

STUDENT ON THE RISE

Bryan Ramirez - Intern - Mortenson Construction

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Bryan Ramirez is a junior at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. As noted on the school's website, through Cristo Rey's innovative work-study program, "students gain confidence, connect the relevance of their academic coursework to future employment, acquire skills that will benefit their career, and receive unprecedented access to the professional world."

Bryan enjoys the rigorous academics at Cristo Rey and credits ALEKS, a math program used at his school, for piquing his interest in math. He wanted an internship that would allow him to further enhance his math skills, as well as connect with his interest in construction, which was sparked by tagging along with his father, a carpenter. Bryan finds it interesting to observe the many tasks handled in the field and in the office.

This is Bryan's second year working for Mortenson Construction. He reviews safety document submissions and ensures that all contractors are submitting them in a timely fashion. What he loves most about working for Mortenson is seeing the steady progression of the arena project. "I find it incredible how the drawings posted around the trailer are slowly coming to life," he says. Besides bragging to his friends about his cool internship, he states, "My experience working for Mortenson Construction has been very positive. It is a very organized place to work and everyone works well together."

After high school, Bryan plans on attending a local college and getting his degree in construction management or civil engineering.