

is, but rather the cure to their problems. Don't only go the extra mile; run like you have ran so far. You are all winners in the race towards success. Keep it up. You are now part of a society that has the values other societies lack.

It is possible that the perfect world does not exist, but this does not mean we cannot improve. Let's aim for utopia, choose the right paths and achieve more unity and peace between human beings. Remember: being a good citizen not only helps people around you, it helps you."

CHARACTER – CARÁCTER

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".....En griego carácter significa señal o marca; pienso entonces, que carácter es la marca que debemos conseguir para mantener la diferencia en nuestra relación con otros seres humanos.

El carácter define nuestro comportamiento y las relaciones que establecemos con la comunidad, por ésto se vuelve tan difícil de conseguir, pues son muchas las veces que nos toca enfrentarnos a situaciones en las que no estamos de acuerdo con el grupo al que pertenecemos y si tenemos carácter tenemos que asumir nuestra posición firme y marcar nuestra diferencia. Carácter es la capacidad de aceptar errores y tratar cada día de superarlos; es también tener una actitud de responsabilidad y solidaridad ante cualquier situación que se presente. Tener carácter es tener la capacidad de tomar iniciativa, liderar situaciones positivamente, ser servicial, ser cívico; en realidad una persona con carácter reúne todas estas cualidades. El año pasado en grado octavo los estudiantes de Junior Honor Society tuvimos varios talleres en donde reflexionamos sobre lo que significa ser una persona con carácter. Fue difícil para nosotros llegar a una conclusión sobre este tema. Finalmente, coincidimos en que una persona con carácter es aquella que puede tomar decisiones claras y responsabilizarse por sus consecuencias. Así que compañeros: Fortalezcamos nuestro carácter y mantengámoslo con orgullo y honor."



SCHOLARSHIP EXCELENCIA ACADÉMICA

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".....Some might think scholarship is all about having a high academic achievement, but it's not only that. The word scholarship comes from the Latin word "scholasticus" meaning learned and the Greek "skholastikos" meaning studious. This term was first brought up in the year 1220 and it is derived from the word scholar. In simple, terms scholarship is the desire and search of knowledge accompanied with the will of learning and the responsibility of achievement. We, as student of Colegio Bolivar, have the opportunity to be good scholars throughout this magnificent institution. Scholarship does not end as we graduate from school, but it forever shines in



that which we call the future. To have the urge to share what you know with other individuals and apply it in every aspect of daily life are also qualities of a good scholar.

We are blessed to grow up in a structured and encouraging environment that, with no exception, will have a great impact on our lives further on. Colegio Bolivar states the following: "Our mission is to educate in bilingual, democratic environment, to be autonomous and demonstrate spirit of inquiry and collaboration, a commitment to excellence, and the highest aspirations for the welfare of both the individual and society". The school encourages its students to pursue knowledge above all. Bolivar teaches and structures the student's way of thinking so that later on they are capable of approaching problems and overcoming them through innovative solutions. The goal of every individual should be the commitment to excellence. Every person tries to succeed in life. Is not happiness and excellence in everything we do what we all strive for? Being a good scholar opens and facilitates our entry into this world assuring a path marked by excellence. Excellence is achieved throughout the conquest of one's autonomy. For Aristotle it was clear that virtue lay in middle ground between excess and defect. Excellence is not achieved throughout competition, which invites the conquering of goals without taking into consideration the dignity of one's self and the other. Nor can it be thought that one can achieve excellence through mediocrity, ignoring effort, and the maximum utilization of time. Ideals are not achieved this way.



That's precisely why there is a need in finding the middle ground which, according to Aristotle, leads to happiness that is only perceived through excellence. Therefore one must develop 'the intellectual dimension that aspires to truth, the aesthetic dimension that aspires to beauty, the moral dimension that aspires to kindness, and the spiritual dimension that aspires to unity'. These four dimensions build today's balanced man. Scholarship is not only reflected in the first stage in life, which is school, through grades, but it is also reflected in our future throughout the goals we achieve. We need not do depend entirely on theory because doing what we do with passion is what makes the difference. Responsibility goes hand-in-hand with scholarship. Responsibility and dedication, two hard and strong words one should always include in one's vocabulary. Perseverance. Will. The will to do things right.

Scholarship sums up everything that is learned until now. It combines character with discipline, each complementing the other, and above all, will. Wanting to stand out, not proving