

Corporate Work Study's “Extraordinary Value” to our Region



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- Brendon Cull,
*President & CEO
Cincinnati USA
Regional Chamber*



From the President

Dear Friends of DePaul Cristo Rey:

Since our inception, the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) has been the hallmark of a Cristo Rey education. The gift of career exposure, coupled with real world work experience, has been a highlight for many Bruins; the very reason why they choose to be a part of our community. For them, CWSP is about more than just doing a job; it's the way they learn and give back to the very environments shaping our Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region. It's an opportunity for our Bruins to impact offices and leaders with not only their solid work skills, but their own individual stories and dreams.

Today, Corporate Work Study continues to deploy students to various work environments in both the corporate and nonprofit sectors. Partners, both new and old, representing a variety of industries give of their time, talent, and treasure to shepherd our young men and women into spaces they've never seen.

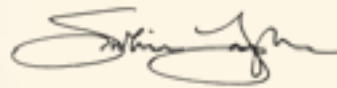
These partnerships and professional relationships make all the difference, as our Bruins learn a multitude of things both inside and outside of the classroom. As a result, new experiences are unearthed, new possibilities forged, and new futures set in motion.

Indeed, the commitment of our 85 partners to provide over 221 quality job placements is truly remarkable! Daily, men and women support our students as they learn to be strong, committed, and knowledgeable young professionals. Our students, in return, provide real value to companies – completing top-notch projects that many of us would have only dreamt of as young workers. From the halls of **Western & Southern** to the classrooms of **Corryville Catholic School**, our Bruins are working to improve the bottom line for area businesses. At **Cintas** and **KPMG**, they've assisted with the implementation of a variety of accounting and finance processes; while at **U.S. Bank** and **General Electric** they're learning how to work as cybersecurity analysts. What they're doing is impressive – and the list goes on and on!

As we look to the 2024-2025 school year, DePaul Cristo Rey is committed to securing 90 additional job placements for our deserving, young students, as our work to provide them with these life-changing opportunities is not over. From architecture and construction to government and manufacturing, DPCR is excited to welcome new partners to our family. Won't you help us secure these placements of new opportunity? Won't you help us continue to impact Cincinnati's talent pipeline and all the businesses that call this great region home?

Cincinnati, we need you. And we thank you. You haven't let us down yet.

With appreciation,



Siobhan Taylor
President & CEO



DPCR Students Contribute to the Region's Collective Strength and Future



As President & CEO of the **Cincinnati Regional Chamber**, I have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary value the DePaul Cristo Rey Corporate Work Study Program brings to an organization. Our involvement in this program has been both an honor and a strategic commitment. The Chamber recognizes the importance of nurturing a pipeline of young and diverse talent who will contribute to the growth and long-term success of our region.

We've worked with more than a dozen DPCR students over the years. Just last year, one of our first student workers was back visiting my colleague, Laurette, thanking her for the mentorship and guidance she provided more than 10 years ago. That student's path was changed by her time at the Chamber.

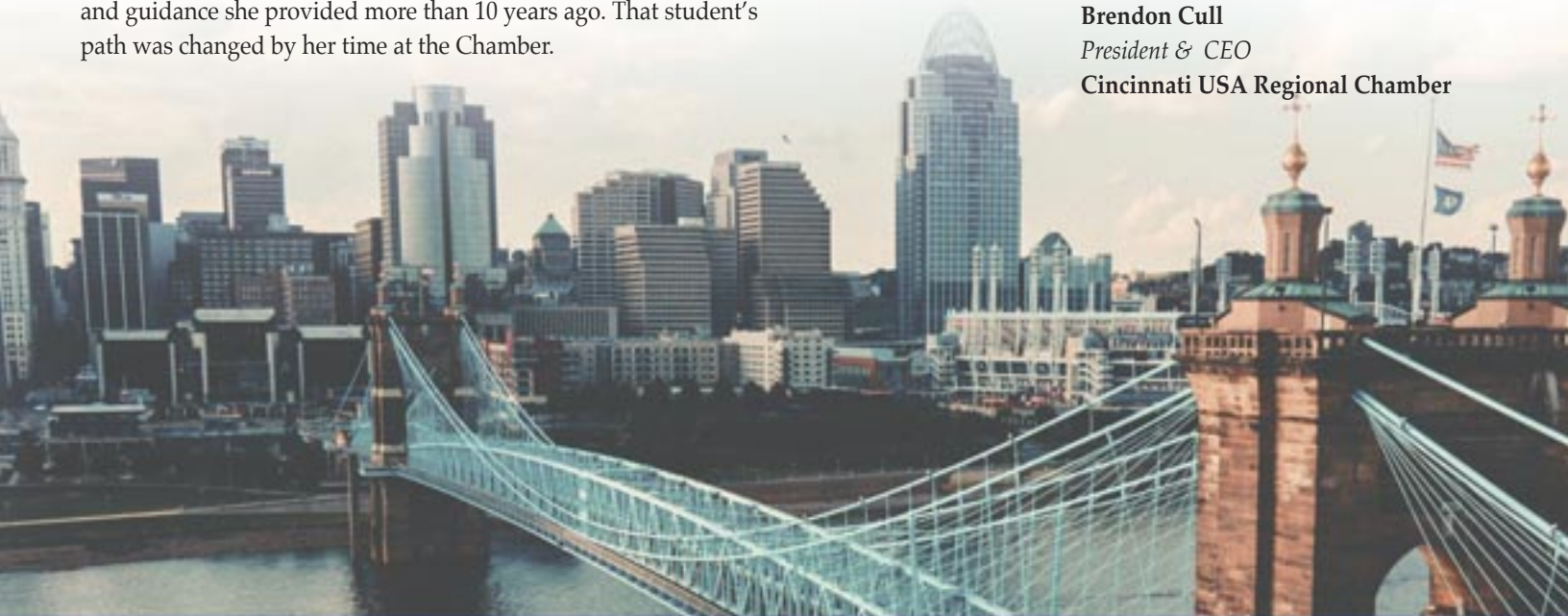
The power of the program lies in its ability to shape the future workforce while simultaneously providing students with a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth. The program equips students with skills that extend beyond textbooks and classrooms, preparing them for the very real challenges of the professional world. The skills they acquire during their work-study experiences transcend individual success; they contribute to the collective strength and future of our region.

DePaul Cristo Rey's dedication to providing opportunities for those with limited financial means speaks volumes about their commitment to fostering inclusivity and breaking the cycle of generational poverty. This aligns seamlessly with our vision of a vibrant and prosperous Cincinnati region where everyone belongs. I'm happy to celebrate what this program has brought to the Chamber, but YOU should know there is an imperative for NEW placements. The demand for young, diverse talent continues to grow, and as business leaders, it is on all of us to open our doors and embrace the opportunity to shape (and be shaped by) the future workforce. By partnering with DePaul Cristo Rey, your team gains valuable team support, and you help the organization serve more students in our community.

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Participating in the DePaul Cristo Rey Corporate Work Study Program is believing in the promise of our youth. A promise we must collectively buy into for the growth of our region. Ten years from now, one of the DePaul Cristo Rey students you host will be back to see you too – with a story of a changed life. You can count on it.

Brendon Cull
President & CEO
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber



A Snapshot of DPCR Graduates



Emilie Carson

Class of 2015

Emilie completed her bachelor's degree in journalism from the **University of Cincinnati** in 2020 and moved to Columbus following graduation. She has worked in marketing and this past fall was hired as Marketing Coordinator at **Cristo Rey Columbus**. She's getting married this year.



Deanna Wilson

Class of 2015

A graduate of **Mount St. Joseph University** with a bachelor's degree in health and wellness, Deanna returned to the Mount and finished her master's degree in nursing in August. She is now working as a registered nurse at **Good Samaritan Hospital** (a DPCR Corporate Work Study Partner).



Heather Cook Trennepohl

Class of 2017

Heather received a bachelor's degree in advanced medical imaging from the **University of Cincinnati** in 2022. She now works as an MRI technologist at **Kettering Health-Hamilton**. She has been married since 2021.



Joe and Zamaria (Beasley) Whittle

Class of 2017

Though living and working in Phoenix, Joe and Zamaria returned to DPCR, where they met, to get married in November 2023. Zamaria is a graduate of **Xavier University** and works as an accountant for **Inspired Healthcare Capital**. Joe, a graduate of **Loyola University Chicago**, is an account executive for **Accely, Inc.**



Sandra Ramirez Puac

Class of 2018

A graduate of **Mount St. Joseph University**, Sandra is discerning a possible call to religious life in the pre-entrance program of the **Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati**. She is living in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and teaching children with special needs at the **Proyecto Santa Niño**.



Heidi Cook

Class of 2019

Heidi graduated in May 2023 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from **Miami University**. She moved to Escanaba, MI, where she is working as a process engineer for paper/packing manufacturer, **Billerud**.

ates: Where Are They Now?



Vada Harris

Class of 2019

As a senior at **Wright State University**, Vada is studying sports science with a concentration in sports medicine. On campus she is active in ROTC and Black Women Striving Forward.



Aurora Ortinez

Class of 2020

Aurora is a senior architecture major at **Miami University**. She serves as president of Alpha Psi Lambda and vice president of the treasury of the Multicultural Greek Council. She has also held leadership positions in the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) and the Latin American Student Organization.



Cornell White

Class of 2020

Cornell is spending his last semester as a senior at **Tennessee State University** as a legislative intern at the Tennessee State Capital. He is a political science major with a minor in business administration, and a member of the TSU Moot Court Team. He plans to go law school.



Brian Steele

Class of 2021

Currently a junior at **Tennessee State University**, Brian is majoring in business administration with a concentration in supply chain management. He is involved with the Generation of Educated Men organization.



Amecuh Taylor

Class of 2022

Amecuh is studying primary education as a sophomore at **Miami University**. She is pictured with Cincinnati Mayor **Aftab Pureval** this past fall when she was honored with the Outstanding College Student Scholarship by the APNET professional organization.



Michael Killings

Class of 2023

Michael first worked at **Triversity Construction** as his Corporate Work Study placement while a DPCR senior. Triversity hired him after graduation and he now works while studying accounting and business economics at **Northern Kentucky University**.

Celebrating the Power of Corporate Work Study

The power of the Corporate Work Study Program to change students' lives, support businesses, and impact the greater community was evident and on display at the annual Corporate Partner Leadership Breakfast. Held at DPCR on February 7, the event celebrated Corporate Partners, supervisors and student associates. Keynote speaker **Niki Krebs** has shepherded the program at **Messer Construction** since 2011. She talked about its fit with Messer's values and its impact. "It is core to Messer's strategy to be part of creating a vibrant economic environment where every individual has both the opportunity and motivation to be part of value creation... From our first group of students in 2011 to our 48th student assignment this year, I am constantly reminded of what we can accomplish if we put our minds to it." During the program DPCR students and staff honored Pioneer and New Partners, as well as **KPMG** as a five-year partner. **Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center** and the **Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation** were honored as Partners of the Year. **Dress for Success Cincinnati** was recognized as Nonprofit Partner of the Year.



Diego '26, student associate at Messer Construction, introduced Messer's Niki Krebs, keynote speaker.



KPMG was honored for five years of partnership. Shown are Jordan Celestin (left) and Patty Basti (right).

Representing Partner of the Year the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation were (left to right): Scott McFadden, Shawn Crosby and Ken Brown.



Lisa Nolan (left) and Courtney Shannon (right) of Dress for Success Cincinnati, recognized as the Nonprofit Partner of the Year.

Kim Hull of Partner of the Year Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center with Student Associate Imari '25.



New Partners and Sponsors Put Cincinnati's Future to Work

Also honored at the Leadership Breakfast were the new partners who joined the Corporate Work Study Program this year. They are:

- ArtsWave
- AssuredPartners
- Caring Place Healthcare Group
- City Gospel Mission
- Custom Design Benefits
- Dana Inc.
- Everybody is LITT Academy
- Fifth Third Bank
- GE Aerospace
- HER Cincinnati
- Kroger
- Omnia360 Facility Solutions
- RelaDyne
- The Community Builders
- United Way of Greater Cincinnati
- U.S. Bank

Sponsors are also critical to the success of the program by underwriting students working in nonprofit placements. Joining this year are:

- The Butler Foundation
- Christy and Terry Horan
- Chase Kohn



Horan Gift Honors Volunteer, Supports CWSP

Christy and Terry Horan are significantly impacting DPCR students while honoring long-time DPCR volunteer **Doug Miller**. The Horans made a \$200,000 gift in honor of Doug to support the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP). The Horans' gift will support several aspects of the CWSP including underwriting jobs for students who work in nonprofit organizations.

Terry Horan (left) is president and chief executive officer of **Horan**, which is a Kenwood-based employee benefits and retirement plan consulting, wealth management and life insurance company. **Doug Miller** (right) served as Horan's executive vice president prior to retiring after 33 years of service. He has been a reliable, engaged and valued DPCR volunteer, with his efforts directed to securing CWS placements for students.

New Members Named to Board of Directors



Ryan Dunlap



Steven Korte

Local business leaders **Ryan Dunlap** and **Steven Korte** have joined DePaul Cristo Rey's Board of Directors. Each has been appointed to a three-year term.

Ryan is the chief financial officer at **Triversity Construction** where he has worked since 2018. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from **Cedarville University** and is a certified public accountant. Steven is a principal and vice president of operations at **The Kleingers Group** where he has worked since 1998. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the **University of Cincinnati** where he also serves as an adjunct instructor in the Civil Engineering Department.

Michael Williams '18 Honored

Michael Williams '18 received the inaugural Alumni of the Year Award in January. He was honored for both his actions and for excelling in his pursuit of the school goal that “all students will graduate high school and college.” Following his 2018 graduation from DPCR, Michael attended **Xavier University** receiving a bachelor’s degree in sports marketing in 2022. He then enrolled at the **University of Notre Dame** where he received a master’s degree in management in May 2023. He is currently working as an account executive at **One Logistics Network** in Cincinnati.

In addition to his pursuit of higher education, Michael was honored for his commitment to DPCR’s alumni community, volunteering at DPCR events, and serving as a positive role model to current and past students. He was recognized at Alumni Day on January 6 during DPCR’s home basketball game.



Strengthening Community

Community Collaboration Levels the Playing Field for DPCR Students



Tania '26 (left) and Savannah '26 (right) stocking the produce refrigerator.

Playing Field program that started in September. The program is a collaboration between **MyWhy Cincinnati**, the **Joe Burrow Foundation**, and **Prolink**.

The MyWhy organization created Level the Playing Field to provide nutrition education and healthy produce to student-

“This initiative has changed how our students think about what they’re eating,” says Academic Dean **Stephen Cassady**.

“Having access to healthy, fresh produce impacts their work in the classroom as well as in athletics.” The healthy, fresh produce he’s referring to arrives at DPCR weekly through the Level the

athletes. DPCR is the first high school to pilot the program which kicked off with a Bengals-themed pep rally in September and the delivery of a produce refrigerator. Kroger delivers fresh produce to DPCR weekly which students, with MyWhy staff and volunteers, pack into bags distributed to each athletic team ahead of the daily practice or game. There’s enough produce to fill baskets in campus areas where students gather and every Friday additional bags are packed for any student to take home and share with their family.

Sophomores **Savannah** and **Tania** worked with MyWhy this past summer and jumped in to help facilitate the new program at DPCR. Each day during study hall they pack produce bags and fill baskets around campus. “I’m on the dance team and we love the fruit, especially the oranges. I see students with the fruit in every one of my classes,” says Tania. “The fruit gives student athletes healthier options than chips or candy before practice or games. It’s better for their energy and overall health,” says Savannah. Adds Tania, “There are students here who don’t have fruit and vegetables at home, so the Fruit Fridays help keep them and their families healthy.” Both agree their involvement with the program has educated and motivated them to pay attention to what they eat.

Stephen hopes the program can continue next school year. “Our students eat what’s available to them so the sooner we teach them to eat healthier, the better off they’ll be.”



Brings More Brilliance to DPCR Mark your calendar for April 27



ROL Co-chairs *Tammy Silvestri* (left) and *Lisa Ciccia* (right).

DePaul Cristo Rey is a beacon of light in the Greater Cincinnati community – both physically and metaphorically. The brightly lit campus is visible from I-75, while inside the work of many ignites students’ dreams and fuels their potential. Rey of Light is a powerful part of DPCR’s success, so save the date and shine with us on April 27 at Rey of Light 2024.

Rey of Light grows brighter each year as hundreds of guests, sponsors and volunteers have made it a can’t-miss event. They have also been instrumental in raising more than \$6 million to directly support DPCR students since the first event in 2013. That successful streak will continue this year with an evening at DPCR that includes a cocktail hour, dinner, raffles, a silent auction, and the very spirited live auction.

Leading the planning this year are Chairs **Lisa Ciccia** and **Tammy Silvestri** who have been Rey of Light volunteers for many years. Their committee includes volunteers who are securing sponsors as well as silent and live auction items to wow guests. Among the items already in hand for the live auction are coveted tickets to Luke Combs and Kenny Chesney’s summer Cincinnati concerts.

It’s not too late to sponsor, donate an auction item, make a cash gift, or volunteer. Contact **Lisa Muething** at 513.861.0600 or lisa.muething@dpcr.net for more information. Invitations will be mailed in March.

Golf and Pickleball Serve up DPCR Support

Two fall events brought together competitors, sponsors and volunteers for fun afternoons in support of DePaul Cristo Rey. The 12th annual DPCR Golf Classic surpassed its fundraising goal to raise \$85,000 for the DPCR Tuition Assistance Fund. **Bart Kohler** and **Bill McCloy** chaired the sellout event held September 25 at the **Western Hills Country Club**.

DPCR served up a new event, the Pickleball Palooza, in November. It was a resounding success with a full house of 35 teams playing at **The Pickle Lodge** in West Chester, raising \$10,000 for Rey of Light. Both events will return in the year ahead.

Pickleball Palooza champs: Christina Shepherd and Walt Gibler



Bart Kohler, Siobhan Taylor and Bill McCloy



DPCR Values Come Alive in Bruin Life



Living Faith



Students Spread Kindness and Joy Through Acts of Service

DPCR students have lived their faith through multiple service projects within and outside of DPCR since the start of the school year. Through the new DPCR St. Vincent de Paul Service Conference, 80 students have participated in eight service projects supporting the **Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati**, **People Working Cooperatively**, **St. Vincent de Paul**, and the **Keep Going 25 Foundation's Illumni-NITE**. Additionally, Bruin cheerleaders and National Honor Society members led a pre-Christmas toy drive collecting, wrapping and distributing 365 toys at four local elementary schools.



Fostering Growth

100% College Acceptance – 10 Years in a Row

The Class of 2024 has achieved a historic milestone at DPCR – they are the tenth class to have every senior accepted to college. There are 69 seniors in the Class of 2024 and between them, they have submitted over 1,000 college applications and have been accepted to almost 350 different colleges. DPCR's very first graduating class achieved 100 percent college acceptance in 2015 and every senior, every year since then has met that school goal.



Senior Receives Full-Tuition Evans Scholarship

Aunist '24 has received the prestigious Evans Scholarship, a four-year full tuition and housing scholarship for each of his four years of college. Evans Scholarships are awarded to high-achieving golf caddies across the country. Aunist is a caddie at the **Maketewah Country Club** where he was named Caddie of the Year as the top-rated among 80 caddies last fall. He plans to attend **Miami University** in Oxford and major in computer science.





Developing Resilience

Students Pitch Idea for Robotic Backpack in Local Competition

An idea for a robotic backpack to ease the weight on users' backs, earned a team of students a spot in the X-Squared High School Pitch Competition in January. The team of **Yirialis '26**, **Jirla '26** and **Bryanna '27** was selected from among 60 applicants to compete among 35 teams representing nine high schools. Jirla, who plans to study engineering in college, first developed the Gladpack idea in a tech camp last year; Bryanna and Yirialis helped her polish the idea and pitch it to the judges' panel in the daylong competition at St. Xavier High School. The experience also included a professional development workshop, guest speaker and networking with college representatives.



Left to right: Yirialis '26, Jirla '26 and Bryanna '27



Embracing Belonging

Bruins Earn Third Place in Ethics Competition

Two teams of Bruins competed, for the first time, in the Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl at the **University of Cincinnati** in January. Of 21 teams representing 14 high schools, both Bruin teams made it to the knock-out round and the team of **Alaisha '24**, **Yirialis '26**, **Oshay '27**, **Anita '27**, and **Maria '27** took third place! Pictured left to right are Coach **Mr. Julian Ohizu**, Oshay, Anita, and Yirialis.





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April 27, 2024

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