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Cristo Rey St. Viator College Preparatory High School Announces Former Nevada Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano-Burkhead as President

NORTH LAS VEGAS (March 7, 2023) — Cristo Rey St. Viator College Preparatory High School



announced today that Lisa Cano-Burkhead has been appointed president of the school. She will be responsible for leading and upholding academic and ethical standards of the school while supporting the school's mission to educate young people of limited economic means to become men and women of faith, purpose and service.

Additionally, Cano-Burkhead will help build partnerships and engage with southern Nevada businesses and organizations that can offer entry-level paying jobs to Cristo Rey St. Viator's High School students. Her efforts will help expand the school's corporate work study program and amplify opportunities for students as they gain valuable professional experience while earning their school tuition.

Prior to officially joining the Cristo Rey St. Viator team, as a consultant Cano-Burkhead helped develop the academic leadership team at Cristo Rey St. Viator through coaching and mentoring, worked to establish long-term goals with administration at the school, and consulted and advised on systems and structures for academic success.

"It is an honor for me anytime I can work alongside students and educators, and as a first-generation Latina and college student, being named president at Cristo Rey St. Viator means so much because I have the privilege to lead a school that serves other first-generation college students," said Cano-Burkhead. "I have dedicated my life's work to removing barriers for students and parents, and I look forward to continuing that work for the students and families at Cristo Rey St. Viator."

Cano-Burkhead has held several positions within Clark County School District since 1995, including teacher and both central office and school site administrator. She also served as the principal of Fertitta Middle School and Foothill High School. She served as Lieutenant Governor for the State of Nevada from December 2021 to January 2023, serving as chair of the Commission on Tourism and vice chair of the Department of Transportation.

Cano-Burkhead holds a bachelor's degree in English literature and Spanish from University of Redlands, a master's degree in secondary education with emphasis in multicultural education from University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and education certifications from UNLV, Georgetown University and the Public Education Foundation. She is the recipient of several local awards within the education field including: KSNV's "Outstanding Teacher" in 1999; Nevada Association of Student Councils' "Administrator of the Year" in 2008; and the Heart of Education's "Best-in-Class School Leadership" in 2016.

About Cristo Rey St. Viator College Preparatory High School

Cristo Rey St. Viator College Preparatory High School educates young people of limited economic means to become men and women of faith, purpose, and service. Students graduate ready to succeed in college and life through a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, integrated with a relevant work-study experience. The school was founded in 2019 at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard North and Van Der Meer Street in North Las Vegas. Despite the setback of the pandemic, Cristo Rey St. Viator Preparatory is ready for its fourth school year. This upcoming year it will have its first graduating class – the class of 2023. More information on the school can be found at <https://www.cristoreystviator.org>.

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