



MEET OUR CRISTO REY STUDENTS



(L to R): Loren Aranda (Freshman), Alexander Benitez (Sophomore), Edgar Gallardo (Junior), Jesus Torres (Junior)

Meadows Collier is thrilled to welcome these four Cristo Rey Dallas students into our office for the 2017-2018 school year, under the school's Corporate Work Study Program. This program allows students to gain professional experience while working in a corporate setting.

Loren Aranda: Loren is a Freshman and this is her first year at Meadows Collier. Loren's favorite subject is math. She is currently on the Cristo Rey Cross Country team. In her free time, she likes to hang out with her brothers and sisters.

Alexander Benitez: Alex is a Sophomore and this is his second year at Meadows Collier. Alex hopes to work in the math and science industry. His two favorite sports are soccer and football, and he enjoys spending time with his family.

Edgar Gallardo: Edgar is a Junior and this is his third year at Meadows Collier. His favorite subject is biology. Edgar's favorite sports are football, soccer and basketball. If he could go anywhere in the world, he would travel to Dubai.

Jesus Torres: Jesus is a Junior and this is his first year at Meadows Collier. His favorite subject is history. He hopes to one day become an Orthopedic Surgeon. In his free time, he loves to lift weights at the gym and exercise.

About Cristo Rey:

Cristo Rey Dallas College Preparatory School is an educational institution, founded in 1996. The school reaches out to lower income families by providing high-level academics to students who need it. Nationwide, the school accommodates about 9,000 students who are spread out amongst 32 different school locations.

The school has started a Corporate Work Study Program for the students, which allows them to gain professional, real work experience, while also raising funds for the school and ultimately paying for their tuition. In recent years, Cristo Rey students have raised as much as \$50 million towards their education.

Each year, four different students, together, work a full time position for major companies and corporations in Dallas, Texas. The four different students switch off their work days so that each student only works a few days a week. This allows the students to still focus on their studies at school, while maintaining a balanced work schedule and environment with their assigned corporation. While working, the students get the opportunity to improve their communication, organization and professional skills.