



Carlos Rosario School Community Connections



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A Note From Allison

Dear Carlos Rosario School Friends,

We are now five weeks into the **Fall semester of the 2022/23 School year**. Our campuses are buzzing with the life and excitement of the start of the School year. Walking through the hallways of our School campuses this week you see

- **English classes** full with students practicing writing and sharing what their learning goals are - "learn English so that I can become a citizen." "My goal for next year is to apply for help to buy a house and to start a small business." "My dream is to work in healthcare." "My goal is to learn English very well. Then I will teach for students in the University."
- **Newly enrolled students receiving their data-enabled laptop loaner**, learning to power up, access the internet, log into Zoom, and access the learning platform.



- **Student services** team member supporting a student to access a District-issued metro card so that they can afford the bus fare to and from work, home, childcare, and our School.
- **Citizenship students** learning about US geography; the American flag; and the three branches of United States government;
- **Culinary arts students** learning food preparation and practicing “front of the house” skills of welcoming guests and describing the menu in preparation for restaurant hands on practice the next day as part of their curriculum
- **Bilingual paraeducator students** learning how to support and empower the next generation of learners.

Over the last two years, our School has worked to seize the learnings coming out of the pandemic and fight for racial equity to ultimately impact our students and fulfill the promise and mission of our School.

Today we have over **2,000 adult learners** enrolled at our two campuses; a hybrid educational model expanding access to education as many of our students are working while learning and parents of young children.

On behalf of the Carlos Rosario School community we warmly **invite you** to an upcoming tour and visit with our learners and educators who are on the cutting edge of this work. [Click here to sign up](#) for a fall tour and visit one of our School campuses.

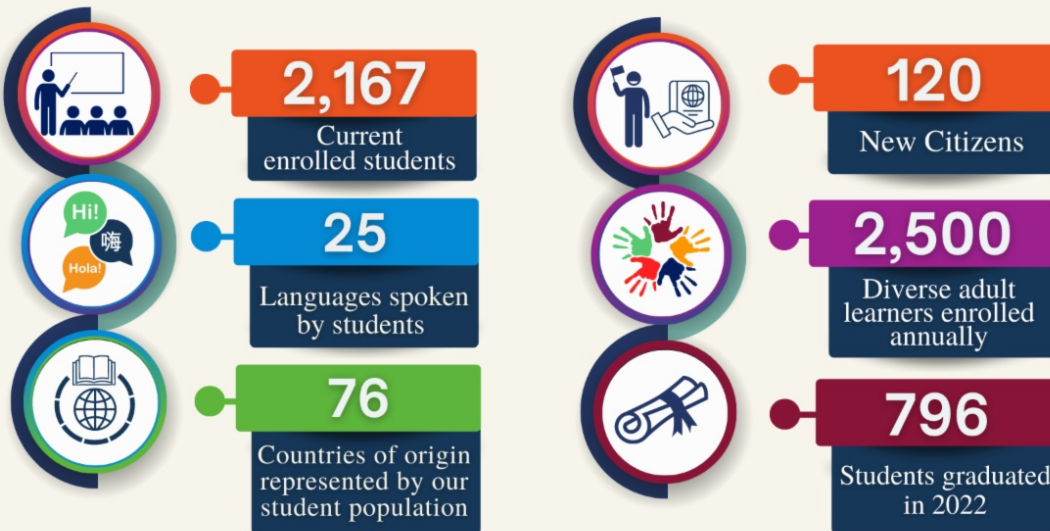
In Service,



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Did You Know...

CARLOS ROSARIO SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS



Highlights

Carlos Rosario School's 2022 Graduation Celebration

Two years after the pandemic started, our School once again held its graduation celebration, in-person, at the DAR Constitution Hall. We celebrated more than 300 graduates who earned high school diplomas, became U.S. Citizens, completed the highest level of ESL, and earned industry certifications as Bilingual Teaching Assistants, Nurse Aides, in Culinary Arts and IT Fundamentals. Watch the highlights video [here](#). Enjoy!



Our Graduation celebration was also featured in [El Tiempo Latino](#) and [Washington Hispanic Newspaper](#)! The pieces highlighted the achievements of our students and the in-person celebration of their accomplishments. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to read both articles.



A Royal Connection

Did you know that the newly crowned King Charles III visited the Carlos Rosario School in 2015? He was treated to a tour of our Harvard Street campus, music from a Carlos Rosario School alum's mariachi band, and a taste of food prepared by Culinary Arts students. Photos from the visit in the album are available [here](#).

Our School was also featured in a piece about the 2015 visit by ABC7 News. You can click [here](#) to watch the video!



Carlos Rosario School 2025 Strategic Plan

As we kicked off this School year, we are focusing on priorities for this year and beyond. We're daring to dream boldly, to think creatively, and to challenge our own expectations. Through engagement with the Carlos Rosario School community, we are focusing on these priorities:

- **Center our mission:** We have enrolled 2000+ students for this School year and are assessing where our learners are experiencing the most pressing challenges to persisting in their studies and achieving their goals.
- **Empower our people and culture:** We are investing in our employees and culture through expanding professional development opportunities for all employees, providing intentional management training to support strong and consistent management practices across the School, and building upon our DEIB work with training and support.
- **Build our future:** We are expanding upon and engaging with our School's network of donors and partners and advocating for full appreciation of the unique needs of adult learners.

We believe these key priorities will set the School up for success and viability to serve the District's adult immigrant learner community for years to come! To read more click [HERE](#).

Congratulations to our Newest U.S. Citizens!

Did you know that the Carlos Rosario School recognized 120 new U.S. citizens at graduation in June? Our school offers Citizenship preparation classes for individuals who have applied for U.S. citizenship or are eligible to apply. In this class, students learn about U.S. history and government, geography, rights and responsibilities, ways to participate in our democracy, and more.

In addition to DC residents, this program is open to residents of Maryland and Virginia thanks to support from generous donors. Learn more about the class

[here.](#)



New Faces Around the School

We are pleased to introduce you to some new faces in leadership and senior roles at the Carlos Rosario School!



Click [HERE](#) to learn more about them.

Donor Spotlight: Crimsonbridge

Foundation

Carlos Rosario School Recognized for Tech Onboarding Pilot Program

When the pandemic started and our school pivoted from in-person to virtual learning, it required us to create a curriculum to support our students in acquiring the necessary digital literacy skills to ensure their success.



We are grateful that Crimsonbridge Foundation has sought to support this vital and ongoing work, through a generous grant. It enables us to continue adapting and iterating to support our learners who most need help and ensures equitable access to learning for the district's most vulnerable adult learners.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the program!

Our Stories

Meet Ana Casco, our Proud Alumna From El Salvador

Ana's journey at the Carlos Rosario School has taken her from ESL 2 to a professional in culinary arts and an entrepreneur. After 15 years of working in different restaurants, Ana created her own food truck and catering business – making her dreams a reality! Read more about her journey [here](#).



[More stories on our website](#)

Call to Action

Support Our Students!

Thanks to the School's programs, thousands of adults have obtained high school diplomas; passed the citizenship exam and become U.S. citizens; gained the English skills necessary to help their children with homework; entered into careers; and obtained college degrees and workforce certifications in Culinary Arts, Nurse Aide Training, and IT Fundamentals.

[Donate now!](#)

Despite the challenges over the last two years for our community, we're determined to help all of our students achieve their dreams. This is where we also need your help.

Interested in supporting our mission of empowering and educating adult learners? Email Chrissey Nguyen, Director of Development and Communications at cnguyen@carlosrosario.org.



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