



VERBUM DEI
HIGH SCHOOL
CRISTO REY LOS ANGELES

ADOPT-A-STUDENT PROGRAM

Ensuring Matriculation for Gentlemen of Watts

Welcome to the Adopt-A-Student Program!



Verbum Dei High School

The school provides a student-centered, college preparatory curriculum that promotes an honest exchange of ideas and opportunities for leadership and service. The academic program is designed so students will be college-ready by their senior year, developing in them the desire for post-secondary education. Graduates of Verbum Dei will be intellectually motivated.

Our ideal student is both economically and academically underserved from the Watts community and surrounding areas—we want students who have no other options for a high-quality Catholic education. And our results speak for themselves—on June 19, 2012, of our 62 graduates, 100 percent went on to higher education—77% accepted at 4-year colleges, while 22% will to attend 2-year colleges. Here are a few colleges selected by our grads:

Stanford University
Xavier University
Saint John's University
Cal State University, Dominguez Hills
University of California, Los Angeles
Seattle University
University of San Francisco
Pepperdine University
El Camino College

Howard University
Georgetown University
University of Southern California
Alabama A&M University
University of New Mexico
University of California, Merced
New York Institute of Technology
Otis College of Art and Design
UC San Diego

Corporate Work Study Program



Verbum Dei is a member of the Cristo Rey Network of schools whose mission is “to transform urban American one student at a time - all students will graduate from high school and college.” As a Cristo Rey school, every student participates in the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) - students work five days per month to help cover the cost of their education, to see the practicality of what they are learning in the classroom,

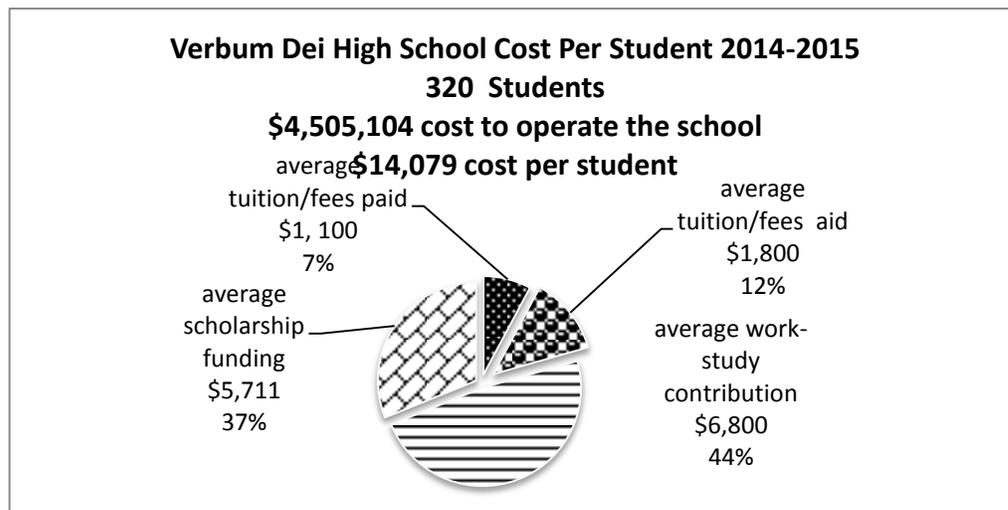
and to realize future vocational possibilities for themselves, as well as develop skills for lifelong success. Graduates of Verbum Dei will be work experienced—they work on such entry-level tasks as filing, data entry, answering telephones, reading scripts, making copies



or working in the mailroom. Because the work is conducted during the school day, Verbum Dei has an extended school day that meets state requirements.

Costs

It costs about \$14,000 to educate each pupil per year, but the tuition is only \$2,700, yet families pay on average about \$1,100. CWSP generates \$7,000 per student per year that goes directly to their education. Some students receive support from the Catholic Education Foundation, but not all students. So, that leaves between \$4,000 and up to as much as \$5,900 cost per student (See “average scholarship funding” below). And with a goal of 300 students, the gap can be quite large every year.



Adopt-A-Student Program

Access to a high-quality education is crucial to the personal and long-term development of children, families and communities. Through our Adopt-A-Student Program, you can help us help these fine young gentlemen achieve their dreams of graduating high school, graduating college, and, becoming fine productive citizens in our society.

Participating in the Adopt-A-Student Program simply means being financially supportive of the funding gap between actual cost and actual funding—\$4,000 to \$5,900 of our students. By participating, you will get to know “your” student(s), as they will send you acknowledgement letters, photographs, class assignments, etc. You see, part of our mission is to teach our gentlemen to appreciate the support of our benefactors—we feel it will help them remember to give back to important causes when they achieve success.



Adopt-A-Student Program Giving Levels

Summa cum laude ~ “with highest honor”—\$10,000.00 and above

- Adopts the full funding gap of the cost of at least two students for the full school year

Maxima cum laude ~ “with very great praise”—\$7,500.00 to \$9,999.00

- Adopts the full funding gap of the cost of one student and half the gap of another student’s for a full school year

Magna cum laude ~ “with great honor” —\$5,000.00 to \$7,499.00

- Adopts the full funding gap of the cost of at least one student for the full school year

Cum laude ~ “with honor” —\$2,500.00 to \$4,999.00

- Adopts at least half of the funding gap of the cost of one student’s for a full school year

Honor Roll ~ “with recognition” —\$1,000.00 to \$2,499.00

- Donations go towards the general students’ funding gaps

We thank you for considering our Adopt-A-Student Program. Your support will go a long way in delivering quality education to deserving students in the economically and academically underserved community of Watts California, and the surrounding communities. Yet, before you write the check we ask that you come visit Verbum Dei High School and actually see what it is we are doing and why you will want to be a part of this diamond-in-the-rough.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Paul Hosch,
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