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A Note From Allison

Dear Carlos Rosario School Community,

The new school year is underway, and it is particularly exciting as our 50th Anniversary Celebration Year! Over the course of our school's history, we have celebrated over 80,000 graduates, and achieved the highest enrollment this year with demand for our services.

[JOIN OUR CELEBRATION AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN IMMIGRANT LIVES!](#)

As a supporter of our School and 50th Anniversary Campaign, you're an integral part of our mission. In fact this year, your support will ensure we can provide the highest quality programming to over 2,000 learners in Washington, D.C. and beyond.

We aim to *raise \$950,000 in support of our 50th Anniversary Campaign* and sustain our workforce development, English instruction and comprehensive learner services.

Your generosity also advances these strategic priorities in our organization:

- **Closing the digital divide:** Through 1:1 device lending; intensive student digital and device onboarding in Spanish, Amharic, and French; a hybrid educational model; and a peer Digital Navigator initiative; the



School is actively working to close the digital gap for those furthest from opportunity at a time with digital access and fluency is a requirement across all industries and critical in accessing community benefits and resources.

- **Student scholarships and support for higher education:** This year, we aim to support at least 50 deserving CR students and graduates to achieve their dream of higher education. Now more than ever, with the Supreme Court's reversal of affirmative action, this support makes a difference for low-income BIPOC students to access and afford higher education.
- **Emergency financial assistance for students:** The Student Emergency Fund supports students in dire situations, and addresses immediate needs such as food and housing insecurity. This safety net allows students to overcome barriers that hinder their persistence when faced with financial hardship.
- **Expansion of the impact of the Carlos Rosario School model:** We rely on philanthropic dollars to serve MD and VA residents in our Citizenship and Small Business programs.

Our graduates are today's nurses, teachers, homeowners, business owners in the Washington Region. This year's campaign, including the Achieving the Dream reception and a series of engagement opportunities, will raise critical resources to help our students realize their dreams, support adult education programs, and bring together our amazing community.

We cannot do this without your support, as I encourage you to [volunteer](#), [donate](#), [participate](#) in one of our series of events over the course of the year celebrating adult immigrant resilience, courage, and contributions!

In the spirit of sharing the warmth of this season, we also invite you to look into your closets for any and all new or pre-loved, gently used clean winter clothes and accessories to donate for our Sonia Gutierrez Campus Winter Warmth giveaway!

All sizes, colors and models of jackets, hats, scarves, gloves and blankets are welcome!

Please bring your donation to the front desk of the Sonia Gutierrez Campus by Monday, December 4th.

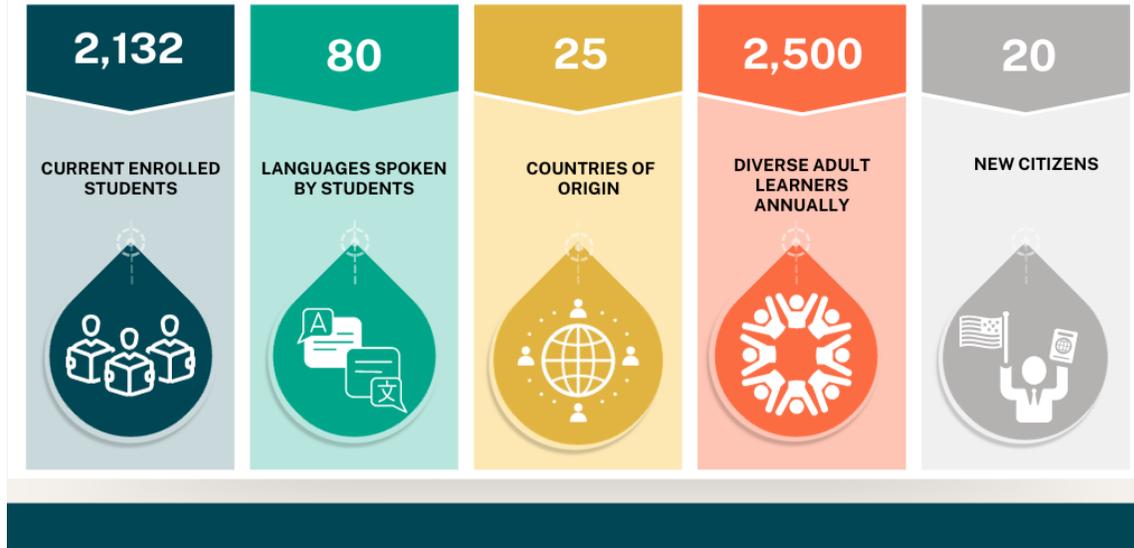
Thanks in advance!

In Service,



Allison R. Kokkoros
Chief Executive Officer

Did You Know...



Highlights

In the Media

Did you know that the Carlos Rosario School is celebrating its 50 year anniversary? Watch below this piece that aired on Telemundo, and learn more about our contributions to our region's immigrant communities!



Hispanic Heritage Month Online Celebration

Following this year's national Hispanic Heritage Month theme of "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power and Progress in America," this virtual celebration features music, artwork, poetry, culinary arts, remarks, and other contributions from Carlos Rosario students, staff, and community. [Watch it here!](#)



In Case You Missed It: CR School Graduates in Action at the 2023 RAMMYS

This year, the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School participated in the 2023 RAMMY Awards Gala at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center with five of our Small Business and Entrepreneurship Program workshop alumni: **Na'guara Con Sabor Venezolano** (Venezuela), **Mena's Boys Gourmet** (Honduras), **Little Bites Catering** (Peru), **Taco City DC II - Brookland** (El Salvador/México) and **Tsehay Ethiopian Restaurant & Bar** (Ethiopia). They prepared a delicious buffet of food from across the world for thousands of guests in attendance.

Presented by the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington (RAMW), The RAMMY Awards Gala honors the exceptional ability and accomplishments of the hard-working individuals and organizations of the Washington, DC region's restaurant and foodservice community.



This huge honor and opportunity, usually given to restaurants, was given to our school in partnership with Aramark. Thank you to Aramark for their continued support and partnership of the Carlos Rosario School over the years.

Thank you to all our friends and partners who believe in the Carlos Rosario School mission. With your support, we will continue innovating and creating inclusive spaces for our adult learners.

Call to Action

Support our Giving Tuesday Campaign!

Join us in celebrating Carlos Rosario School's 50th Anniversary and our ongoing mission of supporting the dreams of immigrant learners!

Year after year, it's the kindness of friends and supporters of the School, such as yourself, that turns the aspirations of adult immigrant learners into achievements. Through our commitment to education, we've made their dreams a reality.

Over the past 50 years, more than 80,000 men and women have graduated from the School over these years and today are our region's teachers, health professionals, leaders, and small business owners. We need your support so that we may continue empowering the next 80,000 in Washington, DC and beyond.

MY GOAL



Eneida,
ESL Level 1 Student

"My goal is to learn
and improve my
English, so I can
support my kids with
their homework.

I was Nurse in my
home country
Venezuela, I would
like to become a
Nurse in the U.S. too."

Our Giving Tuesday campaign launches our 50th Anniversary Campaign, aiming to raise \$950,000 this year, crucial for sustaining workforce development, English instruction, and learner services. Your support is vital for providing lifelines in high-demand skills. Join us in fostering change through innovative learning programs and essential supportive services in our ever-evolving world.

[Donate now!](#)

Support our commitment to supporting immigrant learners TODAY and

contribute to our ongoing efforts to make a lasting impact in our community.
Thank you for being a part of our remarkable journey.

See what's happening on our social sites:



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