

**Joseph M. Acciarito**, *Director of Advancement*

Joe Acciarito graduated summa cum laude in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education. Born and raised in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, Joe attended Franklin D. Roosevelt High School and moved on to St. Francis College (SFC), where he worked full-time as a Student Assistant in the Special Events Office for all four years. A recipient of the St. Claire Scholarship, he was a sequential recipient of the Dean's List Award for Academic Excellence, was a member of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education and received the Emerging Student Leader Award and Franciscan Spirit Award. Among his many achievements, Joe became a member of the prestigious Duns Scotus Honor Society in May 2012. Several months after graduating, he accepted a position at St. Francis as Special Events Coordinator, where he continued to build his existing relationships with SFC faculty, staff, administration, and the community. He served as Special Events Coordinator from September '12 – February '15, before moving on to a new role as Director of Alumni Relations and Special Events at Loyola School from February '15 – July '17. Today, Joe serves as Director of Advancement at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School. Joe also holds the position of Vice President of the Alumni Association Board and Chair of the Advancement Committee at St. Francis College.

**Elizabeth Adam, Religion Teacher (9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

The mission of the Cristo Rey Network and the value of a Catholic education is near to Elizabeth's heart. Growing up in the small New England town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, Ms. Adam attended Catholic school from kindergarten through graduate school. She graduated from St. John's University in 2018 with a BA in Theology and a minor in Social Justice Theory. Immediately following graduation, she joined the Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers (PACT) program at Providence College where she earned her Master's Degree in Secondary Education in May of 2020 while teaching full-time. While this is her first year as a member of the CRB family, this is her third year teaching in the Cristo Rey Network. Before moving to New York this past Spring, she taught 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Religion at Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Elizabeth has a passion for teaching others about Catholic Social Teaching and the importance of fighting for justice and equality. She is currently teaching 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Religion while enjoying the extra time at home spent with her two cats and running an online store of her crafts.

**Emma Andrews**, *Math Teacher, STEM Department Chair and Summer Institute Dean*

Emma Andrews was born and raised in Buffalo, NY. After graduating High School in 2009, she enrolled in Syracuse University. Emma graduated from Syracuse University in 2013 with a dual bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and Mathematics. After graduating, she immediately accepted her first teaching position with Cristo Rey Brooklyn as a math teacher. Over the next seven years of her career here she has taught every math class offered at Cristo Rey Brooklyn and assumed many different roles including Dean of Summer Institute, STEM Department Chair, Teacher Coach, 3PA Co-Coordinator, and ASP STEM Support Person. In 2018, she was accepted to Fordham University to earn her master's degree in Educational Leadership, while continuing to teach at CRB. This school year 2020-2021 will be Emma's 8th year teaching at Cristo Rey Brooklyn, which she continues to call her home. She is passionate about her students and inspired by their stories, growth each year and dedication to achieving their goals. She believes that a rigorous, loving, and supportive educational environment helps students reach the full potential of who they want to be.

**Keri Barton**, *Office Manager and Administrative Assistant to the Principal*

Keri was born and raised in the Bay Area, California. She completed 2 years at Foothill Community College before transferring to California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. While there, she was Co-Decorations Chair for the 1989 Cal Poly Rose Float Committee (they won the Founder's Trophy Award that year), Pledge Director for Delta Sigma Pi (a co-ed fraternity for her major), and played intramural sports. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Her first job after graduation was in the field of pager marketing (also known back then as "beepers) for a nationwide network. After taking some time off to travel in Europe, Keri began a career in Customer Service for an internet services company. Working her way up from a representative to supervising a department of 20, Keri eventually became the Training Manager for the department. After moving to New York in 2004, Keri worked for a few start-up companies before landing in education in 2015 working as an Executive Assistant and Development Associate for a small private catholic middle school in Brooklyn. As the Office Manager and Administrative Assistant to the Principal of CRB, Keri manages the daily operations & reporting requirements of the main office including training and supervising of 5 student interns along with supporting the Principal.

**Katie Brennan**, *English Teacher, English Department Chair*

Katie Brennan graduated from Providence College with a Bachelor's Degree in English and Sociology. During her time at Providence she was a member of the Liberal Arts Honors Program, Orientation Staff, and Admissions. She joined Teach for America in 2010 and taught Special Education for two years in Northwest Baltimore. During this time, she also earned her Masters in Leadership in Teaching from Notre Dame of Maryland University. She then returned home to New York and worked as a Recruitment Associate for a charter school network in Brooklyn. However, she soon realized she missed working with students and found a new home as an English Teacher at Cristo Rey Brooklyn in 2014. Katie is entering her 7th year as an English teacher at Cristo Rey Brooklyn and is proud to call CRB her community.

**Elizabeth Burns**, *Theology Teacher, Humanities Department Chair*

Elizabeth Burns has been in Catholic schools since the age of seven, having been educated by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Sisters of St. Casimir, the Jesuits, and Congregation of the Holy Cross. After graduating Summa Cum Laude from Fairfield University, she earned a master's degree in Systematic Theology at the University of Notre Dame. Liz began her teaching career at The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall in Milford, CT, where she learned about the phenomenal work of the Sisters of Mercy. Arriving at Cristo Rey Brooklyn in 2013, the same year we moved into our current location, she was able to share the Mercy charism and the work of Catherine McAuley with her new community. At CRB, Liz has taught Freshman through Senior Theology (including a theology-themed AP Seminar), has served as Director of Character Education, and moderates the Explorer's Club, which sponsors outings to NYC's cultural and historical institutions. In 2018, she co-chaired CRB's inaugural accreditation through the New York State Association of Independent Schools. She is currently a Theology teacher and Chair of the Humanities Department. Liz loves exploring the outdoors in her free time. She is always collecting stamps in her "National Parks Passport" and has hiked over 300 miles of the Appalachian Trail...1800 miles to go!

**Sister Betty Calfapietra, Ed. D.,** *Member of the Board of Directors and Volunteer Librarian*

Sister Betty Calfapietra, Ed. D., was born and raised in East Flatbush within walking distance from CRBHS. After graduating from Bishop McDonnell Memorial HS in 1963, she worked for one year in an insurance company in Manhattan to save money for the dowry needed to enter the Sisters of Mercy in 1964. During her formation years in the convent, she graduated from Brentwood College Magna cum laude and then began her beloved teaching career. That career extended for 47 years, including all grade levels from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to graduate school and continuing adult education. Sister Betty taught students with special education needs for 19 years, students in general education for 9 years, adults in continuing religious education for 4 years, and college and graduate students for 15 years. To prepare for these various specialties, Sister Betty earned a Masters Degree in Religious Education from Fordham University, a Masters Degree in Special Education from Brooklyn College, and a Doctorate in Special Education/Teacher Preparation from Columbia Teachers College, Columbia University. In her “retirement years” Sister Betty is serving on the Board of Directors of CRBHS and volunteering as a staff member in the Library of CRBHS.

**Anna Cantirino, *Director of College Guidance and Alumni Support***

Anna graduated summa cum laude from Mount St. Mary's University in 2013, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in French Language/Literature and Secondary Education with a minor in history. Anna was born and raised in Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn and attended Bishop Kearney High School. During each summer from 2009-2013 Anna worked as a supervisor at the Park Slope Day Camp in Brooklyn. At Mount St. Mary's University, Anna also served as a peer tutor working in student support services for all four years, as a service trip leader with Habitat for Humanity, and an assistant captain to the equestrian team. She graduated college as a certified French and history teacher and taught in Washington D.C for four years in both middle and high school. Anna went on to receive her Master of Science in mental health and school counseling from Johns Hopkins University in December 2017. After moving back home to Brooklyn in 2018, Anna worked for one year as a school counselor at her alma mater before coming to Cristo Rey Brooklyn as a college counselor. Anna is now serving as the Director of College Guidance at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School. Anna manages a team of college counselors who work very closely with all students and alumni, focusing on college access, perseverance, and completion. In her spare time, Anna serves as a catechist at her local church and tutors middle school students in French.

**Betty Choi, *Finance Manager***

Betty Choi graduated from Pace University with a BA degree in Accounting. Born in Hong Kong, Betty and her family immigrated to the US when she was 2 years old. Betty was raised in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, moved to Rego Park, Queens for a couple of years when married, moved to New Jersey right after 9/11 for a few years, and then moved back to Brooklyn. Betty worked as a Bookkeeper at an electrician firm and as a Bookkeeper at an Immigration law firm while attending Stuyvesant High School. Betty landed a job as a full time Accounts Payable Associate at Institute for International Research in Manhattan right after College graduation and moved through several departments within the Accountant Department gaining experience in Accounts Receivable, Payroll, General Ledger. Taking a break from Accounting once married and moved to Queens, Betty worked at Ann Taylor Loft as an Manager in Training and moved up to Store Manager in a few years. After her daughter was born, Betty quit working to take care of her daughter until she was ready for Pre-K. Coming back into the Accounting field after some time off, Betty decided to get her certificate in Quickbooks online and landed a job as an Accountant for AccessMBS, a very small firm that offers bookkeeping services to small firms who cannot afford to retain a full time bookkeeper on the books. After a few years of troubleshooting lots of companies' books, Betty came to Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School as the Finance Manager in January 2017.

**Joseph Dugan, *President***

Joe Dugan is delighted to continue his service as Cristo Rey Brooklyn's new President. He feels blessed to have the opportunity to lead and support this amazing learning community that works collaboratively to strengthen the academic, social, and professional achievement of students.

Joe has been an English teacher, Assistant Principal and the principal over his nearly eight-year tenure at CRB. Prior to joining CRB, Joe spent seven years working at Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School as a teacher, Director of Admission, and Vice Principal of Student Life.

Mr. Dugan obtained both his Bachelor's and his Master's degrees from New York University. Before that, he attended St. Mary Star of the Sea school and Edward R. Murrow High School; just a few miles from Cristo Rey Brooklyn.

Joe is a lifelong Brooklyn resident. He lives in Carroll Gardens with his wife Stephanie and their three boys Brendan, Ryan, and William. When he's not hustling through the halls of CRB he enjoys golf, detective novels, coaching youth baseball, and working on his 135-year-old house.

**Tiyana Farmbry**, *Admissions Associate*

Tiyana Farmbry grew up in Philadelphia, PA and moved to New York to attend college. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. John's University with a B.S. in Public Relations with a minor in Advertising Communications. During her undergraduate experience she was involved with the Catholic scholars program, campus ministry, and the black student union. Most importantly, Tiyana was able to join her dream sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She became the President of her chapter and presided over St. John's University, York College, and Queens College. She received President of the Year for the North Atlantic Region in 2018 and was inducted into the 4.0 Club the same year. During her studies she was able to work for Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC as a special events planner. In 2020, she received her Master's degree from St. John's University in International Communication, while working as the graduate assistant to the Director of Student Communications. Tiyana started at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School teaching Computers in the Summer Training Program for the Corporate Work Study Program. After a year of working as the Admissions intern with Mr. Posada, she realized this was an amazing field of work post graduation. She currently works as the Admissions Associate in the Admissions Department and is truly proud to be a part of the CRB community.

**Bobby Fitzsimmons**, *Assistant Director of the Corporate Work Study Program*

Bobby Fitzsimmons was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams at Rocky River High School. After graduating in 2008, he enrolled at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and Strategic Leadership with a minor in Political Science. During his time at Miami, he was a member of the Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Fitzsimmons graduated in 2012 and moved to Washington, D.C. to work for a tech start-up firm. After spending two years in D.C., Fitzsimmons moved to the West Coast and spent a year working in the TV and Film industry in Los Angeles, California. Fitzsimmons was first introduced to Cristo Rey when he moved back to Cleveland in 2014 and immediately fell in love with the mission and the model. He spent a year working in various roles at St. Martin de Porres High School (Cristo Rey Cleveland). In the summer of 2015 Fitzsimmons moved to Brooklyn, New York to join the Corporate Work Study Team. He is now in his 6th school year working in the CWSP department.

**Jason Gonzalez**, *English, and Professional Writing Teacher*

Jason Gonzalez graduated from Brooklyn College with a dual major in Journalism and Television & Radio Studies. He spent the first seven years of his professional career writing for several print and online publications, including the New York Post, National Home Center News, iMarketing News, and others. The idea of teaching writing took root in him, and quickly grew from an interest into a full-blown calling. In 2001 he embarked on a career change, deciding to leave the newsroom and enter the classroom. He began teaching English at his alma mater, Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School, and completed a Master's degree in Education at Touro College. For the past 19 years, he has taught English and writing at three high schools and one middle school — all located in his beloved hometown of Brooklyn, N.Y. When Jason joined Cristo Rey Brooklyn in 2016 as a teacher of English and Professional Writing, he saw it as the perfect opportunity to combine several aspects of his career passions: writing, teaching, Catholic school education, and working with current and future generations of Brooklyn youths.

**Dr. Susan Gundersen, *Assistant Principal***

Dr. Susan Gundersen is the Assistant Principal at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School (CRB) - a role that centers on faculty, parent, and student support in the realm of academics. Previously, Susan served the school for six years as a Science Teacher and STEM Department Chair. She taught Biology, Psychology, and AP Environmental Science, as well as managed curricular and other administrative aspects of the Math and Science Departments. Susan also served as a Teacher Mentor and Coach.

Prior to working at CRB, Susan was a Research Fellow at the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and a 2013 Education Pioneers Analyst Fellow. For five years, Susan also worked as a Graduate Research Assistant and Instructor at the University of Notre Dame, where she received her PhD in Cognitive Psychology in 2013. Her research focused on the science of learning, with particular emphasis on second language learning.

Susan is a Brooklyn native and mom of three wonderful girls who occupy much of her time outside of CRB. In addition to spending time with her daughters, Susan enjoys watching documentaries, singing, listening to podcasts, cooking, going on long walks, and learning languages - she's currently working on language number three.

**Jeimy S. Hernández**, *Advancement Officer and EA to the President*

Jeimy (or Ms. Hernández) was born in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and at the age 8 moved with her family to Los Angeles, California. In the fall of 2014, she moved to the east coast to attend the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. While there, she earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish with a minor in studio art and a concentration in Latinx and Caribbean Studies. While at the College, she worked in various offices on campus helping to organize events, design flyers, edit videos and translate documents. During her time there, she found and nurtured her love for traveling as she had the opportunity to travel to the Dominican Republic, Bolivia, and Argentina. While on those trips, she was able to observe the intersectionality between capitalism and marketing and their effect on local culture and customs. Channeling her desire to give back and have an impact, prior to accepting her position at CRB, Jeimy helped Holy Cross Spanish Department build a bilingual, pedagogical website to ease the teaching of Latin American Films ([click here](#)) and later interned for GFR Media's *Primera Hora*, a local newspaper in Puerto Rico. Now, from Advancement Intern to Advancement Officer at CRB, Jeimy helps the Advancement Office spearhead marketing initiatives for the school's website and social media platforms, serve as a liaison between the board and CRB, organize and run fundraising events, and operates as the Executive Assistant to the President, Joseph Dugan.

**John Infortunio, *Director of Operations***

John Infortunio began his career in Education as a Special Assistant to the Corporate Secretary of the former seven member NYC Board of Education in 1992. In this role John worked under three NYC School Chancellors, two Board Presidents as well as with the NYC Mayor's Office.

After working in this role for several years John left to undertake a position of Associate Editor of Children's Publishing at Simon & Schuster's Publishing Division, *Little Simon*. In this position John had the opportunity to work with prominent authors such as Eric Carle and Sandra Boynton while also working with the creators of Nickelodeon's *Rugrats* and *Aaahh!!! Real Monsters* series.

In 1997, John left to transition to teach at his former high school, Bishop Ford HS in Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn. During his sixteen-year tenure at the school he served as a teacher of English, History and Philosophy while also working for ten years as Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach. John coached Bishop Ford to two Freshman City Championships and one Varsity City and State Championship. This 2008 Title would be the first and only Varsity City and State title in the school's history and it would earn him a NYC Daily News nomination as "Coach of the Year".

In 2013 John left Bishop Ford to become the first Dean of Students at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School in East Flatbush Brooklyn. After serving in that position for three years he was named the Director of Operations and Finance at the school. This is the position he currently holds as a member of the Leadership Team of the school.

John has been a lifelong resident of Brooklyn, NY and he currently resides in Bay Ridge Brooklyn with his family. He holds a B.A. in Literature and Communications from St. Francis College, Brooklyn as well as a M.A. in Literature from Brooklyn College.

**Samantha Jouthe, *Colleague Guidance & Alumni Counselor***

Samantha Jouthe was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. In the spring of 2019 she graduated from The College of the Holy Cross with a Bachelor of Arts, double majoring in Sociology and Africana Studies. During her time at Holy Cross, she did much more than excel in her studies. She almost always worked 2-3 jobs on campus that included being an Office Assistant for the Office of Residence Life, Student Librarian in the Music Library, and Student Notetaker for Disability Services. Samantha has a strong passion for law and during her time at Holy Cross, engaged with the studies of law and the criminal justice system. She's traveled to Washington D.C. where she served as a Legislative Intern for the Honorable Congressman Hakeem Jeffries and has also visited London where she completed a 4 Week Pre-Law Fellowship. In this program, she visited 15-20 different law firms and was given different case studies to analyze. Currently, she works as a College Guidance Counselor and Alumni Advisor for her high school, Cristo Rey Brooklyn, where she works to get students into and through the colleges of their choice.

**Matthew Kenny**, *Physical Education & Health Teacher, Athletic Director, Boys Soccer Coach*

Matt joined Cristo Rey Brooklyn in the summer of 2013. He has served as a teacher and as the Varsity Boys Soccer Coach for nearly eight years; and as the school's Athletic Director for nearly seven years. Matt is a passionate teacher and believes that Physical Education and Health are vital subjects in supporting the holistic growth and development of young people.

As Athletic Director, the number of school sponsored interscholastic teams increased from four to fourteen under Matt's leadership. In 2016, the Cristo Rey Brooklyn athletic program joined the Catholic High School Athletic Association (CHSAA). In that time, CRB has won Brooklyn-Queens Championships in softball, girls volleyball and girls basketball; and in 2019, the boys soccer team, under Matt's leadership, won the school's first ever City Championship.

Matt obtained his bachelor's degree in Physical Education at St. Bonaventure University and his master's degree in Health Education at SUNY Cortland. While at St. Bonaventure, Matt played club soccer and worked alongside Division 1 athletes as a Student-Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach. Matt is a *Certified Personal Trainer* and a *Certified Corrective Exercise Specialist* through the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

**Andrew Ketchum, *Director of Mission & School Culture***

Andrew Ketchum graduated from Fordham University in 2009 with a BA in History and a minor in French & Theology. After college, Andrew joined the Lasallian Volunteers and served for two years at the San Miguel Middle School as a Social Studies teacher and coach. During this time in Tulsa, Andrew's commitment to education and youth empowerment was strengthened and led him to work towards a Masters Degree in Secondary Social Studies Education from Columbia University Teachers College. For the past ten years, Andrew has been part of the Cristo Rey Brooklyn community, starting as a volunteer during CRB's rebranding period and eventually becoming a Social Studies and Religion teacher as well as Campus Ministry Director. During the 2019-2020 School Year, Andrew participated in the School Discipline Reform Certificate Program through Loyola University Chicago Law School and he is excited to take on the challenge of serving as Cristo Rey Brooklyn's first Director of Mission & School Culture.

**Lindsay M. Kirk**, *Physical Education/Health Teacher*

Lindsay Kirk is a recent graduate from the State University of New York at Cortland. While there she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and a Concentration in Adapted. During her time at SUNY Cortland, Lindsay was a member of the Women's Varsity Volleyball team. She was also involved in the Club Volleyball team and participated in a number of intramural sports. Lindsay has also coached three travel volleyball teams this past winter and is looking forward to being the assistant Varsity Volleyball and Basketball coach this school year. Lindsay grew up in Lake Grove, New York and is very excited to be starting her teaching career at Cristo Rey High School Brooklyn.

**Michael Leschinsky, *Faculty, Theology and English Language Arts***

Michael Leschinsky graduated magna cum laude from Bowling Green State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Secondary English Education. He went on to receive Master of Education and Master of Divinity degrees from Seton Hall University. Mr. Leschinsky has taught English and Theology at several Catholic schools including Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School (Washington D.C.) and Salesian High School (New Rochelle, NY). He is the Director of Music at St. Michael's parish in Sunset Park and has interests in speech and debate, theater, and music.

**Kerri Magee**, *Director of Social Work*

Originally from Long Island, NY, Kerri Magee (and her five siblings) attended Boston College, where she received a BA in History and Philosophy and became immersed in opportunities for service learning and social justice. This led her to join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Nashville, TN, where she served as a case manager and residential coordinator at the Oasis Center, an organization that serves young people in crisis. From Nashville, Kerri's love of adventure and desire to do good work led her to become a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Dominican Republic, where she served as a Youth, Families, and Community Development specialist, facilitating opportunities for young people to lead and create change in their communities. Her time in DR fostered a deep love for all things Dominican, and inspired in her the belief that we all have limitless potential to grow and change. Kerri returned to New York in 2012 and received her Masters in Social Work from Hunter College in 2014. She served as the founding school social worker at EPIC High School North, an innovative public school model that blended academic and social emotional learning to prepare students for life in the 21st century. She joined the Cristo Rey Brooklyn family in 2019 and currently serves as the Director of Social Work. When she is not on the job, Kerri enjoys travelling, cooking, yoga'ing, and spending time with friends and family, especially her 6 nieces and nephews.

## **Kelly Miraglia, Director of Operations for the Corporate Work Study Program**

Kelly Miraglia graduated magna cum laude from Fairfield University with a BA in Politics and Communications, with minors in Peace and Justice Studies and Women, Gender and Sexuality studies. Kelly joined the Cristo Rey Brooklyn team as a member of the Residential Volunteer Program, when she served as a sophomore religion teacher and the Student Activities Coordinator. Her time as a religion teacher confirmed her vocation in serving young people, and brought her much joy as she was able to build relationships with students and institute Catholic Joke Friday!

At the conclusion of her two year membership in the Residential Volunteer Program, Kelly joined the Corporate Work Study Team as an Account Relationship Associate. Over her four years with the CWSP Team, Kelly has transitioned to an Assistant Director and then Director of Operations. Throughout that time she has worked with students and supervisors to ensure that students have a positive CWSP experience building skills that will help throughout their lives.

In her free time, Kelly enjoys travelling and spending time with family and friends.

**Deanna Philippe, *Principal***

Deanna Philippe was born and raised in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. Like many CRB students, Deanna is first-generation American. Her Haitian born parents migrated to the United States prior to starting a family because they wanted to provide their family with greater educational and professional opportunities in the United States.

As the youngest of three girls, Deanna watched her sister thrive at Holy Cross and Nazareth Regional High School. Following in their footsteps, she attended the same schools and studied English and Secondary Education at St. Francis College. For many years after her undergraduate studies, Deanna served as a restaurant manager. She began developing her business plan to open a restaurant in Brooklyn. As many people know, *“If you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans!”*

As Assistant Principal, Deanna helped bolster the school’s Academic Support Program, co-chaired the two year effort culminating in CRB’s 2018 NYSAIS accreditation, led curriculum and professional developments initiatives locally and in conjunction with the CRN, and successfully collaborated to integrate the school’s academic offerings and practices with its unique Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP).

As Principal, Deanna feels incredibly honored to be blessed with such an important role. She understands that in order to move forward, you must give back. What a pleasure it is to give back to the community and neighborhood where she was born and raised.

**Luis Posada**, *Director of Admissions*

Hudson County, NJ born and raised, Luis is the first-born son to an Irish mother and Colombian Father who immigrated to the US. Growing up, his family emphasized hard work and education. Luis played sports and mentored younger students all throughout High School. He graduated from Kean University with a B.A. in English in 2010. That same year, Luis began his teaching career while interning with The Children's Defense Fund's Freedom School Program. It was this summer reading enrichment program in Newark, NJ, empowering students to make a difference in themselves and their community, that really informed Luis' continued philosophy in education. After several summers working with K-8 students at Freedom School, in 2014, The Children's Defense Fund invited Luis to a panel discussion in New Orleans, LA with other teachers around the country and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. The discussion was centered around the importance of Black and Brown men in the classroom. In the following years, Luis worked as a Coach in the Playworks recess program, emphasizing the importance of play in school and then as an associate teacher for Kindergarten and 2nd grade at Roseville Community Charter School in Newark. It was then that he found his way to New York City, working with Dream Charter School (formerly Harlem RBI) as the 8th Grade Program Coordinator and facilitator of High School Placement. After placing several students in Cristo Rey NY, he related to the mission and found himself applying to the one and only Cristo Rey Brooklyn as the Director of Admissions in 2015. Since being at Cristo Rey, Luis has been committed to the mission and spreading the gospel of Cristo Rey Brooklyn to students all over NYC.

**Bradley Robinson, *Spanish Teacher***

Bradley Robinson graduated from Manhattan College in 2014 with B.A. in secondary education with a concentration in Spanish. While in Manhattan College he had the opportunity to shadow many different teachers in schools across the Bronx. Originally from Scranton PA, he is the only person in his family to speak Spanish. As a person who learned to understand the Spanish language through formal school, he knows how to engage students to really take an interest in the language. During his studies in college Bradley had the opportunity to live aboard in Spain with a host family. In Spain he was able to have a deeper understanding of the language and a culture completely different from his own. Now at Cristo Rey Brooklyn he shares fun and engaging lessons that really get the students motivated to learn.

**Anna Sakairoun, *College Guidance Counselor***

Anastasia Sakairoun was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from Saint Martin Deporres High School. She then went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University in Political Science with a minor in Ethnic Studies. During her college career she served as the Senator at large for the Undergraduate Student Government, a Fellow with the Ohio Democratic Party during the 2016 election and a Delegate in the National Model United Nations. She was also a Resident Advisor and the President of the Voices at BGSU Concert Choir. After graduating from BGSU, she moved to New York City and served as a residential volunteer at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School for a year. She then transitioned into a full-time position as a college counselor and is starting her third year at CRB. In her spare time, she works remotely as the Civic Engagement Manager for a nonprofit where she hosts virtual voter registration and census drives.

**Emmlynn L. Taylor**, *Assistant Director/ Student Accountability CWSP*

Originally from Haiti, Emmlynn moved to Somerville, MA when she was 10 years old. She attended Catholic school since she was 3 years old and graduated in 1986 from North Cambridge Catholic (which ironically is now CR Boston and they were also the NCC Panthers). Emmlynn graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Before joining Cristo Rey Brooklyn, she was a member of the Donor Relations team at St. Francis College where she was a supervisor for the CRB, Corporate Work Study Program. Prior to that, she served as a Sales and Service Coach at Capital One Bank.

Emmlynn joined CRB in 2015 and is a relationship manager for over 30 business partners and assists with student accountability. In her role, she collaborates with student workers, supervisors, parents, faculty, and school administrators to increase and ensure the satisfaction and engagement of all stakeholders. When she is not at work, Emmlynn is engaged in serving her community through a variety of organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Rosedale Civic Association, Inc., where she serves as the current President and Board Chair. Emmlynn's life journey is full of community activism and volunteerism with a focus on helping children in need - she states that, "the causes and people she supports she does so because she truly believes that it is our responsibility to help those less fortunate and in need, without expecting anything in return".

**Emily Trefry, *Math teacher***

Originally from Maryland, Emily Trefry moved to New York in order to attend St. John's University in 2009. At St. John's, she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Mathematics, with minors in Adolescent Education and Theology. At St. Johns, Emily played the trombone in the Pep Band and was very involved in Campus Ministry. Her academic and extracurricular success at St. John's earned her a spot in the President's Society, the highest honor society at the university. Upon completion of her masters degree, she was awarded the Vincentian Mission Award, given to one student in each graduating class. Driven by the Vincentian mission, she participated in the Vincentian Lay Missionaries program in Kiio, Kenya in the summer of 2013 and the Colorado Vincentian Volunteers program in Denver during the 2014-2015 academic year. In the fall of 2015, after finishing her year of service, Emily returned to New York and began teaching math at Cristo Rey Brooklyn. In addition to teaching, she helps to manage the school's online information system. At CRB, she is the proud captain of the Yellow Team during Color Week and loves to participate in Dancing with the Teachers each year. She was excited to be named Teacher of the Semester in June 2017 and January 2020.

**Becca Walters**, *CWSP Business Development Account Executive*

Becca Walters graduated cum laude from Villanova University with a B.A. in Humanities and Honors with a minor in Political Science. During her time at Villanova University, she was involved with the Honors Program, the Inter-Hall Council, Catholic Relief Services, and Villanova Music Activities. Originally from Washington, D.C., she previously interned at Hudson Institute where she assisted in organizing their Summer Political Studies fellowship for three years. She is starting her third year at Cristo Rey Brooklyn as the new Business Development Account Executive for the Corporate Work Study Program. She began her time at CRB in 2018 as a part of Mercy Volunteer Corps and had the joy of being hired full-time in 2019 as the CWSP Marketing Associate. In her new role, she cultivates current and prospective corporate partnerships and coordinates with the CWSP operations team creating the best possible work experience for our CRB students.