#### **MAY 2022**











#### Carlos Rosario School Community Connections









The CR Community Connections newsletter is back with a new look and feel. In this issue we share key updates about the Carlos Rosario School, student testimonials, and opportunities to stay engaged.

Enjoy the read!

#### IN THIS EDITION

- Annual Report
- On Telemundo
- Vaccination Clinics
- And More!

## **CEO Corner**

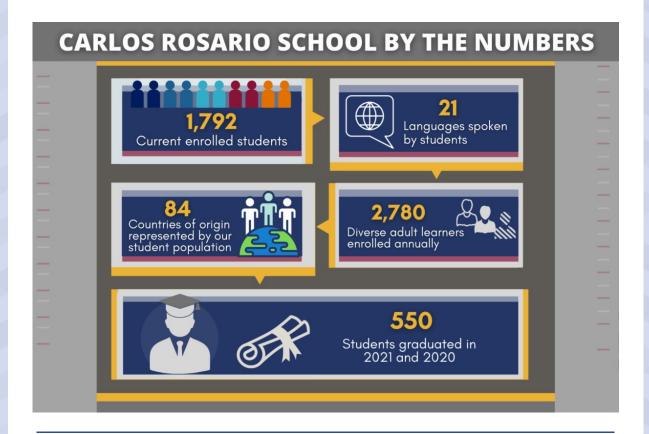
Dear Carlos Rosario School Community,

We are excited to be sending to you our new stakeholder newsletter (CR Community Connections) which you can look forward to seeing throughout the year. We hope to offer you a glimpse of all the exciting things happening at the school. The Carlos Rosario School team continues to address the educational needs of the adult immigration community in the District with vigor and innovation despite the challenges of the current environment. So let us keep in touch and know we are deeply grateful for your support.

In Service,

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### Did You Know...



## **Highlights**

# Check out the Annual Report School Years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021

Read about some of the successes from the Carlos Rosario School community's work and impact during the pandemic in this two-year report for the school years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Check it out <a href="here!">here!</a>

#### In Case You Missed It: See us on Telemundo

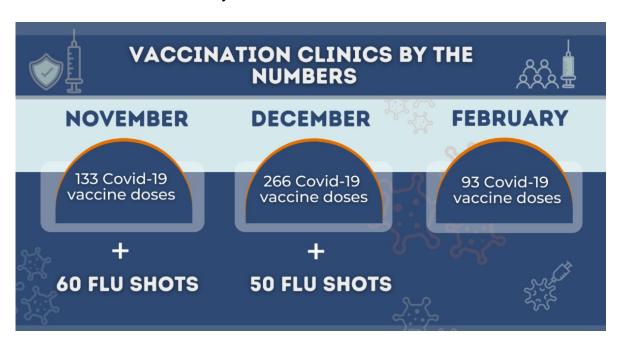
Carlos Rosario School's hard work received some well-earned attention. Telemundo's Lilian Mass reported on the amazing contributions of the Carlos Rosario School's immigrant communities to the DC region. The piece aired March 1st, lifted up the invaluable work CR School Faculty and Staff are doing to serve DC's adult immigrants to help them realize their dreams. Click <a href="here">here</a> to watch!



#### Three Vaccination Clinics Held

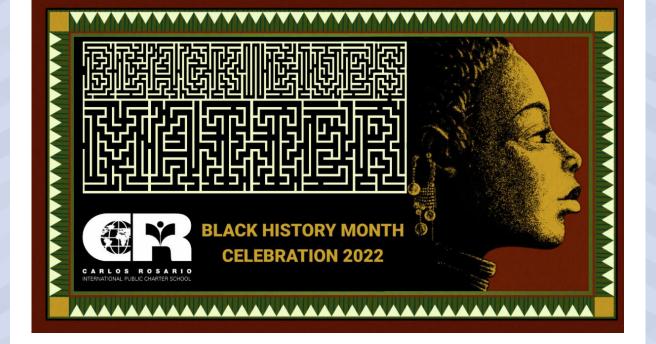
In partnership with the DC Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs, DC Mayor's Office on African Affairs, and DC Health, Carlos Rosario held three walk-in vaccine clinics at the Harvard Street Campus. DC Health administered Covid-19 and flu vaccines to faculty, staff, students, and the wider community.

Thank you again to the Student Services Department as well as our community partners, for their amazing coordination and continuing support of our students and community.



#### **Celebrating the Richness of Black Cultures**

In February, the School celebrated its annual Black History Month Festival. Following this year's national theme of "Black Health and Wellness," this online event featured music, artwork, poetry, culinary demonstrations, and other contributions from Carlos Rosario students, staff, alums, and community. Watch it here!



# **Congratulations CAO Freso-Moore and Welcome Chef Ruiz!**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. HollyAnn Freso-Moore has stepped into the role of Carlos Rosario School's Chief Academic Officer. Previously Principal at our Harvard Street Campus, HollyAnn stood out among other top finalists for the role based on her extensive knowledge and proven leadership within the field of adult teaching and learning. She brings personal experience as an immigrant to this country to her vision for our School's education and services.

Chef Nadia Ruiz has joined our school as the Culinary Arts Training Program Director at our Sonia Gutierrez Campus. Chef Ruiz worked previously at Birmingham City Schools serving almost 1,000 daily meals and recently served as a Chef Manager at a local high school in the DMV area.



## **Our Stories**

#### **Meet Hyppolite**

A native of Haiti, he struggled to find his calling in his new country. It wasn't until the pandemic that he started down a new path at the Carlos Rosario School and found his passion in IT. Read more about Hyppolite's journey <a href="here">here</a>!



More stories on our website

# Join the Carlos Rosario School Team

# Carlos Rosario School is Searching for a Chief Operations Officer and two Principals

The Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School is seeking qualified candidates with a passion for serving and advancing our School's unique mission to apply for the following positions –Chief Operations Officer (COO) and Principals.

The Carlos Rosario School offers great opportunities to work with a team of professionals dedicated to high quality education and support of adult immigrant communities here in the District of Columbia. If you or someone you know is excited about being a part of the innovations and organizational growth taking place; click <a href="here">here</a> to see the postings and to apply!

Bring your talents to one of America's best charter schools



## **Call to Action**

# Support our Achieving the Dream Scholarship Campaign

This Spring we will be awarding thousands in scholarships to adult learners to pursue their dreams through the Achieving the Dream Scholarship Program. Since launching the Achieving the Dream Scholarship Program we've given out over \$623,000 in scholarships to hundreds of adult immigrant learners to support their success in continuing education.

Your support will help hundreds of adult learners achieve their dreams by reducing the financial barriers of pursuing training and higher education. Every dollar you contribute goes directly to scholarships for graduates. Will you join us today, by making a generous donation to the Achieving the Dream campaign?



Donate now!

#### **Questions about giving?**

Contact Donald Ndebeka at <a href="mailto:dndebeka@carlosrosario.org">dndebeka@carlosrosario.org</a>