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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?

Thanks for sharing a bit about yourself! You're at a really exciting point in life — there are multiple paths open to you after primary school in Denmark (which typically ends around the 9th or 10th grade). Here's a breakdown of your main options, tailored to your situation as a bilingual 16-year-old with a multicultural background and fluency in Danish:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in academic subjects and might want to go to university later, one of these would be a great fit:

A. STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic education with sciences, humanities, and social sciences.
- Good if: You're not sure yet what you want to study, but want to keep your options open.
- Duration: 3 years

B. HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing, international trade.
- Good if: You're interested in entrepreneurship, business, or working internationally (your Costa Rican heritage could be an advantage).
- Duration: 3 years

C. HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus: Technology, natural sciences, and innovation.
- Good if: You're interested in science, engineering, IT or technical design.
- Duration: 3 years

D. HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Focus: More practically-oriented, 2-year academic path.
- Good if: You prefer a shorter program or didn't do 10th grade.
- Duration: 2 years

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

If you prefer hands-on work and want to start a career soon (e.g., crafts, healthcare, technology, service), this might be for you.

- You combine school with apprenticeship in a real company.
- Duration: 2–5 years, depending on the field.
- Good for careers like: Electrician, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, social worker, etc.
- You can still go to university later if you take “EUX” (vocational + academic mix).

3. 10. klasse (Optional extra year)

If you're unsure or want to improve your academic level or social confidence before choosing a direction, a 10th-grade year can be a great "bridge year."

- Can be taken at a regular school or **efterskole** (a type of boarding school).
- Efterskole is especially good for personal development, independence, and social growth — and many focus on specific themes like sports, music, or global citizenship.

Bonus Idea: Use Your Bilingual Background

Being fluent in both Danish and Spanish (assuming you speak Spanish at home) is a **huge advantage** in today's global world. You could:

- Look for international programs or **IB (International Baccalaureate)**.
- Consider working or studying abroad later — perhaps in Costa Rica, Spain, or Latin America.
- Aim for careers where language and culture matter: international business, diplomacy, tourism, translation, or NGOs.

Recommendations Based on Different Interests:

If You Like...	Recommended Path
Science or tech	HTX or STX
Business or economics	HHX or EUX Business
Helping people	EUD (social & healthcare) or HF
Hands-on learning	EUD or EUX
Languages, culture, society	STX or IB
Not sure yet	10. klasse or STX for broad options

Would you like help comparing specific schools or programs in your area of Denmark? Or would you like to explore what kind of careers match your interests and strengths?