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CRISTO REY BATON RECEIVES NATIONAL COLLEGE SUCCESS FUND

Baton Rouge, LA – The Cristo Rey Network announced Cristo Rey Baton Rouge as one its recipients for Wave I of the 2018 Kenneth Hutchinson College Success Fund, which supports increased college counseling and alumni advisor personnel through new, full time positions.

Seven Cristo Rey schools join 13 additional schools that have benefited from this two-year grant, since the Fund's inception in 2016. In 2016, The Wilson Sheehan Foundation generously invested \$2.4 million to fuel the Cristo Rey Network's College Initiatives 360 program, an ambitious and multipronged approach to improving college access, match, persistence, and completion for Cristo Rey students and graduates. The Wilson Sheehan Foundation's support has been instrumental in equipping Cristo Rey schools with the resources and tools to bolster their college-going cultures and their support for Cristo Rey Network graduates to and through college. These initiatives increase the momentum toward realizing the Cristo Rey Network's goal of 58% college completion for Cristo Rey graduates, thus fulfilling comparable expected graduation rates for children from high-income families.

About the Wilson Sheehan Foundation: Started by Chris and Lorraine (Sheehan) Wilson in 2012, the Wilson Sheehan Foundation exists to help advance lasting, positive change in the world. With the belief that strong families build strong communities, the Foundation's goal is to empower women and children to achieve their full potential.

About Kenneth Hutchinson (1981-2017): Ken Hutchinson was a highly committed national voice on college access, specializing in strengthening admission to college for under-represented young people. Ken joined the Network in September 2015 as the Director of College Initiatives. The loss to Ken's family, to the important work he led, and to the entire Cristo Rey family is immeasurable. The legacy of Ken's accomplishments and his gift of self to his family will remain with the Cristo Rey Network and all those who knew and loved him.

About Cristo Rey:

Founded in 2016, Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High is a private, Catholic school dedicated to educating young people to become men and women of faith, purpose, and service. The school belongs to a national network of unique schools whose focus is preparing students for college acceptance, successful careers and inspiring them to drive change in their communities by operating as both a school and an employment agency.

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