

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN

Building relationships and empowering individuals



Celestino Perez

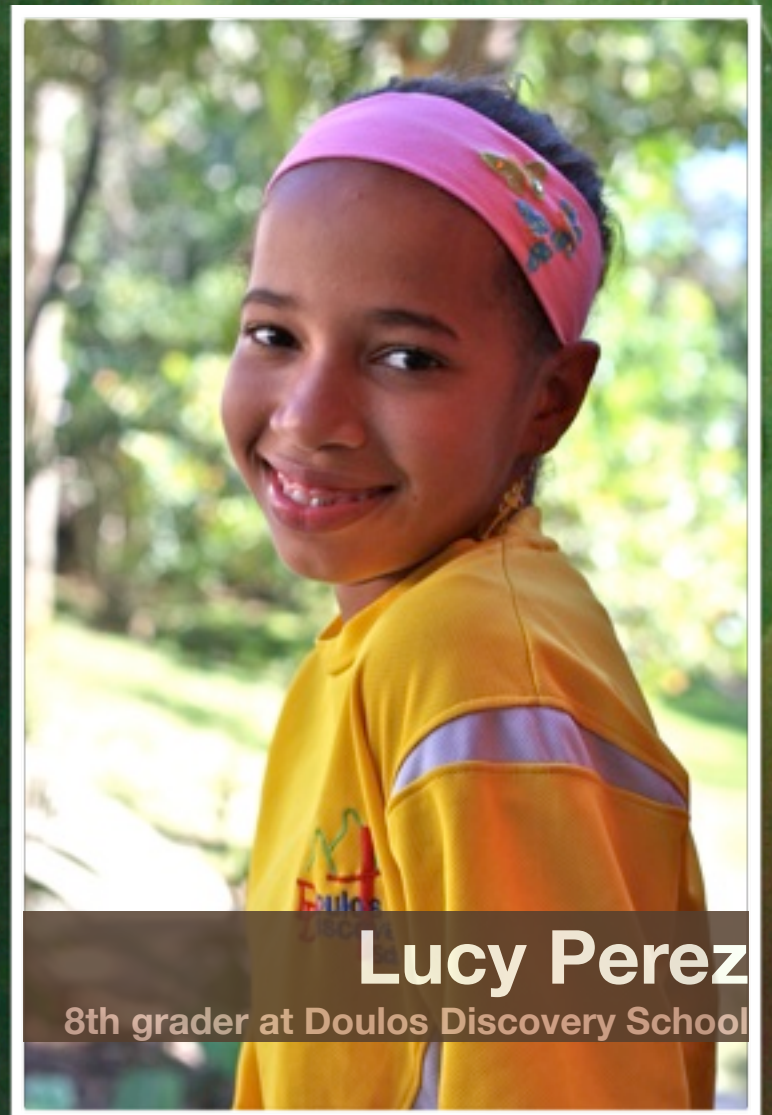
Plantation manager, *catador* (coffee taster), & agricultural engineer

Celestino grew up in the southern Dominican province of Azua. He worked hard to obtain educational opportunities throughout his life: first taking responsibility for his elementary education without support from his parents, then moving to the city to finish high school, and ultimately pursuing a bachelor's degree in agronomy. Now, through his work with Spirit Mountain, Celestino strives to promote this focus on life-long learning.

“Spirit Mountain provides a fundamental base for Doulos Discovery School students where they learn to **break barriers** and **exceed limitations**. Outdoor education offers a completely different educational experience than classroom learning because it gives students a chance to build a direct **relationship with nature**.”

- Celestino Perez

Celestino's daughter, Lucy, has been enrolled at Doulos Discovery School since 2nd grade and has been taking trips to Spirit Mountain for as long as she can remember. Lucy's most memorable educational excursion to Spirit Mountain was a class project that involved putting up signs to identify different tree species. Lucy says that this project helped her to understand the importance of preserving nature and taking care of natural resources.



Lucy Perez

8th grader at Doulos Discovery School

