

Destination: DePaul Cristo Rey

DePaul Cristo Rey
High School,
sponsored by the
Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati,
provides an
opportunity for young
women and men with
economic need
to obtain a Catholic,
college-preparatory
education,
made affordable
through an innovative
Corporate Work
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Campus Transformation Complete

Transformed from a 1940s-era elementary school into a state-of-the-art 21st century high school, DePaul Cristo Rey's months-long renovation is complete and the campus is ready to welcome the first freshmen in June.

For more than a year, a committee of Sisters of Charity, DePaul Cristo Rey staff, neighborhood representatives, other local educators and technology experts has worked on the renovation plans, with Board of Directors member Tom Neyer playing a key advising role. 2enCompass, a partnership between SHP Leading Design and Messer Construction, created the blueprints and undertook the construction. From late summer into early winter, the main classroom building was off-limits with school staff housed in temporary offices.



After an early January re-opening of the building, staff are housed in new office space and there are now six state-of-the-art classrooms outfitted with ceiling-mounted projectors and wired to support the Tablet PC-based technology program. Four of the six classrooms more closely resemble business conference rooms than traditional high school classes. They're carpeted and instead of desks, have conference tables that can be re-configured into classroom, group study or conference settings. The goal is to bring the feel of the work setting into the classroom, further developing the connection between the school and students' work study positions.

All rooms and offices now support wireless technology and the renovation also created a multipurpose science lab and a student resource center/library. To see the renovation results for yourself, visit one of our upcoming open houses listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Inset photos:
The renovations
created a
state-of-the-art
science lab and
corporate-style
classrooms.

Top photo: The DePaul Cristo Rey High School administrative team includes (left to right): Andrew Farfsing, principal; Renee Hargrove, director of business administration; Keianna Matthews, director of enrollment; Sister Jeanne Bessette, OSF, president; Norah Mock, director of development; Lisa Clayton, director of Corporate Work Study Program.

The Cristo Rey Model Works

The Cristo Rey Network offers a proven model of education success. These figures reflect Network statistics as of October 1, 2010.

6,500 students nationwide



\$36,000 average family income



97% average daily work attendance



95% students of color



1,500 Corporate Work Study jobs



100% of 2010 graduates accepted to two- or four-year colleges



\$34 million student-earned revenue through CWSP positions in 2010 alone!



Dear Friends of DePaul Cristo Rey,

After what seems an eternity in some ways, 2011 has finally dawned. With it will be born the dream of so many people, from the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati and their many collaborators in this mission, to the prospective students and parents we are meeting almost daily. DePaul Cristo Rey High School is well on track for its official opening. I thought our administrative team was filled with eagerness until we started interviewing students and parents! They are truly at the heart of our mission.

Immediately following the New Year, we moved into our renovated school building. Now we can't wait to finish the little details so that we can begin welcoming our many friends in the Cincinnati community to see what we have done. When you come to visit, don't be fooled by the familiar exterior. Our six-classroom school may seem small, but it is state-of-the-art in terms of technology, corporate-setting-meets-education design, and the promise it holds for the dynamic, challenging, college-readiness Cristo Rey curriculum we will soon be implementing. By using these classrooms every period of every school day, we will have ample space for at least two years.

Our administrative team continues our learning and planning processes. Our Board of Directors is working diligently at helping us prepare for a strong future. Our Corporate Partners share our enthusiasm for the difference this program will make for Cincinnati's urban youth and our regional social and economic communities. Our sponsors, the Sisters of Charity, pray daily for our successful beginning and continuous growth.

Check the open house dates listed in this newsletter. Plan to join us at one of them. We look forward to meeting you at our Clifton campus. We look forward to sharing our plans and hearing your good ideas. And mostly we look forward to welcoming the Class of 2015 in June of this year.

Sr. Jeanne Bessette, OSF, Ed. D.
Sister Jeanne Bessette, OSF
President

Pictured above: Sr. Jeanne Bessette, OSF, poses with Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, CM, president of DePaul University at the CWSP Pioneer Partners Celebration.



Pioneer Partners Celebrated

“When you give a single person an education, you change lives forever.” These were among the inspiring words of Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, president of DePaul University in Chicago, as he lauded the Pioneer Partners in DePaul Cristo Rey’s Corporate Work Study Program. Father Holtschneider was the keynote speaker at the Pioneer Partners Luncheon held at DePaul Cristo Rey in December. It was an occasion to recognize the first 26 Corporate Partners for their tremendous support and community leadership in education. These partners have agreed to hire a team of DePaul Cristo Rey students beginning with the 2011-12 school year.

In his keynote address, Father Holtschneider spoke of the shared values between the Cristo Rey Network and DePaul University: community, faith and leadership in providing equal access to quality education for all. He explained the connection between university and high school with their shared namesake, St. Vincent DePaul, patron saint of charity and advocate for the economically poor. He also spoke of his admiration for the Corporate Partners’ critical role in enabling students to achieve a Cristo Rey education: “I have enormous respect and gratitude to be in this room with people with such long-range vision. Thanks to you whole worlds will open up to young people in this city.”

The staff at DePaul Cristo Rey strongly seconds his words and expresses our sincere gratitude to these corporate pioneers.



Pete Strange of Messer Construction, Ron Felder of the Queen City Foundation, and Mark Desmond of Catholic Health Partners.



Sister Lois Jean Goettke, SC, Judy Wimberg, Sister John Miriam Jones, SC, and Sister Nancy Bramlage, SC.



Sister Jean Patrice Harrington, SC, and Linda Holthouse.

The Pioneer Partners in the DePaul Corporate Work Study Program.



Kristi Phillips Schwartz enjoys the luncheon.



Lisa Claytor, CWSP director, and Rev. Len Wenke of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, a Pioneer Corporate Partner.





Above right: Graduates from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago assisted at the DePaul Cristo Rey student open house.



Above: Principal Andrew Farfsing demonstrates the Tablet PC technology to an interested student and his father.



Above: Enrollment Director Keianna Matthews shares information and enthusiasm with a prospective student.

Student Recruitment Goes A Step Further

It's a question staff members have heard often these past months – just how is DePaul Cristo Rey High School recruiting its first freshman class? Recruitment has been underway for months and, as a new Catholic, college-prep school in Cincinnati, things are operating much as they would at any other high school in the Archdiocese. Students have expressed interest, attended the Fall Open House, took the High School Placement Test and then applied for admission.

However, what makes our admission process unique is what happens next. The students and their families are invited to participate in an interview with members of the Admissions Review Committee. Although other schools may have interviews with students and their parents, they don't have the added component of trying to make sure the students will be a great fit not only in the classroom but also in the workplace.

Some of the characteristics the committee is looking for in these young people are: their desire to be a part of the DPCR community, their excitement about the Corporate Work Study Program, their ability to communicate effectively with adults, and their willingness to learn. Outlook and attitude are as significant as academic ability at DPCR. It's been an enlightening process for the committee members as they've seen that not only are the students and their families demonstrating these important qualities, they also are showing us the hope this school brings to Cincinnati.

The recruitment process is ongoing, so if you know an interested eighth grade student, please contact Enrollment Director Keianna Matthews at 861-0600 or keianna.matthews@depaulcristorey.org.

Help Us Share the DePaul Cristo Rey Story

Are you part of a group, community organization or business that would like to know more about DePaul Cristo Rey High School? Our school has the potential to make a strong, positive impact on our community and we need your help to spread the word about this new education option among prospective students and families, future Corporate Partners, neighborhood leaders, and supporters. DePaul Cristo Rey staff members are willing to speak at community meetings, schools and workplaces. Please call the school at 861-0600 if you'd like to learn more and schedule a speaker.



Gifts of All Sizes Will Advance DePaul Cristo Rey Mission

2011 is going to be a great year at DePaul Cristo Rey High School. This affordable, Catholic college-prep high school will open its doors to its first class of students in June. Parents of prospective students view this school as an opportunity to fulfill the hopes and dreams they have for their children. Your financial support will ensure that 2011 offers a new beginning for these students.

Annual Fund gifts of all sizes are important. It is the cumulative impact of these gifts that help us meet the needs of all our students.

\$100 will fund classroom supplies

\$250 will pay for a student's books

\$500 will sponsor faculty development programs

\$1,000 will sponsor a co-curricular club or activity

\$2,500 will fund the family contribution for a student for an entire year

\$5,000 will fund the cost of education for one student

\$27,000 will purchase a van to transport students to work

You can make your gift online at www.depaulcristorey.org or contact Director of Development Norah Mock at 513-861-0600. Thank you for your support.

"I wouldn't have been given as much opportunity or dreamed as big if I hadn't gone to Cristo Rey. I'm the first in my family to go to college and one of the few to graduate from high school. I really don't think I would have gone to college without Cristo Rey."



—Victoria, graduate of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago and Xavier University



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Looking Ahead...

Come see our newly renovated
DePaul Cristo Rey High School for yourself.

The following opportunities to visit the campus are offered to prospective students, families, community members, and Corporate Partners.

Sunday, February 20

Community Open House

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Visit our Web site for more information.



Saturday, February 26

High School Placement Test for Prospective Students

9:00 a.m. Call 513-861-0600 to register.

Saturday, March 5

Open House for Prospective Students and Families

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Saturday, March 26

High School Placement Test for Prospective Students

9:00 a.m. Call 513-861-0600 to register.

Can't make these dates?

Personal tours can be
scheduled by calling the school
at 513-861-0600.

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