

CRISTO REY JESUIT ATLANTA HIGH SCHOOL

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Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit Students Pull Man From MARTA Tracks

Two high school sophomore boys have presence of mind to act quickly

ATLANTA— January 15, 2016 – Two high school students from Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School, Ralphil Trinh and Wesley Torres, were recognized at the MARTA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2015 for their heroism.

On Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at around 5:00 p.m., Ralphil and Wesley, sophomores at Cristo Rey Atlanta, were at the North Avenue MARTA station on their way from school. A visually challenged man fell on to the tracks and the boys acted swiftly. They not only pulled him from the tracks, but had the presence of mind to call the MARTA police for help.

“We are incredibly proud of both of our students. At only 15 years old they are responsible for saving a man’s life” said Bill Garrett, President Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School. “They saw someone in need and did not think twice about doing the right thing.”

“Ralphil and Wesley are shining examples of the type of compassionate individuals all across this region that we are proud to call our customers,” said MARTA GM/CEO Keith T. Parker. “We are forever grateful for their swift action and courage to save a fellow MARTA passenger.”

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.

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.

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, and Invesco.

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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