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President's Newsletter

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Dear Friends of Cristo Rey,

I write to you one last time in 2024, inspired by the joy that fills our halls, not only this time of year, but every single day when students are here in our building at 1717 W. Allegheny Avenue. We are sustained by partnerships that allow our mission to thrive in the Greater Philadelphia area and hope that the excitement that fills our halls also fills those of our Work-Study partners. We often hear stories of the interactions many of you have with our students in the workplace, and they bring us great joy. We are so grateful for the partnership and innovation that inspire all of us to further promote educational equity and workplace development for our deserving young people.

Our work would not be possible without the 335 Supervisors at our 130 Job Partners. Each month, the Work-Study Team comes together to deliberate Employee of the Month Awards. Nominations are based on consistent ratings of "Exceptional" from their supervisors on their timecards. Below, you can find our September/October Employees of the Month photographed with their supervisors. The joy is palpable!



Zakaa (below), Class of 2026 | *NFI* | "Zakaa has been a valuable member of our team at NFI. He continues to work well in our department by conducting informational interviews and completing all tasks in a timely manner with a positive attitude."

Zury (right), Class of 2025 | *Comcast* | "Since joining our Comcast Accounting Team, Sury has quickly become a valuable team member. She takes on every task she is assigned with enthusiasm, learns quickly, and isn't afraid to ask questions. Sury has shown great ability to apply what she learns, which



Jade (left), Class of 2028 | *Cristo Rey Philadelphia Advancement Office* | "Jade has been an outstanding member of the Advancement Team. Her willingness to try new things, attention to detail, and consistent work ethic has led her to thrive in our office. She puts time and careful thought into each project she leads. Jade is also fantastic at being curious and asking questions. This skill has allowed us to dig deeper into projects and also get to know each other better. We are so proud of her work so far and are looking forward to the rest of our year together."

Deysha (above), Class of 2027 | *The Emerson Group* | "Attitude is extremely important in all aspects of life. Deysha continues to show up with the willingness and humility to learn and follow directions with a smile. These attributes are admirable. As her confidence grows, we'll continue to challenge her weekly in achieving her potential."

allows tasks to be completed timely and efficiently.





In other news, as they do this time of year, our Cristo Rey Philadelphia Choir produced their 5th holiday single with the oversight and guidance of our Director Scot Stevens. I hope you'll listen and enjoy on your preferred streaming platform! You can find this year's single and albums of years' past by clicking on the photo below.



We hope you'll come visit us to see our unique educational model in action and experience our joy in the new year! Enjoy this precious time with family and friends. May your homes be filled with love and holiday spirit!

Sincerely,



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