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Carlos Rosario School Connections



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A Note From Allison

Dear Carlos Rosario School Community,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the signs of springtime. At Carlos Rosario School, we are honored to welcome over 2,100 learners this spring semester, each with the drive, determination, and resilience to transform their lives through education.

Our students are at the heart of everything we do. They come from across the District and around the world, balancing work, family, and school as they gain new skills and build pathways to economic mobility. They are the next generation of essential workers—nurse aides caring for patients in local hospitals, bilingual teaching assistants shaping young minds in DC classrooms, and IT professionals strengthening our city's workforce. Their success is our city's success, fueling the economic vibrancy of hospitals, schools, restaurants, and technology firms across the region.

This year, thanks to investments in adult education, we have expanded tutoring support for students with learning differences, strengthened digital literacy training, and enhanced career pathway programs. As a result, we are seeing higher student persistence rates, greater confidence in digital and workforce skills, and more students achieving their goals—from earning high school diplomas to securing in-demand credentials.

Education creates opportunity, and our students are living proof of its power. They are not just learners—they are DC taxpayers, parents raising the next generation, and engaged community members shaping our city's future. With

your continued support, we will ensure that every student who walks through our doors has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

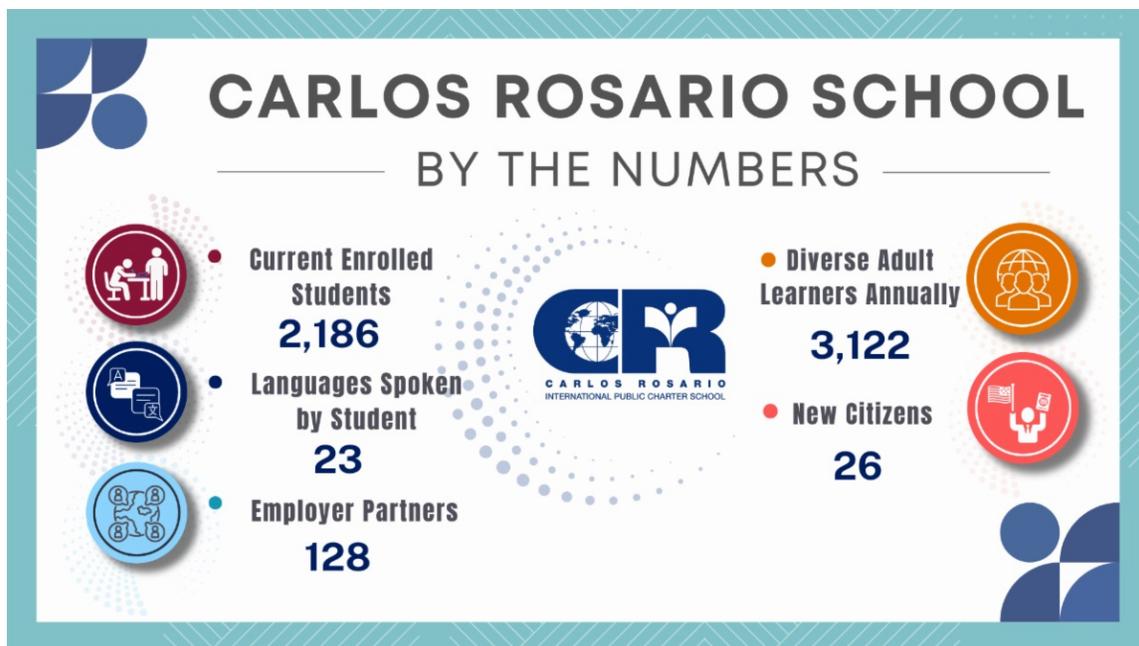
On behalf of the entire Carlos Rosario School community, thank you for being part of this journey. We look forward to seeing you soon!

With gratitude,



Allison R. Kokkoros
Chief Executive Officer

Did You Know...



Highlights

Exciting News! Shop at the Carlos Rosario School Swag Store!

Our [School Swag Store](#) is back and better than ever! From cozy hoodies to trendy tees, there's something for everyone. This year, we're thrilled to announce several exciting updates:

- **Wider Variety:** Enjoy a more expansive selection of items tailored to every style.
- **Premium Quality:** Experience upgraded products crafted for ultimate comfort and long-lasting durability.
- **Iconic Branding:** Choose from popular brands featuring the official

Support Our Mission

Every purchase directly contributes to the programs, mission, and future of Carlos Rosario School.

Shop Now

[Visit the Carlos Rosario School Swag Store](#) today and refresh your collection with the latest spirit gear!

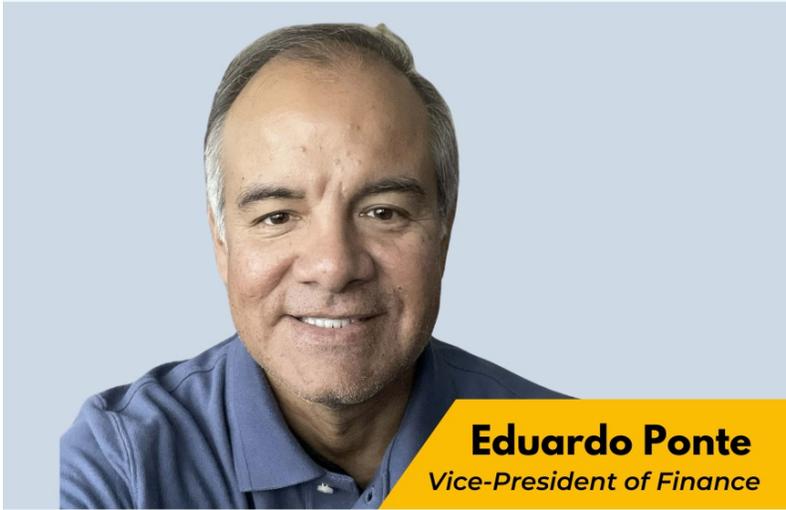


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Leadership Team Updates: Welcome Eduardo, Congratulations Chelsea and Elani!

We are pleased to



Eduardo Ponte
Vice-President of Finance

announce that Eduardo Ponte has joined our School as the Vice-President of Finance. Additionally, Chelsea Bradford, Harvard Street Campus Principal and Elani Lawrence, Sonia Gutierrez Campus Principal, have been promoted to Chief Schools Officer (CSO) and Chief Academic Officer (CAO) respectively. Since April, they have gracefully fulfilled multiple roles and developed new systems to improve student performance.



Chelsea Bradford
Chief Schools Officer & Principal at HSC

Here are their short bios:



Elani Lawrence
Chief Academic Officer & Principal at SGC

Eduardo comes to us with 20+ years of experience in the financial services industry, where he led global finance and operations functions. Born and raised in the Washington, DC metro area, Eduardo earned his Bachelor's degree from George Washington University and his Master's degree from George Mason University. With roots in Peru and Puerto

Rico, Eduardo's transition from the corporate world to the educational sector was driven by his passion for giving back to the community that supported him and his extended family, from his early days in Adams Morgan and throughout his career.

Chelsea most recently served as the bilingual Assistant Principal at Roosevelt STAY Opportunity Academy. She speaks English and Spanish. She has worked with students in grades 6-12 and adult learners for over 15 years. She spent many years teaching Spanish in K-12 settings and GED to adult learners. Although Chelsea hails from Richmond, VA, she has enjoyed

traveling to a variety of Spanish speaking countries such as Spain (studied abroad spring semester 2006), Costa Rica, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. While there, she enjoys an immersive experience to practice her Spanish speaking skills.

A native Washingtonian, **Elani** is a proud DCPS graduate, and an educator with over 20 years of experience in public schools. Elani started her career in education as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Dominican Republic. She spent part of her childhood living in Lagos, Nigeria. Her travels in Latin America and Africa have shaped her professional career. Elani has served as an English as a Second Language Teacher and a Spanish teacher before moving into administration. She has served as an administrator at the Carlos Rosario School Harvard Street Campus for nine years.

Please note that both Chelsea and Elani will remain in their roles as campus principals for the duration of this School year while we conduct a search for our new campus principals!

School Partner Spotlight

Thank You Giant!

At the Carlos Rosario School, we believe that when a community comes together, we create life-changing opportunities for our students. Last year, through Giant's Bags of Love campaign, generous shoppers helped raise an incredible \$90,000—directly supporting our learners with the resources they need to succeed. These funds helped provide essential academic programs, workforce training, and wraparound support services that empower students on their path to success.

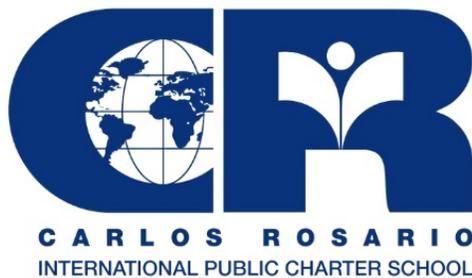
This year, Giant is once again standing by our learners with a Communities Supporting Community Round Up Campaign! ***From now until April 3, every time you shop at Giant, you can make a difference by rounding up your change at checkout.*** Every cent raised helps provide education, job training, and essential services to empower our students and their families.

We are incredibly grateful for Giant's continued commitment to our learners and our school. Together, we're transforming lives and strengthening our community.

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Show your support by rounding up your purchase when checking out at Giant.



Our Stories

Meet Didier, From Dreams to a Career in IT

Recently, Carlos Rosario School alumnus Didier was selected as the class speaker during the PerScholas graduation. Didier has earned the CompTIA A+ certification and is also a Google IT Support professional. Completing the CompTIA IT Fundamentals at the Carlos Rosario School and gaining hands-on experience through an internship providing IT support at Casa de Maryland are significant achievements. Join us in celebrating Didier on his promising path in the IT support field.

Read more about his hard work and dedication [here](#).



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