



# OHIO CRISTO REY SCHOOLS

## **INNOVATION AWARD:**

Cristo Rey schools prepare promising low-income students to graduate high school, complete college and transform into young professionals. The combination of rigorous college-prep classes and an innovative Corporate Work Study Program exemplify all that can be achieved when educators join forces with business leaders. 100 percent of Cristo Rey graduates are accepted into college.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The three Cristo Rey schools in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus are members of the Cristo Rey Network<sup>®</sup> comprised of 32 private, Catholic, college preparatory schools that today serve 10,933 students of all faiths from economically challenged families across 21 states and D.C.

The signature component of Cristo Rey High Schools is the unique Corporate Work Study Program in which every student works five days per month in a professional setting. Students earn a majority of their education cost, gain job experience, and realize the relevance of classroom learning while providing real services to local businesses. The Work Study Program, combined with academic rigor and a focus on personal responsibility, helps students reach their full potential, prepare for college and life success. The proven model allows Cristo Rey schools to educate students who have grown up facing poverty and few educational options.

## **Results and Impact include:**

- \$6.3 million earned by students this school year
- 400 Corporate Partners in Ohio
- 100% college acceptance year over year
- Graduates are enrolling in college at rates (90%) comparable to the enrollment levels of high-income students
- Graduates are completing bachelor's degrees at 2.5 times the rate (34%) of high school graduates from low-income families nationwide

### **Cleveland: Saint Martin De Porres High School**

- Founded in 2004
- 410 students
- 600+ alumni
- 157 Work Study Partners
- \$2.3 million student earnings through Corporate Work Study this school year

### **Cincinnati: DePaul Cristo Rey High School**

- Founded in 2011
- 330 students
- 100% college acceptance for 3 years
- 133 Work Study Partners
- \$1.9 million student earnings through Corporate Work Study this school year

### **Columbus: Cristo Rey Columbus High School**

- Founded in 2013
- 375 students
- First graduating class in June 2017
- 111 Work-Study Partners
- \$2.1 million student earnings through Corporate Work Study this school year