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President's Newsletter

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Friends of Cristo Rey,

I write to you with very exciting news. Five years ago, we published our "Dear Philadelphia" video detailing the Work-Study Program through spoken word poetry. Yesterday, at our annual CEO Breakfast, we released our newest video, "The Cornerstone," documenting how our Work-Study Program sustains our school and develops our students. In this video, you will hear from various stakeholders about how important opportunity is when cultivating the future workforce. Our partners and supervisors are an important extension of our Cristo Rey Philadelphia community! We are grateful that Comcast, Greater Philadelphia YMCA, Independence Blue Cross, Toll Brothers, and Virtua Health opened their doors so that we could capture the impact of the Work-Study Program. We believe it takes a village and, together, with our 130 Work-Study Partners, our village is developing the future leaders of our great community!



As I mentioned, we hosted our annual CEO Breakfast yesterday at Cencora. It was a tremendous gathering of CEOs from various industries coming together to celebrate our mission. We are thankful for our CEO Breakfast Committee for leading the event.

- Greg Deavens | President & CEO | Independence Blue Cross
- Rev. Peter Donohue, OSA, PhD | President | Villanova University
- Charlie Herrin | President of Technology, Product, Experience | Comcast
- Jack Lynch | President & CEO | Main Line Health
- Jeff McFadden | Chief Executive Officer | The Union League
- Dennis Pullin | President & CEO | Virtua Health
- Doug Yearley | Chairman & CEO | Toll Brothers

Two of our Seniors, Lily Rose McGraw and Tredon Stevenson, who have both been employed at Cencora for three of four years, spoke about their experience participating in the Work-Study Program and the impact it has had on not only their high school experience, but also their future endeavors. It is moments like these where I often am in awe of the reach of our mission. I am grateful for our Work-Study Program, our partners, and all of you.

If you haven't visited in a while, we would love to see you at 1717 W. Allegheny in the coming months! Our Horizons after-program is in full swing, the Spring Arts Showcase will take place on Tuesday, March 11 from 4:30pm – 6:30pm, and Spring sports are just around the corner.

We hope to see you soon!



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