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Dear Cristo Rey Family,

We have become “The School that Works”, and we are proud of that, but we are anything but complacent. Our community is restless, never satisfied, constantly searching for ways to do things better. That attitude can be unsettling to those who crave routine and certainty, but for most in our community, it’s the way we like to roll.

Innovation is a hallmark of our culture. Our faculty and staff sign on at Cristo Rey with a mandate to build, to invent, to make things better. We are not afraid when the world changes and we are not afraid to change ourselves. We value creativity and ambition and drive. And that’s why a culture of innovation permeates our entire community.

Our Impact Report this year is about innovation (*you can view our 2020 Impact Report at the bottom of this newsletter*). It’s packed with examples that demonstrate our eagerness to change, to get better, to do more and to strive for the “magis”.

A culture of innovation is driven by innovators. So, I want to introduce you to a few Cristo Rey Philadelphia innovators:



Felecia Russell, Director of College and Career Counseling, is expanding our support for Cristo Rey graduates by focusing on post-college careers, in addition to college graduation. Her support will begin with career counseling for 9th graders and extend until our graduates embark on careers after college graduation.

Keshema Davidson, Manager of Community Affairs, has designed, built and launched a fully funded health clinic in the school that will offer physical and mental health services to all of our students. She is also planning to launch a summer academic program for elementary school students in our Tioga neighborhood.



Joanna Wusinich, Esq., Director of Work-Study, has led a team of Cristo Rey and Job Partner collaborators to redesign job skill training and even the actual work that our students are doing in order to prepare them better for “the jobs of the future”.



Tammi Crummy, Co-Founder of our Parent Teacher Organization, brings parents and teachers and staff together to regularly collaborate on how to serve our students better.



Kyle Sample, our new Director of Athletics, is working to grow our athletics programs by adding more competitive teams and intramural sports for Cristo Rey students. He is also planning community athletic programs for youth and recreational programs for people of all ages in our Tioga neighborhood.



Fahv Jimenez, Chief Technology Officer, has designed and launched super-creative and invaluable information tools for academics, admissions, fundraising and other functions. Example: our teachers and counselors now have early warning notices when students show signs of falling behind.



Mia Velez, one of many Cristo Rey student innovators, is President of the Latinx Student Organization, and currently serves on the Mayor's Youth Commission for the City of Philadelphia.

These innovators, and many others in our community, are leading the way to bright futures for Cristo Rey students and for our school.

All of us at Cristo Rey are always mindful that our loyal supporters are the enablers of the miracle of Cristo Rey and we are forever grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

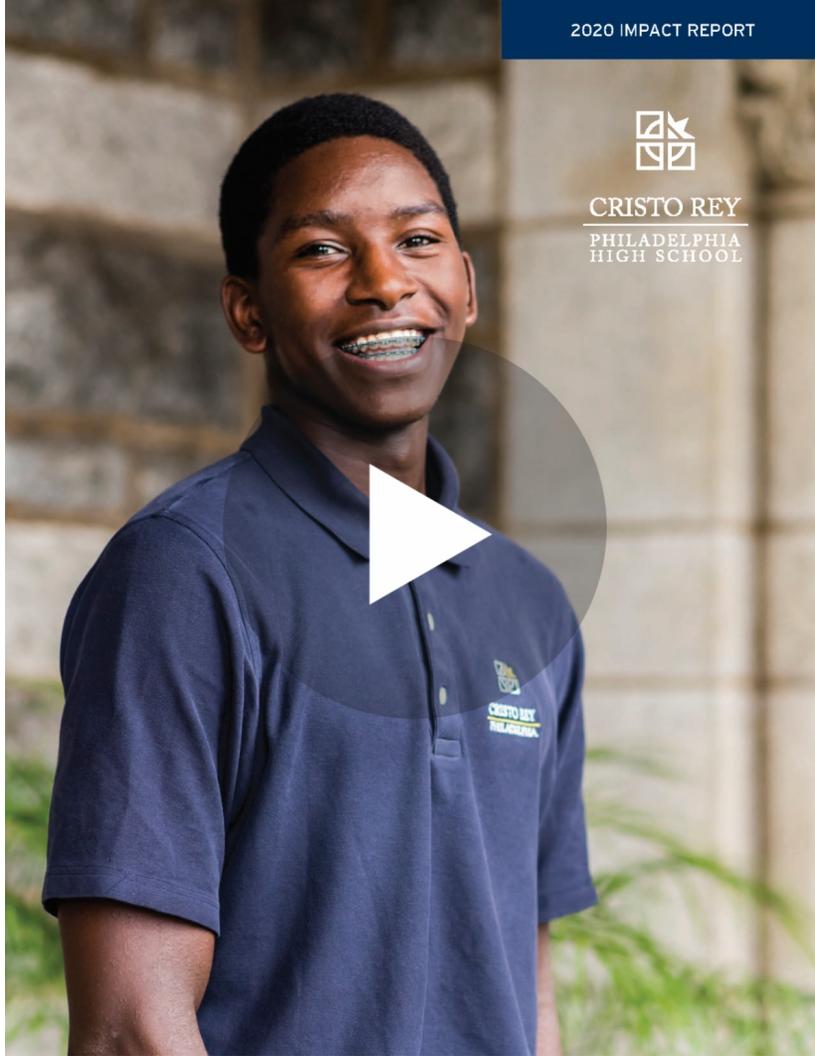
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