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SENATOR BOB CASEY JR. TO ADDRESS ESPERANZA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017 AS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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Philadelphia, PA – June 7, 2017. Sen. Bob Casey Jr of Pennsylvania will join Founder, President and CEO of Esperanza, [Rev. Luis Cortés Jr](#) and David Rossi CEO of Esperanza Academy Charter Schools to celebrate the graduation of 176 [Esperanza Academy](#) students on Friday, June 9.

“I am delighted and proud to congratulate the graduates of the Esperanza Academy Class of 2017. I would also like to express my gratitude to Senator Casey for sharing his wisdom and encouragement with our graduates as their 2017 commencement speaker,” Rev. Luis Cortés Jr said. “We expect nothing but the greatest success for our young people as they move on to the next chapter of their lives and careers!”

In eight years as Pennsylvania Auditor General and two years as State Treasurer, Bob Casey compiled a record that focused on making government more accountable and responsive to the needs of Pennsylvanians. He has been a fiscal watchdog who made nursing homes safer, child care more affordable and government more accountable. He led the fight to reform Megan’s Law to better protect Pennsylvania children and communities.

The commencement ceremony will take place at the University of Pennsylvania Irvine Auditorium, 3401 Spruce St at 7 p.m.

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[Esperanza Academy Charter School](#) has been serving the young members of its community for 17 years. Our school, having started as a single hallway of a converted warehouse in the year 2000, has grown from a freshmen class of less than 200 students to a multi-school campus, serving 1,450 students in grades 6 through 12.

[Esperanza](#) is a national community-based organization founded in 1987 by Rev. Luis Cortés and the Hispanic Clergy of Philadelphia & Vicinity with the biblical mandate to serve and advocate for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40). Beginning with a local initiative, with programs targeted to address the unmet needs of North Philadelphia's Hispanic community, Rev. Cortes is now sought by national and international leaders alike on issues of economic and workforce development, housing, immigration, and education. Under his leadership, Esperanza has grown from a small 20-person operation to a \$40 million organization with more than 350 employees. Follow us on social media @esperanza_us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), [EsperanzaUSA](#) on Facebook and Esperanza US on [YouTube](#). For more information, please visit www.esperanza.us.

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