

To the Bautista Family,

Thank you for your generosity in supporting my dreams through my education. It is with great gratitude for your financial and academic support that I am writing today. With this scholarship, my financial burdens are lifted and propel me to fulfill my journey at Cristo Rey, to lean into my called mission in becoming a man for others.

I am currently a Junior at Cristo Rey and I work at GTCR, a leading private equity firm headquartered in downtown Chicago, on LaSalle and Wacker. I support our office by facilitating the workflow of administrative tasks and taking ownership on several weekly initiatives. At school, I am a member of our student council, Los Compañeros and play basketball and volleyball. I attend several academic seminars throughout the semester to learn about possible career paths.

This past summer I participated in the LEAD REEX Program at the School of Design at Harvard University, in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This two-week program offered me the opportunity to gain exposure in an unfamiliar industry and sparked my passion for Real Estate investing, with a focus in sustainable development for underserved communities. There, I met peers who were inspired by their own communities and stories. I networked with experts in the space and presented a capstone project where I proposed a development for a community in need located in Boston.

Meeting The Bautista family has been a blessing. I sincerely appreciate your help and resonate with the mission that the Bautista Scholarship stands for. With Your tremendous help, I can become the person who I am called to be at Cristo Rey and beyond.

With your help, my family has been able to worry less on tuition and focus more on the importance of my education, my faith and overall future here at Cristo Rey. This means a lot to me and my family, we truly feel less stressed knowing there are people like you willing to give a helping hand and believe in me to bless me with this opportunity to further my studies. This scholarship fully allows my parents to see their dreams come true through me. We truly appreciate your sponsorship and are in great appreciation.

In gratitude and service,
Salvador Contreras