



VERBUM DEI
JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Friend,

Happy New Year from Verbum Dei Jesuit! I'm proud this month to share the story of a notable member of our alumni community, **Jonathan Herrera, class of 2016**. He has always been a supporter of the Mission Advancement Office while as a student and most recently agreeing to chair our Alumni Association. Jonathan who has grown into an outstanding young man believes that giving back to the Verb paves the way for incoming students. He envisions the formation of an Alumni Association will offer a space for former alum in various job sectors the opportunity to mentor young men at the Verb. His own experience in the Corporate Work Study Program allowed him to become a well-rounded public speaker, able to connect with his senior officials and corporate executives alike.

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— Jonathan Herrera, '16

Jonathan was a recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship. This scholarship helped mitigate the costs associated with his college education, covering housing expenses, books, and transportation. To him and his family this meant a college education free of financial worry. This in turn allowed him to focus on his academics, clubs, and gave him the freedom to study abroad.

As a Santa Clara University graduate, he credits his academic success to the Cristo Rey and Jesuit education he received here at the Verb. He believes that his exposure to a corporate environment was critical in his professional development, as it offers a ripe environment for young men to become skillful and have access to opportunities post-college. He is the epitome of the unlimited potential young men from underinvested communities have under the right guidance, financial support and eagerness to succeed.



Jonathan Herrera, SCU '20

It is exceedingly rewarding to see how far Jonathan has come as a Verbum Dei Jesuit graduate. Please join me in celebrating this young man as his achievements would not have been possible without your support, and other donors like you, which Jonathan often mentions he wants to one day emulate.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Hosch

P.S. Give me a call-let's catch up! I'd love to tell you about the new goings-on at Verb Jesuit.

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