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## JOIN US!

### **Mass of the Holy Spirit**

September 5, 2019

2:30 pm

### **Magis Night 2020**

February 29, 2020

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

Sponsorships and tickets available soon.

For the inside scoop on daily life  
at Arrupe Jesuit, join us on



# IN SERVICE OF THE MAGIS

*Forming in our young people the desire and the ability to seek the greater service of God and the universal good. Accompanying our students as they 'row into the deep', seeking to develop their relationship with God and with others.*



# The PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear friends,

In 1973, Fr. Arrupe convened the 32nd General Congregation, an international meeting of Jesuits from around the world. At the end of those meetings, the Jesuits issued a decree of purpose, which stated:

*The mission of the Society of Jesus today is the service of faith, of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement. For reconciliation with God demands the reconciliation of people with one another.*

Within the pages of this newsletter, you'll read a number of powerful stories chronicling the many ways that members of our community pursue this great mission that Fr. Arrupe promoted so passionately. For me, the school's commitment to mission is revealed every spring during the afternoon of our annual Senior Capstone presentations. During capstone, classes are cancelled, and each member of the Senior class delivers a 15 minute, inquiry-based presentation to panels comprised of Arrupe Jesuit Board Members, Work Study supervisors, benefactors, Arrupe alumni, and our faculty/staff members. Family members, friends, and classmates attend each presentation as well.

On that Friday, we celebrate scholarship, the pursuit of the many academic and professional skills that the future will demand of our graduates. We offer our younger students a glimpse of their future, of what is expected of them and what they are capable of achieving. And, most wonderfully, we join in partnership with you, the members of the greater Arrupe Jesuit community, who choose to serve as witnesses to the excellence on display in every Capstone classroom. It is Arrupe Jesuit at its best.

We commit to this work every day because we are called to celebrate the gifts and talents our students possess, value bestowed upon them by our God who made them. Through this work, and the powerful example each of you provides, we invite students, and ourselves, into a closer, life-long relationship with God.

It is beautiful, sacred work and I am honored that you choose to pursue it with us.

God Bless,

Michael J. O'Hagan  
President  
AMDG

## CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

### The Magis at Work

Through the Corporate Work Study Program, students are exposed daily to opportunities to serve our larger community, as well as the opportunity to see how every role, in every industry can be carried out in a manner that puts service of others first. From serving clients through financial services, to greeting and assisting customers as a receptionist, to serving patients in a healthcare setting, our young men and women strive to connect more deeply with their future vocations. With guidance from their supervisors and the CWSP team at Arrupe Jesuit, they are learning to seek out the Magis through work, no matter what that work might be.

One example is that of Freshman student, Eddy Avila. During Eddy's time working at Father Woody's Haven of Hope, he has served in various departments completing an array of tasks. Most importantly, though, he has spent a large portion of his time assisting in the clothing donation room. The staff member who runs the department has often referred to Eddy as a "life saver" and is always grateful for his help. He sorts donations, rearranges racks and shelves, and provides general upkeep of the area. Without his assistance, several of these tasks would not have been done with the care and standard of excellence that their clients so deserve. He is friendly with guests, helping them find items and directing them towards something they may be looking for. Overall, Eddy's work in the clothing donation room has allowed his supervisor and colleagues to see a new set of skills, including strengths in organization, customer service, and ability to work within a team. His supervisor, Margaret Pearson, shares "It is truly the area where he has shined the most and I know our staff will miss his assistance when the school year ends!"



Courtesy of Fr. Woody's Haven of Hope

### Does your company have a culture of service?

A desire to work towards the greater good for our community and our shared future? If so, please consider hiring our students! To learn more about what CWSP would mean to your company, contact Rick Ninneman, Director of CWSP, at 720.726.3420 or [RNinneman@ArrupeJesuit.com](mailto:RNinneman@ArrupeJesuit.com).



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ARRUPE JESUIT CLASS OF 2019!



92 graduates

62% first generation high school graduates  
95% first generation college bound  
100% college acceptance

Attending 22 colleges or universities

87% will attend a 4-year college  
13% will attend a 2-year college  
28% will attend Catholic colleges, of those  
25% will attend 8 Jesuit colleges

Earning over \$14.6 million in merit and community based scholarships



“For the past two years, I have been given the opportunity to work at Saint Joseph Hospital, where I spent part of my day in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. I have been able to observe the different methods of care the nurses provide for the babies. Knowing all people are created in the image of God, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or condition, they are worthy of life and care. Knowing this - I feel personally called by God to dedicate my life to serving others as a nurse. I am proud to be attending Regis University where I will be pursuing my degree in nursing.”

—Destiny Arias-Buckeye  
AJHS Class of 2019  
Valedictorian



IN SERVICE OF THE MAGIS



Tom Reynolds (left), one of the founders of Arrupe Jesuit, is now the provincial assistant for higher education for the Central and Southern Province of the Jesuits. In March, Tom led the Arrupe Jesuit Board of Trustees through reflection during their annual Board Retreat. He is pleased to share that reflection with our larger Arrupe Jesuit community...

In her beautiful poem, “The Summer Day,” Mary Oliver admits, “I don’t know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention.”

She then “pays attention” beautifully in the rest of the poem as she finds the presence of the sacred in the natural world around her and in the experiences of her life. Ignatian Spirituality, the spiritual gift from Jesuits to all of us, teaches us how to practice similar “noticing skills,” including how to find invitations from God in the graced moments of our own life stories.

In my own gradually evolving spiritual attentiveness, I’m usually better at noticing a grace in my life as I look backwards than when I’m in the present moment—a “rear-view mirror” spirituality in a sense. One such blessed time {in the early 2000’s} for me was the opportunity to work with Jesuits and other lay colleagues in the Denver area to imagine the future of what has become Arrupe Jesuit High School and then to see it grow into a truly blessed community of students, faculty, staff, trustees, donors, and corporate work partners. Many of you who have been part of this story can no doubt share your own

- similar memories. For me, a few key graced moments would include . . .
- The generosity of time, talent, and financial support that came forward right from the start.
  - The commitment of the Jesuits not only to bring about this vision for the school, but their commitment to purchase the property, to assign so many great Jesuits to this work, and most importantly, to trust their lay colleagues so completely in the founding process as full partners.
  - Similarly, the other Jesuit organizations in the Denver region have also been very faithful partners, particularly Regis University and the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Sedalia.
  - The talent and devotion of early faculty members and leaders who worked so hard alongside the Jesuits to keep the school thriving and our focus on the needs of its students.

Most importantly, we have learned from these wonderful students and their families, especially that their deep desire to make a difference in their young lives mirrored our own. We learned about the challenges they face balancing work, children, and often the hard lessons of economic hardship. We learned about the hopes of parents and grandparents, the realities of the schools and neighborhoods from which they come to Arrupe, and the extra attention needed for first generation high school (and college) attendees.

In the “Spiritual Exercises,” St. Ignatius invites us to take a loving and careful look at our own emotions and reactions to the narrative stories of our lives, as a form of prayer and encounter with God. For in our attentiveness to our experiences, we often find God at work—inviting us into opportunities to be “men and women for others”--and suggesting that we notice over time what brings us a deep sense of consolation, of being drawn toward generosity. Our open response to these invitations, our willingness to say YES, even when we don’t yet know what we are saying YES to—these are the graced moments of searching out the greater good, the Magis, in our own lives and in the life of blessed places like Arrupe High.

At the end of, “The Summer Day,” Mary Oliver asks, “So what will you do with your one wild and precious life?”

What will we do with our “one wild and precious” Arrupe?



# AROUND ARRUPÉ JESUIT

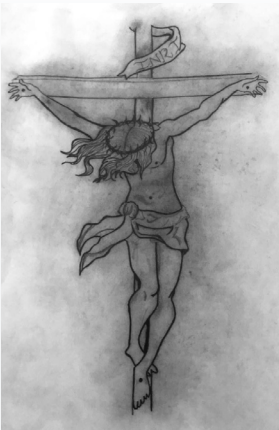
## Chemistry Standout

The Colorado Section of the American Chemical Society honors students throughout Colorado and Wyoming for their outstanding achievements in Chemistry. This year, our very own Ximena, AJHS class of 2020, was honored to receive the prestigious award. Stephan Graham, her Arrupe Jesuit Chemistry teacher, shares: “Ximena is one of the most dedicated students that I have worked with in my twenty years of teaching. Her work is thoughtful and thorough, and is the model for other students’ assignments. Her participative and inquisitive voice transforms the class into a lively and engaging period.”



## A Holy Week Faith Journey

Forming in our young people the desire and the ability to seek the greater service of God manifests itself in a uniquely visual way throughout Holy Week. Following the Senior class’s portrayal of the living Stations of the Cross, students and staff embarked on their first Seven Churches pilgrimage to begin the Easter Triduum. Stops included several area churches including Mass at Sacred Heart, then visits to Altars of Repose at churches including St. John Francis Regis Chapel at Regis University, among others.



## ARRUPÉ JESUIT MAGIS NIGHT



# Creating a Buzz

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support of our students through Magis Night 2019! Together, we raised over \$1,000,000 in net proceeds for Arrupe Jesuit High School, making a Catholic Jesuit, college preparatory education available to Denver’s most deserving students. Your support allows our students to come alive in their faith and in their education, breaking the cycle of poverty for their families.



“The greatest lesson I have learned at Arrupe is that my value as a person is not based on what I have, what I look like, or where I come from. Instead my value as a person is measured in the positive impact I make on other people’s lives.” — Karina, AJHS Class of 2019



## Taking God to College

In February 2019, Arrupe Jesuit Seniors embarked upon our first “Take God to College” Senior Retreat. The retreat was held at St. Cajetan Hall, the former St. Cajetan Parish, on the Auraria Campus. We met for Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary where Fr. Nugent and Fr. Fryer shared their own experience of taking God to college. Next, AJHS alums and current staff members, Jason Armijo, Estefany Hernandez, and Micaela Escontrias spoke to the students about their own experience of going off to college and navigating their faith while away from home and from Arrupe. In between each talk, the Seniors spent time helping each other prepare for college by building a Christ-centric community that will offer support and love through the often difficult transition to college faith. Helping our students seek the Magis is paramount, and Senior Retreat is one more opportunity to help our students go deeper on their journey with Christ.



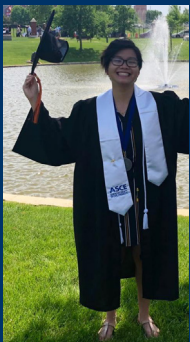
## Save the Date!

# MAGIS NIGHT 2020

Saturday, February 29, 2020

## ALUMNI NOTE

In 2015, six Daniels Scholars walked across the stage at Arrupe Jesuit’s graduation with so many dreams and ambitions. Four years later, we are proud to announce the graduations of all six from Jesuit universities across the country!



Linh Ngo  
Saint Luis University



Jessica Vazquez &  
Carolina Luna Casas  
Loyola University Chicago



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Loyola University Chicago



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