



1/ Connor Covington and Sarah Teel 2/ Kara and Michael DiPrima 3/ Mother Gloria, Valerie Rafferty and Dick Crampton 4/ Barry and Lisa Zimmerman were caught on the dance floor. 5/ Linda Young with Rand and Rosemary Sperry 6/ Stephen Holte, Alanna Psomas, Karelyn Roberts and Tim Psomas

THE SCENE

School of Thought

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THE PARTY The inaugural **Cristo Rey Orange County High School Viva! Gala** was a soaring success, raising over \$2.1 million at VEA Newport Beach. Over 350 local leaders celebrated the new Catholic college-prep school's first year in Santa Ana. **THE PEOPLE** Cocktails were poured at VEA's Riviera Lawn, where a Mariachi band set a festive tone. From there, partygoers headed to the ballroom, where Cristo Rey founding board chair **Tim** and **Alanna Psomas** received the inaugural Rey of Hope Award. Host committee co-chairs **Rand** and **Rosemary Sperry** and **Ben** and **Carmela Du** were among the VIPs who

listened as Cristo Rey students shared their inspiring stories. **THE PINNACLE** A rousing live auction, paddle raise and a performance by That Vibe ended the night on a high note. "A Cristo Rey education doesn't cost less; we are just funded differently," shared founding president **Stephen Holte**. "As a new school without the traditional base of support in parents and alumni, we rely on friends like you to bridge the gap between what students earn at work, families pay in tuition, and the true cost of a Catholic, college prep education." *BY ALLISON MITCHELL*