

GTSL STUDENT PROFILE

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Karen is studying English at CCA and is half way through her basic English course work. She is a very motivated and independent young woman who is inspiring her fellow young people in her hometown to start thinking about ways to help. Her focus, through her community project, is to help high school students figure out what are ways they can stimulate the economy in their hometown. The students have found that gastronomy, agriculture, recycling and clothing are new ways they can contribute. Since Somondoco has a population problem, Karen feels that if she can help the young people invest their time, education and resources into Somondoco; Somondoco can once again thrive and live up to the name of "The Land of Emerald." Today Global Tassels assists Karen and our Community Advisor Mr. Pedro Lopez in providing youth development, professional trainings, and entrepreneurship workshops for students in the 11th and 12th grade levels at least twice a month in the village of Somondoco.