

Dear Bautista Family,

I am writing to thank you for your support and contribution towards my education. My name is Shirley Meza, a junior at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, IL.

Cristo Rey has granted me the opportunity to be in a community where the staff are very supportive and help me through the highs and lows of high school. The community of Cristo Rey not only supports me but also my family. My parents migrated to the United States and have been grateful for the opportunities that are offered. The school focuses on guiding students so they may attend a university, this may seem like an average importance though for me and my parents it gives them hope. They can meet with my college advisor and learn the process of applying to college. Through this scholarship I can continue the work that my parents and I have been working on since freshmen year. Attaining a college degree is a goal my family has had but was unsure of how it would be accomplished, thanks to CR the uncertainty is gone.

Aside from the academics' support for my parents, Cristo Rey provided me a job where I gain experience and learn how to communicate and develop my social skills. I could not be more thankful to you for supporting me and giving me the chance to continue at this school. Thanks to your scholarship I am able to continue my education with my friends, supportive staff, and teachers who have advocated and guided me through these past 2 years. My family are supported and given a sense of relief because they know the community cares for their students and their families.

Thank you again for your support towards my education, I am really looking forward to meeting you one day and giving you the thanks in person.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family! Dios te Bendiga!