



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

Verbum Dei provides a student-centered, Jesuit, work-study, 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.

Across the nation, students from other Cristo Rey schools demonstrate remarkable success. For over a decade, **100% of all Cristo Rey graduates have received at least one offer to college.** On average, students from low-income families enroll in college at a rate of 46%. Among Cristo Rey graduates, that rate is 90%.

Persisting in college is challenging for all students, and it is especially difficult for students from low-income families. **On average, only 8% of people from low-income communities graduate from college within six years.** By comparison Cristo Rey alumni graduate from college at a rate of 36%. While this figure leaves room for improvement, it also demonstrates a dramatic increase in the likelihood that Cristo Rey graduates will succeed in college.

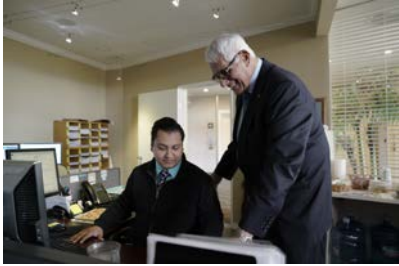
Our ideal student is both economically and academically underserved from the Watts community and surrounding areas—we want students who have no other options for a high-quality Catholic education. And our results speak for themselves— for the past 13 years **100 % of our graduates have been accepted to college.** Here are a few colleges selected by our grads:

Stanford University
Yale University
Saint John's University
Cal State University, Dominguez Hills
University of California, Los Angeles
Loyola Marymount University
University of San Francisco
Pepperdine University
Morehouse College

Howard University
Georgetown University
University of Southern California
Alabama A&M University
Chapman University
University of California, Merced
Tuskegee University
Gonzaga University
UC Berkeley



Corporate Work Study Program



Verbum Dei is a member of the Cristo Rey Network of schools whose mission is “to transform urban America, one student at a time – all students will graduate from high school and college.” As a Cristo Rey school, every student at Verb 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,

to realize future vocational possibilities for themselves, and to develop skills for lifelong success. Graduates of Verbum Dei will be work experience, working on such entry-level tasks as filing, data entry, answering telephones, reading scripts, making copies and working in the mailroom. Because the work is conducted during the school day, Verbum Dei has an extended school day to ensure state requirements are met.

Adopt-A-Student Program

Participating in the Adopt-A-Student Program simply means being financially supportive of the funding gap each student faces between the actual cost of their education and the amount each family is able to pay in tuition. At the Verb, it costs approximately \$19,000 to educate each pupil per year, yet families pay an average of only \$1,000. The Corporate Work Study program generates \$8,00 per student per year, **leaving a gap up to \$10,000 for each student.**

Highlights of the program include:

- Student notes and assignments
- Skype/Phone calls sessions with your student
- Invitations to events with our school community
- Invitation to end of year Meet & Greet, so that you can meet your student
- Monthly E-Newsletter



However, the greatest benefit is knowing that you have opened the doors to a Jesuit, work-study, college-preparatory education for a young man who would not have this opportunity without you. Equally as important is for your student to know that you are here for them. *That you believe in them.*



Adopt-A-Student Program Testimonials

What our donors are saying –



“We are Adopt-A-Student parents because it gives us an opportunity to have a one on one touch, it really is an extension of the Corporate Work Study Program and it affords us a great opportunity to make a difference.”

- Linda and Jim Scilacci

“The first year we adopted 3 students who graduated in 2007. We think it’s really important for them to know on a personal note from their sponsors, how often we think of them, how often we pray for them.”

-Jan and Tom Honore

“It’s a wonderful investment. Investment in the young man, it’s an investment in our community, it’s also an investment in sharing ourselves and letting that young man share himself with us.” - Rob Smith

What our students are saying –

“For me personally my donors have a pretty close relationship with me and are constantly writing me letters and I’m writing them back, and I’ve met them on several occasions. Once I’m out of Verbum Dei and out in society, most immediately I would like to Adopt-A-Student at Verbum Dei myself.” - Nicholas Spates ’15

“I feel as though they are really another set of parents. Like my parents they push me to do better and make me feel that I can aspire to more. I have a good relationship with them and email with them frequently. They don’t have to care, but they do. They bring the best out of me and I would hope that all the students here at Verb have the opportunity to experience the program and have ‘parents’ like mine. I’m also 100% sure that I will give back and become an Adopt-A-Student ‘parent’ myself in the future.” - Jose Flores ‘17



Adopt-A-Student Program Sponsorship Level

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

- Supports one student for a full school year

Maxima cum laude ~ “with very great praise”—\$8,000.00 to \$9,999.00

Magna cum laude ~ “with great honor” —\$7,500.00 to \$8,000.00

Cum laude ~ “with honor” —\$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00

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. Additionally, we hope that you might come visit Verbum Dei High School and actually see what it is we are doing. You’ll see why you will want to be a part of this diamond-in-the-rough.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Stephanie Andrade
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