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# Cristo Rey KC *Donor Newsletter*

**Welcome to your monthly edition: Keeping Up With All Things Cristo Rey!**

## AT A GLANCE

- Celebrating Día de los Muertos
- Founder's Day
- Financial Literacy Program
- Student Ambassador Highlight



## What's New?



**Take a look at this past month at Cristo Rey!**

November kept our hearts and schedules full! We began the month celebrating Día de los Muertos and All Saint's Day. We also held our Annual Founder's Day Celebration. Most importantly, we learned a lot, enjoyed our community, and expressed gratitude for our blessings and fortune.

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**2024 Founder's Day**

Our Annual Founder's Day event celebrates the Founder of Cristo Rey Kansas City, The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas. Additionally, we had the honor of presenting Founder's Awards to a select group of individuals who selflessly support Cristo Rey. We are incredibly grateful for each of these people and companies who are paving the way for the futures of our students.



*Photographed: Board Chair Ivan Nugent, Sister Maureen Hall, Sister Linda Roth, Alumni Carlos Ruiz Finch, honorees David and Melissa Skeens, honoree Richard Wetzler, honoree Candice Brooks from University Health, board member Sister Rosemary Kolich, honoree Tom McCullough, honoree Carlos Ledezma, and President and CEO Claudia Meyer .*

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## **Honoring our Catholic Faith**

Once a month, we gather for Friday morning Mass. These services are an opportunity for our whole staff and student body to connect with God and practice our faith. Our favorite and most impactful moments of Mass are listening to our Puma Choir sing beautiful songs and hymns.

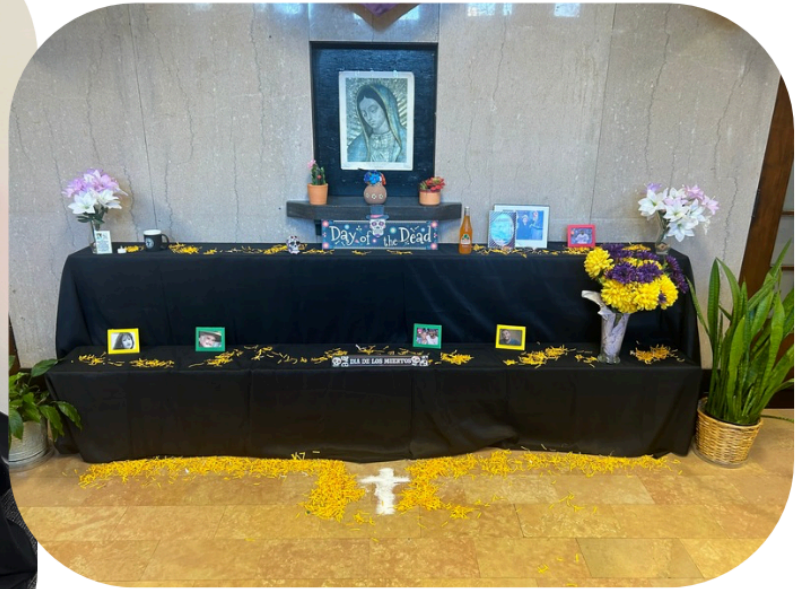


Cristo Rey's Puma Choir begins each mass with the traditional hymns, "All Are Welcome," and "Entre Tus Manos." They closed with "Here I am Lord/Aquí Estoy Señor."

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## **Holidays and Culture**

On November first, Día de los Muertos, students and faculty honored their loved ones, celebrating their lives with altars and offerings (altars y offends).



In addition to Día de los Muertos, we celebrated All Saints' Day on November 1st to remember all Saints and martyrs during Christian history, followed by All Souls' Day on November 2nd to commemorate those who have passed within the faith.



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## Community Engagement Nights: Financial Literacy

On November 20th, all students and families were invited for an informative evening focused on "Financial Moves You Can Make Now for a Better Future." This information session was about providing valuable tips and strategies to set families up for financial success, covering topics like budgeting, saving, and planning for future expenses. This was a great opportunity to gain practical advice and make connections that empowers our community to make smart financial choices.

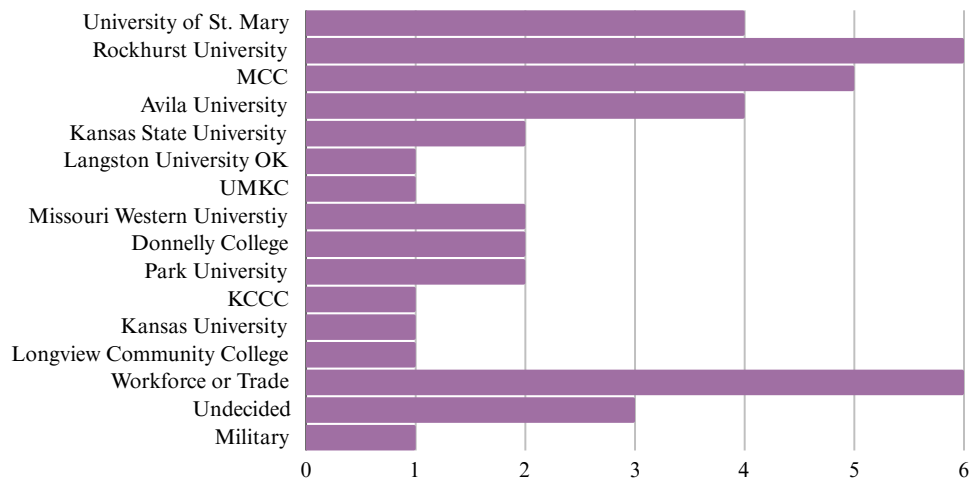


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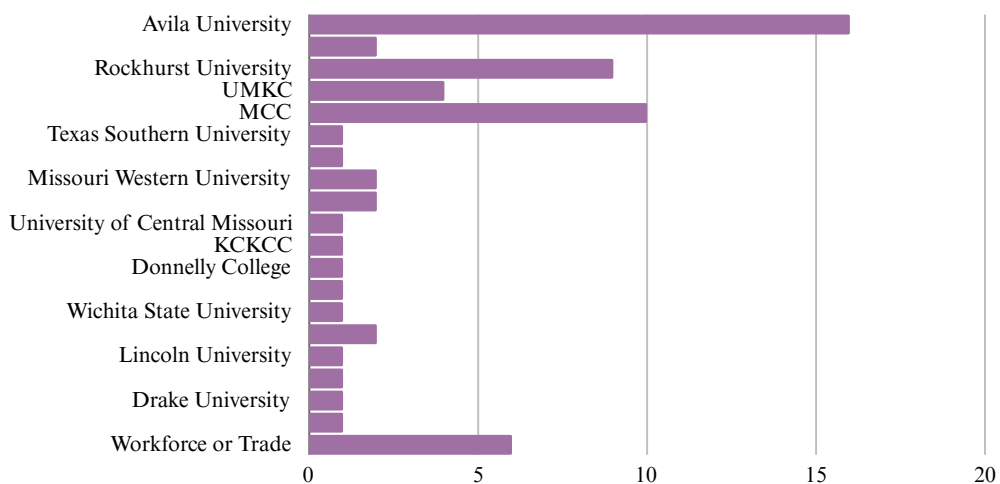


Where are our students going to college? Take a look at our Classes of 2023 & 2024.

## Class of 2024



## Class of 2023



# Inside Scoop



**Student Ambassadors, Clubs & Activities, and our new bus fleet!**

## Student Ambassador Feature



Sophomore Student Ambassador Erick has brought a wonderful energy and pride to our group of Ambassadors! He is involved in our Esports team and Esports Club. Erick does his Corporate Work Study Internship at TreviPay.

Erick would like to study Engineering or Programming after he graduates Cristo Rey. His dream school is Cal Tech. When asked if he could have lunch with any famous figure, he responded with: "I would want to have lunch with Jesus. I have millions of questions to ask him like unsolved mysteries or the future."

## Clubs and Activities



Esports: Once a week, Social Studies teacher Ms. Dobbins, hosts our Esports team and Video-gaming club in her classroom. Our students have the opportunity to express themselves through Esports and even get to compete in tournaments.



Guitar Club: Once a week, guitar club meets to practice their music. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to catch some live performances!

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# Upcoming Events



**See what's going on in December at Cristo Rey!**

- December 6th: Winter Music Concert
  - December 12th: Community Engagement Night- FAFSA
  - December 13th: All School Mass
  - December 13th: Alumni Luncheon
  - December 16th-19th: End of Course Exams
  - December 21st-January 7th: Winter Break
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- Don't forget to **SAVE THE DATE** for DWTKCS 2025!



# You Make A Difference!



Thank you for all that you do!

**Don't forget to make your tax deductible donation by the end of 2024!**

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or send checks to Cristo Rey Kansas City c/o IA department 211 W Linwood Blvd. Kansas City, Missouri 64111

**“Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom.”**

**-George Washington Carver**





- RSVP To one of our Meet & Greets [Here!](#)

# Come Visit Cristo Rey Kansas City

Join us for an afternoon luncheon where you will hear from student and staff speakers, followed by a personal school tour by one of our student ambassadors.

## MEET & GREET!

12:00pm-1:00pm

**2024-2025 Dates**

- 9/17/2024
- 10/23/2024
- 11/21/2024
- 1/14/2025
- 2/19/2025
- 3/27/2025



- **Mentorship and Tutoring:** We are seeking Mentors and Tutors for our Students. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Learn more about Cristo Rey Kansas City at [www.cristoreykc.org](http://www.cristoreykc.org)

