

**April 18, 2024**

Friends of Cristo Rey,

Eight months have passed since we kicked off the 2023-2024 school year on August 22, 2023 and twelve years have passed since Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School opened on August 13, 2012. This past summer, as we reflected on twelve years of Cristo Rey, we looked at the values that we strive to teach our students so that they can become the future leaders and innovators of our city. We have always promised to be a community that believes, a community that dreams, a community that leads, and a community that serves.

With that in mind, we wanted to outline what our values *of believing, dreaming, leading, and serving* represent for our school. Our team came together last summer to define what our values mean to us and how we live them out. After many discussions regarding each value and what they signify to everyone who walks through our doors, we are proud to share our Cristo Rey Philadelphia values:



The graphic features the school logo and the text "CRISTO REY PHILADELPHIA VALUES" in large, bold letters. Below this, four vertical panels describe the values: WE BELIEVE, WE DREAM, WE LEAD, and WE SERVE. Each panel includes a brief definition and a list of three specific actions.

WE BELIEVE	WE DREAM	WE LEAD	WE SERVE
in fostering a culture rooted in respect.	of growth, with hard work and resilience as our guides.	with integrity, knowing that the next one to lead is watching.	to affirm our commitment to community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen to, and recognize the full worth of, others</li> <li>Pursue new relationships and opportunities</li> <li>Be Inclusive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop character to lead a purpose-driven life</li> <li>Embrace learning and excellence</li> <li>Accept challenges and seek support when necessary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice honesty with yourself and others</li> <li>Take responsibility for your words and actions</li> <li>Repair the harm you may have caused</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for peace and justice</li> <li>Cultivate a deeper understanding of your faith and others'</li> <li>Represent your whole self and encourage others to do the same</li> </ul>

At our two Honors Convocations this year, our Student Life team introduced the Cristo Rey Values Awards. Nominations were received from adults for students and vice versa. Our entire school took part in the nomination process and then in the joy of celebrating those who truly live out our values! I'd like to share with you a few of the winning nominations from our recent Honors Convocation that took place in March.



## **BELIEVE**

These adults believe in our students, their potential, and work hard to make sure students can achieve great things.

Terry Banks & Joe DeShields,  
Maintenance Team



## **DREAM**

This student consistently seeks to expand her knowledge by asking insightful questions and exploring new ways to challenge herself.

Jazmyn, Class of 2027



## **LEAD**

This adult shows up with positive energy, listens to others, and advocates for students.

Mary Santiago, Academic Office Manager



## **SERVE**

This student's quiet leadership, kindness, and curiosity make him a key contributor to the wellness of each community he interacts with.

Miguel, Class of 2025

I am so grateful to be surrounded by students, faculty, staff, and families who embody our values and encourage each other to be the best versions of themselves. We come together as a community to work toward brighter futures and enrich the lives of those around us.

That hard work is paying off as we enter the home stretch of our school year. Our Spring Arts Showcase was an incredible celebration of our Art program, our Spring Sports are in full swing, our Juniors took the SAT on Monday, and our Seniors have received hundreds of acceptance letters. Most final decisions have not yet been made due to delays with the FAFSA process, but acceptance letters for University of Notre Dame, University of Virginia, University of Chicago, Villanova University, Xavier University, Boston College, and Harvard University have already been received.

In celebration of college decisions and pathways to and through college, the Cristo Rey Network is hosting its first ever Giving Day on May 1. Please consider making a gift so that we can continue to make strides in educational access and equity for our young people. Your support allows us to do just that and strive for our values to have an impact well beyond our four walls. We are looking forward to the final college decisions of all our seniors and their graduation on May 31st!

Blue Pride,



Tom Shoemaker  
President, CEO  
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