INCAE, July 29, 2013. This past July 26th, 102 new incaistas graduated from the INCAE Business School's Advanced Management Program (PAG) at the Walter Kissling Gam campus in Costa Rica.

The graduates represented 15 nations from the American continent: the six nations of Central America, Bolivia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Peru, Mexico, United States, Colombia and Spain. PAG's goal is to prepare professionals to take on the responsibilities of upper management positions in both private businesses and the public sector.

The program, whose academic director is INCAE professor Dr. Esteban Brenes, began on July 1 and concluded with the graduation ceremony on July 26th. Both Professor Brenes and INCAE’s Dean of Master's Programs, Dr. John Ickis, attended the graduation. During the PAG course, executives were able to increase their management knowledge and skills, and see their own careers from a new perspective. The PAG program studies factors within a given environment that can affect business performance, as well as changing conditions in the world economy. The goal is to help the business executives to adapt their organization's strategies and objectives, and take advantage of opportunities.
They analyze the internal resources that businesses have available to perform best in a highly competitive environment, and provide participants with a range of innovative managerial tools and techniques. In this course, students were able to take part in a conference about Regional Politics and Economics with Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former Costa Rican President, Dr. Óscar Arias Sánchez. The students of the 2013 PAG took part in classes taught by 19 INCAE professors, as well as other invited professors from prestigious international institutions.

The PAG, which was taught for the first time in Antigua, Guatemala in 1964, is this institution’s longest-running course. More than 5,500 professionals have graduated from the PAG over nearly 50 years.