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Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School Announces the Retirement of long-time President, Bill Henson, and the work of the President’s Search Committee

BROOKLYN, N.Y. – Cristo Rey Brooklyn (CRB) High School announced that its esteemed President, Bill Henson, will retire at the end of the current academic year and that a special committee of the board has been working for several months and is now in the public phase of its search to find Bill’s successor.

CRB Board Chair, Paul Scariano said, “On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School community, it is with profound gratitude and our deepest admiration that we accept the retirement decision of our dedicated, excellent, and longtime President and Leader, Mr. William Henson. Bill, over the last thirteen years, has been instrumental in establishing and then progressing our school to its current position at or near the top of the 39 national Cristo Rey Network Schools in college graduation rates and scholarships earned, helping us educate up to 300 amazing young people each year and putting them on what might otherwise be an elusive path to life and career success.”

“From a small former elementary school building in Bushwick to now owning our own full high school facility in East Flatbush, from barely more than one hundred students in 2011 to over a thousand alumni and students today, the last thirteen years have been much more than a job or second career but a journey that has given much more to me than whatever modest contributions I may have made to it,” said Bill. “Beginning with former Chair, Bob Catell, and his board colleagues who originally recruited me, there are countless individuals across the years who I am forever indebted to for making my CRB experience a true labor of love.”

Mr. Henson will retire on June 30, 2024 but the celebrations of his tenure will begin well before then - with details to follow.

Per Mr. Scariano, “We are also pleased and excited to announce the public kickoff of our Presidential Search effort. Our next President will join us on our journey and lead our efforts in educating and forming excellent and deserving young people to grow to become ‘inspirational community and professional leaders committed to a purpose beyond self.’”

The Search Committee members are dedicated to a fair and robust process and hail from different facets of NYC Industry and Education:

Mr. Daniel Geoghan, Esq.	Director, Chair - Search Committee; Cole Schotz
Ms. Devany Baez	Asst. for Sec. and Pre-Sec. Educ. - USA East Prov. Soc. of Jesus
Mr. Christopher Febles	Director, Chair - Miss. & Acad. Comm.; College Couns. Regis HS
Ms. Catherine Flax	Director, Vice Chair - Board, Gov. Chair; X Machina Capital Str.
Mr. Alan Garcia	Vice President - Corporate Work Study Program, CRBHS
Rev. Sean Hagerty, SJ	Asst. Dir. of Vocations and Promoter - USA East Prov. Soc. of Jesus
Rev. Vincent Marchionni, SJ	Dir. of Adm. and Comm. Outreach - St. Ignatius School
Mr. Brian Melton, Esq.	Sr. Vice President of External Relations - Cristo Rey Network
Ms. Deanna Philippe	Principal, CRBHS
Mr. Walter Voytus	Director; Retired - Exxon Mobil
Ms. Terry Yarde	Director; National Grid

To learn more about Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School and the specifics of the CRB President opportunity, please visit their website at www.cristoreybrooklyn.org. CRB friends and supporters are asked to encourage viable candidates to submit an application.

About Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School

Located in the Brooklyn Diocese, accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools, Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School is a member of the 39 school Cristo Rey Network, the largest network of secondary schools in the country that exclusively serves students and families of limited economic means. Drawing close to 300 students from dozens of different neighborhoods across Brooklyn, Queens and beyond, Cristo Rey Brooklyn is a Catholic college preparatory school partnering with families of all creeds to educate deserving young people from underserved communities to become men and women of faith, purpose, and service. By integrating a rigorous curriculum, a unique work-study experience, and the support of an inclusive school community, we enable students to succeed in college and beyond with the values essential to a fulfilling life.

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