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ON THE HAPPIEST  
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efforts of our people with the vision of achieving progressive development and continue to grow continuously to exploit the potential of natural beauty and especially the island of Roatan to achieve the investment that the community needs and create an excellent business climate. We have versions in English and Spanish, our publication is monthly, follow us on our social networks.



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# EDITORIAL

## Long live the students!

This celebration is marked on the Honduran calendar, after a decree of the Government Agreements of May 28, 1922 and June 11 was chosen for the date of birth of José Trinidad Reyes.

June is a month dedicated to the promising young people who yearn to achieve success and become good men and women. This edition we want to dedicate it to all the children, adolescents and young people of Roatan who aspire to be successful professionals. Recently we read on social networks that a young islander has just obtained her doctorate. On June 11, the Student's Day celebration is held in Honduras. This celebration is marked in the Honduran calendar, after a decree of the Governmental Agreements of May 28, 1922 and June 11 was chosen because of the date of birth of José Trinidad Reyes. Que Vivan los estudiantes (Long live the students) is a popular song that describes the student period. It is that all professionals live that wonderful stage and training process. This motivation should not remain only in high school, the new generation of young people should aspire to pursue university studies. Bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Because only education changes our lives. Currently in the municipi-

pality of Roatan a project "Educa Roatan" is being carried out. That in the long term will generate many changes in the lives of the

new generation of the islanders. We close our editorial saying: Long live the students and may the torch of knowledge not be extinguished.



Students from the José Santos Guardiola Institute in Coxen Hole.




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# Davy Bodden: a man with a great track record due to his political fervor

Councilman Brice receives recognition for his political trajectory.

## DEDICATION

He dedicates this award to the memory of his friend Analee James and the many leaders who shaped his leadership.

**D**avy Alexander Bodden Brice is a 39-year-old man, councilman of Roatan for the National Party of Honduras; father, husband, and friend.

His studies include two degrees; one in Sciences and Letters and another in Computer Technician, he is also currently a law student.

Brice, has a long and complete political career, since his beginnings in the field date back to the times of former President Rafael Leonardo Callejas, under the leadership of Pastor Esau Brooks. At that time, Bodden was just a child, but his leaders injected him with the political fervor that has taken him to where he is today. Recently, Brice was awarded the African Heritage Award 2023, in which he said, "I receive it on behalf of all my fellow fighters who accompanied me during these 25 years of organized struggle, especially my friend and family Annelle James in honor of her memorial".

It is worth mentioning that this is the second novel recognition at the national level that Bodden receives for his performance in politics.

On the other hand, Brice can't talk about his accomplishments without recalling his roots, especially his childhood, a time he describes as wonderful. Being part of a large family, in which he was brother number six of eight, things were not so easy, but having his mother by his side, who instilled in his Christian values and principles and who also taught him to be an entrepreneur, as she made coconut bread and he went out to sell; is something that for me is priceless.

His childhood in Roatan specifically he remembers it fondly, as it gives him a feeling that no other place gives him. "I remember it walking the dirt streets, barefoot, but with the feeling that everything was fine and safe. I remember when we played healthy games with the children in my neighborhood, dancing tops and playing mables... something that is no longer seen," he said.



Davy Alexander Bodden Brice, councilman of Roatan.



Regidor Brice recibe reconocimiento por trayectoria política.

*I receive it on behalf of all my fellow fighters who accompanied me during these 25 years of organized struggle, especially my friend and family Annelle James in honor of her memorial*

Davy Bodden



Carbajal dreams of empowering Honduran women.

Paola Carbajal

# She was one of the candidates in the contest Mrs. Honduras

Marketing graduate and sports trainer who dreams of empowering women

**P**aola Carbajal is a 41-year-old woman with a degree in marketing and communication, personal trainer, and sports nutritionist; the latter is a passion she has always had, but it was only eight years ago that she decided to dedicate herself professionally to this field.

“Fitness has become more than a passion for me. It is a lifestyle that I live and share with enthusiasm. I am committed to continuing learning and updating myself constantly to stay abreast of the latest trends and knowledge in the field of fitness and sports nutrition,” said Carbajal.

In that sense, her day begins at 4:15 a.m. She then trains her first group of Team Happy Fitness Life at 5:00 a.m. and continues until 12:00 p.m.

He then heads home for lunch and rests to continue his next workout from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. On weekends he focuses on sports nutrition plans, so his diet is based on macronutrients.

It is worth mentioning that Carbajal is a participant in the beautiful Mrs. Honduras, an opportunity that she assures will allow her to demonstrate that beauty goes beyond the physical and that Honduran women are strong, talented, and fighters.

“If I were crowned Mrs. Honduras in 2023, I would have the perfect platform to promote my personal cause. Through my work as a personal trainer, I seek to inspire women to achieve their health and wellness goals and to feel more confident and self-assured.”

As a professional trainer, Carbajal has been able to acquire

the female empowerment necessary to be able to share her experience and knowledge with other women and motivate them to take care of themselves and prioritize themselves. Seeing her students achieve their goals, and improve their physical and mental health, gives her a sense of satisfaction and pride, which undoubtedly gives her a sense of purpose in her life.

Her goals are constantly evolving; however, in the fitness field she has clear objectives; among them, to continue growing as a trainer, expanding her knowledge and skills in order to provide a better service and experience to her clients. In addition, to continue to be an example of motivation for women.

**Finally, Carbajal advises all Roatán Today readers the following:**

- 1. Prioritize your wellness:** Dedicate time and effort to taking care of yourself, both physically and mentally.
- 2. Follow your dreams:** Don't be afraid to pursue your goals and dreams. Listen to your heart and trust your intuition. The universe is on your side and will provide you with the opportunities you need to achieve your goals.
- 3. Maintain a positive mindset:** Learn to see difficulties as opportunities for growth and improvement. Positive thinking can make all the difference in your path to success.
- 4. Strike a balance:** Find a balance between work, family, personal time, and activities you are passionate about. Don't neglect any important area of your life and learn to set healthy boundaries.
- 5. Surround yourself with positive people:** Seek the support of people who inspire, motivate and support you on your journey. Surround yourself with a community of empowered women and share experiences and knowledge to grow together.
- 6. Never stop learning: Be open to learning and growing in all areas of your life.**

Keep up to date with the latest trends and knowledge on topics that interest you.

**7. Trust yourself:** Recognize your own value and be confident in your abilities. Don't compare yourself to others and don't let fear or insecurity stop you from pursuing your dreams. You are capable of achieving great things.

Remember that each of you has the power to create the life you desire. Don't settle for less than you deserve and move forward with confidence and determination.



## Character

# Ariela Cáceres is a role model for the new generation of journalists

Ariela Cáceres, is one of the most outstanding journalists in Honduras

**A**riela Judith Cáceres Oseguera is a 38-year-old journalist, wife, and mother of Matteo and Santiago Andino.

Her favorite books are by Pablo Neruda and she enjoys spending time with her family, including her dogs. She also loves the beach and the mountains.

Her studies include a degree in media and communications, and she is currently pursuing a law degree at the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH).

Cáceres currently serves as deputy press coordinator of HCH, the media outlet with the largest audience in the country. Her story at the channel began after its owner, Eduardo Maldonado, put out a public call for anyone who wanted to cover journalist Katy Serrano's maternity period. "We were watching the program with my daddy and he told me Mommy, speak so you can try, I called, and thank God, after 19 years here I continue," she expressed.

The love of her life also met him at HCH, while they were both reporters, she confesses that she always liked him.

Despite this, the path has not been easy, because during her early days, she had to walk from Dinant to Radio Globo and vice versa, to take the bus that would take her to the UNAH, then she would leave classes and walk home to her house in Hato de en Medio. "Since I was an intern I

didn't have a salary, but I was focused and grateful for the opportunity that Eduardo Maldonado gave me," said Cáceres.

Having experienced journalists at her side allowed Cáceres to acquire extensive knowledge that has served her well as deputy press officer, anchorwoman, and television host.

The legacy that Cáceres would like to leave to the new generation of young journalists is the example that dreams do come true with dedication and commitment.

#### In a single word

1. God/center
3. Family / my life
2. HCH / my home
4. Honduras/ hope



Ariela Cáceres, HCH sub coordinator.





In the month of May, the Isidra fair was held, ending with the successful Carnival of Friendship.

# The best of carnival from La Ceiba



**FACT**  
Many tourists traveled from different nations of the world to enjoy the carnival of friendship.

# San Pedro Sula celebrates its 487th anniversary with an extensive program of activities

The inauguration took place in the Consistorial Hall and the Atrium of the Municipality, where activities were carried out with the outstanding presentation of the singer Silvia Rodriguez, Frank Show, Marimba Municipal Usula, Usula Folkloric Dance, Garifuna Dance, equestrian presentation and fireworks.

"We inaugurate the Juniana Fair, which brings an economic benefit of about 700 million lempiras to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), we reactivate the economy of bars, restaurants, the night economy, and transportation," said Contreras.

On June 1st, the traditional Feria Juniana was inaugurated, an event whose purpose is to celebrate the founding of the City of the Zorzales, which is accompanied by many activities and fun.



## THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE:

### Thursday 22

10:00 A.M. Trade Show - Convention Center.  
10:00 A.M XXXVIII Central American Peruvian Paso Horse Show - Judging ring.  
7:00 P.M Inauguration Ceremony AGAS  
8:30 P.M Los Halcones in concert - Villa Colonial Coors stage.  
8:30 P.M Band Z

### Friday 23rd

9:00 A.M Children's Granjita  
10:00 A.M XXXVIII Concurso Centroamericano del Caballo Peruano de Paso- judging arena.  
10:00 A.M. Commercial Exhibition- Convention Center.  
4:00 P.M. Folkloric Dance Contest - Coors Stage.  
8:00 P.M. Great ranch night - AGAS Round Table.

8:30 P.M Light Show  
8:30 P.M Sonora Dinamita- Coors Stage  
8:30 P.M Generación Norteña - Tarima Villa Colonial

### Saturday 24th

9:00 A.M Children's Granjita  
9:00 A.M Contest of War Bands - AGAS Roundel.  
10:00 A.M XXXVIII Central American Peruvian Paso Horse Contest - Judging ring.  
10:00 A.M Commercial Exposition - Convention Center.  
10:00 A.M Great Equestrian Parade AGAS 2023 - SPS City Center.  
5:00 P.M Great Circus America- Walking with Dinosaurs and Transformers- AGAS Roundabout  
8:30 P.M Generación Norteña- Coors Stage  
8:30 P.M Banda Z- Tarima Villa Colonial

### Sunday 25

9:00 A.M Children's Granjita  
9:00 A.M Dog show and competition- judging arena  
10:00 A.M Commercial Exposition- Convention Center  
2:00 P.M Show jumping horse show- judging arena  
3:00 P.M Great American Circus- Walking with Dinosaurs and Transformers- AGAS traffic circle  
6:30 P.M ABM Band- Coors Stage  
6:30 P.M Sonora Dinamita-Tarima Villa Colonial

### Monday 26th

9:00 A.M Children's Granjita  
9:00 A.M AGAS Soccer Tournament- Judging arena  
10:00 A.M Trade Show-Convention Center  
7:00 P.M DJ Mike/DJ Dennis- Coors

### Stage

7:00 P.M DJ Mr. B/ DJ Adrian Flores-Tarima Villa Colonial  
7:00 P.M Great Friesian Horse Show-Redondel AGAS

### TUESDAY 27TH

9:00 A.M Children's farm  
10:00 A.M Commercial Exposition - Convention Center  
2:00 P.M Great Hair Sheep Judging / Great American Circus: Walking with Dinosaurs and Transformers - AGAS Round Table  
5:00 P.M DJ Dennis- Coors Stage  
5:00 P.M Duo Show- Villa Colonial Stage  
7:00 P.M AGAS Children's Rodeo- AGAS Roundtable

9:00 P.M Derlin T- Coors Stage  
9:00 P.M DJ Mike- Tarima Villa Colonial

### Wednesday 28th

9:00 A.M Children's Farm

This year, the city is commemorating its 487th anniversary in a special way, as 90% of the funds raised during the festivities will be donated to the Fundación Refugio, Amor y Abrigo, an organization dedicated to caring for and protecting homeless animals. The remaining 10% will be donated to the "School Supplies" program, which is promoted by the Mayor's wife, Zoila de Contreras, ad honorem Director of EcoSocial, whose purpose is to help children in public schools.

In this sense, other activities related to the festivity will be carried out, among them in Expocentro and the AGAS where entrepreneurs will market their products of all kinds, handicrafts, electronics, and livestock. For its part, the AGAS has a varied program of activities, in its 55th livestock, agricultural, commercial, and industrial exhibition AGAS 2023. In honor of Juana Pellman de Canahuati, there will be a livestock exhibition, mechanical games, and a world of inflatables every day.



9:00 A.M Great AGAS Tape Race- East Street AGAS Field  
 9:30 A.M Dairy Gyr Cattle Judging - Judging Track  
 10:00 A.M Trade Show-Convention Center  
 5:30 P.M Duo Show - Coors Stage  
 6:00 P.M Loop, Tipping and Handling Competition-Redondel AGAS  
 6:30 P.M Cesar Lorbin y su Mariachi-Tarima Villa Colonial  
 8:30 P.M DJ Mike/DJ Dennis- Tarima Coors

**Thursday 29th**  
 9:00 A.M Granjita infantil  
 9:30 A.M Holstein Cattle and Swiss Match Judging- Judging arena  
 10:00 A.M Trade Show-Convention Center  
 3:00 P.M Fuerza Pitbull Show  
 5:30 P.M Duo Show

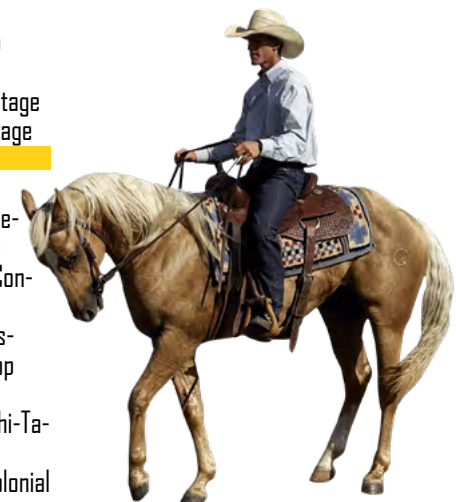
7:00 P.M Quarter Horse Show- AGAS Round-U.S.A.S. Roundup  
 8:30 P.M Cesar Lorbin and his Mariachi-Tarima Coors  
 8:30 P.M Generación Norteña-Tarima Villa Colonial

**Friday 30th**  
 9:00 A.M Children's Granjita  
 9:30 A.M Judging of Grey and Red Brahman Cattle - Judging Track  
 10:00 A.M Commercial Exposition - Convention Center  
 7:00 P.M Dancing Horse Competition-Judging Track  
 8:00 P.M Light Show  
 8:00 P.M International Throne of Mexico Concert- AGAS Roundtable  
 8:30 P.M Z-Tarima Coors Band  
 8:30 P.M Band ABM-Tarima Villa Colonial

**Saturday 01**  
 9:00 A.M Children's Granjita

9:30 A.M National Judging of the Iberoamerican Horse - Judging Track  
 10:00 A.M Commercial Exposition- Convention Center  
 AGAS Professional Grand Rodeo  
 3:00 P.M International Luxury Loop Show- AGAS Roundup  
 8:30 P.M Roble Copaneco- Coors Stage  
 8:30 P.M Banda Z - Villa Colonial Stage

**Sunday 02**  
 9:00 A.M Children's Granjita  
 9:30 A.M National Judging of the Iberoamerican Horse - Judging Stage  
 10:30 A.M Commercial Exposition-Convention Center  
 3:00 P.M AGAS International Professional Grand Rodeo and Luxury Loop Show-AGAS Round-Up  
 6:30 P.M Cesar Lorbin y su Mariachi-Tarima Coors  
 6:30 P.M ABM Band-Tarima Villa Colonial



## Wedding

## A unique love

## Edgar and Kenia got married

Recently they gave the YES I ACCEPT in the capital of the Republic of Honduras, the distinguished young Edgar and Kenia children of the honorable Rosa Miriam Velázquez Nolasco, Pablo Gilberto Ponce Ramos, Santos Fausta Grandez Oyuela, José David Estrada Martell (Q.E.P.D).



The bride and groom at the altar consecrate their marriage.



The newlyweds posing with their families.

The ecclesiastical ceremony took place in the facilities of the Basilica Church of Suyapa and the reception was held at the Vista Hermosa Event Center.

The event was attended by family and close friends of Kenya and Edgar who traveled from different parts of the country and the world.

They met in Tegucigalpa, in September 2019 for work issues, the following week they had their first date, and during that week we saw each other every day, we met in a cafe to talk after leaving our jobs.

Since they had an immediate connection and really liked being together they became sweethearts that same year.

In 2020, because of the pandemic and their schedules, it was more complicated for them to see each other of-

ten, however, from that first date until today, they have not stopped talking every day.

On September 20, 2022, he proposed to her, when they were about to celebrate 3 years of relationship. Kenya did not hesitate at any time my answer, he is the perfect man for her. They got married last May 20, 2023, they had that dream day, much better than they ever imagined and now they are happily starting their new life, falling more in love every day, and with their goals as a couple very clear. The bride and groom will enjoy their honeymoon on the beaches of Roatan, a destination that will add a very special memory to their wonderful love story.



The bride Kenya arrives at the altar with her mother.



The children were also part of the wedding.



With the Courtship and parents of the already Husbands.

During the wedding, there were special details.



# SANTOS GUARDIOLA:

## a historical treasure hidden in the Caribbean Sea

Located on the island, the municipality of José Santos Guardiola has a territorial extension of 64.6 km<sup>2</sup> and is bordered to the north, south and east by the Caribbean Sea and to the west by the municipality of Roatán.



**I**ts importance lies in its history, since it was created during the mandate of President Ramón Villeda Morales, under a presidential decree issued in 1960, named in honor of Brigadier General José Santos Guardiola Bustillo, constitutional president of Honduras from 1856 to 1862.

Its first mayor was Mr. Melvin McNab and currently governs Mr. Carson Dilberth.

Its capital is Oak Ridge, it has 9 villages and 66 hamlets, and its population is approximately 7,625 inhabitants.

It also has two bilingual schools: Jones Ville Adventist Bilingual School and Bilingual School EPB Escuela Privado Bautista, which operate from February to November.

The municipality of Santos Guardiola is not only rich in history, but also in flora and fauna, due to this, its natural diversity has jungles that cover all its territory, where a great diversity of animals, birds, reptiles, fish, plants, trees, etc. live, and what to say about its extratropical climate, which makes the place unique.

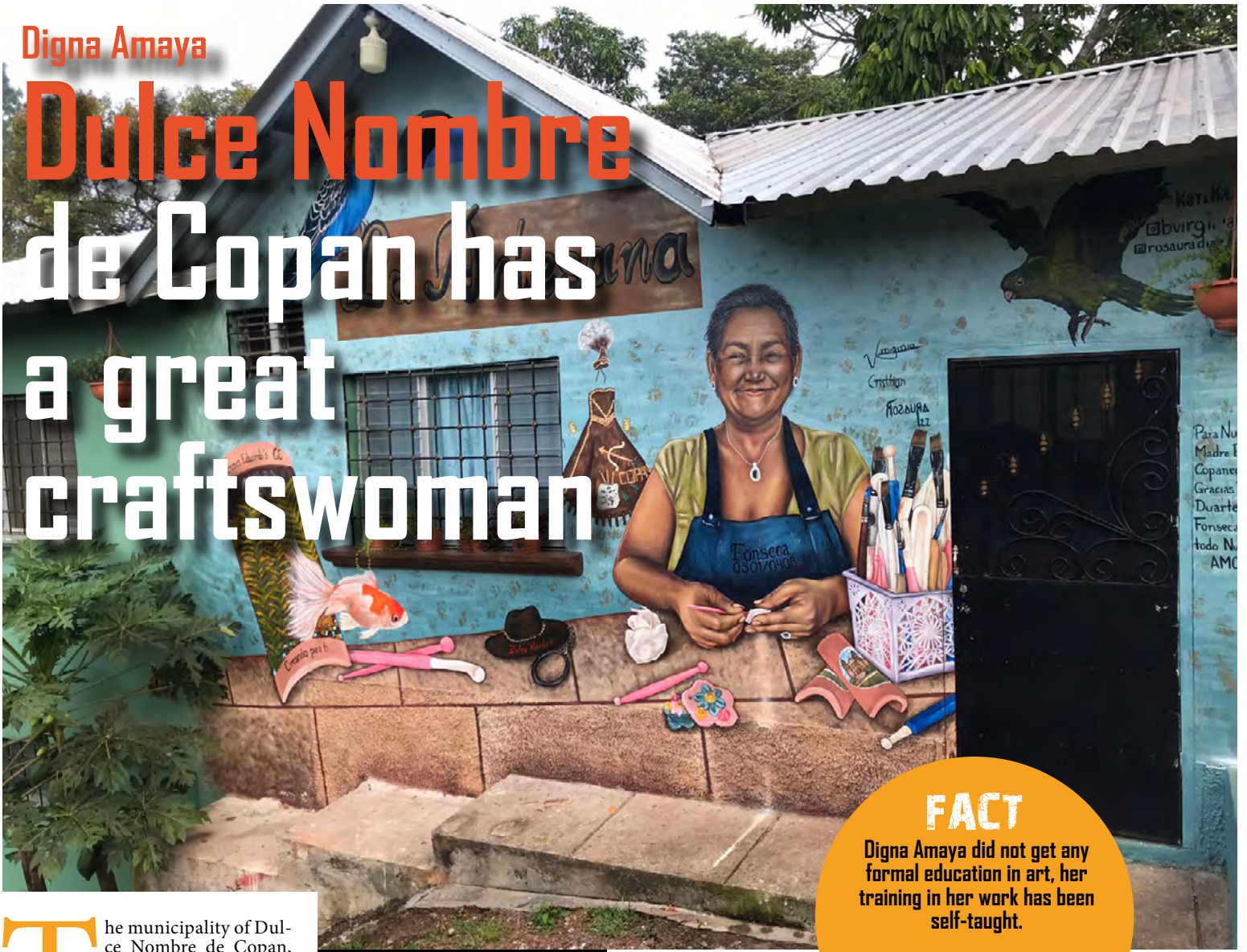
**That is why we present the tourist places you can visit in the area.**

- 1 The Mangrove Tour at Jones Ville Piont on the Creeke
- 2 Punta Gorda. On Sundays, food, fun and everything traditional of the Garifuna ethnic groups.
- 3 Camp Bay.
- 4 Las Sirenas restaurant in the community of Camp Bay.
- 5 Turquoise Bay Hotel.
- 6 Tours to Paloma Key.
- 7 Tours to Santa Elena.
- 8 Hotel Media Luna.
- 9 Reef House diving.
- 10 Camp Bay Lodge Hotel.
- 11 Diamond Hill Restaurant in the Diamond Rock community.
- 12 Parrot Tree.
- 13 Fruit Festival at Diamond Rock in August.
- 14 Roatan Day trip in First Bight.



Digna Amaya

# Dulce Nombre de Copan has a great craftswoman



**FACT**  
Digna Amaya did not get any formal education in art, her training in her work has been self-taught.

**T**he municipality of Dulce Nombre de Copan, located 2 and a half hours from the city of San Pedro Sula has a great craftswoman.

Mrs. Digna Amaya, the pride of the community, was born in Tegucigalpa in 1965, to a father from the capital and a mother from Dulce Nombre de Copan. She studied high school at the secretariat institute of Honduras. She returned to the municipality of Dulce Nombre de Copan in 1986. Thus began her work as a craftswoman elaborating decorated traditional dresses in 1989, dabbling in the development of piñatas, decorations, and party favors. Implementing already her own works maintaining the autochthonous, traditional, and Creole. She also works in resins, and key chains among others. She still resides in Dulce Nombre de Copan making her works the only artisan of the place, following her legacy and her daughters in this town of charm, awakening the respect for art through her works to the citizens of Dulce Nombre de Copán.

**Digna Amaya is the only person in Dulce Nombre de Copan who is dedicated to the realization of works based on clay, paintings**



**PROFILE**  
Facebook: Digna Amaya  
Name: Digna Nahemy Fonseca Amaya  
Marital Status: Single  
Children: Two daughters and a grandson.

# Did you know what artificial intelligence is?

**T**his is explained in the [deltaprotect.com](https://deltaprotect.com) blog. This technology has been under development for many decades, but it is only in recent years that implementations of it have become possible, all thanks to the advancement of computing and memory capacity, as artificial intelligence requires quite a lot of resources to be able to function properly.

Although recently the use of artificial intelligence has grown, it still has a long way to go. So far, implementations are mostly problem-specific, in the future it is hoped to achieve AI that can tackle and solve any problem, whatever the circumstance.

Applications of artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence is part of multiple technological areas and processes that have enabled digital transformation in unthinkable ways.

An example of these are everyday life applications, such as Alexa or Siri, which are able to analyze the human voice to give coherent answers and follow relatively complex commands, or suggestion algorithms in social networks such as Instagram, which seek to predict what will be the ideal content for a person.

## GPT Chat

One of the most important recent applications is ChatGPT, created by OpenAI. This is a chatbot, based on the GPT-3 and GPT-4 models, which is able to “understand” and process natural language, replicating human intelligence in a way.

The user can interact with this chat-

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a branch of computer science that seeks to design algorithms that try to think like a human being

bot and ask it for various tasks such as: writing a poem, writing an essay on a specific topic, answering general cultural questions, and writing code in specific programming languages, among other things.

From a business approach, artificial intelligence is a tool used for data analysis, automation of production processes, and personalization of the user experience.

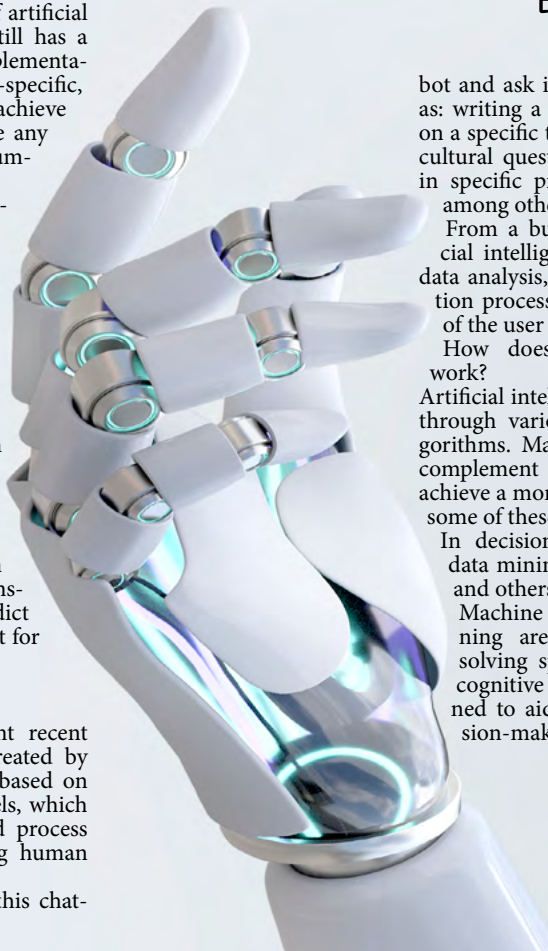
How does artificial intelligence work?

Artificial intelligence can be achieved through various techniques and algorithms. Many of these techniques complement each other in order to achieve a more powerful AI. Here are some of these techniques:

In decision-making. It uses ML, data mining, language processing, and others to achieve this.

Machine learning and deep learning are typically focused on solving specific problems, while cognitive computing is designed to aid and supplement decision-making.

ChatGPT 4 is one of the great innovations in artificial intelligence.





# Honduran Institute of Tourism signs with Climate Adaptation Project

The signing of the Letter of Understanding between the Honduran Institute of Tourism (IHT) and the Climate Adaptation Project of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) took place recently

The Minister of Tourism, Yadira Gomez, and the Deputy Director of Climate Adaptation, Isabel Perez, signed each of the pages of this Letter of Understanding, making this alliance a reality, and reaffirming the commitment they have to the social and economic development of Honduras. Also present were attorney Mario Nuila, Secretary General of Tourism; Victoria Napky, Presidential Advisor; Ana Garcia, IHT Tourism Facilitation and Infrastructure Manager; and Sofia Mendez, USAID representative. This project aims to contribute to the development of agrotourism, mainly related to coffee and cocoa; support the IHT in the development of the national sustainable tourism roundtable; contribute to the organization of the Forum on Sustainable Tourism and Climate Change. Sustainable Tourism and Climate Change Forum to be held in September; support the training and certification of tourist guides.



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Tourism Minister signing agreement.

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Isaac Calix, island communicator.

# Isaac Calix, a standout communicator islander passionate about service to the community

Isaac Gilberto Calix Hernández was born on August 2, 1978, in the city of La Ceiba

### FACT

Isaac Calix has done hard journalistic work in the insular department and with his journalistic work he has changed the lives of many people.



He attended primary school at the José Trinidad Reyes School and later at the local Manuel Bonilla Institute. With the passage of time, Calix became a journalist, thus achieving a wide experience and of course actions aimed at benefiting the population. In that sense, he recalled when in times of rain, a bridge in the triangle sector fell down and as a reporter, he took a picture of a mother carrying her child while she was on her way to school because the water was up to her waist. Calix decided to share the photo with the local authorities and the following

week there was a new bridge. Years later Isaac served as public relations officer for the municipality of Roatan, leaving a mark in his municipal position. Calix's work experience includes: Santos Guardiola Cooperative Credit Systems Manager. Head of Public Relations 2010 to 2014 Municipality of Roatan. Radio Caribe Radio Centro 1995-1997 Teleceiba 1997-2000 Telecaribe 2005 2010 Hoy Mismo 2010-2022 Tn5 2013- 2023 HRN 2020- 2023 to date



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The Tegucigalpa office is under the direction of Attorney Miguel Villela who is the Managing Partner and in charge of the Litigation Department he establishes the policy and defines the legal strategy to be applied to the specific case when a client comes to hire the services, cases that are currently developed at a national level, in the different Courts of the Republic of Honduras.

Attorney Yolanda Membreño is an expert in International Law, with a Master's Degree in International Law (Integration, Cooperation, and Peace) obtained at the University for

Peace in Costa Rica. She is a career diplomat with approximately 30 years of experience in the foreign service and domestic service as First Minister Counselor.

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# Henry Morgan makes a donation

Recently the Henry Morgan Hotel made a donation of air curtains for the labor and delivery room of the Roatan Hospital

**T**hese curtains will be of great support for women who are about to give birth to their babies.

Mr. Piero Dibatista expressed that as a hotel they are listening to the needs of the hospital and hopes that more companies will continue to join this noble cause of providing supplies for the hospital.

For their part, the authorities of the hospital of Roatan thanked the noble gesture of the Henry Morgan Hotel. Another of the activities carried out by the hotel was the donation of an air conditioner to the sixth-grade students of the Sandy Bay Model School.

## FACT

The Henry Morgan Hotel is one of the most socially responsible hoteliers on Roatan.



Henry Morgan staff making donations



Piero Dibatista and his team of collaborators.

# Mrs. Honduras Pageant is a transcendental event on Roatan Island

Amalia Ramirez of the organizing committee of Mrs. Honduras worked hard to make the event a great success

On June 10 on the island of Roatan was held the Miss Honduras beauty pageant where participants from different departments of the country, gathered and showed their best, to be crowned, but it was the department of Comayagua represented by Cintya Hernandez who took the crown. Paola Carbajal, representative of Roatán was one of the favorites, finishing as first runner-up next to Hernández and achieving the title of first princess in the contest. Mrs. Honduras 2023 took place at the Henry Morgan Hotel where fashion designers, national artists, and the general public attended the event.

The event began with several catwalks of national designers and then the presentation of all the participants.

During the contest, the contestants made the various catwalks in casual, typical, and gala costumes where each participant showed their beauty, charisma, and talent. The pageant was also attended by the past Señoras Honduras. Amalia Ramirez, Maritza Chirinos, and Kayanna Rivers have been crowned the current beauty queens.

The night of the event was entertained by national talents Lester Cano and Turo Flow who delighted the audience with their talent. The winner Cintya Hernandez expressed "I am happy to wear this crown does a dream come true and although it has not been easy because it has been hard work for several months, this is the fruit of many months of work".

Hernandez said that her commitment is to bring women to have the voice and autonomy that is needed as women.

The current Mrs. Honduras sent a message to Honduras "Let's not lose hope, to fight for your dreams and that there is no better way to achieve a dream than perseverance".

Also, Paola Carbajal said, "Already being here we are winners and we are all queens, this whole process has been very enriching, there has been a lot of growth, and it has been very nice I am very grateful". The Roatan Today team transmitted through our social media pages the most important moments of the event, for all our followers.



Caption Alfredo Funez, and Janeth Grandez with distinguished personalities of the island.



Roatan Today Team with several personalities present at the event.



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# Academic excellence is awarded at the Sampedrano Cultural Center

Sampedrano Cultural Center appoints the CCS Citizen 2023-2024



CCS Citizen Award.



Allan Doeg Antúnez Mejía  
CCS Citizen 2023-2024

As part of Student's Day, the Sampedrano Cultural Center named Allan Doeg Antúnez Mejía as the CCS Citizen 2023-2024.

It is important to mention that this is the highest award given by the institution and its purpose is to recognize the outstanding student for standing out in academic, personal, cultural, and civic aspects.

During his speech, Antunez thanked God, his mother for being his companion and for encouraging his values and moral principles, his family, friends, and all the people who have accompanied him at all times and have motivated him to grow and be better, he also thanked his teachers and the entire CCS family.

"For me, it is a great honor to receive this award today, but first, I have something else to thank, I want to thank that child who on his second day of school in 2028 read about science in the induction manual and then for allowing himself to dream, set goals, strive every day in the attempt to be better, but above all for never giving up, to today become the CCS Citizen 2023-2024," said Antunez with great enthusiasm.

He also invited all those present to dream big and to lose their fear, to make mistakes, so that they can forge courage on the path of self-improvement.

Roatan Today spoke with student Allan Antunez.

## Profile

Name: Allan Doeg Antúnez Mejía  
Age: 17 years old  
Educational Center: Centro Cultural Sampedrano  
Academic Index: 100% (2022)

## Who is Allan Antúnez?

My name is Allan Antunez, I am a twelfth-grade student at the Sampedrano Cultural Center, I have had the honor of participating in different arts and sciences, with special emphasis on public speaking, theater, mathematics, and physics.

## Why have you decided to be a good student?

I think this is a daily choice, something that comes quite a lot from the education that my relatives gave me at home, but also a way to show the daily will to do, strive and seek habits that approach excellence.

## What year are you currently in?

I am in the twelfth grade of the Professional Technical Baccalaureate in Computer Science.

## What is your lowest grade?

As we are currently only one partial, I take into account the previous year's 96%.

## How does it feel to be the best student of the Sampedrano Cultural Center?

It feels like a great sense of pride and satisfaction. The Sampedrano Cultural Center is a high-quality training institution, where we learn art, science, and countless skills necessary for daily life. With a great formation in values and humanity, the Sampedrano Cultural Center annually educates many young people who will undoubtedly generate a great impact on our society upon graduation.

## What career do you plan to study at the end of your studies?

I am not sure yet what career I will study, as it depends on the university I attend. However, I am sure that I will study one of the areas related to computer science and/or large-scale data processing, which are areas that allow technological advances that can help the world to be a better place every day.

## What message do you send to all students in Honduras on Student's Day?

I would like to tell them that it is good to seek to grow, to seek more and better things. Striving every day, giving the best of themselves, and seeking the common good are the ideal tools for the growth of any human being. Something very important: despite the difficulties, never give up, because it is in the difficulty that we find the growth and in the discomfort that makes us grow and that undoubtedly is a necessary event in our lives to be better.



Preparing for the contest.

# Let's get to know the details of the winner of Mrs. Honduras

Cyntia Melissa Hernandez winner of the Honduras 2023 lady pageant.



Receiving the crown as the new Mrs. Honduras.



**Profile**  
 Name: Cyntia Melissa Hernández Mondragón  
 Place of birth: Comayagua

**R**ecently took place on the island of Roatan in the facilities of the Henry Morgan Hotel, the new queen is originally from the department of Comayagua, a mother of three children.

A curious fact that Cyntia revealed to our magazine Roatan Today, is that she found out about the contest through social networks. She defines herself as a hardworking Honduran, fighter, who has been able to bounce back in the face of adversity, lover of her country, family, and Honduran women. She decided to participate in Mrs. Honduras because it was a dream she had since she was a child.

To participate in a beauty pageant, I took it as an opportunity to represent all the women of the country, and to be an entity of change. She says that her trajectory in the contest was a path that took her out of her comfort zone, "I confess that there were harder days because there was a lot of pressure, however, I decided not to give up and focus all my energies on preparing myself to give the best of me. Expresses Cyntia Besides being today the new Mrs. Honduras, she is also a writer, she has published 4 books, and she loves reading and writing books. She loves to develop social themes in her novels that speak of the national reality. For her participation in the contest, she had the support of her parents, siblings, and her three beautiful children.



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Receiving information about new advances at UTH.



**O**n June 6th, the UTH Alumni Association held a long-awaited reunion at the Roatán campus. Students from various careers over the years gathered enthusiastically to learn about the latest developments at the university. During the event, current agreements were presented, highlighting the international scholarship programs available to graduates. The reunion also provided an opportunity to reconnect with former colleagues, strengthening the network of professional and personal contacts. The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and nostalgia, remembering shared moments and celebrating individual and collective achievements. The UTH Alumni Association is proud to encourage these gatherings, strengthening the bonds between alumni and promoting the continued academic and professional success of its members.



Brotherhood of graduates from different careers at UTH Roatán.

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