

CRISTO REY JESUIT ATLANTA HIGH SCHOOL

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Innovative High School Corporate Work Study Program Recognized by Atlanta City Council

Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School's 72 Corporate Job Partners Receive City Proclamation

ATLANTA— January 15, 2016 – In recognition for its innovative approach to educating high school students of limited economic means, Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School's Corporate Work Study Program was recognized with a Proclamation at the Atlanta City Council meeting on December 7, 2015.

Through the Corporate Work Study Program students carry a full load of classes and work five full days a month in a corporate setting. Students' earnings cover the majority of tuition for their rigorous college-prep education at Cristo Rey Atlanta. Job Partners include 72 companies in Atlanta including The Coca-Cola Company, The Home Depot, Delta Airlines, Cox Automotive, Alston & Bird, iVision and Invesco.

Each student that attends Cristo Rey Atlanta is required to participate in the innovative work study program. In addition to financing the majority of the cost of their education, they gain invaluable job experience at a very young age, grow in self-confidence and realize the relevance of their education.

"Our job partners are impressed with the caliber of commitment and dedication our students show and our students receive valuable life lessons that simply cannot be replicated in the classroom," said Bill Garrett, President Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School. "We are thrilled to have such strong support from companies of all sizes, including some of Atlanta's premiere organizations."

iVision is proud to be a Cristo Rey corporate work study partner for the second consecutive year," said David Degitz, President and COO, iVision, and Cristo Rey Board Member. "Our Cristo Rey work study students are productive, inquisitive and always willing to learn more about their corporate environment. It is very rewarding for iVision's employees to mentor and participate in the education of these amazing students."

Cristo Rey opened in Midtown Atlanta in August, 2014 with a 138 freshman students. In its second year, the school welcomed another freshman class this year for a total of 278 students. Cristo Rey is on target to reach full enrollment in July, 2017 with 500 students. The school will move from its current location at 680 W. Peachtree to its new, permanent location at 222 Piedmont Avenue, previous home of Oxford Industries. The building was donated to the school by Jim and Janet Cumming just this year.

About Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School

Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School is a Catholic learning community that educates young people of limited economic means to become men and women of faith, purpose, and service. Cristo Rey Atlanta is located at 680 W. Peachtree St. N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30308, and is part of the Cristo Rey Network. For more information about the school, please visit www.cristoreyatlanta.org.

About the Cristo Rey Network

The Cristo Rey Network provides a quality, Catholic, college preparatory education to young people who live in urban communities with limited educational options. Our mission is clear – college success for Cristo Rey Network students. Member schools utilize a rigorous academic model, supported with effective instruction, to prepare students with a broad range of academic abilities for college. Cristo Rey Network schools employ an innovative Corporate Work Study Program that provides students with real world work experiences. Every student works five full days a month to fund the majority of his or her education, gain job experience, grow in self-confidence, and realize the relevance of his or her education. Students work at law firms, banks, hospitals, universities, and other professional Corporate Partners.

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