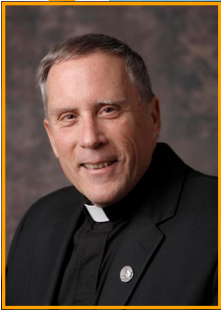




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Message from the President



President David
Haschka, S.J.

Dear Friends of Cristo Rey:

We begin our critical fourth year with 63 students in our first senior class. They have made great progress over the last three years. But, now it's time to "bring it all home" with graduation and college acceptance.

We began this adventure three years ago with the promise of significantly improving the

prospects for graduation and college success in a demographic – low-income, minority, recent immigrants – notoriously underperforming in this regard. Since that time, the urgency of this mission has increased along with the economic uncertainties. In recent testimony before congress, former West Virginia Governor Robert Wise stated: "[T]he enormous cost of bailing out the banks, financial institutions, the auto industry, and AIG is less than the economic cost of just five years of [school] dropouts in the United States. **The ultimate economic stimulus package is a diploma.**"

So, it's "stand and deliver" time. Please stand with us and support this mission in every way you can. And pray with us, for this is indeed God's work. And God has chosen us as His unworthy instruments.

Father David

Freshmen Profile

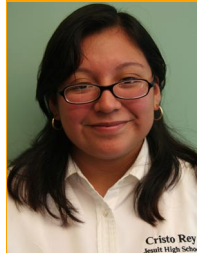
Ethnicity

Hispanic: 64%
African-American: 21%
Multi-Racial: 8%
African: 4%
Asian: 1%
Caucasian: 1%

Religion

Roman Catholic: 57%
Christian, non-Catholic: 29%
None specified: 12%
Muslim: 2%

Summer Learning in the City



Jazmin Mendez

The summer before her senior year at Cristo Rey, **Jazmin Mendez** performed her first autopsy. On a visit to the National Institutes of Health, a doctor made Jazmin an offer she couldn't refuse. Who would like to help him perform the procedure? Jazmin jumped at the chance. "No one else wanted to do it," Jazmin said. She took the scalpel and with the doctor's slow and steady hand guiding hers, she made the first incision. "It was amazing."

Jazmin was able to do what many low-income students don't have the opportunity to do – attend a summer enrichment program. These opportunities help students prepare for college and future careers. With the help of scholarships, several Cristo Rey students attended prestigious summer programs.

Jazmin attended the National Hispanic Youth Initiative in Health, Biomedical Research, and Policy Development Scholar's Program in Washington, D.C. She visited institutions such as the National Institutes of Health, several agencies in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Capitol Hill and several museums. She learned about the unique health problems Hispanics face and presented her findings during the NHYI banquet.

"What I most enjoyed was receiving the knowledge for a future career," Jazmin said. "I am grateful for this opportunity to seek and find motivation from doctors who took the time to answer our questions," she said. "If someone similar to me can succeed, then so can I."



Mariah Mendoza

Mariah Mendoza and Luis Nava-Torres attended the Georgetown University Pre-College Program in Washington, D.C. In this program, offered exclusively to Cristo Rey Network high school students, students attended college prep workshops and participated in leadership exercises. They dined with the President of the Cristo Rey Network, Rob Birdsell. The founder of the Cristo Rey Network, Father John Foley, S.J., spoke at the closing banquet.

On the first day of classes, Mariah Mendoza noticed a pattern. "We were going around in a circle introducing ourselves and were saying 'I am so lucky to be here,'" Mariah said. "We didn't have to pay for the program," she said. "When an opportunity like that comes around you take it."



Luis Nava-Torres

Luis Nava-Torres also attended the program at Georgetown. "I really enjoyed taking International Relations and American Politics classes," Luis said. "I experienced what college professors are like," he said. Georgetown is his

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number one pick for college. Dr. Daniel Porterfield, Senior Vice President of Strategic Development at Georgetown, offered to write recommendation letters for Mariah and Luis.

Not all of the students traveled to Washington, D.C. this summer. **Isidoro (Izzy) Tirado, David Jara and Chris Silva** attended the **United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar** in Annapolis, Md. The Summer Seminar is a six-day experience for high achievers who want to learn about life at the Naval Academy. Midshipmen (students at the Naval Academy) ran the program with oversight by active duty Navy and Marine Corps officers. More than 2,250 students from around the world attend the program each year.

Kiara Clark stayed close to home this summer. Kiara attended ThreeSixty Journalism, a youth journalism workshop based at the **University of St. Thomas** in Saint Paul, Minn. Students wrote and reported their own stories. They experienced the challenge of getting sources to call back, interviewing strangers and staying objective. Her story about obesity ran in the **Minneapolis Star Tribune** and the **Saint Paul Pioneer Press**, Minnesota's two largest daily newspapers.

The most valuable part of Kiara's experience was meeting a diverse group of people. She interacted with students of different racial and socio-economic backgrounds. "... an Asian student, an affluent white student," Kiara said. "These are people I usually wouldn't talk to and now we're friends."



Kiara Clark



Development Update

We began fiscal year 2010 with a deficit caused by the effects of a challenging economy. In spite of having fewer paying jobs than we budgeted for, we ended the year with a modest financial surplus due to the generous support of our many friends who understand the value of an investment in our students. Thank you!

This year, we face even more significant financial challenges. In spite of adding 20 new jobs, we are beginning the year with a larger deficit in Hire4Ed, and a number of major start-up grants that helped fund our first three years have ended.

Yet, we look at Fiscal Year 2011 with renewed hope and faith. Our students continue to make amazing progress, and we look forward to sending our seniors off in June prepared for success in college. We hope that you will support our students and our teachers in this important work again this year. Your gift will have a life-changing impact for generations.



Rick Campion
Development
Director

FY11 Development Goal:	\$1,540,000
Total Funds Raised as of 9/7/10:	\$297,000
Remaining for FY11 Goal:	\$1,243,000

We hope that you will find it in your heart to continue to help our students become productive, contributing members of society. Gifts at the following levels, along with Hire4Ed and Family Contribution income, will change a student's life in the following way:

- \$10,000 will fund one student for an entire year.
- \$5,000 will fund one student for a semester.
- \$2,400 will fund the family contribution for one student for an entire year.
- \$1,200 will fund the family contribution for one student for a semester.

Thank you!

Cristo Rey Meet and Greets

Our Meet and Greet events are a great way to stay connected with Cristo Rey. They are also excellent opportunities to network with other business leaders and community members. Guests at our Meet and Greets have the opportunity to take a tour of the school, as well as meet several of our students. In addition, our leadership team will discuss our mission and how we provide opportunities for our students to transform lives every day.



Please join us for our next Meet & Greet on September 22 at 12 pm at Cristo Rey. Tell your friends, coworkers, and colleagues about Cristo Rey and invite them to attend with you. We appreciate your help introducing people to Cristo Rey!

Testing Their Mental and Physical Boundaries in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area

Cristo Rey students proved— in a very literal way – that they could overcome obstacles great and small. They paddled 10 miles a day, portaged over rough terrain, gathered wood and set up camp. But the whole experience was about more than brute strength and physical exertion. Students reflected on their experiences in their writing assignments and group discussions.

“It’s a good getaway,” Cristo Rey student Dontay Hollins said. His most memorable moment was sharing life stories with his classmates. “I’m sharing my trials and tribulations and they’re sharing their secrets,” Dontay said. “It brought me closer to others.”

Chaperones encouraged students to work together along the journey, but also to exercise initiative. Research by the Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development concluded that “the nonschool hours are the proving ground on which young people test and master their own interests, thus developing the skills and confidence that promote the other three R’s—resourcefulness, responsibility, and reliability.” Students succeeded in an unfamiliar environment. They grew in their confidence to try other unfamiliar activities and continue their successes at school, at home and in the community.



Alexandra Alcantar



Juan José Caballero

Hire4Ed Work/Study Students Well Prepared to Work

All Cristo Rey students work in professional jobs five days a month to help underwrite the cost of their private college- prep education. Companies who hire our students benefit from a well-trained, reliable employee and our students experience a life changing opportunity.

As part of orientation, our students receive Dale Carnegie Training. Dale Carnegie Training is not often the topic of conversation with 14-year-old co-eds, except if you are a freshman at Cristo Rey. On the first day of work, Hire4Ed work/study supervisors were delighted when our students greeted them with a firm handshake and direct eye contact, possibly followed by an exchange of business cards. These are some of the skills taught in Dale Carnegie Training.

Teaching these principles to a 14-year-old is comparable to teaching a child who has never seen nor touched a bicycle, how to ride one. It is a daunting task. However, with the professional concepts of Dale Carnegie, Dale Carnegie’s adept trainers and our highly skilled faculty and staff, we created an entertaining, educational experience that taught our students skills that warranted many positive comments from their employers.



*Meg Brudney
Executive Director
of Hire4Ed*

Celebrate! Bright Futures Fundraiser



There's plenty to celebrate at Cristo Rey. In three short years, members of our first class have moved us with their progress in the classroom and at work. They're looking forward to bright futures.

It all started three years ago with 85 freshmen, young and unsure of how it would all turn out. Now seniors, they are leaders. Come celebrate the collective achievements of our students, support their continued success and explore how you may be part of this exciting mission.

Thursday September 30, 2010 at Cristo Rey
5:30 - 7:30 PM, registration starts at 5:30 PM
There will be youth performances, remarks from our leaders, an appeal for your support followed by an interactive showcase and reception.

Register online at www.cristoreytc.org/celebrate
Individual Tickets \$50, proceeds go towards Cristo Rey
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
Business Attire
For general event inquiries call 612.545.9770 or email aishaeady@cristoreytc.org.

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On May 19, 2010, Cristo Rey and the Ryan family celebrated the life and legacy of Jim Ryan. There was a short tribute followed by a reception. Jim was an ardent supporter of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School--Twin Cities and his legacy will be felt for generations to come. Jim was one of the visionaries responsible for the development and construction of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. Jim and his wife Colleen gave generously of their time and resources to advance our mission. Jim gave significant wealth to this school, but he also gave us his love and care. We honor his memory best by carrying on the mission that he and we all have embraced – young men and women guided by faith, preparing for life, serving others.



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