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Cristo Rey Miami High School is thrilled to announce an exciting school update and the appointment of a new Interim President effective January 2024, marking a promising future for this dynamic institution.

Cristo Rey Miami, part of the national Cristo Rey School Network, launched in July 2022 and is the first school in South Florida exclusively serving hard-working students from under-resourced communities. The school is providing an unparalleled college preparatory education and career development for students of Miami-Dade County. The school will serve 450 students annually at full capacity, providing them the education, enrichment, work experience, and values that will ensure their college readiness and success far beyond college - an achievement that would have otherwise been unobtainable.

Since inception, Cristo Rey Miami High School has enrolled its first two classes, Freshmen and Sophomores, established 41 corporate partnerships, and secured over \$15 million in contributed support. The school will begin construction this November of a 38,000 sq.ft. state of the art academic building, which will accommodate the full student body. These achievements are positively impacting not only the lives of their students and families, but the entire community, demonstrating the school's commitment to breaking down barriers to education and empowering underserved youth. As Cristo Rey Miami High School continues to equip students for a lifetime of academic and professional success, the school is excited to introduce its Interim President effective January 1, 2024, Amelie Ferro, who has been with the school for over four years, and brings a wealth of experience and a vision that seamlessly aligns with the School's values and mission.

Amelie is a respected business and community leader, with over 30 years of successful experience identifying and strategically developing market opportunities for leading organizations. These include the Walt Disney Company, Yahoo!, Publicitas and Ennovva. During this time, Amelie launched and led startup organizations, and built diverse teams in highly competitive markets. Amelie holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology, and a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership. She has consistently demonstrated her unwavering commitment to Cristo Rey students over the past four years, in her roles as Director of Corporate Work Study Program and VP of Corporate Partnerships and Advancement. "I am both honored and excited to take on the role of Interim President at Cristo Rey Miami High School," says Amelie. "I am deeply committed to furthering the school's mission and ensuring that every student who walks through our doors has the opportunity to achieve their full potential."

Our current President, Anamarie Moreiras, has decided to retire from her position, effective January 15, 2024. Anamarie has tirelessly served as President since 2020, and has been instrumental in launching and leading the school over the past four years. Her excellent leadership, strong vision, and steadfast dedication enabled the achievements outlined above, and has laid the foundation for Cristo Rey Miami High School's continued growth and success. Prior to taking on her leadership role at Cristo Rey, Anamarie was already a well respected senior educational leader in the South Florida community. She spent thirty-one years with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, holding various roles throughout that time, including Principal of South Miami K-8 Center and Region Director for the Central and North Regions.

The process of selecting a new full time President has begun, and the Board aims to identify a strong successor by June 2024.



As we celebrate our school's ongoing journey and look forward to an even brighter future, Cristo Rey Miami High School remains a place where students from low-income families are offered a clear pathway through education to economic success. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming expansion of Cristo Rey Miami's campus, thank Anamarie for her exceptional leadership, and are confident that under Amelie's leadership, Cristo Rey Miami High School will continue to help empower Miami's underserved youth.

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