



VERBUM DEI  
HIGH SCHOOL  
CRISTO REY LOS ANGELES

# **ADOPT-A-TEACHER PROGRAM**

*Supporting the World's Most Important Job!*

# Welcome to the Adopt-A-Teacher 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 12, 2014, of our 65 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*

## Teachers at Verbum Dei

At Verbum Dei, our mission centers upon empowering students to help themselves attain intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social maturation toward becoming gentlemen who serve “with and for others”. Our extracurricular and athletic programs provide every student with an opportunity for growth and leadership skills development. Our greatest strength lies in our outstanding staff of teachers and administrators, all dedicated to educating our students - academically, spiritually and emotionally. They promote a safe and exciting learning environment.

## Costs

It cost Verbum Dei on average about \$100,000 per teacher annually—which includes salary, materials, and overhead. Tuition is only \$2,700, yet families pay on average about \$1,100. Our work study program 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 a funding gap of between \$4,000 and up to as much as \$5,900 cost per student or written another way, that’s about a \$70K funding gap per teacher (See “average scholarship funding” below). And with 22 teachers, the gap can be quite large every year.

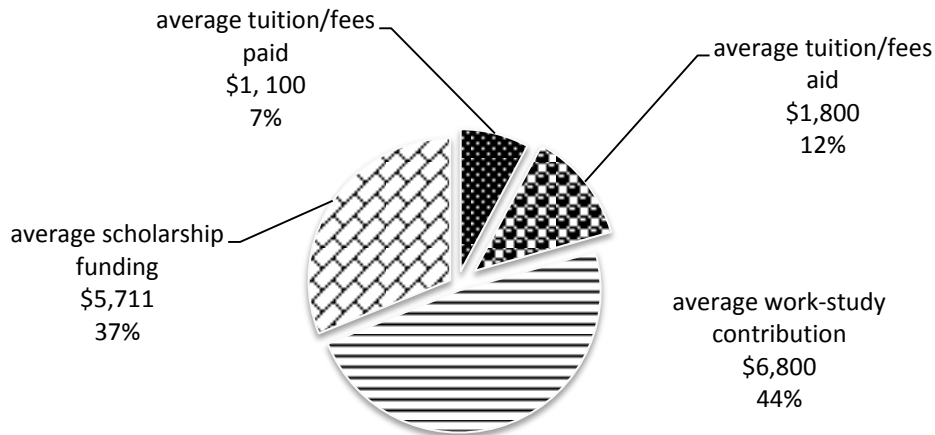


### Verbum Dei High School Cost Per Student 2014-2015

320 Students

\$4,505,104 cost to operate the school

\$14,079 cost per student



### Adopt-A-Teacher 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-Teacher 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 by sponsoring a teacher—the people who make it all possible!

Participating in the Adopt-A-Teacher Program simply means being financially supportive of Verbum Dei's funding gap—at least \$10K for one teacher. By participating, you are sponsoring a teacher that you will get to know and get to know how they teach. Your teacher can be selected based on your favorite subject, etc. You can interact with your sponsored teacher through acknowledgement letters, classroom reports, meeting(s), scheduled classroom visits, phone calls, etc.



Please join us by supporting the most important job in the world!



## Adopt-A-Teacher Program Giving Levels

*Doctorate*—\$200,000.00 and above

- Adopts at least two teachers for the full school year

*Master's*—\$100,000.00 to \$199,000.00

- Adopts the cost of at least one teacher to close to cost of another teacher for the full school year

*Undergraduate*—\$75,000.00 to \$99,999.00

- Adopts the cost of at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one to close to one full teacher for a full school year

*Secondary*—\$50,000.00 to \$74,999.00

- Adopts the cost of at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  to close to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one teacher for the full school year

*Primary*—\$25,000.00 to \$49,999.00

- Adopts at least a  $\frac{1}{4}$  to close to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of cost of one teacher for a full school year

*Honor Roll*—\$10,000.00 to \$24,999.00

- Donations go towards the general teacher funding gaps
- ❖ 90% of all donations go directly to that teacher's salary, benefits, materials, and overhead to run their classes. 10% goes directly to that teacher to buy equipment, engage in professional development, take the class on a fieldtrip, etc...whatever they believe will enhance the teaching experience for the students.

We thank you for considering joining our Adopt-A-Teacher Program. Your support will go a long way in delivering high-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 visit Verbum Dei High School and actually see what we are doing and why you will want to be a part of this incredible school.

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