

Dear Bautista Family,

I am honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Bautista Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to your generous contribution, I have been able to receive an outstanding education and participate in stimulating extracurricular activities at Cristo Rey. Attending Cristo Rey has played an integral role in molding my personal character and establishing an impressive portfolio to support me post secondary.

I'm currently enrolled in freshman year and have two 'A's three 'B's and two 'C's. I am a student worker in the CWSP too. CWSP is a work study program which gives students an opportunity to become more experienced in the working life, as well as helping students pay for their tuition. The work program is very helpful for low income families who are struggling to pay for their child's tuition. In addition to my academic pursuits, I actively participate in drama and improv. I am also a DJ and I am looking forward to playing volleyball. After graduating from Cristo Rey June of 2024, I plan on attending Florida State University in order to obtain a degree. Upon completing my post-secondary education, I plan to pursue a career or a job as an interior designer.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, many activities that I enjoy have been postponed. E-learning was not something any freshmen thought their first year of high school would have been like. This global pandemic has its pros and cons for students. As students, we have to adapt to e-learning. This new method of learning has helped some students be more familiar with technology. However, some students, like myself, learn better when being taught in person. One way that I have coped with the pandemic is by meeting new friends and being able to help each other with our work. I also try to listen to music when I'm working on my assignments. By doing this I'm able to be less overwhelmed with being on a computer all day long.

I'm very grateful to receive this scholarship because not a lot of students have the opportunity to receive a gift like this. Everyone in my family is very happy to see that I'm the first generation to attend a Catholic school. Also, for my mother, being a single parent of three is very difficult economically to provide for them. I know that this gift will be one less worry for her. There will never be enough words to express how honored and grateful I am.

Sincerely,
Clarissa Simental