

# upcoming events

## "A Dream That's Working"

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School and Urban Ventures come together to report back on our successes and on-going needs after five years of collaboration.

When: Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

For more information see our website [www.thedreamthatsworking.org](http://www.thedreamthatsworking.org)

## Lunch and Learn

Lunch is on us! Meet our students, learn about their accomplishments in the classroom and at work, and hear from our leadership team.

When: Friday, September 30, 2011, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

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## Graduation insert inside

### Graduation highlights:

- 61 graduates
- 57 accepted into college
- 4 join military



## Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Class of 2011



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## 2010-11 Highlight

### "Masquerade Ball" First Prom

Saturday, May 7 marked another first for Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. Juniors and Seniors sported their best for Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S.'s first annual Prom. A highlight of the event was the crowning of our first Prom Court. Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S. alumna, Trinere Montgomery '11, was proud of the choices for Prom Court. "The Court was unconventional. Often Prom Courts are made up of athletes and popular kids. Our Prom Court are the kindest and nicest students." We would especially like to thank those who volunteered or donated decorations, ladies' dresses, or other supplies. Your support helped make the evening memorable for all those in attendance.



Darrin Whitfield '12 and Guadalupe Andrade '12 were crowned Prom Prince and Princess.

## 105 New Students Complete Orientation and Join Work Force

All Cristo Rey Jesuit High School students make sacrifices for their education. Many ride the school bus for over an hour each morning in order to get to school. Others burn the midnight oil completing homework assignments after finishing an eight hour work day.

However, our students' commitment to a Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S. education is put to the test from day one. They must not only commit to work at least one day each week, spend more time at school each day and adhere to dress code policies, but they must also start at Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S. two weeks before other returning students.

On August 9, 105 new students descended upon Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S. to begin New Student Orientation. The two week orientation introduces students to school culture and expectations. Most importantly, the orientation prepares students for work. Students brush up on typing skills, practice filing, and learn basic phone etiquette.

Joining our orientation again this year were experts from Dale Carnegie® Training to work with our students on important skills for their professional jobs such as making a proper introduction and making good conversation.

On August 24 and 25 students boarded buses and taxis to visit their worksites for the first

time. While there are always hiccups when coordinating visits of two or four students to 90 different companies or organizations, all of our employers agreed, Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S. made a positive first impression. Thank you to all of our new and returning Hire4Ed sponsors. Please see the Hire4Ed Work Study section of our website for a complete list of our corporate sponsors, [www.crstoreytc.org](http://www.crstoreytc.org).



Above: Jasmyn Taylor, '13, share her own experiences of perfecting the art of public speaking during a Dale Carnegie training session.

Right: Students and teachers unload bus at stop downtown en route to Hire4Ed work site orientations.



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From the President, Fr. Tim Manatt, S.J.

The last few weeks have witnessed a good number of graduates returning to school to say hello. Of course, it's the young people's way of showing their appreciation, and to receive an extra bit of encouragement from the adults who guided and loved them during their tenure at Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S.



And now they're off to begin their college careers—locally, at Augsburg College; Minnesota Community and Technical College; the University of Minnesota; and the University of St. Thomas; and farther afield, at Mankato State; St. Mary's of Winona; St. John's of Collegeville; Georgetown; and Santa Clara—while two others are nearing the end of Marine basic training in California.

They have all reached the next level, with new aspirations, goals, and mentors on the horizon. Yet happily our commitment to the Class of 2011 is not over. The stated goal of every school in the Cristo Rey Network is to ensure graduation of our students from high school and college. With this in mind, teams of 3-4 Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S. adults—academic deans, administrators, and counselors—will travel on Friday afternoons to colleges within 150 miles of Minneapolis in order to visit the graduates and to introduce ourselves to our professional counterparts on campus.

Meanwhile, on the home front we have much more to accomplish—for instance, improving student retention over a 4-year span, and enhancing our extra-curricular program. Yet we do feel a deep sense of gratitude and satisfaction in the achievements of the school as we enter our 5<sup>th</sup> year.

In July, Principal **Jeb Myers** crossed paths with a junior: "There was a lot of pressure on you last year, wasn't there?" the young man stated spontaneously. "I mean, you guys made a promise about getting kids into college, and you're keeping it."

Thank you for providing us with the resources—financial; intellectual; and spiritual—we need to continue delivering on the promise.

## Development update

Our fundraising efforts finished strong as we wrapped up the fiscal year on June 30. To help attract new donors, the Carl and Eioise Pohlrad Family Foundation approved a \$25,000 grant to be used as a matching gift challenge for new individual contributions up to \$1,000.

We are delighted to report that thanks to the generosity of 79 new donors who made their first gift to the school between March 1 and June 30, Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S. received a \$24,100 matching grant! THANK YOU!

This opportunity continues for Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S.'s 2011-2012 school year, with the next match period January 1 - June 30, 2012. If you have yet to make your first gift to Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S., please take advantage of this incentive and double the impact of your gift!

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## Puma Athletics Update



Above: Puma Track team members **Ravin** and **Kiarah** stretch before a meet.

Right: Puma soccer players **Carissa** and **Paige** rest during a game against Metro United.



## Two seniors travel to Connecticut with other Cristo Rey Network students and get a taste of the college experience

Prior to the summer of 2011, **Guadalupe Andrade '12**, had never been on a plane before. Luckily, her classmate, **Martin Quintana '12**, had. Guadalupe and Martin were selected from among their peers to participate in a program hosted by Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT.

The week long summer program was exclusively for students from the 24 schools who belong to the Cristo Rey Network. While in Connecticut, students participated in a variety of activities including attending college classes in a major of their choice, learning tips about the college selection process, and even practicing their interview skills for the all-important college interview.

In addition to class, students made an extensive college tour. Connecticut College, New Haven University, Yale University, and Manhattan College were among the other schools that students visited. Guadalupe shared that visiting New York City for the first time was definitely a highlight of the trip, but she "didn't like the schools there. They are too far. I want to be closer to home. The trip helped me realize that I want to go to college in state."

While Guadalupe may not have found the college of her choice, she feels the experience was very valuable. "I thought it would be boring, and I was going to miss out on things here at home. But it was definitely a good experience. I met so many great people." The group still keeps in touch on Facebook.

Guadalupe was even able to make connections from her Hire4Ed work-study job at WellsFargo and those she met on the trip. As it turns out, she talks to Cristo Rey students from Arrupe Jesuit in Denver, CO each day when working at WellsFargo but had no idea they were from a Cristo Rey school.



Cristo Rey Network students with the Fairfield University "Stag", the school's mascot.

Guadalupe says the hardest part of the week was getting up each morning. "They did a bad job of making us go to bed. There was no curfew! You could stay up as late as you wanted as long as you could stay awake in class the next morning. I guess that's what college will be like."

Despite her hesitations to go to away to school, Guadalupe still intends to apply to Fairfield University along with Augsburg College and St. Catherine University. She would like to study Nursing.

## Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S. students continue to gain work experience during the summer



**Vianey Montes Osorio '13** (left) logged over 100 hours this summer at Marquette Real Estate Group

**Q:** This school year is Marquette Real Estate Group's first year with the Hire4Ed program. How did you get a job with them BEFORE school even started?

**A:** My job last year was unable to hire me in the summer, so when Mr. Wendt (former Assistant Director of Hire4Ed) made an announcement about possible summer employment. I emailed him my resume.

**Q:** Why did Marquette Real Estate Group hire students in the summer before their contract started?

**A:** When Ms. Brudney told them about the program, they told her that they had work for students right away.

**Q:** What was your favorite part about working at Marquette Real Estate Group?

**A:** They gave me chocolate! They had buckets and buckets of chocolate. But, it was also a really interesting experience, very different from my job last year. I am glad to be working there still this year.

## Hire4Ed work-study update

During the 2010-11 school year, our students earned over \$1.3 million toward the cost of their education through their Hire4Ed work-study jobs.

We now have 90 companies and organizations partnering with us. This year, we are proud to report that 84% of our clients from last year are returning while welcoming 22 new companies and organizations to the program.

- Accretive Health
- Amcom Software
- Avtex Solutions LLC
- Barnes & Thornburg
- Best & Flanagan
- Deloitte Services LP
- Delta Airlines, Inc.
- ECMC
- Ecolab
- Fredrickson & Byron, P.A.
- HealthPartners Corporate
- International Education Center
- Marquette Real Estate Group
- Marquette Transportation
- Merchant & Gould
- Minnesota Twins Baseball Club
- Mortenson Construction
- Regions Hospital
- Trujillo's Accounting Services
- UnitedHealth Group Legal
- Xcel Energy, Inc. Legal Administration
- Zelle, Hofmann, Voelbel & Mason LLP

As we grow, we will continue to need additional work placements for our students. If you are interested in learning more about hiring our students, please let us know.

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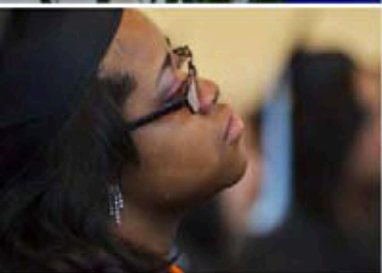


**Alberto, Vianey, Davonte and Karina** are the student worker team at Maquette Real Estate Group (to which NorthMarq belongs).

59 students employed through sponsors

7,265 hours worked

73,118 dollars earned



**100% accepted into college or the military!**

**2011 graduates are bound for the following schools or programs:**

Argosy University  
Art Institute International of Minnesota  
Augsburg College  
Center Point Massage Therapy School  
College of St. Benedict / St. John's University  
College of St. Scholastica  
Concordia University of Chicago  
Dunwoody College  
Georgetown University  
Gustavus Adolphus College

Hennepin Technical College  
Loras College  
Minneapolis Community and Technical College  
Minnesota State University - Mankato  
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology  
Normandale Community College  
North Dakota State University  
Northwestern College  
Santa Clara University  
St. Catherine University

St. Cloud State University  
St. Mary's College of Indiana  
St. Mary's University of Minnesota  
St. Paul College  
U.S. Marine Corps  
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
University of Nevada - Las Vegas  
University of South Carolina  
University of St. Thomas  
University of Wisconsin - River Falls

# Inaugural Graduation Weekend

## June 10 & 11, 2011



2011 Award winners with Bishop Lee Piché and school staff. Left to right: Morris Martinez (student speaker), Jose Mantos Osorio (Citizenship & Service to School and Community Award), Rosie Vang (Academic Excellence Award), Trinere Montgomery (*Magis* Award), and Abraham Zhanay (Ryan Family Hire4Ed Work Place Excellence Award).



Left: Fr. Tim Manatt, S.J. congratulates student speaker, Morris Martinez. Right: Student-elected faculty speaker, Emily Bryne, address students and families.



The Senior Choir performs dedication to class of 2011 and those who supported them on the path to graduation.



Mass was celebrated by Bishop Lee Piché at the Church of the Holy Name in Minneapolis.

*“There is so much love here.”*

*~Immaculeé Ilibigiza  
2011 commencement speaker and Rwandan Genocide survivor*

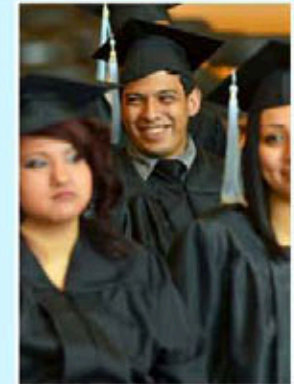
## Commencement Exercises



“But it wasn’t just Cristo Rey and its remarkable system that brought us success and seated here today. Truthfully, it was US. It was you! It was getting up at 5:30 every morning for 1,568 days to come to school to get your education. For some, your dedication showed when you stayed AFTER 5:30 to get your work done so you wouldn’t fail a session...So, say thank you to yourself for being able to push through all of your struggles, fears, and worries. For not dropping out of high school when you wanted to the most, making it safely to graduation and going to college.” ~ Mariah Mendoza, student speaker



Immaculee Ilibigiza with group of graduates who sent her a special greeting before graduation.



Graduate Ismael Ibarra

## Baccalaureate Mass

“I am a student at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, and tomorrow I can say that I will be a graduate from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. A school that was built out of a dream, hope and love. It only took a couple people that believed in the low income family, the kids that came from tough backgrounds and the kids that sit here in this room today. The start of this movie, the all-star cast. The Seniors. The graduating Class of 2011.” ~ Morris Martinez, student speaker



*Magis* award winner, Trinere Montgomery and her grandmother.



Graduate Louis Govrik and Board Chair Tim Kosiek recognized President Emeritus, Fr. David Haschka, S.J.



The Spirit of Cristo Rey Awards were presented to Klara Machuca and Robby Vang