUDENT CLUBS

📷 By Inter's NHS Team & Sofía Chajón

## NHS

By Valentina Rubio Herrera (Edited by Gabriela Sofia Makarian Ghawali)

The NHS chapter at Colegio Interamericano has been working on a variety of projects and activities. One of the biggest ones is the Service Fair, an annual event where different community service organizations from Guatemala come to the school to introduce themselves to students. This gives Interamericano students plenty of opportunities to get involved in service projects.

### Organizations that participated:

- Operación Sonrisa
- Fundación Hunger Relief
- Puente
- Service Central
- Niños de Guatemala
- Pionero Philantropy
- Margarita Tejada
- Hermano Pedro
- Hogar Fátima
- CADENA
- Ramiro Castillo
- ProCiegos y Sordos
- Comunidad Juvenil
- Helps International
- Cruz Roja
- Fundabiem
- FUNDAL
- Fundación BI
- Centro Moore



Moreover, that's not all NHS has been up to. They were also busy planning for the Dunk Tank, a fun tradition during Sports Day where students got to dunk their teachers. It's always a big hit and helps bring the Inter community even closer together. It was also such a fun activity to bring families together and have some smiley faces.





By Katherine Ramirez

# AASCA Robotics: Everything you need to know!

By Valentina Rubio Herrera (Edited by Gabriela Sofia Makarian Ghawali)

Colegio Interamericano's AASCA Robotics team achieved a remarkable second-place victory at the recent tournament, where schools from across the region gathered to tackle complex challenges. This annual competition, now in its second year, tests both innovation and problem-solving skills, and Inter has been a strong contender since its inception.

The tournament features two distinct challenges: a robot performance round and an underwater investigation. The Inter team's robot was tasked with completing a series of intricate tasks, including retrieving "shrimp" for "whales," manipulating various objects, and navigating a challenging course. Crucially, the robot had to operate autonomously, with limited pit stops that allowed for strategic adjustments. Aaron Rodríguez, Gabriel Rivera, and André Morales demonstrated exceptional

coding expertise, programming the robot to execute these tasks. Meanwhile, Joseh López, Alejandro Quiñonez, and Alejandro Fion focused on the robot's construction, ensuring its durability and functionality. Their combined efforts resulted in impressive scores of 205 and 215 points, propelling Inter into the finals as one of the top four teams in the robot performance category.

In the underwater investigation, the high school varsity team designed and built a remotely operated submarine, showcasing their engineering prowess. Both the robot and submarine teams competed fiercely in the finals.

Ultimately, the Inter Robotics team secured a well-deserved second-place overall, demonstrating their talent and dedication. We are incredibly proud of the Inter Robotics Team's outstanding achievement!





By Katherine Ramirez

# An Unforgettable Experience in Costa Rica: AASCA Soccer 2025

By Anika Joan Legrand González (Edited by Elena Ponce Alvarado)

February 5th to February 9th was an important weekend for many of our student athletes. This event was AASCA Soccer 2025. The Lincoln School of Costa Rica hosted this year's Soccer AASCA tournament. One that was filled with a mix of emotions: for our returning players, new players and especially for our seniors, as they played their final AASCA soccer games.

This year's competition brought together teams from several schools, including Escuela Americana El Salvador, Escuela Internacional Sampedrana, Country Day School, Lincoln School, Colegio Americano Guatemala, American School of Tegucigalpa, and Village School among other teams.





To get all the teams warmed up, the event kicked off with an icebreaker, where all schools had the chance to meet and interact. Lincoln School welcomed everyone with fun games in mixed groups, including basketball, ping pong, and more. The opening ceremony was an unforgettable experience, featuring music, balloons, and an incredible atmosphere that had everyone dancing and hyped up for the tournament.



Once the tournament began, each team played two games per day. The boys' team started against Lincoln School in an intense match, with a packed crowd cheering from the stands. Later, the girls took the field, and the boys enthusiastically narrated their game, showing their full support. The girls delivered an outstanding performance, winning key matches that allowed them to place higher than the previous year. Their most intense game was against Village School, which ended in a suspenseful penalty shootout. With determination and teamwork, the girls won 4-1.

In the final rankings, the girls secured 6th place, while the boys finished in 7th, with a strong 3-0 victory in their last match. The closing ceremony was spectacular, celebrating each team's achievements with awards for MVPs, All-Stars, and Sportsmanship.

## Awards:

For the boys' team:

- MVP: Esteban Ordoñez
- All-Stars: Juan Miguel Ruiz and Gianluca Novielli
- Sportsmanship Award: Patrick Wahl

For the girls' team:

- MVP: Alejandra Usech
- All-Stars: Mariajose Zamora and Maddison Schwartz
- Sportsmanship Award: Anika Legrand





📸 By Inter Connected Team

## AASCA Volleyball 2025: Home of the Grizzlies

By Gabriela Sofia Makarian Ghawali (Edited by Elena Ponce Alvarado)

This year, the Grizzlies had the privilege of hosting the AASCA Volleyball tournament in our new court. We welcomed seven visiting schools: Lincoln School and Country Day School from Costa Rica; Escuela Internacional Sampedrana and Escuela Americana of Tegucigalpa from Honduras; Escuela Americana of El Salvador; and our local rivals, American School of Guatemala and Village School. We are proud of all the participants,

especially our Grizzly athletes. The girls' team achieved a commendable fourth place, and the boys' team placed fifth.

The AASCA Volleyball 2025 podium results were as follows: Lincoln School took first place, American School of Tegucigalpa secured second, and Escuela Internacional Sampedrana earned third, for both the girls' and boys' divisions. We congratulate these teams on their success.

Several of our students received individual awards for their outstanding performances and sportsmanship: Yen Shan Chen and Harry Oh Lee were named Most Valuable Players (MVP); Daniela Ibarguen, Mía Hop, Jiwoon Woo, and Juan Miguel Meneses received All-Star Awards; and Sofia Herrera and Tulio Motta were recognized with



Sportsmanship Awards. We also acknowledge Kamilah Ruiz, who sustained a serious injury during the tournament and underwent surgery. The Inter community wishes her a speedy and full recovery.

Finally, we extend our gratitude to the Interconnected and STUCO teams for their invaluable assistance in organizing the icebreaker, supporting the games, and providing hospitality to our international guests.

The Inter community is immensely proud of all our athletes and honored to have them represent our school. We recognize the dedication, effort, and sacrifice they invested in this tournament and are grateful for their place in our family. We wish all participating seniors the best in their future endeavors. ALL IN ALL INTER!!



📸 By Inter Connecte's Team



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# Sofia Urízar '25 Sweeps AASCA Middle-Distance Events, Earns MVP Title

Senior Sofia Urízar Morales has once again demonstrated exceptional athletic prowess, making our school community proud. At the recent AASCA track & field competition, Urízar swept the individual middle-distance events: the 800 meters, 1500 meters, 3000 meters, and 3km cross country, achieving first place in all four. Additionally, she participated in two relays, the 4x400 meters and 4x1000 cross-country, where she and her team secured second place in both. Notably, Sofia broke her own record in the 3000-meter race, among other personal achievements, and was awarded the Team MVP title in the U20 female category.

Sofia's running career began in 2019. Over the years, she explored various sports before discovering her passion for track & field. She attended her first AASCA in seventh grade and has since participated in three additional AASCA competitions.

Reflecting on the experience, Sofia shared, "They have all been super special experiences because each competition brings its own challenges that help me grow as an athlete. Outside of the competitions, I also get the super special opportunity of connecting with people from different grades at Inter and from different schools, meeting new people and making new friends."



By Federación Nacional de Guatemala

When asked for advice for aspiring runners or students interested in joining the track team, Sofia offered, "One of the tips that helps me get started is to be consistent and disciplined because it is a sport that requires time and patience but leads to beautiful memories and experiences. So have fun and enjoy the process." She reminds us that being an athlete requires not only talent but also passion, commitment, consistency, and good sportsmanship—qualities that Sofia Urizar embodies.



# ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL: The Talent at Inter!

The Arts and Music Festival took place during the final weeks of March, showcasing student work from art, choir, and band classes. Art pieces were displayed in the cafeteria, while the band and choir performed in The Hub. Students from various schools like Colegio Alemán, Colegio Montessori and Colegio Evelyn Rogers joined to share their pieces.

The Inter choir performed songs including "Guantanamera" (José Martí / Arr. Electo Silva), "América" (Nino Bravo), and concluded with "Rie y Lloro" (Celia Cruz), a school-wide sing-along. The band students played a variety of songs, with crowd favorites such as "Si Antes Te Hubiera Conocido" by Karol G and "Sueño" by Fonseca.

These events not only connect the Inter community but also provide students with an opportunity to display their talents and experience performances from other students and schools.



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