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Freeborn & Peters LLP Supports Community Through Innovative Work Study Program at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

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CHICAGO – June 22, 2016 – Freeborn & Peters LLP is proud to spotlight its partnership with Cristo Rey Jesuit High School on Chicago's Southwest side, providing valuable corporate work experience to students from the community. The full-service law firm has been a corporate partner for this innovative Work Study Program for eight years and has impacted the lives of dozens of students, providing them exposure to a corporate work environment, the opportunity to develop a professional skill set and the inspiration to achieve their personal goals.

Freeborn & Peters is pleased to have just hired a former participant in the Cristo Rey Work Study Program as a full-time marketing assistant in the law firm's marketing group. This young professional completed four years in the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School program, working at Freeborn & Peters once a week, and then went on to complete her college education. Freeborn takes pride in being influential in the development of this young person's education and career, as well as those of many others.

Michael Moynihan, Co-Managing Partner of Freeborn & Peters said, "As lawyers, we have an extra responsibility to our community, and we feel strongly that our law firm should invest in and contribute to our neighbors by repeated and frequent giving back."

Moynihan continued, "At Freeborn & Peters, we are defined by five core values: Integrity, teamwork, commitment, effectiveness and caring. Everything we do at our law firm is done through the lens of those five core values."

Jose Rodriguez, Vice President of Cristo Rey's Work Study Program said, "The goal of the program is to send students from underserved communities to college. We do that by partnering with Freeborn & Peters and other businesses from the Chicago area. Both the school and its students are grateful for the continued support. This is the largest internship program of its kind in Chicago."

Founded in 1996, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School is a neighborhood school with the mission of offering the best college preparatory education available to the youth of the Southwest side of Chicago, for whom other private schools are not a financial option.

Cristo Rey is able to offer this type of education because of its most innovative component: the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP). Cristo Rey pioneered the Corporate Work Study Program model for inner city education that has inspired a national network of more than 30 schools serving lowincome communities around the country. All students work five days a month in entry-level jobs in Chicago businesses to fund nearly 70 percent of the cost of their education. While initially serving as simply a financial proposition to pay the operational costs of the school, the CWSP has evolved into a progressive means of providing students with valuable work experience, while simultaneously empowering them to take an active part in financing a major portion of their education. To learn more about Cristo Rey please visit <u>www.cristorey.net</u>.

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Freeborn is a firm that genuinely lives up to its core values of integrity, caring, effectiveness, teamwork, and commitment, and embodies them through high standards of client service and responsive action. Its lawyers build close and lasting relationships with clients and are driven to help them achieve their legal and business objectives.

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