

# Thank You, Friends

## Capital Campaign Surpasses Goal!



"I like the idea of going to almost a whole new school," says Nick '21, and for him and his classmates, the success of DePaul Cristo Rey's first capital campaign really does mean a transformed campus that will feel like "a whole new school."

We are thrilled and grateful to announce that the **Building. Futures. Together. for a Greater Cincinnati Campaign** has surpassed its goal. An unbelievably generous outpouring of community support has resulted in \$20.8 million raised, well beyond the original \$20.2 million capital goal.

The campaign's impact is already visible. Construction is well underway on the first of two new buildings – a student center/gymnasium/cafeteria rising in the school's former main parking lot. It will be completed this summer, ready for students at the start of the new school year in August. Also this summer, the current student center/gym will be torn down, and work will

begin on the new three-story academic building to take its place. This building will be open for the 2020-21 school year.

Individuals, foundations, businesses and New Market Tax Credits have all contributed to the campaign's success and rapid pace from the start of the campus master planning in 2016 to the campaign's silent launch in August 2017 to groundbreaking in May 2018.

The amount raised over the goal is funding campus upgrades not in the original plans including a new AV system in the Student Center, additional food service equipment and security measures, and exterior improvements to the existing buildings.

With the capital improvement funds secured, the campaign now moves into its second phase to raise \$4 million for the Graduate Success Program. Read more about that on the back page.

# Gratitude from the President



Fredy '20, Sister Jeanne and Shania '21

Dear Friends of DePaul Cristo Rey,

Let me cut right to the chase: We are building futures together!

In August of 2017 we announced an ambitious plan to meet our students' educational needs in a very big way – by providing them with a campus for the long-term viability of our school. We aimed to improve our delivery of nutritious meals in a better designed kitchen and cafeteria, to welcome them into more appropriately sized classrooms and enhanced science labs, to cheer them on in an actual high school gymnasium complete with bleachers and locker rooms.

We hoped to expand services to include student laundry facilities, a modest food pantry, a nurse and wellness center, and a fitness room – all in an effort to address the issues that make coming to school a challenge for students whose basic needs are often not met. Our announcement was a hope and a prayer that we could do all this for some terrific, hardworking, unbelievably motivated young women and men.

Now we are thrilled and humbled to thank YOU for making these plans a reality so that our students' future plans can also become a reality. With this campaign report, we announce that we have surpassed our goal of raising \$20,220,000 by \$645,366. Construction of the first of two buildings is well underway; the second phase will begin this summer. We are looking to completion by fall of 2020!

All of you who have supported this campaign with such generosity and grace know that we are building so much more than a campus – we are building people, and we are building up our community's social fabric at the same time. The first DePaul Cristo Rey graduates in our pioneer Class of 2015 begin to graduate from college THIS year! Think what their gifts and potential can bring to our community as they join the job market and embark on their adult lives! Already some of our Corporate Partners have expressed their desire to hire these students into their companies. That will truly bring our mission to **BUILD FUTURES TOGETHER** full circle.

My heartfelt thanks – each of you is an integral part of our Cristo Rey mission and shares the mission of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. We couldn't have done it without you!

With a million blessings!

Gratefully,

*S. Jeanne Bessette, OSF, Ed. D.*

Sister Jeanne Bessette, OSF, Ed.D.  
President/CEO

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## New Names on Campus

When construction is complete, the new buildings and spaces within them will bear the names of many of DePaul Cristo Rey's most generous friends including:

### ACADEMIC BUILDING

Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati

### FATH STUDENT CENTER

Linda and Harry Fath

### VICKY & RICK REYNOLDS STUDENT COMMONS

Vicky and Rick Reynolds

### HEIDT FAMILY FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATION SUITE

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Ann and Harry Santen

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Harold C. Schott Foundation

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Susan and David Deye

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Kris and Dan Neyer  
Gayle and Don Oeters  
Peggy and Tom Pernik  
Monica and Nick Robertson  
Barb and Joe Rohs  
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Kit and David Reynolds  
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Mary Beth and Tom Sundermann

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Jane and Dick Yost

### TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER

Betsy and Dave Hendy

### INTERVENTION ROOMS

Donated by Robert Dorsey in Memory  
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Kelly and Tom Lieser

## Hosts Shared Campaign Impact

Thank you to the following friends who hosted events in the past year to introduce our campaign to their friends and colleagues:

**David Arends and Meg Keim**  
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**Cynthia and Manuel Chavez**  
**S. Barbara Hagedorn, SC**  
**Linda Holthaus and**  
**Richard Zinicola**  
**Cynthia and Andrew Howell**  
**Susie and John Lame**  
**Ann and Doug Miller**  
**Vicky and Rick Reynolds**  
**Pat and Steve Robertson**  
**Julie and Brian Ross**  
**Alison and Tim Warning**  
**Jane and Dick Yost**



DePaul Cristo Rey endeavors to record the names of donors accurately and completely. However, if we have inadvertently omitted or misstated your name, please accept our apologies and let us know by contacting **Sparkle Worley** at 513.861.0600 extension 320, or at [sparkle.worley@dpcr.net](mailto:sparkle.worley@dpcr.net).

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*"I like that everything will be essentially in one building and we won't have to go outside between classes. That's going to cut down on our travel time between classes."*

- Nick '21

Eleanor Wilke  
 John Wilke  
 S. Mary Jo Young, OSF  
 Marianne and Paul Zook

## Graduate Success Campaign Honor Roll

### \$250,000 – \$499,999

Cynthia and Manuel Chavez

### \$100,000 – \$249,999

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# "Thank You for Creating a Pathway"

"The Sisters of Charity, President S. Jeanne Bessette and other DePaul Cristo Rey leaders are creating a pathway for the Cincinnati community to come together in support of high school and college students who seek to develop themselves into educated citizens and to contribute to our city," say Vicky and Rick Reynolds. "Thank you to donors and to everyone who stepped up for this important effort."

The Reynolds, with Cynthia and Manuel Chavez, are the chairs of the **Building. Futures. Together. For a Greater Cincinnati Campaign**. Their leadership and personal commitment have been critical to its success.

For Cynthia and Manuel Chavez, giving is a personal expression of gratitude. "Those of us who were helped along the way owe that to others. Everyone who has donated to DePaul Cristo Rey has been given opportunities



*Rick & Vicky Reynolds and Cynthia & Manuel Chavez*

and help at points in their lives and careers. I feel, along with many other school supporters, that we're passing that on to these students with a hand up for their futures," he explains.

It is with the deep gratitude of all of us at DePaul Cristo Rey that we acknowledge our Honor Roll of donors beginning on page 4.

## Campaign Leadership Committee

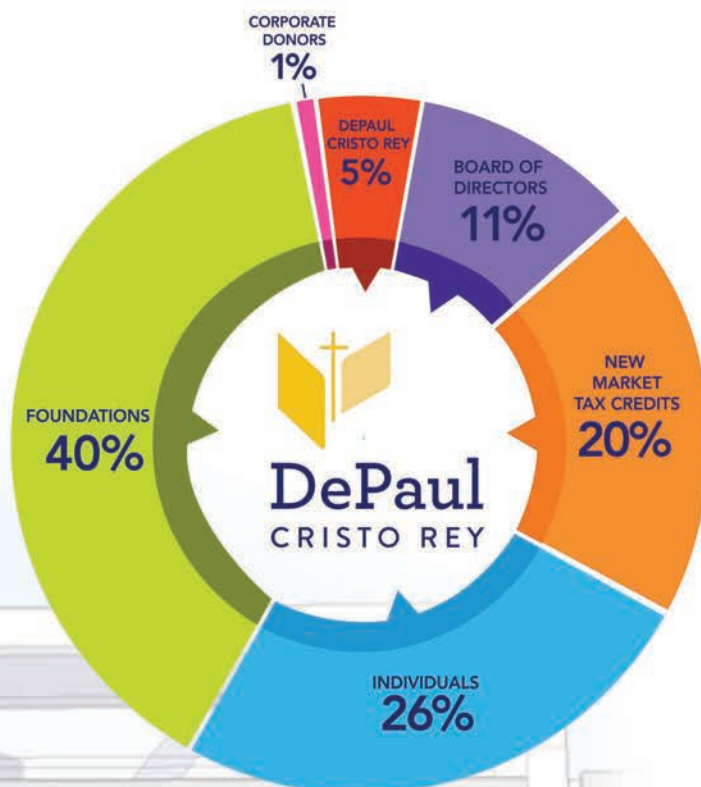
DePaul Cristo Rey extends profound gratitude to our Steering Committee who provided extraordinary leadership support in our first capital building campaign: **Building. Futures. Together. For a Greater Cincinnati**.

David Arends  
Barb and Dan Bennie  
Cynthia and Manuel Chavez  
Vicky and Rick Reynolds  
Pat and Steve Robertson

### Staff

S. Jeanne Bessette, OSF, Ed.D.  
Lisa Atkins  
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Sparkle Worley

## CAMPAIGN RESULTS: 103%



**GOAL: \$20,220,000**  
**ACTUAL: \$20,865,366**

# Capital Campaign Honor Roll

## \$1,000,000 +

DePaul Cristo Rey High School  
Linda and Harry Fath  
SC Ministry Foundation  
Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati

## \$500,000 – \$999,999

Cynthia and Manuel Chavez  
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Cindy and Andy Berman  
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Susan and Smith Hickenloope

*"We've been waiting for this new gym. We have so many athletes with potential here, a bigger gym will give them more opportunities to show their talent."*

- Leighton '21

Janice and Richard Lechleiter  
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September 2018





# From College Acceptance to Completion – Securing Graduates’ Success

March began at DePaul Cristo Rey with a big announcement – every senior in the Class of 2019 has been accepted to college. The celebration that followed included confetti, cheers, balloons and a gentle admonition reminding all seniors that acceptance is only the start of their journey; college completion is the end goal.

Making that goal a reality for every DPCR grad is a challenge. Nationally and locally, college graduation rates are not promising for low-income and first-generation students. Financial challenges, limited family support, and lack of access to other resources and support systems all get in the way.

DePaul Cristo Rey’s Graduate Success Program addresses these and other barriers. Graduate Success Director **Larisa Wright** works exclusively with alumni to help them transition to college and stay there. She offers expertise, advice and support to alumni helping them learn to navigate and access their campus resources.

Frequently it’s a lack of financial resources that cause alumni to consider dropping out of college. For those students, DePaul Cristo Rey offers a Graduate Success Fund. Alumni can apply for micro-grants to pay for things such as book bills, meal plans and small tuition gaps.

The long-term sustainability of this fund is the goal of the second phase of the campaign:

**Securing Our Graduates’ Success**, which has a goal of raising \$4 million to endow this fund and provide support to DPCR graduates into perpetuity.

Please contact **President S. Jeanne Bessette** to learn more. She can be reached at 513.861.0600 or [jeanne.bessette@dpcr.net](mailto:jeanne.bessette@dpcr.net).

