Thanks to the generosity of PwC, four CSF supported schools were given $25K each to build or improve upon their STEM labs for the 2019-2020 school year. Previously, these schools had been using old classrooms and storage closets and outdated technology to give their students STEM instruction. This all changed with PwC’s ReImagine Grant.

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PwC’S REIMAGINE GRANT PROVIDES $100K FOR NEW STEM LABS

Receiving the ReImagine Grant from PwC has allowed Sacred Heart School to create a state of the art STEM Lab/Maker-space. This will enable our scholars to have all the necessary tools at their fingertips to excel at STEM and be better prepared to be the most productive citizens of the 21st Century.

Monica Haldiman, Sacred Heart School, Roslindale

CSF SCHOLAR ALUMNUS ON THE RISE: JUAN GALLEGO

As a former student of St. Rose School in Chelsea and CSF Scholar graduate of Matignon High School, Juan Gallego’s story is one of perseverance, hard work and determination. Read on to learn about the impossible decision Juan’s family had to make to do what was best for their future.

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Juan Gallego, Matignon High School
For the 2019-2020 school year, PwC announced their ReImagine Grant in the amount of $100K was awarded to four schools supported by the ICSF to build or improve upon old STEM labs. Each of the following four schools received $25,000 through this grant: St. Catherine of Genoa/St. Theresa School in Somerville, Sacred Heart School in Roslindale, East Boston Central Catholic School, and Immaculate Conception School in Revere.

“At PwC, we are committed to delivering positive social impact with measurable, long-lasting results in youth education,” said Michael Sutphin, Partner at PwC. “The students that we met today are living proof that our investment in the Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF) was money well spent.”

“Thanks to the Catholic Schools Foundation and PwC, we were able to update an old, outdated computer lab to a state-of-the-art Learning Center with 20 new desktop computers, a Digital Display SMART board, a 3-D Printer, and various STEM kits for grades 3-8,” said Robert Casaletto, Principal at East Boston Central Catholic School. “Without the support of the CSF and companies like PwC it would be very difficult to make such upgrades to our programs.”

Previously, these schools were using old closets and classrooms with outdated technology in order to teach modern STEM. Now, thanks to PwC’s grant, they are able to give their STEM instruction a home and bring their STEM curriculum into the 21st century.

“Our brand new STEM lab makes hands-on learning so accessible to all of our students,” said Donis Tracy, Academic Coordinator at Immaculate Conception School in Revere. “Being a school located in a predominantly lower-class neighborhood, this lab makes STEM lessons come to life, which is necessary in our modern-day society.”

The Catholic Schools Foundation is grateful for our partnership with PwC, who is committed to social responsibility and continues to be an incredible ally in our mission of Building Minds and Changing Lives in our school communities.
CSF SCHOLAR ALUMNUS ON THE RISE: JUAN GALLEGDO

Born in Medellin, Juan Gallego’s family was forced to flee Colombia and seek asylum in the United States when he was just seven years old.

As an immigrant learning the ropes in a new country, Juan faced incredible hardships during his years growing up in Chelsea. Fortunately, according to Juan, these hardships are what gave him the drive to fight for his future.

In his first year at Matignon, Juan became aware of the Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) scholarship he was receiving, and knew that this support could be the catalyst to a future of success. He also knew that he wanted to give back to the institutions that helped him along the way. The scholarship aid through CSF’s supporters helped make his road to success possible.

“The resources and support this scholarship provided me at such a pivotal moment in life not only allowed me to receive an outstanding education, but it also strengthened the values, beliefs and aspirations that I hold today,” Juan explained.

“This scholarship has had a tremendous impact on my personal, professional and academic growth,” he continued. “The many opportunities I have had since high school would not have been possible without the Catholic Schools Foundation.”

In 2019, Juan found that his determination and commitment to public service pay off when he found out he had been nominated, and ultimately selected, as Massachusetts’ 2019 Truman Scholar. By successfully securing the premiere graduate fellowship in the U.S. for public service leadership, Juan now has access to invaluable resources and a platform to do what he does best: advocate for disenfranchised communities.

Juan is a glowing example of what can happen when financial support meets compassion, commitment, and a high-quality education in a nurturing school community. The Catholic Schools Foundation is so proud of Juan and so pleased to welcome him in to our new CSF Alumni Inner Circle, a group of CSF Alumni who are passionate about our mission of providing a high-quality education to the students who need it most. To learn more about CSF’s Alumni Inner Circle, head to csfboston.org/innercircle or email Jackie at jgarvey@csfboston.org.

I intend on pursuing a joint degree program in law and public policy. Together these degrees provide an important skill set for making well-informed decisions, challenging policy, and interpreting the necessities of all communities.
SAVE THE DATE

11.6  ICSF Corporate Trivia Challenge
      Wednesday, November 6, 2019.6-8:30 PM

12.4 Christmas for the Kids Cocktail Party
      Wednesday, December 4, 2019.6-8:30 PM

2.7  Celebration of Excellence Breakfast
      Friday, February 7, 2020. 8-10 AM

4.2  30th Annual ICSF Dinner Gala
      Thursday, April 2, 2020. 6:30-9 PM

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