

Amelie Ferro named President and CEO of Cristo Rey Miami High School

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The Cristo Rey Miami High School Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that ***Mrs. Amelie Ferro has been appointed as President and CEO of Cristo Rey Miami High School, effective immediately.*** As President and CEO, Mrs. Ferro will be responsible for overseeing the financial strength, external engagement, program excellence, and spiritual leadership of Cristo Rey Miami High School.

Mrs. Ferro was selected after an extensive national search that included a strong pool of qualified candidates, and brings over 30 years of experience leading organizations with demonstrated acumen for community engagement, strategic planning and organizational development. Since January 2024, Mrs. Ferro has served as Interim President of Cristo Rey Miami High School.



"After a thorough review of qualified candidates from across the country, it became clear that Mrs. Ferro was the unanimous choice to lead Cristo Rey Miami into our next chapter," said Tere Canida, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee and Member of the Board of Trustee. Board Chair Rodger Shay, Jr. added, ***"Amelie's vision, dedication, and remarkable ability to inspire and unite, combined with her proven track record, make her the ideal steward for this pivotal moment in our school's history."***

Cristo Rey Miami High School is the only college-and-career preparatory high school in Miami exclusively serving hard-working students from families with limited economic resources. With the school's second full academic year nearing a close, Cristo Rey Miami students are surpassing expectations, with standardized testing scores in the 99th percentile for growth in math and the 96th percentile in reading. Students are also earning over \$1.2 million towards their tuition while gaining valuable professional work experience at over 40 of Miami's top companies through the Corporate Work Study Program.



Amelie joined the team at Cristo Rey Miami as the Founding Director of the Corporate Work Study Program. Subsequently, Mrs. Ferro assumed the role of Vice President of Advancement and Corporate Partnerships, and alongside the Board of Trustees fundraised \$19.5 million, ***paving the way for Cristo Rey Miami to open its doors to the first two classes of students and to break ground on a 38,000-square-foot academic building.*** Completing this building project will also lay the groundwork for future endeavors, including constructing the school's gymnasium.

"I feel strongly that the opportunity to lead Cristo Rey Miami is more than just taking on a new role; it is the opportunity to answer the call to serve others. I am humbled and profoundly grateful for the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation laid by our national network almost three decades ago and ***ensure that we continue scaling Cristo Rey Miami to provide a proven educational model to even more hard-working students of Miami.***" said Mrs. Ferro.

Mrs. Ferro earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Florida International University, her Master's in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, and her Post Graduate Certification in Leadership and International Senior Management from St. Gallen Business School. Amelie resides in Miami with her husband where they raised their three adult sons, Manny, Mike and Luis. Amelie and her husband are members of the lay branch of the Family of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, founded by Mother Adela Galindo, SCTJM.

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