



iVISION + CRISTO REY

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STRENGTH IN OUR FUTURE

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## STRENGTH IN OUR FUTURE THE iVISION + CRISTO REY PARTNERSHIP

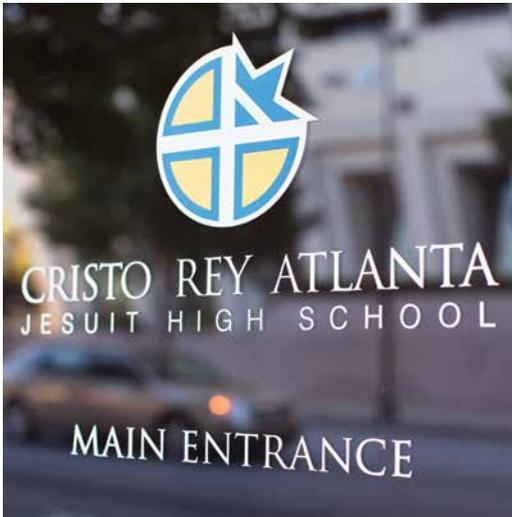
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2014 marked a philanthropic turning point for iVision. We wanted to have an impact on the Atlanta community in a deeper and more thoughtful way, and we felt our efforts should be about more than just writing checks. In August, Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School opened its doors to 160-plus freshman high school students, and iVision became one of more than forty local corporate sponsors. The school's mission is simple: "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 students Diamond Dale, Karina Hernandez, Destiny McLeod and Jada Milligan participate in the Cristo Rey work-study program at iVision. The students are learning everything from how to make a business call to what it takes to plan a major corporate event. They are even assisting in organizing an April 27, 2015, fundraising golf tournament for Cristo Rey.

Being a part of the iVision community – whether you are a partner, client or employee – means you are supporting these students in the pursuit of their dreams. In lieu of gifts this holiday season, we are sharing this commemoration of the Cristo Rey program and saying a special "thank-you" to each of you.

*Gabe Ramon*     *David Degetz*



## ABOUT CRISTO REY ATLANTA

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Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School educates young people of limited economic means. Through a rigorous curriculum and relevant workplace experience, students learn the value of personal accountability, service to others and lifelong learning.

The school welcomed its first class of 160 students in August 2014 and plans to grow to 500 students by 2017. Cristo Rey Atlanta is part of a network of 28 schools around the country. The model works: Students achieve extraordinary graduation rates and college acceptance.

Students at Cristo Rey put in more hours each day and more days each year than students at many other schools. The school provides structured academic assistance and counseling support. All students participate in a corporate work-study program, which helps them develop workplace

skills and funds most of the cost of their education. Sponsors like iVision pay Cristo Rey for the work students perform, and that offsets the students' tuition. Students graduate with knowledge and skills that enable them to succeed in college and in life.

Cristo Rey Atlanta strives to:

- Challenge students with rigorous academics.
- Provide an invaluable corporate employment experience.
- Create a safe and supportive environment rooted in faith-based values.
- Work exclusively with Atlanta's economically disadvantaged students of all faiths by opening the door to excellence in higher education, the workforce, community citizenship and Catholic values.
- Build a school that works in the heart of Atlanta.

# INTRODUCING OUR STUDENTS

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*KARINA HERNANDEZ is a native Atlantan. She has four brothers and a dog named Oreo. She enjoys singing, reading and playing soccer. Her favorite meal is her mom's homemade soup, posole. Karina is amazed by how iVision's office can go from calm to busy in just a few seconds.*

*JADA MILLIGAN is an Atlanta native. She has a brother and a sister. She enjoys reading, dancing, taking photographs and exploring science. Jada says her experience at iVision is teaching her professionalism and also showing her what it takes to run a successful business.*

*DIAMOND DALE is originally from Exmore, Virginia, and has lived in Atlanta for eight years. She has three sisters. She loves to read and to run track. At iVision, Diamond has enjoyed meeting new people and experiencing a corporate work environment for the first time.*

*DESTINY MCLEOD is originally from Philadelphia and moved to Atlanta over the summer. She has two brothers, one sister and two dogs. She likes playing most sports and enjoys blogging about her day. Destiny says the people at iVision made her feel welcome from her very first day.*



# DIAMOND DALE

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## IN HER WORDS

*It's hard work at Cristo Rey and iVision. You can't be lazy at all. You have to pay attention and have a good attitude. But the reward is a good education.*



## iVISION IS GIVING DIAMOND AN INSIDER'S VIEW OF THE TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY IN WHICH SHE WOULD LIKE TO BUILD A CAREER.

In addition to doing her daily administrative tasks, she sometimes sits in on meetings with engineers and technologists. Diamond, who'd like to be a computer engineer, understands it's a rare opportunity for a ninth-grader.

Cristo Rey is helping Diamond channel her enthusiasm and energy toward success. She doesn't like to sit still (track

is her favorite sport), but she knows she must be disciplined to earn good grades. She finds Latin to be a challenge, although she's no stranger to languages, having studied Chinese at her last school. She enjoys algebra, though, and also likes being a Cristo Rey Atlanta pioneer. She knows being part of the school's first class is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



*"For the girls, learning the social aspect of the workplace is invaluable. They see how professional interactions work, how people talk to one another and what the boundaries are. For us, it's amazing to see how much these girls study, how dedicated they are, how long their hours are. And it's nice to have some young people around the office. I'm thrilled that iVision has committed to this, and I feel really lucky to have this experience."*

*- Debbie Parker, Mentor*



# KARINA HERNANDEZ

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## IN HER WORDS

*Being at iVision helps me improve my work skills and helps me be more organized. It's also teaching me that if I make a mistake, there is always that second chance.*



## KARINA CAME TO CRISTO REY AND iVISION WITH A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF RESPONSIBILITY.

She's the go-to helper at home, watching out for her two younger brothers. She also manages an adult-size commute, waking up a little after 5 a.m. to get to school on MARTA. But Karina has the challenges and dreams of any teenager. She excels in math and struggles with Latin, a required course at Cristo Rey. She loves to sing and would one day like

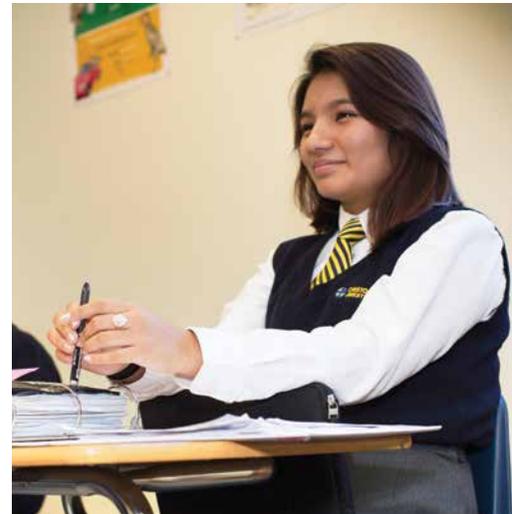
to sing professionally, although she's also interested in a career as a social worker.

The life skills Karina has developed come in handy at iVision, where she often tackles unexpected assignments. She appreciates how the people at iVision offer guidance and make her feel like part of their workplace family.



*"We've given the girls an important role. They greet our clients and visitors. They are the first face of iVision. As they do their jobs, they're developing social skills and learning business etiquette and protocol. They're learning how to set and attain goals, how to keep a calendar and the value of teamwork. All of that will give them a big head start when they're competing in the job market."*

*- Penny Acosta, Mentor*



# DESTINY MCLEOD

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## IN HER WORDS

*Cristo Rey isn't like other private schools. It gives me an opportunity to work in all four years of high school. Working and getting a great education will make me stand out when applying to college.*



**DESTINY HAS NO INTEREST IN DOWNTIME. DURING BREAKS AT SCHOOL SHE OFTEN MULTITASKS, LOOKING OVER SCHOOLWORK WHILE CHATTING WITH FRIENDS.**

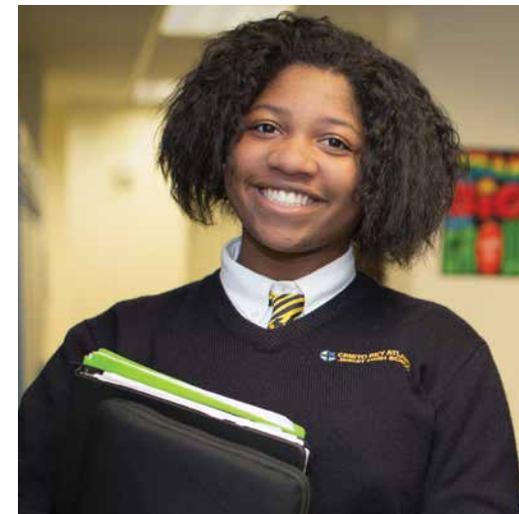
When she completes her assignments at iVision, she asks what else she can do. One of Destiny's favorite things about being in a professional workplace is that there's always something else to accomplish. Plus, she says, the people she works with at iVision make her feel welcome and appreciated.

She loves sports – basketball, volleyball and more – and would like to play in college and even professionally one day. But Destiny also can imagine putting her competitive instincts to use in a more traditional career. She'd like to study psychology in college, preferably at Stanford University. And one day she'd like to be an entrepreneur and start her own counseling practice.



*“The decisions these kids make in high school affect the rest of their lives. We’re talking to them about college, about careers. We’re helping them grow. I’m proud that our company has decided to make a difference in this way. I love being able to introduce the girls to clients and tell the story of what we’re doing.”*

*- Lindsey Laube, Mentor*



# JADA MILLIGAN

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## IN HER WORDS

*Being a student at Cristo Rey and working at iVision will help me reach my goals by allowing me to see how rigorous life can be. You have to stay focused and on top of things. No procrastination.*



## JADA LOOKS AT THE WORLD AND SEES CONNECTIONS. SCIENCE INTERESTS HER BECAUSE IT'S SO CLEARLY LINKED TO EVERYDAY LIFE.

She understands how sticking to a schedule helps her succeed in school. She believes that everything happens for a reason, whether what's happened is good or bad. That last belief has led to some interesting discussions in religion class.

Life's vast possibilities inspire this Cristo Rey freshman, yet she's practical. For example, she loves to dance but believes being a psychiatrist or counselor is a more realistic career choice. Still, make no mistake: Jada doesn't think small. One example is her ambition for college. She's planning on Princeton University.



*"I think the girls are realizing we weren't always these professional people. We worked hard to get where we are. It's not just about being smart, it's about making good decisions. And now that all of these girls have ended up in a technology company, we have a unique opportunity to engage them in our industry, which needs more women. We can tell them, 'Stay in technology,' and show them the rewards."*

*- Lisa Roberson, Mentor*



## OFFERING OUR GRATITUDE

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Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

At iVision, this idea shapes our relationship with clients, partners, employees and the community. We would like to thank all of you for believing in us over the years and making iVision what it is today.

We sincerely appreciate you supporting us as we get "lost in the service" of building a stronger community in the heart of Atlanta, which includes helping our Cristo Rey students realize their dreams.

On behalf of the entire iVision team and our Cristo Rey work-study students for 2014/2015, we wish you a very special holiday season!

# THANK YOU

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