



## **Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School Receives \$250,000 Matching Gift Pledge from John A. Sobrato**

**OAKLAND, Calif. (December 12, 2018)** —Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School (CRDLS) today announced that Silicon Valley real-estate developer and philanthropist John A. Sobrato will be matching dollar-for-dollar donations made to the school up to \$250,000. Now through June 30, 2019, friends and other supporters will have the opportunity to double their donations by participating in this special fundraiser.

The Sobrato donation will benefit the day-to-day operations of the high school. Cristo Rey De La Salle's unique financial model empowers students of limited economic means to change the trajectory of their own lives while also encouraging the community to support the path to change. Every student earns up to half of his or her annual tuition through Cristo Rey's Corporate Work Study Program. Families contribute a fraction of the actual cost of tuition, however, there is still a significant gap of around \$8,000 per year per student.

"My wife and I are delighted to support Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School in their founding year," said Mr. Sobrato. "This extends our commitment to support Catholic education and the Cristo Rey model in the Bay Area, a proven and effective model that enables low income youth to break the cycle of poverty through education and work."

John A. Sobrato heads one of the most successful private real estate development organizations in California. In 1998, Mr. Sobrato and his family created the Sobrato Family Foundation to provide philanthropic support to local non-profits. As a supporter of Catholic education, Mr. Sobrato has dedicated much of his time to developing and funding Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School as well as ICA Cristo Rey Academy in San Francisco.

"Mr. Sobrato's generous pledge furthers our mission of educating young people to be men and women of faith, purpose and service," said Greg Young, Director of Mission Advancement at Cristo Rey De La Salle. "These funds make it possible for our students to receive a high quality education and a meaningful work experience that creates an opportunity for transformation."

For more information on the school and ways to donate, please visit [www.cristoreydelasalle.org/donate](http://www.cristoreydelasalle.org/donate).

### **About Cristo Rey De La Salle**

Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School is a Roman Catholic, co-educational, secondary school. It is a diverse, Lasallian Catholic learning community that educates young people of limited



economic means to become men and women of faith, purpose and service. A rigorous and personalized college preparatory curriculum integrated with a corporate work study experience prepares students to succeed in college and in life. Cristo Rey De La Salle is located in the Fruitvale district of Oakland on the campus of the former Saint Elizabeth High School.

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