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Friends of Cristo Rey,

As our community embarks upon the 2023-2024 School Year today, I wanted to take some time to reflect on the busy summer months we have had here at 1717 W. Allegheny Avenue.

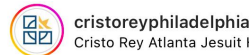
One might assume that our summers are quiet at Cristo Rey Philadelphia, but that couldn't be farther from the truth! The summer kicked off shortly after school ended when our College & Career Counseling Team took our rising seniors to Holy Family University for Ready, Set, College! Over the course of three days, our students experienced their first taste of collegiate life, while drafting their college essays and building their college lists. Shortly after College Intensive wrapped up, many of our young people began their own summer adventures! Over 60% of the Class of 2024 participated in summer programs such as study abroad travels, conferences, college immersion programs, and internships across three continents and multiple cities.



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cristoreyphiladelphia The Class of 2024 is college-bound next year and earlier this week they spent time with our friends at @holyfamiyu for Ready, Set, College! College essays were drafted, go-to karaoke songs were sung, and life on a college campus was experienced!

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cristoreyphiladelphia Ms. Reilly, Sebastian, Diana, and Mr. Tillman spent some time in the ATL last week for the 2023 @cristoreynetwork SUMA Conference.

Our pals at @cristoreyatlantajesuit hosted 40 students from 19 participating schools across the network. The conversations surrounded Work-Study and the impact of the program!!

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In June, we launched the third summer of Horizons at Cristo Rey with 62 students, in grades K-4, from our North Philadelphia community. This summer, we incorporated several new initiatives during our six weeks of programming, including the addition of a STEM curriculum created especially for our students, an additional licensed school counselor, increased time for swimming, and new partnerships with the Philadelphia Writing Project and an arts-based nonprofit, ArtWell. In addition, Horizons at Cristo Rey traveled down Henry Avenue to Walnut Lane Golf Club for lessons with our friends at Work-Study Partner, First Tee — Greater Philadelphia.



For the second year, we hosted our Summer Bridge program for the incoming freshmen class. One hundred and fifty five members of the Class of 2027, and their families, were officially welcomed to the Cristo Rey community during two weeks of orientation, learning, and fun. See what 6ABC had to say below about Summer Bridge below!



Alongside the accomplishments of our students, I must mention the hardworking Team that is tirelessly championing our students so that they can learn and thrive. We celebrated our final day of Faculty & Staff Bootcamp yesterday, and over the last week I have been so inspired by the passion and talent of this group. I am grateful to work

alongside each and every one of them as I know they are ready to nurture and challenge our students to recognize and realize their full potential.



Thank you for your support. Without it, I would not have the privilege of updating you on what proved to be incredibly busy months for our Cristo Rey community. With 550 students in school today, the energy at 1717 is palpable. I hope you will stop by this fall to come and see our mission in action!

Yours in Blue Pride,
Tom

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