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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Costa Rica. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in danish.

What educational path would you recommend for me?

That's a great place to be—just finishing primary school and thinking ahead. In Denmark, after finishing **Folkeskole** (typically after 9th or 10th grade), you have several educational options depending on your interests, academic strengths, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown of your main paths, and then I'll give a recommendation based on your background and possibilities:

🎓 Main Education Paths After Folkeskole in Denmark

1. **Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)** – Prepares you for university
 - **STX (Alment gymnasium)**: Broad academic education, good for university.
 - **HHX (Handelsskole)**: Business- and economics-focused.
 - **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium)**: Technology, science, IT focus.
 - **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)**: Shorter (2 years), more flexible – great for mature students or those who want a shorter route to further education.
2. **Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, EUD)** – Job-oriented training
 - Mix of school and apprenticeship. Leads to trades like electrician, mechanic, carpenter, chef, health worker, etc.
 - Still allows access to some higher education (e.g. **EUX** combines vocational training with academic courses).
3. **International Options**
 - **IB (International Baccalaureate)**: If you're strong academically and fluent in English, this can be a route into universities worldwide. Denmark offers IB at some gymnasiums.

✅ What Path Might Suit You?

Given that:

- You're fluent in Danish
- You've grown up in Denmark but also have an international cultural background
- You're at a natural transition point

Here are **a few good options**, depending on your interests:

If you're interested in academics and possibly university:

- **STX:** Choose this if you enjoy subjects like Danish, history, math, sciences, and languages. It's broad and gives many university options later.
- **IB (International Baccalaureate):** If you're comfortable in English and curious about international opportunities, this is an excellent, challenging path that's respected worldwide.

If you're interested in business, economics, or entrepreneurship:

- **HHX:** Focus on international trade, economics, marketing. Fits well with Costa Rican-Danish background if you think globally.

If you like tech, science, or design:

- **HTX:** Offers hands-on science, innovation, and technical subjects like IT or biotech.

If you prefer learning by doing or want to start a career sooner:

- **EUD or EUX:** Vocational education lets you work in a trade, and EUX gives you both practical training **and** a study qualification.

With your Costa Rican heritage...

You could also consider:

- Choosing Spanish as a language subject (easy advantage!)
- Exploring international programs like **exchange years** or **summer schools abroad** (some are supported by Danish schools or organizations)

My Recommendation

Start by asking yourself:

- Do I enjoy school and academic subjects?
- Do I want to go to university someday?
- Do I learn better by reading/theory or by doing things in real life?
- What kind of career do I imagine?

Then:

- If you're curious and open to university: **STX** or **IB** are best.
- If you're interested in business or international work: **HHX** or **IB**.
- If you're hands-on: **HTX**, **EUD**, or **EUX**.

If you'd like, I can help you explore specific schools near where you live in Denmark. Just tell me your city or region!