

# PATHWAYS



**Dear Cristo Rey De La Salle Community,**

Our first year as a full school is coming to a close. Every day is an unfolding miracle. We are witnessing the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of each of our students, staff, and community. Celebration is all around us. Our seniors are heading off to college. We are welcoming the largest freshman class ever at Cristo Rey. Every teacher is returning next year and they have already begun preparing our juniors for college applications, SAT tests, and AP exams. It is an absolute joy to witness the work of the Holy Spirit in our community. We are a living body of Christ and we celebrate as one.

And yet, we have many great challenges ahead. We are a nascent school and we have growing pains. COVID has been, and continues to be, brutal on our Corporate Work Study Program. We pray that God will continue to hold us as we mature.

During times like these, I think of the zeal of our patron, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, and I wonder how long he celebrated before he got back to work? Yes, we will celebrate, and yes, we will continue to have faith, and yes, this is God's school. God has blessed this school with an extraordinary amount of zeal. Zeal begs us to work: work with our hands, our minds, and our feet to plow forward.

We are workers in the vineyard and St. John Baptist de La Salle works alongside us. Will you work alongside us as well? We are a family of many individuals and we are blessed to be witnesses and part of the miracle which is Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School.

St. John Baptist de La Salle, continue to pray for us, and live Jesus in our hearts, FOREVER!

**Stephen Murphy**  
President & CEO





## Brother Visitor Congratulates Seniors



I offer my congratulations to Cristo Rey De La Salle's seniors and to the faculty, staff, and other students. I have been privileged to see Cristo Rey De La Salle develop as a school from its very beginning.

I remember meeting with various leaders to explore the creation of this wonderful school and am so proud of what it has become. I attended the first Mass with this senior class, then brand-new freshmen, and was inspired by their dedication to being part of the school's creation.

I visited the school many times and watched it grow into the wonderful institution that it is. It couldn't have become what it is without the perseverance of this now senior class, striving to make it the best school it could become. The faculty and staff walked with them through not only the beginning times of the school, but through the hard times of the COVID pandemic. This was not an easy path to walk, but the dedication of all made it happen.

This was not done without the wonderful support of the donors that also made this possible. This is definitely a message of 'together we can do this,' which was echoed by so many over these last years. So, congratulations to all for a job well done, especially to the seniors as they continue to work to make this world a better place—better because they are a part of it. God bless you!

Sincerely,  
Br. Donald Johanson, FSC  
*Brother Visitor of the District of San Francisco New Orleans*

## Attorney General Bonta: Students, Walk with Justice

California's Attorney General Rob Bonta shared deeply inspirational comments with the Class of 2022. "You have defied the odds and you have excelled with every single one of you being accepted to a four-year college or the United States Marines. As the first graduating class of Cristo Rey De La Salle, you have set a high bar for the generations of Cristo Rey De La Salle classes to follow."

As AG Bonta recognized the important part the graduates' families played in their achievements, he shared that his own parents are the reason he is Attorney General. They taught him to walk with justice, instilling him with the belief that serving people is the highest task. It is the fight for justice that motivates him.

He challenged graduates to be the next generation whose radical ideas will change this world for the better. "You are not just being handed a high school diploma, but the baton of future generations. You will be



## The Class of 2022

### The First Graduating Class of Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School, St. Elizabeth Campus

Nuvia Alvarez  
Joselinne Arechiga  
Gabriel Bahena  
Arturo Barraza  
Pison Boukre  
Daniela Castro  
Osmin Chacon Diaz  
Sarita Chavez  
Jayden Christy  
Alejandro Conde  
Yamna Cordova  
Sophia Cruz-Barragan  
Jovanny Davila  
Angel Del Toro  
Emilio Delgado-Lopez  
Beatriz Farias  
Jesus Franco  
Katherine Garcia-Perez  
Bryan Granados  
Enaisa Gutierrez  
Rammces Hernandez  
Johnathon Holley  
Khaleah Holmes  
Catherine Jimenez  
Jeremiah Knox  
Giselle Lopez  
Mariana Lopez  
Brenda Luna Sanchez  
Vika Mafi  
Marco Maldonado  
Julian Martinez  
Abigail Martinez-Morales  
Joseph Matias-Garay  
Julissa Montano  
Georgina Morales  
Yuliana Pardo  
Vidal Pena  
Phuc Pham  
Andy Ramos  
Ashby Rivas  
Alexandra Robles  
Fernanda Rosales  
Justin Sanchez  
America Serrano  
Isiah Thieme  
Enrique Torres Hernandez  
Daniel Torres Rosas  
Anna Tran  
J'Nila Ward  
Salaya Whittaker  
Genaro Zaragoza

***Congratulations, Mustangs! We are so proud of you!***

### Colleges & Universities Cristo Rey De La Salle Graduates Admitted to:

Arizona State Univ.	Cal State San Jose	Hampton University	Ohio State University	UC Berkeley
Azusa Pacific	Cal State Sonoma	Hartwick College	Oregon State Univ.	UC Davis
Baylor University	Cal State Stanislaus	Holy Names University	Pace University	UC Los Angeles
Cal State Bakersfield	California Lutheran University	Howard University	Pepperdine University	UC Merced
Cal State Channel Isl.	California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo	Kansas State University	Philander Smith Coll.	UC Riverside
Cal State Chico	Chaminade University of Honolulu	Long Island University, Brooklyn	Portland State Univ.	UC San Diego
Cal State Dominguez Hills	Chapman University	Louisiana State Univ.	Purdue University	UC Santa Barbara
Cal State East Bay	Claremont McKenna College	Loyola Marymount University	Regis University	UC Santa Cruz
Cal State Fresno	College of the Holy Cross	Loyola University (MD)	St. Louis University	University of Arizona
Cal State Fullerton	Colorado State Univ.	Manhattan College	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Hawaii
Cal State Long Beach	Columbia University	Marymount California Univ.	Santa Clara University	Univ. of Holy Cross
Cal State Los Angeles	Connecticut College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Scripps College	Univ. of Minnesota
Cal State Monterey Bay	Coppin State University	Michigan State Univ.	Seattle University	University of Oregon
Cal State Northridge	DePaul University	Morgan State Univ.	Shaw University	Univ. of Pittsburgh
Cal State Pomona	Dominican Univ. of CA	New York University	Stanford University	University of Portland
Cal State Sacramento	Fisk University	Occidental College	State University of New York, Brockport	University of San Diego
Cal State San Diego			Texas A&M	Univ. of San Francisco
Cal State San Francisco				Xavier University of LA

### Scholarships Awarded:

College	Number of Students Awarded	Scholarship Amount
California Lutheran University	4	\$250,000
Chapman University	2	\$100,000
College of the Holy Cross	1	\$74,000
DePaul University	1	\$23,400
Holy Names University	20	\$800,000
Loyola Marymount University	3	\$75,300
Pepperdine University	1	\$53,170
Saint Mary's College of California	13	\$702,000
Santa Clara University	5	\$280,000
Shaw University	1	\$16,499
University of Holy Cross	1	\$74,000
University of Portland	1	\$60,000
University of San Francisco	9	\$228,960
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,737,329</b>

### Graduation Awards

#### Valedictorians

The criteria for the Valedictorian award is the highest grade point average (GPA). This year, there were six students who achieved a 4.15 weighted GPA.

The valedictorians for the class of 2022 are:

**Nuvia Alvarez**  
**Angel Del Toro**  
**Joselinne Arechiga**  
**Andy Ramos**  
**Yamna Cordova**  
**Ashby Rivas**

Four Valedictorians spoke at the Baccalaureate Mass and the Senior Awards Ceremony. Two, Joselinne Arechiga and Nuvia Alvarez, addressed the assembly at the Commencement Exercises.

***Congratulations to all six of these hardworking, accomplished scholars!***



**Nuvia Alvarez, Valedictorian & Commencement Speaker**

Nuvia is an exceptional student and a caring, enthusiastic, and community-minded person. Having served in Lasallian Student Leadership, Nuvia gave her time and energy to lead and be a student ambassador. She supported her peers and was the team manager for several sports teams. Her hard work, dedication, and academic performance have earned her the prestigious honor of Valedictorian; and her kind, caring, and giving spirit has earned her multiple awards. These qualities will continue to propel Nuvia's success in college and beyond.



**Joselinne Arechiga, Valedictorian & Commencement Speaker**

*Shared by Aline Areola, Joselinne's teacher and mentor.*

Not only have I known Joselinne (or, as we call her, Jocey) for four years as her teacher and mentor at Cristo Rey De La Salle, but I've also known her since she was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Back then, I saw her tremendous potential and, for the past four years, her determination to be one of the top students in high school. Being honored as one of our founding Valedictorians has been such an accomplishment. She will take Cal Poly by storm, there is no doubt in my mind!

### 2022 Brother Visitor's Lasallian Awards

**Presented to students who demonstrate a devotion to learning and have been involved in extracurricular activities, especially service-related. Brother Visitor's Lasallian Award winners give witness to the Five Core Lasallian Principles.**



**Johnathon Holley** is an enthusiastic, focused, and confident leader of our school community. In our founding group of Associated Student Body members, he initiated and now holds the position of leader of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. He is constantly reflecting and encouraging us to incorporate DEI elements in our school activities and communications. He invites his peers to do the same and provides direct and tangible feedback to the Associated Student Body. We thank Johnathon for the blessing that he has been and celebrate his leadership and the thoughtful lens through which he observes and reflects on his concern for the disadvantaged and uplifts the need for social justice.



**Alexandra Robles** is often a student quietly observing and working in the background. A calming influence in the classroom, her disposition has always been attentive, kind, and joyful. Outside of the classroom, she is a leader. She has led and facilitated inclusive activities and gatherings for students, raised funds, and helped lead our first student-driven prayer service for the community. We thank Alexandra for the gift that she is to our community and recognize her for the efforts and gains she has made to truly ensure that we have an inclusive community, where all are seen, all are welcomed, and all are loved.

### 2022 Scholar Athlete Awards

**Recognizes top scholar athletes who have played sports every year and have contributed in a positive way to the school community, while earning academic Honor Roll status.**



In her freshman year, **Ashby Rivas** told Julio Orozco, our Athletic Director, that she was going



**Enrique Torres** transferred to Cristo Rey De La Salle in his Sophomore year. From the moment he

to build a girls soccer program at the school! In Ashby's Senior year, she brought that dream to reality. As team captain, she led her team to the North Coast Section Championship game in which the team fought hard into overtime and eventually lost to a penalty kick. Ashby was a three year volleyball player (no season 2020-21 due to COVID) and team captain all three years. She was awarded the scholar athlete award for the season. She earned a 4.0 GPA for all four years and is recognized on the academic President's List. She is headed to Santa Clara University on a full four-year Provost Scholarship. Cristo Rey De La Salle is proud to call Ashby Rivas our Scholar Athlete for the Class of 2022!

arrived, he became the heartbeat of the boys soccer program. He was team captain for three years and took his leadership role very seriously. Enrique recruited team members and actively built a strong and inspired team culture. Julio Orozco, Athletic Director, coached Enrique's brother in grammar school. Enrique often stopped by during practice to watch and play with the younger children. Mr. Orozco was not surprised to watch older brother immediately become a key member of the Cristo Rey De La Salle Athletic Program. Enrique has been on the academic President's List and will be attending San Jose State University in the Fall where he intends to study civil engineering. We are excited to watch the continued success of our spectacular Scholar Athlete for the Class of 2022!



**Congratulations to the Class of 2022!**  
**May you be held in the palm of God's hand.**

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