






ROCKHURST
HURTADO SCHOLARS

# HURTADO SCHOLARS 2023 IMPACT REPORT

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## MISSION

Rockhurst High School serves the greater Kansas City area by educating Ignatian leaders, “men for others”, in the Roman Catholic, Jesuit college preparatory tradition. In the spirit of Saint Ignatius Loyola, its goal is the formation of the whole person within a diverse and disciplined environment, as one who is open to growth, strives for academic excellence, is religious, loving, and committed to justice through service.

## VISION

Rockhurst High School will be sought out and recognized for its ability to educate “men for others”. Rockhurst High School will, in the Jesuit tradition, foster lifelong friendships based on enduring principles and Ignatian values. It will be nationally and locally recognized as the best value-added education because of its success in developing community leaders for an increasingly diverse world.







# BRINGING LIGHT TO POTENTIAL

The mission of Hurtado Scholars is to assist boys who have great potential, but for whom a Catholic, college preparatory education may be unattainable.

Hurtado Scholars will receive the training and experiences that enable them to be well prepared for a college preparatory high school.

## Hurtado Scholars will:

- Develop leadership skills
- Expand artistic and cultural awareness
- Grow in Christian faith
- Improve academic and study skills
- Participate in sports and activities
- Prepare for high school admission

# SPOTLIGHT: DEVON ROWE '23

As a 7th grade student who aspired to one day attend Rockhurst High School, I found a sense of family and brotherhood through the Hurtado Scholars Program. I have older siblings, so being a part of the group at Hurtado Scholars gave me the opportunity to interact with other children my age.

One of the early bonding experiences I remember is traveling to a Kansas City area college, where we completed a ropes course. I had to face my fears. My peers and I were scared, but we took on the challenge together, and as a result, a bond was formed.

***From that day forward, I soaked in the sense of family. I wanted to be around the other guys more. We had a newfound, solidified sense of safety and happiness.***

We learn early on from our Hurtado Scholars teachers and mentors the importance of a growth mindset, and the importance of looking at solutions and opportunities instead of problems. That learning continued at Rockhurst High School, as we were encouraged to rise to the challenge.

The teachers are amazing. They are always there to help make you a better person. In addition to donors like you, I want to send a special thank you to Mr. Re, Mr. Grilliot, and Fr. Sheahan. ***They made learning fun. They made me feel proud to be a smart kid.***

***Through it all, Hurtado Scholars challenged me academically.*** My horizon was constantly expanded, and as I grew in my studies at Rockhurst High School, I came to realize that I wanted to pursue higher education.

Starting in Fall 2023, I will attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City on a full scholarship, where I plan to study Business Management. I have enjoyed giving back to the program that gave me so much in mentoring other students of the Hurtado Scholars Program.

Every gift builds a future filled with possibility and hope in building ***men for others.***

**Gratefully,**
**Devon Rowe '23**



Devon Rowe, a member of the Great Class of 2023, poses at Commencement with President David J. Laughlin on May 14, 2023.

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT A GLANCE

## 6TH GRADE

Our youngest and newest Hurtado Scholars, rising 6th graders in Fall 2023, demonstrated excellent aptitude at the end of their first summer with Rockhurst High School, with the cohort whole-average indicating that they are performing as though they have already had 8 months of 6th grade (6.81). **Seventy-percent of this group (7 of 10 students) are performing ahead of entry-month "at grade" levels for entering 6th graders.**

## 7TH GRADE

For our rising 7th graders, the year they entered 6th grade, they were - as a group - **performing as though they were 2 months into their 6th grade years.** As they enter 7th grade in Fall 2023, their average performance remains above grade level, with 4 students performing as though they have had more than half of their 7th grade year already




## 8TH GRADE

Before startng their 6th grade year, this cohort was performing as though they were in the 6th month of their 6th grade year (6.59); by the following summer, before heading into their 7th grade year, they were performing more than a half year ahead of grade level; **and they are entering 8th grade this year nearly 2 months ahead of grade level,** with 4 students academically performing a full year ahead, as though they were already freshmen in high school.

# THE FIRST DECADE OF SUCCESS




Hurtado Scholars greeted event attendees on June 1, 2023, at Starlight Theatre as part of the annual ***El Fuego Que Enciende Otros Fuegos / The Fire That Kindles Other Fires*** celebration.



Ted and Leticia Garcia celebrate with President David J. Laughlin.



Ted and Leticia Garcia accept the "The Fire That Kindles Other Fires" Award with their two sons.

**Use this QR code to watch highlights from the 2023 celebration.**

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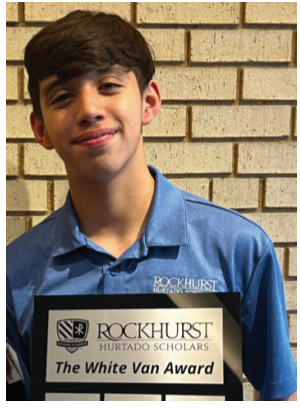
# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



## GREEN TRUCK AWARD - AJ MURPHY '23

**The Green Truck Award (Graduating Senior):** This award is presented to a graduating senior who has fully embraced the values and skills instilled during their time as a Hurtado Scholar at Rockhurst High School. Chosen by the Hurtado Scholars Faculty in consultation with the Rockhurst High School Faculty and Administration, the recipient embodies the ideals of a Graduate at Graduation – being religious, loving, intellectually competent, open to growth, and committed to service and justice. The Green Truck Award winner is characterized by their honesty, determination, and genuine care for others. They leave a positive impact on both Rockhurst High School and the Hurtado Scholars Program, ready to make a meaningful mark on the world as they graduate.

## WHITE VAN AWARD - DONI MORALES '27




**The White Van Award (Graduating 8th grader):** This award, selected by the Hurtado Scholars Faculty, goes to an 8th grade graduate who embodies the core values of the Hurtado Scholars Program - Academic, Leadership, Spiritual and Faith Formation, and Social Development. This student has utilized their talents to positively impact their community, the Program, and themselves. They consistently demonstrate good citizenship and a strong growth mindset. Similar to St. Alberto Hurtado, they ignite inspiration in others through their character, actions, and leadership. Recognizing the Program's commitment to them and their family, they are dedicated to giving back to their communities. The White Van Award recipient has strived to reach their full potential and is prepared for continued leadership and success at Rockhurst High School and beyond.

SAVE THE DATE

# The Fire That Kindles Other Fires

JOIN US IN JUNE 2024 FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION, **"EL FUEGO QUE ENCIENDE OTROS FUEGOS / THE FIRE THAT KINDLES OTHER FIRES"** CELEBRATING THE HURTADO SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND SCHOLAR ACHIEVEMENTS!

Click here to learn more

# COMMITTEE AND BENEFACTORS

***View the Honor Roll of Donors:***



## *Thank you to the Hurtado Scholars Program/El Fuego Committee members:*

Wendy Burgess, past parent
Teresa Guerra-York, past parent
Patrick B. Lillis, D.D.S., past parent
Anita Paredes, Trustee and current parent
Julie Walker Browne, current parent
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## *Thank you to the Hurtado Scholars Benefactors 2022 - 2023:*

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Anthony Re



Vanessa Wiegman



**Make a difference in the life of a Hurtado Scholar today!**

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