

Juan Manuel Chavajay Cotuc

Co-founder and Director of Taa' Pi't Intercultural Learning Center

I love my life! - Juan Manuel Ch.



Juan Manuel of San Pedro La Laguna, Sololá, is co-founder and Director of Taa' Pi't, Intercultural Learning Center, NGO since 2001.

In 2006 he became President of the Board of Directors and the legal representative of Taa' Pi't. He participated in the Department of Sololá Development Commission as the representative of the Tzutujil Maya communities in 2012.

In 2013 he became President of the Municipal Basketball Board, representing Taa' Pi't . With this position he is participating in the community's political organization where important decisions are made.

Juan Manuel has a degree in Urban Primary Education and as a professor in Pedagogy of Secondary Education Curriculum, and completed all the coursework for his Degree in Education Administration.

Juan Manuel has held positions as chairman of the board of the Barbara Rogoff Municipal Library, as a consultant facilitator for education reform in San Pablo La Laguna, and served as General Coordinator for the implementation of demobilization in the department of Solola, for the fulfillment of the peace agreement in 2009. He has done consulting for child exploitation in Comitansillo, Department of San Marcos.

Juan Martin González

Co-founder, Instructor of Computer Legacy, Accountant



Juan Martin of San Pedro La Laguna, Sololá, has helped in the creation and founding of Taa' Pi't since 2005.

He facilitates the Children's Computer Technology Education Program. He is also responsible for Accounting and maintenance of computers. In 2007 he created and installed the virtual library. He created the web page at the end of 2009 and is the programmer and administrator for it.

In 2012 he became President of the Board of Directors and the Legal Representative of Taa' Pi't.

Juan Martin graduated as an accountant from the National School of Commercial Sciences in Guatemala City. He has taken various courses for Public Accounting and Auditor at the University of San Carlos in Guatemala City. He began his professional work for businesses in Guatemala City in the positions of Warehouse Manager, Assistant in Human Resources, Manager of Savings and finally Manager of the customer store.

Nancy Lynn McCoy

International Cordinator



*“The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what to hope for.
And the most you can do is live inside that hope.” □ - Barbara Kingsolver*

Nancy Lynn McCoy of the United States, joined Taa’ Pi’t in November and December of 2009 as a volunteer in our summer school program. Since then, she has had the role of international coordinator. She coordinated the U. S. Tour, “Travel to the Heart of Guate-Maya”, for Juan Manuel, Director of Taa’ Pi’t , May – August, 2011 and again in the summer of 2012, including an invitation to Hollyhock Retreat Center Summer Gathering in Canada. In 2012 she coordinated the collaboration with Compassionate Listening Project and Taa’ Pi’t for an international delegation of 15 people, “Journey To the Heart of Guata-Maya”.

Nancy Lynn has a B.A. from the University of Washington (1991) in Women’s Studies. Before coming to Guatemala, she worked as Program Director for a NGO in Washington State and has worked in advocacy for women and children.

Deborah Rosario Hi Puac

Instructor of Environmental Education - 2010/2013, Mother Nature - Qa Tee' Ya''

Instructor of Essence of Nutrition Ruk'ux qa Way K'uya 2019



Deborah Rosario Hi Puac of San Pedro La Laguna, Sololá began working with Taa' Pi't in 2010 as facilitator of the Ecology Education/Mother Nature – Qa Tee' Ya' (Our Mother Lake – Lake Atitlan).

She collaborates in the process of creating the curriculum for this class and in the

development of these plans based in the Maya Cosmovision.

Since 2012 and 2013 she has served as the treasurer of the Board of Directors.

Deborah received her degree as Pre primary Education Teacher in Guatemala City in The School Victoria and Libertad. She has also received courses in clinical psychology at the University Mariano Gálvez in Quetzaltenango. She worked as a teacher in the school, “La Casita de los Pollitos” in Guatemala City and also as teacher in the school “ENGOCA” in San Juan La Laguna.