



### Message from the Chief Executive Officer



Dear Friends,  
I'm excited to share with you that the Carlos Rosario School has been named a Tier 1 school. This year marks the first that adult education schools in D.C. are being tiered alongside their

elementary, middle and high school peers. To learn more, click [here](#).



We are so proud to be among the top performing schools in the District, and we remain committed to providing high quality education for immigrant adults for years to come.

I invite you now to read on for more of what's happening at the Carlos Rosario School this quarter.

*Allison*

### Video Highlight



#### Josue's Story

During this year's second annual Achieving the Dream Luncheon, this video highlighting the life of one student was featured.



### Celebrating Black History Month

Student talent shined bright at this year's Black History Festival. [Read about it here.](#)



### Giving Back on MLK Day

This year the school community commemorated Martin Luther King Day with a Day of Service event organized by student government. [Read more.](#)



### Helping Immigrants Find Affordable Healthcare

Through a partnership with D.C. HealthLink and the Greater Washington Chamber of Commerce, the school is helping hundreds enroll in healthcare plans.

[Read more.](#)



### Class Offerings Continue Expanding

Students at the Carlos Rosario School started the new semester with three new class options. The classes focus on specific skills that students can use in the workplace and their lives. [Read more.](#)



### Introducing New Board Member Francisco Ferruffino!

Welcome to our newest board member Carlos Rosario student Francisco Ferruffino. Francisco has been a student since 2008 starting in beginning ESL. Over the past eight years he has studied English, GED, and the Culinary Arts. Francisco is currently working as the Executive Chef at both Meridian Pint and its sister Brookland Pint where he oversees menu development, food costs, and supervises kitchen staff. Francisco is looking forward to bringing the student perspective to the board. He said, "I am excited to be more involved in the ways the school will grow and improve."

## GREAT WORK!



Great job! **Yimi Rivera** was the first GED Spanish student to pass all tests in the new GED format this year. Originally from El Salvador, Yimi started at the school in 2004 when he was 19-years-old. He was part of the GED program for two years and finished the test in 2015. With his high school equivalency under his belt, Yimi will study computer programming at a community college in Philadelphia.



Thanks to Carlos Rosario School volunteer **Jane Trevitch** who is helping GED students get closer to their dream of obtaining a high school diploma. Jane, who is a retired MIT cancer researcher, provides one-on-one support three times a week to students close to passing the science section of the exam. She also helps create classroom science experiments and general classroom activities. She said, "Students here are so engaged; it's a pleasure working with them."



Congratulations to student services staff **Alelign Dessie, Alexander Salvador and Karla Ramos**! They recently became Certified Workplace Excellence Facilitators. This certification will help them better prepare students for the workplace by developing the soft skills that employers value. In addition, Alelign also became a Certified Workforce Development Professional. Great job!

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### SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING ON OUR SOCIAL SITES

