

Winston for Good Heroes: Theresa Rivera Helps Students Gain Confidence and Real-World Work Experience

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Since 2015, Theresa Rivera, an administrative specialist in Winston & Strawn's Houston office, has supervised four-to-five Cristo Rey interns who work at Winston one day per week during the school year. These interns earn a portion of their tuition to Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory high school and gain invaluable work experience at the same time.

Cristo Rey recently honored Theresa's "above and beyond" commitment to mentoring her interns at the organization's annual supervisor luncheon—presenting Theresa with the award for Excellence in Student Growth. Theresa was nominated for the award by one of the students she supervises and was lauded for her kindness, consideration, and dedication to ensuring her interns are learning and growing while at Winston.

Theresa's contribution to the Cristo Rey internship program extends beyond the office. Recently, Cristo Rey asked her to serve on its supervisors panel, which is part of the organization's orientation program for students who are new to the work-study program.

"It can be challenging to balance work and mentor the students, but it is really rewarding to watch them grow and develop new skills that will help them throughout their lives," Theresa explains.

Winston also sponsors Cristo Rey interns in the Dallas and Chicago offices. The firm appreciates everyone in all three offices who welcome the students and help make the program a success.

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