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AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

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ORGANIZATION (OPTIONAL): Cristo Rey San José Decline to State

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I am submitting a packet of letters and
emails written by County employees who are, Cristo Rey
Corporate work Study Supervisors and Cristo Rey
Students who work at the County of Santa Clara



Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 11, 2020
RE: Agenda Item 16 -Cristo Rey Corporate Work Study Program

To whom it may concern:

Attached are letters from Cristo Rey Student workers and Corporate Work Study Supervisors from The County of Santa Clara written in support of the continuation of the Corporate Work Study Agreement between Cristo Rey San José Corporate Work Study Program and The County of Santa Clara.

Thank you,
Sarah Chesson
Executive Director, Corporate Work Study

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Hi Jonathan,

I have had the pleasure of working with a few of the CRSJ students over the past few years. What an amazing opportunity it has been watching our student interns grow! The work experience and pride each student takes from the program is truly life-changing and invaluable! I am in full support of continuing this partnership between Santa Clara County and the CRSJ CWSP and look forward to working with more interns in the years to come!

Sincerely,

Brenda Hidalgo



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Subject: Cristo Rey Students



Manesis, Tess <tess.manesis@asr.sccgov.org>
to Cholula, Jonathan

Mon, Feb 10, 10:54 AM (22 hours ago)

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To Whom This May Concern;

I would like to thank our Cristo Rey students. They are assets at The Assessor's Office. The students are fast learners, always willing to help. Their maturity and professional traits and intellectual strengths are highly impressive.

Warm Regards,

Tess G. Manesis

Public Service Supervisor

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From: Areli Urdiano [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Feb 10, 2020 at 1:24 PM
Subject: Re: QUICK REPLY REQUESTED: Help us keep our County/VMC jobs!!!
To: Sarah Chesson <[REDACTED]>

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors,

My name is Areli and I'm a junior at Cristo Rey San Jose. I have been in the Corporate Work Study Program for 3 years and currently work for Santa Clara County Assessor's Office. If I'm completely honest, I had never heard about the Assessor's Office in my life. Well, not until the day Ms.Chesson offered the job to me my freshman year. I didn't know what they did or who they were, all I knew was that it sounded like a fancy office. Little did I know that the Assessor's Office was soon to become my home away from home. The very first day I arrived I was terrified. I didn't know if I was ready to take on this challenge. As the elevator reached the 5th floor i felt my palms get sweatier and the butterflies in my stomach go crazy. When the elevator finally reached the 5th floor, I took a deep breath and stepped outside. I was greeted by smiling faces and warm welcomes. Right off the back, I felt welcomed and loved. The people at the front desk radiated joy and their smiles were so contagious. My freshman supervisor, Tess, was quick to make me feel at home. Since that day, I can proudly say that the people at the Assessor's are like my second family. Throughout the years I've learned a lot of computer and professional skills I would have never learned somewhere else. I became more familiar with Microsoft programs and at the same time became more social because of my interaction with the front desk. The first time I sat at the front desk I remember being so scared to mess up. However, by following my training, everything worked out well. Working at the Assessors office made me more confident. I know that my work here matters and that I matter as an individual. I love my work placement and the people here are simply the best. We have the option to change work placements each school year, but every year I choose to stay at the Assessor's Office. I can't picture myself working anywhere else. Working at the Assessor's Office has also helped me expand my social network. I've had a meeting with Larry Stone, the Assessor, and I never thought I would've had the opportunity of meeting him. My freshman year, a coworker introduced me to her daughter who was in a medical career and she shared her experience in college. Each and every single person the Assessor's Office makes my work experience more memorable. I appreciate Carmen, who every afternoon brings me a snack so I'm not hungry. I am beyond grateful for my supervisor Johnathan C. He has taught me many things about professionalism and people skills. He motivates me to put my all in the work I do. He also makes me feel included. He encourages me to get out of my comfort zone because he knows that I am capable of many things. Jonathan is truly an amazing person and I am blessed to have him as my supervisor. I think you should keep supporting the County's partnership with the Corporate Work Study Program because it empowers students to be professionally engaged, and at the same time reminds them of their worth by giving them this amazing, once in a lifetime opportunity.

Thank you!

Areli Urdiano
Cristo Rey San Jose High School
[REDACTED]
Class of 2021



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From: Karem Ceja-Candelario <[REDACTED]>
Date: February 10, 2020 at 12:52:29 PM PST
To: Sarah Chesson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: County/VMC jobs!!!

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors,

My name is Karem Ceja and I'm a Junior at Cristo Rey San José. I have been in the Corporate Work Study Program for 3 years and currently work for Santa Clara County on the Educational Service team. I think you should keep supporting the County's partnership with the Corporate Work Study Program because working alongside Santa Clara County has been an amazing opportunity for the students at Cristo Rey. At Valley Medical I have gained multiple workplace skills, established many wonderful relationships, and have become a more caring and loving person as a result of my experiences working at this facility. I have been lucky enough to work at VMC for three years, hoping to go onto four, because of how much I've enjoyed the past years. Not only have I been able to work in a field that interest me, but I have built a loving environment with my amazing supervisors Pattie Beebe and Victoria Olarte. I am extremely grateful for the opportunities I have been given and hope to continue working at VMC. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Karem Ceja-Candelario

Santa Clara County Email

1 message

Citlali Figueroa <[REDACTED]>
To: Sarah Chesson <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Feb 9, 2020 at 10:58 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors,

My name is Citlali Figueroa and I'm in 10th grade at Cristo Rey San José. I have been in the Corporate Work Study Program for 2 years and currently work for Santa Clara County on the Tax Controller Treasurer Department team. I think you should keep supporting the County's partnership with the Corporate Work Study Program because this gives students a chance to not only see what it feels like to work in a county. This not only helps students in seeing what position they want to work in before entering college but it also looks good on college applications. This gives students a higher chance in entering college. My favorite part about my job is being able to communicate with my co-workers and being able to learn new things everyday about the tax department and how it is managed. I was able to overcome my shyness, and stand up for myself working in this department. I am the closest with my supervisor Tam Lleverino. Tam is always there for me when I need help or have any questions, she is very kind, and humble. I have worked at the County for 2 years. I went back because I have a great bond with my supervisors, very kind co-workers, able to be myself, and I liked working in a tax department where I am able to learn how tax bills are managed, and learn new things everyday.

-Sincerely, Citlali Figueroa

Citlali Figueroa
Class of 2022
Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School
[REDACTED]

VMC jobs

1 message

Oneida Monge-Ruelas <[REDACTED]>
To: Sarah Chesson <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Feb 10, 2020 at 10:22 AM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors,

My name is Oneida Monge and I'm in 11 grade at Cristo Rey San José. I have been in the Corporate Work Study Program for 3 years and currently work for Santa Clara County on the Nursing administration team. I think you should keep supporting the County's partnership with the Corporate Work Study Program because it helps students a lot. For example I know I want to get into the medical field and even tho I'm not doing direct service I do learn different things by the papers I read and look at every time I come here. This job has also helped me speak up and ask for help when I need it. When I first got here I was shy and scared to ask for help but my supervisors made sure I knew I could ask for help with no judgment. working at VMC has helped me improve as a person but also a leader. I now know how to take lead in a project or just communicate with my teammates. I enjoy the environment and just love how everyone gets along in my department, haven't had this experience in my last place. I been in vmc for 2 years and really hope I can continue being here for my senior year.

Thank you,

Oneida Monge

Help keep County/VMC Jobs

1 message

Grecia Bustos <[REDACTED]>
To: Sarah Chesson <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Feb 10, 2020 at 9:20 AM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors,

My name is Grecia Bustos and I'm in 11th grade at Cristo Rey San José. I have been in the Corporate Work Study Program for 3 years and currently work for Santa Clara County on the VMC team. I think you should keep supporting the County's partnership with the Corporate Work Study Program because working with the county has been one of the best decisions I've made at such young age. I am encouraged everyday by my supervisor and coworkers to follow my dreams and I think it would be great to let many more students experience my workplace. Working for the Emergency Medical Service office has taught me so much in such little time and I'd love to come back next year.

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Grecia Bustos
Class of 2021
Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit
High school
[REDACTED]

FW: CWSP

1 message

Cholula, Jonathan <jonathan.cholula@asr.sccgov.org>
To: Sarah Chesson <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Feb 11, 2020 at 9:10 AM

Hello Sarah,

Here is the 4th note sent by the exemptions division.

Best Regards,

Jonathan M. Cholula

Management Analyst

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From: Willette, Mullissa <Mullissa.Willette@asr.sccgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Cholula, Jonathan <jonathan.cholula@asr.sccgov.org>
Subject: CWSP

Hello Jonathan,

Regarding the Cristo Rey Work Study Program, the Exemptions Unit has benefited from the student interns this past fiscal year. The students have assisted in preparing documents for scanning and the actual scanning of documents that are necessary to have in the course of making exemption determinations. In the past, we have also had the interns assist in our printing and mailing annual claims, a statutory requirement for the exemptions unit which includes preparing, printing, and mailing over 4000 institutional exemption claims. Students have also assisted in maintaining our institutional exemption files, and filing new claims that are received.

Yours,

Mullissa Willette

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