



St. Martin Advisory Council

History and Mission

The St. Martin Advisory Council (SMAC) is a group of young professionals who are committed to raising awareness about Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep and our many programs through fundraising events, volunteer opportunities and social activities.

This junior board was founded in 2011 with the mission of supporting the students of Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep by advancing the vision of the Board of Directors to make CRSM's college preparatory education a reality for youth from the Waukegan/North Chicago community.

SMAC vows to enhance the educational activities of the Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep student body, both in and out of the classroom. SMAC pledges to leverage their personal and professional affiliations to bring employment and economic support to the students of the entire Cristo Rey Network through support of the Corporate Work Study Program and various fundraising activities. SMAC further commits to be involved with the students by providing professional real world experience and advice to expand students' knowledge of the diverse professional opportunities beyond high school.

Goals and Objectives

***Fundraising/Publicity** – Increase participation, through attendance and monetary contributions, at Cristo Rey St. Martin events by inviting personal and professional contacts to support the school and its students. SMAC members are vital champions for the school in the greater community by letting others know of the school's success and contribution to education in Chicago.

***Network Building** – Support the *Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP)* by increasing awareness of this unique program and procuring student jobs within each member's professional network.

***School Involvement** – Participate in programs and activities with students of Cristo Rey St. Martin that will increase rapport and enhance the lives of CRSM students and their families.

***Mentorship** – Provide professional real world experience and advice to students at Cristo Rey St. Martin to expand their knowledge of the diverse professional opportunities beyond high school.

***Collaboration** – Support the Board of Directors and their many efforts.



Responsibilities and Expectations

***Attendance** – Make best effort to attend all SMAC meetings and events. Each member is asked to actively serve on at least one committee. These committees include:

- Membership/Recruiting Committee
- Development/Off to the Races Event Committee
- Community and School Engagement Committee

***Financial** –As a member of SMAC, you are expected to participate and show leadership by contributing financially, if possible, and actively soliciting on behalf of SMAC in the following ways:

- Off to the Races – Through sales of event/raffle tickets, corporate sponsorships and other event activities.
- In-Kind Donations-Volunteer or provide service to various SMAC supported programs and events (Off to the Races, Volunteering at Elevate and Founders Dinners)

***Support of CRSM** – Support school campaigns through personal contributions and aiding the Development office in identifying individuals that may be interested in supporting the mission of Cristo Rey St. Martin by making a donation toward the operating budget and/or capital campaign.

***Corporate Work Study Program** – Help in the procurement of jobs for the CWSP and leverage contacts to provide potential prospects for additional jobs.

***Participation** – Attend school sponsored public events including OTTR, Elevate , Founders and other special events that are organized from year to year. Make effort to attend school events such as Mass of the Holy Spirit, (September), Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Dec) and Graduation (June).

***Recruiting** – Identify and assist in recruiting talented, dedicated and diverse people to serve on the SMAC and associated committees. When considering someone as a prospective SMAC participant, the member should acquaint that person with CRSM, the Chair of SMAC, other members of SMAC and the school President.