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Green Apple Day of Service

Ms. Pecot and Cristo Rey students give back!

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On the 27th of September 2014, Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School hosted its first Green Apple Day project. This environmental event was sponsored by Biology teacher Ms. Marcia Pecot. The new garden is now part of a new beginning of a better future for Cristo Rey students.

In the beginning, there were roughly about 30 students. Ms. Pecot didn't expect that many people to volunteer because the event was on a Saturday morning.

"I did not expect anyone to show," she said. "So, it is very nice to see students wanting to get involved."

The event was a success, but there were a lot of tasks to be done. When asked if she would host the next years Green Apple Day, Ms. Pecot replied, with a laugh, "I hope so."

The first day started last year. Green Apple Day is a national service day to help high school students to learn about:

sustainability, why you should help the environment, how to incorporate it into your high school science classes and why helping the environment is important for teenagers.

This is the first year the service day has happened at Cristo Rey, but it is the second year nationwide. This year, the service day happened at colleges, elementary schools, high schools, businesses, and even community organizations.

What was your favorite thing about Green Apple Day?

"My favorite moment was watching all the students work together and have a good time." –Ms. Pecot

*"It was fun!"
–Jacqueline Montes*

The Secret Life of Mr. Stanmore Hinds



By Jada Milligan
Arts Editor

Mr. Hinds is a Cristo Rey math teacher and is bundles of fun. You may think he is calm and subtle, but let me tell you there is more to him than meets the eye.

Mr. Hinds has been teaching for 20 years, and he enjoys it very much. He loves teaching here at Cristo Rey and believes education is a lifelong process that will come in handy down the road. He believes this because during his senior year in high school, his theology teacher explained that people are always in the process of becoming themselves. As long as you are alive you are becoming and all of our lives we are in the process of learning and growing and becoming what we will be.

Algebra teacher extraordinaire

During and after college, Mr. Hinds served our country. He worked as a logistician (a master of logistics) and a test pilot. He started teaching when he was asked to volunteer with teaching math and science which is why we have him teaching today. He stated that his teaching style is to teach the student rather than the subject. Mr. Hinds keeps his classroom intact by having his students follow the rules of respect and telling them to make good decisions that will impact their life ahead.

You would think that with Mr. Hinds being a math teacher that would be his favorite subject, but that is not quite the case. In high school, Mr. Hinds' favorite subject was Drama. He loves to act and be dramatic because he enjoys it very much. He believes that the world is a stage; he is dramatic because he is a very shy person.

One of Mr. Hinds' most interesting moments was doing a film called *Hop*. The film was about two brothers venturing in the city side of life. In the end of the film, Mr. Hinds was the one that died in a big car explosion- he says the explosion scene

was serious and he was trying to be serious. He won best actor for that film. He was in a variety of plays, such as Cleopatra, Madea, and South Pacific, just to name a few. He was in a lot of one-act plays and he has been in three movies and some short films. Jason and Madea, Mark Anthony in Julius Caesar.

At 13 years old he got to do a show in New Orleans called South Pacific.

Another interesting fact about Mr. Hinds is that he is a real dare-devil. He says that anything dangerous he will do it. He enjoys skydiving, flying, whitewater rafting, and anything else dangerous you could possibly think of. He stated that it's fun and he likes to try his phobias and it's exciting to do something new then do it so well that it's now exciting. The most daring thing he has ever done is jump out of an airplane 15,000 ft. and pulled his parachute out at about 1,000 ft. above the ground. This type of jump is called a halo.

All in all, Mr. Hinds is one interesting teacher.

"It was great to see how many companies care for our school." –Mr. Barry

"Draft Day was exciting to me because all of these corporations came here to provide for us for our education." –Zaire Williamson

"At Draft Day, students began work experience that will be a part of our lives forever." –Carlos Vizcaino

My Draft Day

Memories from Business Training Institute

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I remember this day like it was yesterday. It was Draft Day, 2014, the day everyone was assigned the job that they would have for the rest of this school year. The images of this day will probably never be erased from my memory.

I remember waking up in the morning; I thought it was a regular day, and then I remembered it was Draft Day. I did not know what to expect. I mean, how many fourteen year olds do you know that have a job? I was nervous all day wondering what company I would be assigned to. I wondered if they would like me.

As the day progressed, I kept thinking about the events that would take place in a couple of hours. Then, finally, the time had come. As you can imagine, I was a complete wreck. I smiled and nodded, but in reality I felt as if I were about to throw up. We all went down stairs and sat in our chairs silently. My palms were sweaty and I felt lightheaded. I watched as they called down different people for all the jobs. I watched as the same routine happened over and over: the names were called, the students shook the company members' hands, took a picture, and that was pretty much all there was to it.

Eventually they called my name and I was in shock. I went up to my company and shook everyone's hand and I am pretty sure they could tell I was nervous because my face was glowing red like a tomato, and I'm sure I had a weird smile on my face. I took the picture and went back to my seat....It was all finally over with. I was happy with the company I was drafted to, and Draft Day was not the worst thing in the world. (Far from it!) I now had a job and so did everyone else, and I am certain that this day will forever remain in the minds of each and every Cristo Rey student.



Cristo Rey students from left: Gabrielle Wilson, Nina Dunwoody, Hanna Kassa, Diana Gracia

Starting Strong

Norbert Vasquez on his first day at Ernst & Young

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Norbert Vasquez is a Cristo Rey student who works at the accounting firm Ernst & Young.

I asked him "How did you feel on your first day of work?" Vasquez responded, "It was great, I was somewhat nervous, but I had lots of fun." He expected it to be difficult, but it was modest according to him. His favorite thing about working at Ernst & Young is the feeling of being independent and responsible. "I like feeling independent because it lets me know what to expect in life."

me feel rushed...I don't like feeling rushed." This "time crunch" is definitely valuable experience for future jobs.

Norbert's daily routine involves delivering mail, stocking office supplies on every floor, and working on Excel spreadsheets.

A challenging thing about work is that he feels as if he doesn't have enough time to complete his tasks. When asked "Why?" Norbert said, "I have a time limit to complete a lot of tasks my supervisor gives me and it makes (next page)

When asked if he would like to remain at Ernst & Young for his four years at Cristo Rey, Norbert

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replied with an enthusiastic “Yes!” Though he was somewhat nervous in the beginning, he is quite

content where he is now.

SPORTS

Cross-Country**Athlete Profile****Cross Country Runner Nicolas St. Cloud**

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I interviewed Nicolas St. Cloud, a student on the Cross Country team. Nicolas chose Cross Country because, “It’s fun and I wanted to meet new people because this is a new environment for me. It is also good for your health.”

Although running is not a new sport for Nicolas (he ran track in middle school), Cross Country is a new experience for him. Nicolas is not the only runner in his family; in fact, his dad also ran track. Nicolas would like to one day be in the Olympics but not for running, instead for swimming. Nicolas St. Cloud is a student to look out for.

**Coach Profile****Ms. Pecot: Coach Extraordinaire**

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We recently interviewed Ms. Marcia Pecot about the cross country team she is currently coaching. Ms. Pecot has past experience as a cross country coach and also a coach for an academic bowl. She chose to become a coach because “being a coach allows you to learn many things about students you probably would not learn in the classroom in order to assist them with their academic development”. While she was in high school, Ms. Pecot did the 400-meter dash for track and also cheerleading. The cross country team has grown since the team was first established and we decide to inquire why that might be so. This is the answer we received, “In the beginning, students joined cross country because it was the first sport offered. After activities increased at the school, students kept coming back to cross country for various reasons such as the scholarship potential, dedication, team building and the awesome feeling you experience when you complete something you have worked so hard for”. We would like to thank Ms. Marcia Pecot for all her hard work and dedication she has put into this team and also into other students by encouraging us that we can do anything.



Soccer

Cristo Rey Flames Soccer Team

By: Diana Garcia and Kimbrley Ongoma
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Cristo Rey, get ready to put your footwork skills to test. Contributed by the Cristo Rey newspaper team, we introduce you the Cristo Rey Flames! We have taken pictures, interviewed teammates, and experienced a few practices to get the feel of our hardworking soccer team. We have learned why they've joined soccer and what they like about it. Also, we found out what it takes to be a soccer player and what things are coming soon to the sports page under the following sport. We asked who the captain and co-captain will be, so be in for a treat.

Interview with Jesus Uballe

Q: What do you enjoy about soccer?

A: I'm able to play with my teammates and have fun playing.

Q: What techniques do you have to learn in soccer?

A: Some techniques are: How to stay conditioned (running around); Communication; and Support (the coach and the players always have your back)

Q: For people who don't know how to play soccer, what advice would you give them?

A: Talk with one of the soccer players at Cristo Rey, we'll be happy to help you with anything. We are always here to help people with our sport!

The Cristo Rey Flames are working hard to be the best. Mr. Vizcaino tells us what people are to expect from the best soccer team in all of Downtown Atlanta. Assistant coach Cynthia Wassenar says, "They are a very cohesive team with a really strong relationship among one another and are competitive too" she laughs. Co-coach, Mr. Hinds says "They have very much potential."



ARTS

One Direction Extravaganza

By: Tanya Mbugua
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I was extremely excited to attend the One Direction concert at the Georgia Dome with several of my best friends and other Cristo Rey students. We weren't the only ones. The traffic lasted up to an hour long; when we arrived, we knew why. There were 50,970 fans at the Dome.

When we got there, we waited a long time to be able to get to our seats, but it was worth it. The opening act for the concert was the group 5 Seconds of Summer (aka 5SOS), an Australian pop rock band with punk elements. They were very upbeat and kept the crowd alive. They received as many screams and applause as One Direction did (not a surprise since half of their fans are also directioners).

The hour intermission after the opener seemed to go on forever, but it gave the stage crew enough time to do their work. After the long intermission, One Direction finally came out and everyone was screaming. They sang 4-5 songs then stopped to have a talk with the fans. After this, they continued singing. I have to say that seeing and hearing them live was amazing and the best thing that ever happened to me in my life. All at once, they stopped and introduced a friend in the audience. No one was expecting what happened next. The guy they introduced then got on one knee and proposed to his girlfriend. It was honestly the sweetest thing ever and the fact that it was her birthday was even more special.