

Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School



Carlos Rosario International PCS Newsletter

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Fall 2012

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Turkey Basket Give Away
Tuesday, November 20

School Dance
Friday, November 30

Winter Musical Show
Friday, December 21



Message from the President



As the air gets crisp and we look ahead to spending holiday time with our loved ones, I am warmed by thoughts of our Carlos Rosario School family. This school wouldn't be what it is today without our generous community!

On September 20th I was moved that the Carlos Rosario School community hosted a gala in celebration of the four decades I have dedicated to the immigrant communities in Washington, DC. Serving the immigrant community is in my heart and soul. I fell in love with their cause more than 40 years ago and have cherished the role I have been blessed to play in the lives of tens of thousands of hardworking immigrants from around the world.

It is with deep gratitude this holiday season that I recognize the efforts of many who have strengthened our school community and played an important role in helping us provide the exemplary model of adult education that we do.

Congratulations Alba!
Carlos Rosario School ServSafe Training graduate Alba Contreras, originally from Honduras, was recently promoted in the kitchen at Tryst, a local café. Alba said that through the class she learned important lessons about food safety that she now uses on the job every day. She is looking forward to eventually enrolling



in our culinary arts career training program and hopes to one day become an executive chef. This ServSafe Training program is made possible thanks to the Washington@Work Initiative, a partnership between The Community Foundation and Walmart.

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Thank You Capital City Nursing!



Thanks to Capital City Nursing (CCN) for being a valuable employer partner! Since 2011 CCN has employed four of our Nurse Aide Career Training graduates including Ethiopian native Wondimu Dalkero who has received various commendations on his excellent job performance. According to Wondimu, at CCN he uses skills learned in our Nurse Aide Career Training Course every day.

To read more about these stories and other happenings at the Carlos Rosario School, visit www.carlosrosario.org/news.

Thanks Fredy for Making a Difference!



Thanks to student Fredy Reyes pictured above, second from right, with fellow employees and classmates. As an ESL Level 1 student in 2010, Fredy, originally from Cuba, was placed as a dishwasher at Chipotle Restaurant in Georgetown by Carlos Rosario job developer, Alex Salvador. Now, two years later, Fredy has completed all eight levels of English at the School and is general manager at the restaurant. He serves as an important link between the School and the workforce helping connect other students to jobs at Chipotle restaurants throughout the District.

Fredy's goal for the future is to become a restaurateur in charge of multiple stores where he can help even more people get jobs. Fredy called

Celebrating 40 Years of Service: Sonia Gutierrez

A big thank you to everyone who came together for the gala event on September 20th to celebrate School President and Founder Sonia Gutierrez's 40 years of service to the DC immigrant community. More than 400 guests from the Washington, DC business, education, and nonprofit sectors joined us for this momentous occasion!



During the event, School alumni toasted Sonia sharing stories of the impact her work and the School has had on their lives. The last toast of the evening was a word of gratitude from Sonia as she thanked the "angels" who played an important role in the School's history.

This gala event kicked off a [year-long fundraising campaign](#) to raise funds for scholarships, to build the capacity of the Foundation, and to promote the expansion, enrichment, and replication of the Carlos Rosario Educational Model.



Building on a Legacy of Workforce Development



We are excited to announce the construction of a new state of the art Carlos Rosario School campus for workforce development programs has begun. The new building will be located in Ward 5 at 514 V Street N.E. The expanded programs at the new site will include adult career training programs in culinary arts, information technology, and healthcare. The building, to be named the Sonia Gutierrez Campus, is slated to open fall 2013.



Celebrating the Arts During Hispanic Heritage Month

This Hispanic Heritage month, in partnership with the Smithsonian as well as local and international artists, students and staff danced, learned percussion and appreciated award-winning photography.



Thanks to our community arts partners who generously donated their time and talents making these rich cultural events possible!

Carlos Rosario "the most important part of his success." He enjoys connecting other students with jobs because he sees it as a way to give back: "It's my way to say thank you."

Check out our new channel on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/CarlosRosarioSchool.

Thanks Ruth for All Your Hard Work!



Student government representative Ruth Vega, originally from El Salvador, is known for going above and beyond. In addition to her regular student government duties Ruth often volunteers in the community. This fall Ruth volunteered her Saturday morning to passing out flyers to support an AARP food drive; on September 20th Ruth also volunteered at the 40th anniversary gala. This dedicated student has participated in the student government since the fall of 2011. She enjoys making an impact in the community: "It makes me feel important; like we can make a change."

If you'd like to learn more about what's happening at Carlos Rosario School, please check out our Facebook page!

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Making Her Voice Heard!



The Smithsonian
Los Hermanos Lovos
Dulce Pinzon
H.G. Carrillo
Luis Garay
Judy Bonderman

Dedication to the Health of Our School Community

This fall season we took proactive steps to keep our students, faculty and staff healthy by offering flu shots through a partnership with the Office of Latino Affairs (OLA) and Walgreens. Healthcare professionals provided shots for students from all three sessions: morning, afternoon and evening. An average of 60 people per session received shots.



Valuable Workforce Training Insights



Thanks to our knowledgeable and motivated advisory committee members who provide valuable industry insights that inform our career training programs! We currently have committees for

the IT, healthcare, customer service, and culinary arts fields. At meetings held this fall members committed to providing internships for students, raising scholarship funds, and giving feedback on curriculum and lesson activities.

Lending a Helping Hand

Thank you to our classroom volunteers! This fall semester we have 36 volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to the School. Volunteers enrich classroom activities with personal experience, provide one-on-one student support, assist with test administration, and much more.



On November 6th Salvadorean native Mayra Reyes cast her ballot in the national election for the first time as a U.S. citizen. She took her son and daughter along with her to the polls acknowledging the importance of sharing this moment with them. This Carlos Rosario School alumna became a citizen in November 2010. Mayra said, "When you vote, you have a chance to make your voice be heard."

Culinary Students Share a Tasty Seasonal Dessert: Individual Apple and Pear Upside-down Biscuit Cakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Caramel Syrup

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup - Brown Sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup - Butter
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup - Corn Syrup

Combine three in small sauce pan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Turn off heat and set aside once boiling.

Fruit

2 Apples - Peeled, Cored and Medium Diced
2 Pears - Peeled, Cored and Diced and Medium Diced
3 Tablespoons - Butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon - Cinnamon

Melt the butter in a sauté pan, sauté apples and pears in butter until just tender and toss with cinnamon.

Cakes

8 biscuits
Non-Stick Spray
Large Muffin Pan

Grease pan. Place 2 Tablespoons of caramel syrup in muffin pan. Split fruit mixture between muffin pan being sure to leave space at the top for biscuits to sit inside.

Cook until top is golden brown and filling is bubbling. Remove from oven and let rest for 5 minutes. Invert onto a cookie sheet. Serve while still warm with fresh whipped cream or a small scoop of ice cream.



Excellence in Academics



Congratulations to the Carlos Rosario School community on exceeding ALL targets of our Accountability Plan Student Objectives for the 2011-12 school year! In fact 93% of the students who took the Official GED Spanish exam passed this year and our average daily attendance was 81%, a whole 15%

above the target. In the words of Chief Academic Officer, Allison Kokkoros, "This is what excellence is all about: a deep and sustained commitment towards continuous improvement!"

We want to thank all of our donors for your generous support of our award winning programs, scholarships, and replicating the Carlos Rosario model. We have an exciting year ahead of us with the Sonia Gutierrez 40th Anniversary campaign, and the building of the new Sonia Gutierrez campus. We look forward to staying connected and updating you on all of our progress.

Want to support the Carlos Rosario School Community during the holidays? Donate Now!



Together we are changing the lives of our students and helping them become productive citizens and members of American society.

With Gratitude,

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