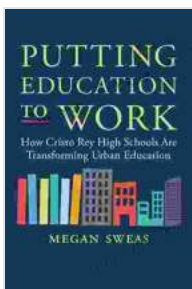


# Unlocking the Power of Urban Education: How Cristo Rey High Schools Are Revolutionizing Learning

In the heart of underserved urban communities across the United States, a beacon of hope shines brightly: Cristo Rey High Schools. Founded on the belief that all students deserve access to a high-quality education, these innovative institutions are challenging the traditional model of urban education and transforming the lives of thousands of students.

## A Unique Work-Study Model

At the core of Cristo Rey High Schools is a unique work-study program that sets them apart from other schools. Students spend one day each week working at a professional job site, earning a paycheck that helps cover the cost of their tuition. This real-world experience provides students with invaluable skills, exposes them to different career paths, and instills in them a strong work ethic.



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The work-study program is not just a financial aid mechanism; it is an integral part of the Cristo Rey educational experience. Students learn how to communicate effectively, problem-solve, and work as part of a team. They also develop a strong sense of responsibility and pride in their work.

## **Academic Excellence**

Despite the demands of their work schedules, Cristo Rey students achieve remarkable academic success. The schools have a rigorous curriculum that prepares students for college and beyond. Students take college-preparatory courses in English, math, science, and social studies, and they have access to a wide range of extracurricular activities, including sports, clubs, and community service.

The Cristo Rey Network, which supports and connects Cristo Rey schools across the country, has a proven track record of success. In 2022, 100% of Cristo Rey graduates were accepted to college, and 98% of those students enrolled in a four-year college or university.

## **Empowering Students**

Cristo Rey High Schools are more than just schools; they are communities that empower students to reach their full potential. The schools provide students with a supportive and nurturing environment where they feel valued and respected. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their education and to become active participants in their learning.

Cristo Rey schools also emphasize the importance of faith and service. Students are encouraged to develop their spiritual lives and to give back to their communities. Through service projects and retreats, students learn the value of compassion, empathy, and social justice.

## **A National Network**

The Cristo Rey Network is a national network of 38 Cristo Rey High Schools located in urban communities across the United States. Each school is independently operated but shares a common mission and set of values. The network provides schools with support, resources, and professional development opportunities.

The Cristo Rey Network is a testament to the power of collaboration and innovation. By working together, Cristo Rey schools are transforming urban education and providing thousands of students with the opportunity to succeed in college and beyond.

Cristo Rey High Schools are a beacon of hope for students in underserved urban communities. Through their unique work-study program, rigorous academic curriculum, and supportive community, Cristo Rey schools empower students to reach their full potential and make a positive impact on the world. As the Cristo Rey Network continues to grow and expand, the transformative power of urban education will continue to be unlocked, giving more students the opportunity to achieve their dreams.

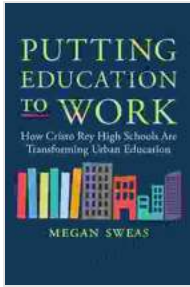
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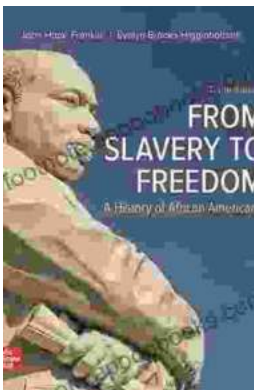


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