



News from the
Carlos Rosario School

Message from the Executive Director and CEO



Dear Friends,

The walls of the Carlos Rosario School's campuses are always filled with a buzz of excitement and this season has been no exception. This fall we were proud to welcome Chief Justice Sonia Sotomayor who spent time talking with students and visiting classrooms. We also hosted our first-ever partner engagement event, the Achieving the Dream Luncheon, with the support of our generous sponsors. More than 100 guests gathered to listen to stories of student success; to enjoy a lunch planned, prepared, and served by our culinary arts students; and to learn about new opportunities for engagement with the school.

We are so excited to build new and deeper relationships with those who share our belief in the power of education to transform lives and communities. I invite you to read on for an update on the great work taking place at our school!

Warmly,



Chief Justice Sotomayor Inspires All

In November we were honored with a visit from Chief Justice Sonia Sotomayor! During her time at the school, the Justice spoke about her book *My Beloved World*, answered student questions, toured the school and visited classrooms.

[Read more](#)



To Be Or Not To Be

As part of a partnership with the Shakespeare Theatre Company, earlier this semester 17 GED students participated in a hands-on, in-class workshop that introduced Shakespeare and his play *The Tempest*. The next day 10 students went

to Sydney Harman Hall to see a free professional performance of The Tempest.

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Students Transform the SG Campus Bistro

The Culinary Arts Fundamentals class developed and executed a restaurant concept as part of their final class project. It involved many parts of creating a restaurant business, from research to menu development to service. This semester the class focused on practical team projects that students will be able to bring to the real workplace.

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Learning English in the Context of Health

The Carlos Rosario School health pathways program addresses the growing need to transition students into careers faster by integrating career content into ESL classrooms. Concepts such as nutrition, healthy living, careers in health and more are brought into the classroom through innovative teaching techniques and project-based learning. Check out an [audio file](#) of one class lesson where student memorize nurse aide training skills through song.

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Visit from Councilmember David Grosso



Ensuring DC Residents Have Access to Affordable Healthcare

DC City Council Member David Grosso and his staff toured both Carlos Rosario School campuses this month. The visit offered a great chance for students to practice their English skills by introducing themselves to the council member and sharing their stories, and was an important opportunity to highlight the School's career pathways and the wraparound support services. The culinary arts students demonstrated their industry skills with a tasty sampling of class projects made that morning. Thank you to Councilmember Grosso for his visit and support of adult education!

In anticipation of the February 15th healthcare enrollment deadline the Carlos Rosario School partnered with DC Health Link and the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to host a series of enrollment events at the School. Through this partnership more than 150 people have been enrolled in 2015 alone. White House Senior Adviser Valerie Jarrett, OPM Director Katherine Archuleta, and White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough joined us here to highlight the importance of health coverage for all.

In Memoriam: Pilar Laugel

November 18, 1934 - November 5, 2014



Pilar Laugel, board member of the Carlos Rosario School, passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 4, 2014. Pilar was a founder of Language ETC and worked closely with the Ethiopian Community. She has been a long-time friend of the School and the immigrant community as well as a faithful board member.

We are collecting donations for a student scholarship in her honor. Please send donations to Carlos Rosario School, Attention: Mandy Toomey, 1100 Harvard St. NW, Washington, DC 20009. [Read More](#)

Great work Erminia!



Erminia Mejia-Andrade, originally from El Salvador, was recently named Employee of the Year out of all 20 Nando's Peri-Peri restaurants around the DC metro area. Just one week after receiving the award Erminia was also promoted to Restaurant Supervisor at Nando's. We are so proud of your accomplishments!

Congrats Yerusalem!



Yerusalem Berhe became a proud US citizen this January. Yerusalem, who came to the US from Eritrea, is now an ESL level 6 student. She started at the school in 2010 in ESL level 3.

Thank you James!



A big thank you to **James Butler** who volunteers with ESL 8 students at the Sonia Gutierrez Campus. James, who is the CEO of a local tech company, has been working with students at the School for a year and a half. He said, "I believe that if each one of us gives a little bit back then it makes a big impact in the world."

Sonia Gutierrez Campus Way

Thank you to the DC City Council, which recently passed an act to commemoratively name the 500 block of V Street, NE Sonia Gutierrez Campus Way in honor of the Sonia Gutierrez Campus named for the visionary Founder and President Emeritus of our school.



Building a Solid Community

The Carlos Rosario School students and staff have been busy this semester leading projects to give back to the community. Here are just a few examples of how the student government and school members served the DC community:



- **Twenty-four boxes of canned foods** were collected by the Harvard Street Campus student government representatives for DC Central Kitchen
- **More than sixty toys** were collected for the Ethiopian Community Center and CentroNía, thanks to a toy drive organized by the Harvard student government
- Sonia Gutierrez Campus representatives participated in a **street clean up** in the Eckington neighborhood
- **Eighty-six turkey baskets** were raffled off to the larger student body in an initiative led by Student Support Services. Also six baskets were given to families hosting unaccompanied minors
- **\$3,353.95 was collected** by the school community led by the student government representatives to support local organizations providing services to unaccompanied minors from Central America

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Video Highlight



Achieving the Dream

Five Carlos Rosario School graduates reflect on their journeys to success.

