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Friends of Cristo Rey,

Last week was an exciting one for our Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School community! Two of our recent graduates, Isabella Perez-Murillo and Laila Mitchell, started and ended the week on the cover of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Philadelphia Tribune*! Additionally, Izzy was featured on Good Day Philadelphia on Fox29!

Isabella Perez-Murillo is headed to Villanova University to study Astronomy and Astrophysics on a Gates Scholarship and Laila Mitchell will be attending Rutgers University and studying Biology on a Western Golf Association Evans Scholarship. Please take some time to read the articles below and watch the feature. We are blessed to have such wonderful young men and women carrying our Cristo Rey Philadelphia values well beyond the halls of 1717 and that the greater Philadelphia area is getting to hear their stories!



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Parker touts her housing program in union contract talks

The mayor is promoting other parks in an appeal to striking city workers during contract negotiations. So far, it's not working.

City plan to clear trash

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Cristo Rey grad gets golden ticket: 'I'm going to college for free!'

Inquirer Article

"She quickly impressed Sean Conard, who taught Perez-Murillo English and World History in her 10th-grade year.

"Many students are academically gifted. Many students have familial responsibilities at home. Many students are artistically gifted. Many students learn other languages. But Izzy does all of those things, and does them well," Conard said."



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Student Achievers

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Tribune Article

"According to Mitchell, the Cristo Rey community has been a big family and support system for her and has helped her through the difficulties of high school. Even now they continue to help her as she prepares for freshman orientation.

'Cristo Rey became a family as soon as I came in, whether that was a teacher, older peers,' Mitchell said."



Through the testimonies of Izzy, her family, and Laila, it's clear the power of community is alive and well in our classrooms, the work places we share with many of you, and all of our Student Life activities! We hope your community is thriving during these summer months and if you find yourself in North Philadelphia, we hope you'll stop in to see our Horizons at Cristo Rey youngsters.

Sincerely,

Tom Shoemaker
President & CEO
Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School





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