

Collaboration for Change: Clement Manor and Cristo Rey High School

In an era where innovation and collaboration define success, Clement Manor is shaping a path of relevance and purpose through its partnership with Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. This collaboration emphasizes Clement Manor's commitment to its core values and empowers the next generation of professionals from underserved communities.

Cristo Rey's Mission: Bridging Education and Opportunity

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School operates a transformative work-study program that allows students with limited financial means to receive a Catholic education. By working five full days monthly in professional settings across Milwaukee, students gain invaluable real-world experience, confidence, and skills that link their academic coursework to future careers. This innovative approach opens doors to the professional world, preparing students to become first-generation college graduates.

Clement Manor's Values in Action

Clement Manor, sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, exemplifies the Catholic Church's healing mission. Its core values—respect, collaboration, and quality service—are evident in every interaction with residents, employees, and the broader community. These principles align with the Cristo Rey students, fostering an environment where collaboration creates lasting change.

Hands-On Experience and Career Foundations

Clement Manor offers Cristo Rey students practical experience in nursing and senior activities through this partnership. Five students currently work at Clement Manor, three of whom aspire to pursue nursing careers and two of whom gain insights into senior care. Students actively contribute to the nursing and activities programs and are evaluated regularly by Clement Manor supervisors, ensuring they receive meaningful and constructive guidance.

This collaboration is especially significant for Cristo Rey students; many are first-generation high school graduates. Clement Manor provides a supportive environment that helps them connect academic learning with real-life experience, building a solid foundation for their future careers.

Investing in the Future Workforce

Clement Manor's involvement extends beyond mentoring. Cristo Rey facilitates transportation and provides lunches on workdays, ensuring accessibility for students. Moreover, Clement Manor offers students the opportunity for post-graduation employment, enabling them to earn an income while pursuing higher education—a step toward breaking cycles of financial hardship.

A Win-Win Partnership

This collaboration exemplifies how organizations can stay relevant by embracing shared missions and fostering community growth. For Clement Manor, it's about investing in the future while honoring its respect, collaboration, and quality service values. For Cristo Rey students, it's a gateway to opportunity and a brighter future.

Together, Clement Manor and Cristo Rey Jesuit High School demonstrate how partnerships can empower change—one student, one collaboration, one future at a time.