



CRISTO REY JESUIT

HIGH SCHOOL

TWIN CITIES UPDATE



Father Timothy Manatt, S.J.

From the President's Office

Dear Friends of Cristo Rey,

What an exciting time for me to come to the school! Indeed, it seems that I am making a habit of arriving to Jesuit schools just in time to accompany the first graduating classes. It happened for me at the Nativity Middle School in Milwaukee in 1996, and it is happening again this year at Cristo Rey Twin Cities.

We are beaming with pride over the fact that two-thirds of the seniors have been accepted to a 4-year college, with acceptances to community colleges forthcoming. Equally significant is the retention of 62 of 63 seniors since the start of the school year in August —the result not only of the perseverance of the students, but also a credit to the determination of their teachers and administrators to stand by students and 'pick them up' when their confidence or performance falters. The seniors are inspiring similar generosity and support in the workplace as well, as evidenced by the testimonial on the page that follows in an email exchange between a student and his mentor.

More recently, during an on-site visit to one of our employers, I witnessed first-hand the fondness that adult co-workers have for one of our seniors. Impressed first of all by the young man's demeanor and work ethic, but also by the school uniform, a handful of 20-somethings at the firm purchased the sleeve-less school sweater and formed the "Wednesday sweater vest club" in the young man's honor. How's that for impacting the workplace!

The 8th graders from the Nativity school went on to successful high school and two- and four-year college careers. Among the former students with whom I have kept contact, one negotiates contracts for a U.S. export company; another is a quality control engineer for an agri-business firm; and a third works as a police detective.

Where will the trailblazing graduates of the Cristo Rey Jesuit Class of 2011 enroll next year, and what professions will they eventually enter? What contributions will they make as future business, civic and religious leaders? The hopes and dreams underpinning these questions energize me at the beginning of a new assignment as president of our school.

If I have not had the opportunity already, I look forward to meeting you in person, and to collaborating with you in helping to transform the lives of our students and their families.

Fr. Tim Manatt, SJ

From the Principal's Office



Jeb Myers

Our goal in Academics is for all Cristo Rey Jesuit students to graduate from high school and college. In order to assure that our first-generation students and their families are prepared for college, we provide them with a broad range of support.

Sessions and events sponsored by Cristo Rey Jesuit include filling out college applications, preparing for the FAFSA, hosting a college fair and school sponsored bus trips for parents and students to visit a

variety of colleges and universities. At this writing, 42 of 63 students (66%) have been accepted to college. Below you will find the story of one such student, senior Connie Analco.

My Spiritual Life and Cristo Rey Jesuit



Connie Analco

Cristo Rey has influenced me to major in Criminal Justice and to minor in Theology in college. The lessons I learned in Mr. Contreras's and Ms. McCann's religion classes will be with me throughout my life. The principles of discernment — deciding between good and bad — as well as empathy and compassion will guide me as a future detective or lawyer. So far, I've been accepted to St.

Mary's, St. Scholastica and the University of Wisconsin River Falls. I'm not sure yet, but I'd like to go to Loyola University Chicago for law school.

From the Development Office

What an exceptional show of support for our students and for the mission of Cristo Rey Jesuit. We are truly grateful for the generosity of our benefactors

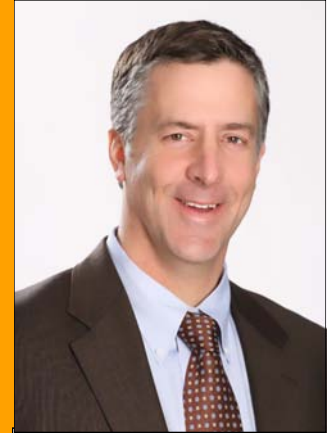
Over the coming five months, we hope you will find it in your heart to continue your financial support of our school or to make a gift for the first time.

In fact, your gift could be doubled. The Frey Family Foundation has awarded Cristo Rey Jesuit a matching grant. The following types of gifts will be matched one to one up to \$75,000:

- New gifts
- Gifts increased by 10% or more
- Gifts from individuals whose last gift was two or more years ago.

Please call us if you have questions about your last gift.

Thank you!



Rick Campion

FUNDRAISING	AS OF JANUARY 21, 2011
REVISED GOAL FY '11*	\$2,467,956
RAISED TO DATE	\$1,633,901
REMAINING TO GOAL	\$834,055

*REVISED FROM \$2,058,200

From the Hire4Ed Office



Meg Brudney

Every day I witness the impact that supervisors and mentors in the Hire4Ed program have on our students. The 67 companies and organizations in the Hire4Ed program not only employ our students – they build our students’ self-esteem, teach them to succeed in a professional environment and broaden their view of the world. Hire4Ed clients make it possible for our students to receive the faith-based, college-prep high school education Cristo Rey Jesuit provides. We are so grateful.

Next fall, we anticipate a significant increase in enrollment which leads to a need for more jobs. We will need one full time job for every four students. With every additional full time job, we can accept four new students. If you are interested in greatly impacting the lives of a few students while getting a well-trained motivated employee, please contact Meg Brudney, Executive Director of Hire4Ed.

The following email exchange is between a Cristo Rey senior and an executive mentor at a bank that employs our students. It is reprinted with the permission of the student and the employer. Their names have been changed.

Send To... Ramón Student
Cc...
Subject: Congratulations

Dear Ramón-

Congratulations on being accepted into college! This is a great accomplishment for you, your family and for Cristo Rey. You overcame many obstacles to get to this point in your life. But you worked hard and succeeded in what you set out to do - graduate high school and go to college. The life lessons you learned at Cristo Rey can guide you into your future. If you let them do that, I know that you will be successful.

Thanks also for your contributions at the bank. I hope that your experience there gave you some insight into the business world. We all owe thanks to your supervisors for the great job they did in helping you along at work, and mentoring you. They are great role models as human beings.

Good luck in whatever course you choose from here on in life. If you need a reference or if I can be of any help, please let me know. My phone number is ###-###-####. God bless you and your family, and I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season.

Peter Executive

Send To... Peter Executive
Cc...
Subject: RE: Congratulations

Hi Peter-

Thank you so much it really means a lot. I also want to thank you because you impacted my life greatly. Before Cristo Rey and the bank, what I pictured for my future was the complete opposite. You introduced me to a world that I never knew existed and for the first time in my life I felt like I was able to actually be somebody in life. I am glad that I was able to work all four years at the bank because everybody who was here when I first started taught me so much. Words will never describe how thankful I am because you, the bank, Cristo Rey, and all of the people who helped me become a better person here, were what my mother called the “answer to her prayers.”

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work here because it helped me break from the negative things that followed me throughout my life and it not only gave me hope, but it gave my family hope that despite everything there was a bright future for me.

Ramón Student

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On October 28, 2010, the First 12 Cristo Rey Jesuit Students Were Accepted to College!