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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Cuba. 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?

Thanks for sharing your background — you're at a key moment in life, and it's great that you're thinking ahead. Since you've just finished **primary school** in Denmark (which ends at 9th or 10th grade depending on the path), your next step typically involves choosing between **general upper secondary education** and **vocational education and training (VET)**. Here's a breakdown of your main options:

🇩🇰 Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (*General Upper Secondary Education – for university preparation*)

These are best if you're considering going to university later on.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General academic high school. Offers a wide range of subjects like humanities, science, and social studies. Great if you're unsure what you want to study yet.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international studies. Useful if you're thinking about business, finance, or trade.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on science, technology, and engineering. Ideal if you like tech, programming, or innovation.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)** – A shorter (2-year) general education for students who may want a faster path to higher education. Often used by older students or those who want a more practical, flexible setup.

💡 When to choose this path:

- If you're academically inclined.
- If you're aiming for university.
- If you're still exploring career options.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (EUD/VET) (*Vocational Education and Training*)

These programs combine school and apprenticeship (praktik) and are great if you want to start working earlier or learn through hands-on experience.

- Examples: Electrician, hairdresser, carpenter, chef, social and healthcare assistant, etc.

- You usually start with a basic course (grundforløb) and then go into a practical training period (praktik) in a company.

When to choose this path:

- If you prefer practical work over academic study.
- If you want to get into the job market sooner.
- If you already have an idea of a specific trade or craft you're interested in.

How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy studying and theory-based learning, or do I prefer working with my hands and learning by doing?
- Do I already have a dream career or something I'm passionate about?
- Am I interested in eventually going to university, or do I want to start working sooner?

Bonus Considerations Based on Your Background:

Being fluent in Danish and having a Cuban family background could be a unique strength:

- **Languages and culture** could lead to opportunities in international studies, translation, diplomacy, or tourism.
- **Business and international trade** could be especially interesting if you want to connect Denmark and Latin America.
- You could also explore **creative industries** like music, dance, or media — Cuban culture is rich and could give you a unique edge.

Flexibility

One of the good things about the Danish education system is that it's flexible. If you choose one path and later change your mind, there are often **ways to switch** or take **supplementary courses** to get back on track.

If you tell me a bit more about:

- What subjects you enjoy most
- Your hobbies or passions
- Whether you're more practical or academic

...then I can give you a more personalized recommendation!