

# LEADERSHIP NEWS

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## OUR CLUBS



In our Model United Nations program, we are called to be servants of the world following Jesus's example. Christ taught us that true leadership means putting others before ourselves and working for the common good of all humanity. Just as Jesus came to serve rather than be served, our MUN delegates learn to advocate not for personal glory but for the well-being of nations and peoples they represent. Participants represent countries, debate global issues, and develop diplomacy and leadership skills.



In the Youth in Action program, we invite everyone to lovingly care for the planet that the Lord has given us as our home. Genesis teaches us that God entrusted humanity with the stewardship of His creation, calling us to "cultivate and keep it" (Genesis 2:15). Our program helps young people understand that environmental care is not separate from but integral to our Christian witness.

Jesus demonstrated a profound connection to nature, often using creation in His parables and seeking natural settings for prayer and teaching. Following His example, our students learn to see ecological responsibility as an expression of love for both the Creator and our neighbors worldwide. The program emphasizes that caring for our common home is an act of justice and compassion, particularly for the poor who often suffer most from environmental degradation.

Through hands-on conservation projects, education, and advocacy, Youth in Action participants develop a biblically-informed environmental ethic that honors God's gift of creation. They learn that authentic Christian leadership includes ensuring that future generations can also enjoy and steward the natural wonders that reveal God's glory



The Debate program teaches us how sound arguments – rather than personal attacks – can lead to solving problems, reflecting biblical wisdom about communication. Scripture advises us to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry" (James 1:19), principles that are foundational to effective debate.

Jesus himself was a master of reasoned discourse, often responding to challenges with thought-provoking questions and parables rather than hostile rhetoric. Following His example, our debate program trains students to engage respectfully with opposing viewpoints, seeking truth rather than victory. Participants learn that the goal of debate is not to defeat opponents but to collectively discover better solutions through the exchange of ideas. Challenge ideas and sharpen critical thinking in structured arguments, fostering public speaking prowess and persuasive communication.



Ashton Community Service  
*Transforming Hearts*

The Transforming Hearts program teaches members that service extends far beyond simple actions – it requires a fundamental change in our hearts. As Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). This program helps students understand that true service begins with inner transformation.

The program creates space for deep spiritual growth, helping young leaders recognize that their capacity to influence others positively is directly connected to their willingness to be transformed from within. Rather than viewing service as an obligation, they come to see it as a natural expression of a heart being continually shaped by divine love.

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The Transforming Homes program helps others not only to physically transform living spaces but to invite Jesus to dwell in those homes as the foundation of true transformation. As Psalm 127:1 reminds us, "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Our program recognizes that homes are more than structures - they are sacred spaces where faith is nurtured and lived out daily.

When we help families improve their living conditions, we do so with the understanding that lasting change comes when Christ is welcomed as the center of family life. By combining practical assistance with spiritual support, we create opportunities for families to experience God's presence in tangible ways. Students learn to serve with humility, recognizing that they are participating in God's redemptive work in these homes.



A compassionate group of Ashton moms dedicated to giving back, supporting orphanages, aiding the elderly, and protecting vulnerable communities through selfless acts of kindness.



**ASHTON  
TALKS**

A platform where students develop public speaking skills and explore the art of storytelling, Ashton Talks fosters confidence, creativity, and the ability to inspire audiences through powerful messages and meaningful conversations.



Student Leadership University is all about providing opportunities for young believers to develop into capable, confident leaders that will change the world. SLU provides a supportive community where students can deepen their relationship with Christ while pursuing academic excellence and preparing for future vocations with a biblical worldview.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

# OUR HARDWORKING TEAM

## MS. LEYTI DE LOS SANTOS

### *Leadership Program Coordinator*



Our programs are designed with a powerful purpose: to help each member understand the profound significance of their individual voice. We believe that every person possesses extraordinary strengths, and when we recognize and harness these unique abilities, we have the potential to create meaningful change. Through our voices and actions, we can transform the world and make it a better place. Each member is not just a participant, but a catalyst for positive transformation. We are committed to nurturing leaders who understand that their individual contribution matters, and collectively, we can create significant impact.

Inspired by the leadership model of Jesus Christ, we embraced a revolutionary concept of leadership: service. Christ demonstrated that true leadership is not about power, but about serving others. From this profound understanding, we developed new programs that embody this transformative approach to leadership.

Today, we are proud to have multiple leadership clubs that focus not only on academic excellence but also on transforming hearts. As we move through different scenarios and platforms, our goal remains constant: to nurture leaders who understand that service is the highest form of leadership. Our work is more than a program it's a mission to develop young people who can make a meaningful difference in the world.

## MARÍA JOSÉ CAMINERO

### *Leadership Program Assistant and Social Media Manager*



I feel truly honored to come back to my dear school and work in what I enjoyed most during my time here: the Leadership Program. Being able to contribute to molding future leaders is incredibly fulfilling for me. I was deeply involved in all aspects of school life, serving as a member of every club and coaching Model United Nations (MUN). As former president of the Leadership Program for four years, I have a strong commitment to fostering leadership skills, collaboration, and personal development among students. Currently, I'm working as the assistant and social media manager for the Leadership Program and serve as the editor and creator of this leadership news magazine. Returning to Ashton feels like coming full circle, and I am excited to continue nurturing the next generation of leaders and to expand the impact of our programs.

## MANUEL PEÑA

### *Leadership Program President*

As the year comes to an end, I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served both as a coach and president for the Ashton Leadership Program. I'm incredibly proud of all the accomplishments we achieved together this year. From participating in various Model UN conferences and engaging in open forum debates to dedicating our time to volunteer work through the Transforming Hearts club, we have truly made a positive impact. We've not only changed the lives of those close to us but also made a difference in the lives of those who need our help.



# SCHEDULE

## Workshops

### MUN

*Model United Nations*

**WEDNESDAY**

7:20-8:10AM

3:00-4:30PM



### DEBATE

**MONDAY**

3:00-4:30PM



### IMPROMPTU

**MONDAY**

7:20-8:10AM

*Elementary-Middle School*

**THURSDAY**

3:00-4:30PM

*High School*



## OUR DEAR COACHES

**LIA TAVAREZ**



**MUN COACH**

Lia Tavares, our MUN coach, is a dedicated Medicine student at UNIBE with extensive experience in Model United Nations. Over the years, she has actively participated in various MUN conferences, demonstrating strong leadership and diplomatic skills.

This year, she played a crucial role as an observer during the Peruvian elections, gaining firsthand experience in electoral processes and international democracy monitoring. In February, she traveled to Ecuador alongside the country's first female president, engaging in significant discussions and experiences related to political leadership and governance. Her background in both medicine and international affairs highlights her versatility, commitment, and passion for making a positive impact on global and societal issues.

I started debating at the age of 14, thinking it would be an activity I'd do just to enhance my academic résumé. From the very first tournament, I became obsessed. Through effort and learning, I managed to improve my debating skills, as reflected in my rankings at national tournaments. I went from Semifinalist to Champion in less than two years. To crown my debating career, my dedication allowed me to win the International category of the Tournament of Champions in Kentucky, USA, in 2018, as part of the first Dominican team to achieve this milestone.

For this reason, upon graduating, I wanted to stay involved as a debate coach, sharing my knowledge and experiences with a new generation of debaters, whose determination and enthusiasm fill me with pride. As Ashton's coach, I feel I have both the opportunity and the ambition to lead a group of talented and driven students toward even greater achievements.

**GIULIO FERRARI**



**DEBATE COACH**

# AUGUST 2024

## OPERATIVE Community Cleanup at Escuela San José, SPM

August 13th

The Youth in Action Club, accompanied by a team of dedicated teachers, conducted a community cleanup at “Escuela San José in San Pedro de Macorís”. They worked together to take on various tasks and improve the school environment. This initiative underscored the program’s commitment to community service and fostering a sense of responsibility among students and faculty.



## AMBASSADORS WORKSHOP: “EL ARTE DE HABLAR EN PÚBLICO”

August 20th- September 19th

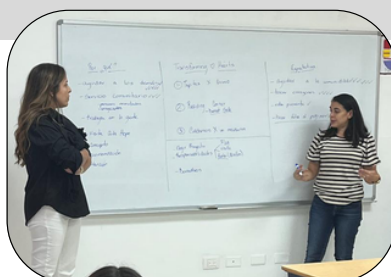
The Ashton School Ambassadors took part in a four series workshop titled "El arte de hablar en público", focusing on personal leadership development and encouraging participants to reflect on their leadership qualities and aspirations. This session provided practical insights and strategies to help students become effective leaders in various aspects of their lives. The workshop emphasized the importance of developing these skills to contribute positively to both the school and the wider community.



## Transforming Hearts Brainstorming Session

August 28th

Transforming Hearts club, led by mothers Mayfer Ovalles and Marcelle Molina, held a brainstorming session at the start of the school year to plan activities for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year. The session aimed to develop meaningful initiatives that promote community engagement and foster personal growth among students. Through collaborative discussions, the group outlined various activities designed to make a positive impact within the Ashton School community.



# SEPTEMBER 2024

## Debate Club with Greenville University Students

*September 4th*

The Leadership Program collaborated closely with students from Greenville University throughout the semester to enhance the skills of Ashton School students across various areas, including debate, Model United Nations (MUN), and language development. This partnership involved shared workshops, mentorship, and joint preparation sessions focused on refining debate techniques, strengthening MUN strategies, and fostering effective communication. Additionally, the collaboration extended to working with Aula Hope, where students had the opportunity to expand their English proficiency through practical and immersive activities.



## CARISMA TEAM SURPRISED BY A GRATITUDE LUNCH FOR TRANSFORMING HOMES

*September 7th*

The CARISMA team was pleasantly surprised by a heartfelt lunch hosted by a grateful Ashton member whose home was transformed under the “Transforming HOMES” program. This gesture of appreciation highlighted the positive impact that CARISMA’s efforts have had on community members. The lunch served as a reminder of the meaningful change that can be achieved through dedicated service and the importance of fostering supportive, compassionate relationships.



## Debate Between Greenville University Students and Ashton School Debaters

*September 11th*

A spirited debate took place between students from Greenville University and Ashton School debaters. This engaging exchange provided a valuable platform for both groups to discuss diverse perspectives and refine their debating skills. The event fostered meaningful dialogue and collaboration, highlighting the importance of open communication and the exchange of ideas in promoting intellectual growth.



# SEPTEMBER 2024

## Leadership Program Parent Meeting

*September 10th*

The Leadership Program hosted a meeting with parents to share the program's vision, goals, and planned activities for the academic year. The meeting emphasized the importance of parental involvement in fostering student growth and leadership development, strengthening the partnership between families and the school community.



## MUN WORKSHOPS

*September 11th*

Under the guidance of Coach Carlos, students participated in a series of Model United Nations workshops in September 2024. These sessions focused on enhancing critical skills such as public speaking, negotiation, and resolution drafting, preparing participants for upcoming MUN conferences. The workshops provided invaluable training to help students excel in diplomatic discussions and leadership roles.



## MUN Preparation Workshop

*September 14th*

Students participated in a Saturday in-depth Model United Nations preparation workshop, guided by María José Caminero, an Ashton School alumni, former MUN coach, and Leadership Program president. The workshop provided students with essential skills and insights to excel in MUN conferences. Students received hands-on guidance for writing comprehensive position papers, conducting in-depth research and effective on global issues, and mastering MUN procedures. This interactive session offered practical advice and real-world insights, allowing students to enhance their confidence and readiness for the upcoming ACCAS MUN conference.





# SEPTEMBER 2024

## SLU Program: Movie and Pijama Night

*September 18th*

The SLU Program hosted a fun and engaging “Movie and Pijama Night”, bringing participants together for an evening of bonding and relaxation. Students enjoyed watching *The Ultimate Gift*, a film that left a profound impact on them as leaders by highlighting the importance of values such as perseverance, generosity, and gratitude. The event provided a unique opportunity for students to strengthen their connections in a comfortable and friendly setting, fostering a sense of community within the program. This gathering perfectly reflected the balance between personal growth and camaraderie that the SLU Program strives to promote.



## Ashton Debators Shine at New Horizons Debate

*September 27-28th*

Ashton School debaters showcased their talent at the New Horizons Debate, in the Novice category, Nickolás Rivera and Miranda Taveras achieved an impressive run to the quarterfinals. In the Junior Varsity category, María Andrea Herrera and Esteban Castillo advanced to the semifinals, demonstrating exceptional skill and determination. The event highlighted the students' dedication to critical thinking, teamwork, and persuasive communication, reflecting the core values of Ashton's debate program.

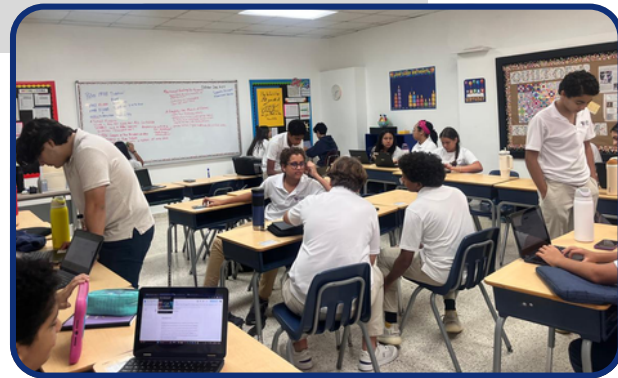


# OCTOBER 2024

## Preparing Future Global Delegates: MUN Classes for 6th and 7th Grade

*October 2nd*

Ashton School's 6th and 7th-grade students participated in MUN training sessions designed to prepare them as future global delegates. These classes focused on developing essential skills such as public speaking, negotiation, and critical thinking, providing a strong foundation for participating in Model United Nations. By equipping students with the tools to represent nations and tackle international issues, the program fosters a deeper understanding of diplomacy and leadership.



## Transforming Hearts: Leaders Making a Difference at San José School

*October 3rd*

The Transforming Hearts Club, alongside Ashton School staff, dedicated their time and effort to painting and revitalizing the San José School in San Pedro de Macorís. This initiative exemplifies the power of service and community engagement, as students worked collaboratively to create a vibrant and inspiring environment for the school's students and staff. By transforming spaces, they also transformed lives, demonstrating Ashton's commitment to making a positive impact beyond the classroom.



# OCTOBER 2024

## Transforming Hearts Visit to Pastor Craig's Community

*October 3rd*

Members of the Transforming Hearts Club visited Pastor Craig's community to assess the needs of the local preschool and surrounding areas. This visit aimed to identify key areas where Ashton School could provide meaningful support and resources. The initiative reflects the club's mission of fostering empathy and taking actionable steps to assist communities in need, emphasizing the importance of thoughtful planning and collaboration in driving impactful change.



## Carisma Moms Meeting

*October 4th*

The Carisma Moms gathered for a productive meeting to plan and organize upcoming initiatives. This dedicated group continues to play a vital role in supporting the Ashton community and extending their generosity to impactful causes. Their commitment to service and collaboration exemplifies the heart and spirit of Ashton's values, making a lasting difference within and beyond the school.



## ACCAS MUN Conference at UNIBE

*October 18-19th*

Ashton School delegates participated in the ACCAS MUN conference at UNIBE, this event provided an opportunity for students to engage in meaningful discussions, represent various nations, and develop their diplomatic skills. The conference underscored Ashton's commitment to fostering global awareness and leadership among students, as they tackled pressing international issues and worked collaboratively to find solutions.



# OCTOBER 2024

## MUN Preparation Begins Early for 6th and 7th Graders

*October 23rd*

Early on October 23rd, 6th and 7th graders began their Model United Nations preparations, setting a strong foundation for the upcoming conferences. Starting their day at 7:20 AM, students engaged in intensive sessions focused on public speaking, negotiation, and research skills. This early commitment underscores Ashton's dedication to equipping younger students with the skills needed to become effective global leaders and advocates.



## Preparation for Upcoming Debate Competitions

*October 24th*

This Debate Workshop provided students with the opportunity to fine-tune their debating skills in preparation for upcoming competitions. Focused on argumentation, research, and public speaking, participants engaged in intensive training to enhance their preparation and strategy.

## Debate at Saint Michael School

*October 25-26th*

Ashton School debaters showcased their debating skills against peers from other school, the event provided a platform for participants to tackle challenging topics and engage in spirited debates. Valentina Garcia, a member of Ashton's Impromptu Team, reached the semifinals, highlighting her exceptional quick-thinking and eloquence. This achievement underscores the team's dedication and the students' commitment to effective communication and critical thinking.



# OCTOBER 2024

## Preparing for MUN American School

*October 23rd*

The MUN club began their preparation for the upcoming MUN American conference with the guidance of leadership president and coach Manuel Peña. The session focused on developing position papers, a key component for successful participation in MUN conferences.



## Visit to the Elderly Home

*October 30th*

Members of the Transforming Hearts Club visited an elderly home as part of their ongoing community service initiatives. The visit provided an opportunity for students to spend time with the residents, offering companionship and support. This initiative reflects Ashton's commitment to serving the community and fostering a sense of empathy and connection among students, as they engage in meaningful interactions with those in need.



## Morning and Afternoon Sessions Debate team

*October 31st*

The debate club started the day with an early morning session at 7:30 AM, featuring a debate facilitated by alumni Eduardo Sanz, who is currently studying in Japan. Eduardo, who previously served as a debate coach at Ashton School, shared valuable insights and strategies with students. In the afternoon, students attended a class led by Coach Giulio, focusing on debate preparation and skills development. This combination of sessions aimed to enhance students' debating abilities and strategic thinking in preparation for upcoming competitions.



# NOVEMBER 2024

## LUX MUNDI MUN COMPETITION

*November 9th*

We are proud to celebrate our students' exceptional performance at LUXMUN'24! Showcasing diplomacy, critical thinking, and public speaking excellence, they tackled global issues with integrity and enthusiasm. Congratulations to our winners: Manuel Peña (Best Negotiation Skills), Daniela Rojas (Honorable Mention - Security Council), and Hannah Brea (Honorable Mention - Organization of American States). Your dedication and passion inspire us all!



## CAROL MORGAN SCHOOL DEBATE

*November 15th*

We recognize our students' remarkable achievements at the Carol Morgan Debate. Nickolás Rivera excelled by reaching the semifinals in Impromptu Speech, while Miranda Taveras, Juan Diego Cortina, Ricardo Bardelino, Ricardo Monte de Oca, Rosina Evangelista, and Ana Reynoso demonstrated outstanding talent in both novice and junior varsity categories. Congratulations to all participants for their dedication, skill, and teamwork your efforts are a true testament to excellence!



# NOVEMBER 2024

## AULA HOPE BAZAR

*November 16th*



This year's Bazar Aula Hope was a wonderful continuation of an 8-year tradition, making a meaningful impact on our community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Ashton School families, Carisma Moms, Ms. Leyti de los Santos, the Aula Hope Directive, and the Transforming Hearts Club for their generous support. Together, we provided affordable clothing and school necessities to families in need, embodying the spirit of kindness and community.



## AMERICAN SCHOOL OF SANTO DOMINGO MUN

*November 23rd*



Congratulations to Anamalia Aguasvivas & Maryam Isa, representing Spain, for being awarded Best Delegation, and to Luciana Rodríguez & María José Grullón, representing Mexico, for receiving the Honorable Delegation recognition. Their commitment to diplomacy, leadership, and teamwork made a significant impact at the event. We also extend our appreciation to all Ashton delegates for their dedication and passion each participant demonstrated true leadership and made us immensely inspired.



# DECEMBER 2024



## ASPAS MEETING WITH THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

*December 3rd*

We were honored to present the Leadership Program's Club to the ASPAS Association, providing an opportunity to showcase our vision, current initiatives, and future projects. This presentation marks an important step in the growth of our clubs and our commitment to empowering young leaders. We are grateful for ASPAS's support and their belief in the impact that student leadership can have on our community. Thank you, ASPAS, for your continued encouragement and inspiration.



## SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER WITH TRANSFORMING HEARTS CLUB

*December 5th*



They visited a preschool in San Pedro de Macorís, bringing a magical Christmas morning filled with love, joy, and generosity. Our dedicated students distributed snacks, gifts, read stories, performed dances, and sang songs, spreading the holiday spirit. Together, they blessed 27 children, making this season brighter for them. Transforming Hearts is a journey of compassion and mutual transformation, where students learn that giving impacts both the giver and the receiver.







# DECEMBER 2024



## LEADERSHIP PROGRAM'S CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

*December 6th*

We hosted a successful Christmas bake sale, aimed at raising essential funds to support our clubs initiatives. With the generous participation and support of our community, we were able to make a meaningful impact and celebrate the holiday spirit. This event underscored the value of community engagement and collective effort in advancing our program's mission.



## IMPROMPTU COMPETITION AT LUX MUNDI SCHOOL

*December 6th*

The Impromptu Team achieved notable success at the Lux Mundi Debate, with Juan Augusto Gómez, Rosina Evangelista, Ana Isabel Reynoso, and Isabella Castillo representing us. Isabella's advancement to the semifinals is a testament to her skills and dedication. Each team member's performance highlighted their quick thinking and eloquence, demonstrating their commitment to excellence.



# DECEMBER 2024

## MINI AMUN 2024

December 11th

The Mini Model United Nations hosted provided an exceptional platform for students to showcase their negotiation skills, public speaking, and collaborative spirit. Each delegate's contribution exemplified excellence in leadership and diplomacy.

We are proud to recognize the outstanding achievements of our delegates at our MINI AMUN 2024:

### Diplomas

**Most Collaborative:** USA (Ambar Soto) & Australia (Gabriel Bernard)

**Best Speech:** France (Lia Marie Rojas) & Brazil (Adam Garcia)

**Best Negotiator:** Mexico (María Belén Lithgow) & Japan (Rodrigo Estrada)

**Best Support:** José Francisco Peña

### Medals

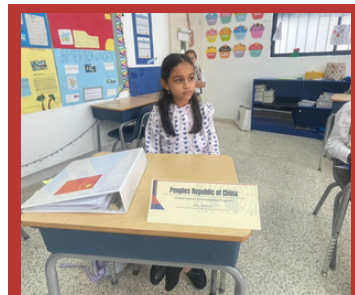
**Best Delegate:** New Zealand (Sofía Chalas) & South Korea (Abraham Cohen)

**Best Position Paper:** India (Amelia Bacelis) & Russia (Victoria García)

**Best Speaker:** Indonesia (María José Grullón) & Argentina (Angélica Iglesias)

**Honorable Mention:** Norway (Diego Taveras) & China (Stella Rijo)

**Distinguished:** Nigeria (Amalia Rodríguez) & United Kingdom (Adriana Varela)



# DECEMBER 2024

## FRIENDLY DEBATE

*December 12th*

We also hosted a friendly debate, providing an excellent opportunity for students to engage in thoughtful discussion and develop their oratory skills. Congratulations to all participants for their commitment to open dialogue and their ability to articulate their positions clearly and persuasively. We are getting ready for Harvard 2025!

**CHAMPION TEAM:** MIRANDA TAVERAS Y JUAN DIEGO CORTINA

**RUNNER UP TEAM:** RICCARDO BARDELINO Y RICARDO MONTE DE OCA

**MOST PERSUASIVE SPEAKER:** NICOLÁS RIVERA

**EMMA WACHSMANN:** BEST NOVICE DEBATER



### TOP 5 Impromptu 🏆



**Daniela Rojas**



**Nicolás Rivera**



**Isabella Castillo**



**Valentina Baboun**



**Juan Gómez**

# DECEMBER 2024

## CARISMA MOMS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

*December 12th*



The Ashton Carisma Moms gathered for their Annual Christmas Celebration, a joyful occasion marked by creativity, camaraderie, and the warmth of the holiday spirit. This cherished tradition reflects the unwavering dedication and generosity these remarkable women bring to our community.

Through their efforts, the Carisma Moms continue to embody the values of kindness and service, enriching the lives of those around them. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Carisma Moms for their invaluable commitment to our community and wish them abundant blessings this holiday season and beyond.



**MAYFER OVALLES**

## CARISMA MOM TESTIMONY

Carisma ha sido y será siempre una bendición y un regalo que me ha dado el Ashton School. Es un espacio donde tanto madres como parte del equipo del Ashton nos unimos para devolver y agradecer a la comunidad. Dentro del tiempo que tengo siendo parte de Carisma la labor que más me ha impactado y donde me he sentido orgullosa de participar es en el proyecto de Transforming Homes. En este proyecto nos unimos como comunidad para proveer un lugar seguro, de esperanza y alegría a aquellos que necesitan de nuestra ayuda. ¡Me llena el corazón de ver cómo nos acoplamos con un mismo fin y con pequeñas acciones logramos algo tan grande y significativo para otros!

Invito a otras madres a participar y formar parte de este gran club para brindar amor, esperanza y felicidad en nuestra comunidad.

# JANUARY 2025

## ASHTON SCHOOL'S DEBATE COMPETITION

*January 25th*

The Ashton School Debate Tournament 2025, was a spectacular showcase of talent, passion, and intellectual rigor. From compelling speeches to thought-provoking debates, participants demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill throughout the event.

A special congratulations to all debaters, judges, coaches, and volunteers who contributed to making this tournament a resounding success. The competition saw remarkable performances across various categories, including novice and middle school divisions, with outstanding teams emerging victorious.



Additionally, the impromptu category was a thrilling display of quick thinking and eloquence, with standout performances from both finalists and semifinalists. A heartfelt recognition also goes to the 6th-grade speakers who, despite not advancing, demonstrated immense promise and perseverance.

This tournament was more than just a competition, it was a celebration of debate, learning, and growth.



# FEBRUARY 2025

## SAINT GEORGE'S DEBATE & IMPROMPTU TOURNAMENT

*February 8th*

Our team demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication at the Saint George's Debate & Impromptu Tournament, achieving remarkable results across multiple categories.



### Achievements:

**Impromptu Semifinalist:** Juan Augusto Gómez

**Middle School Octofinalists:** Eric Bello & Dylan Alejo

**Novice Quarterfinalists:** Juan Diego Cortina & Miranda Taveras

**Junior Varsity Quarterfinalists:** María Andrea Herrera & Mía Valentina García



A special recognition goes to the 6th-grade impromptu speakers, who excelled in the competition and secured top positions:

**1st Place:** Adriana Varela

**2nd Place:** Diego Taveras

**4th Place:** Lucas Valera

**5th Place:** Amelia Bacelis



# FEBRUARY 2025

## 2025 HARVARD NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

*February 13th - 19th*

Students achieved outstanding results at the renowned 2025 Harvard National Speech and Debate Tournament, a highly significant event in the field. Their thorough preparation and dedication were evident, demonstrating remarkable skills in speech and debate. This accomplishment reflects their hard work and development.



### Congratulations to Our Outstanding Participants:

María Andrea Herrera  
 Mia Valentina García  
 Miranda Taveras  
 Esteban Castillo  
 Daisy Mathiss  
 Juan Diego Cortina  
 Ricardo Bardellino  
 Ricardo Montes de Oca  
 Nickolas Rivera  
 Rosina Evangelista  
 Ana Isabel Reynoso  
 Valentina Baboun



### Achievements:

- Maria Andrea Herrera & Valentina Garcia – 3 rounds won
- Ricardo Bardellino & Ricardo Montes de Oca – 1 round won
- Esteban Castillo & Daisy Mathis – 1 round won
- Rosina Evangelista – 1st place in one of her Impromptu Speech rounds



# MARCH 2025

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY 101: PATHWAYS TO PURPOSEFUL LEADERSHIP

*March 6th*

A group of students participated in a retreat/workshop at Campo Aventura, preparing for their upcoming Student Leadership University (SLU) 2025 trip. This retreat, titled “Pathways to Purposeful Leadership”, was an invaluable experience that set the foundation for the leadership journey ahead. SLU provides young believers with opportunities to develop into confident, capable leaders who will make a difference in the world. During this preparation, students learned how to deepen their relationship with Christ, pursue academic excellence, and prepare for future vocations all through a biblical worldview.



The retreat focused on equipping these students with the tools and mindset needed to become impactful leaders, ready to take on the challenges of the 2025 trip and beyond. The experience served as a stepping stone toward fostering both personal and spiritual growth, ensuring they are prepared to lead with purpose and integrity.



# JOIN US!!



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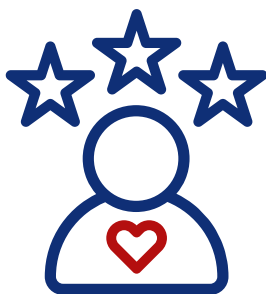


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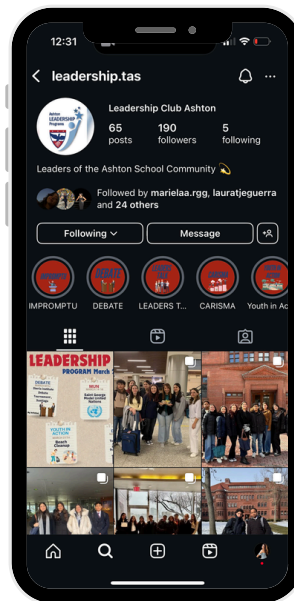


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Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have! If you're interested in joining the Leadership Club, don't hesitate to contact us, we'd love to hear from you!



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Join us on Instagram to stay updated on all the exciting activities, events, and initiatives of the Leadership Program. From empowering workshops and impactful community service projects to debates, MUN conferences, and moments of teamwork, our page showcases the journey of developing tomorrow's leaders.

This is your chance to get an inside look at the dedication and passion that drive our students to make a difference, both within our school and beyond. Stay inspired, celebrate their achievements, and be part of a community that believes in the power of leadership and service.