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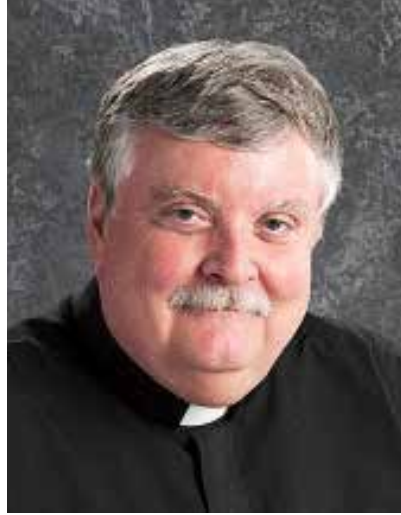
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# INTELLECTUALLY COMPETENT

*The Arrupe Jesuit graduate has a firm foundation in the liberal arts, as well as a mastery of critical thinking skills. He/She assumes enthusiastically the role of a life-long learner who savors the rich opportunities that the world provides and truly owns his/her education by helping others to learn as well.*

# *The* PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

"At my core, I think that I am honestly just a very curious person who enjoys walking this earth with an open mind and an eagerness to learn as much as possible." These are the words of AJHS graduate Janet Hernandez, '13, who you'll read more about in the Alumni Note section. Janet articulates the very essence of what it means to seek to be intellectually competent, our Graduate at Graduation trait featured in this issue of the General Messenger.

While the ability to read, write, and do arithmetic is often the first thought that comes to mind when reflecting on intellectual competence, our aim is truly that our Arrupe Jesuit graduates not only have a mastery of academic subjects but that they are thoughtful and engaged citizens. It is our goal that our graduates are learning to think critically as they form opinions and make decisions. They should see the need for a well formed conscience and intellectual grounding in their faith, and in their response to issues of social justice. In our pursuit of the formation of the whole person, we strive to ensure every graduate is a life-long learner.

We're proud of our students' growth in this pursuit of intellectual competence. As we celebrate our 11th graduating class, there is no better time to thank you for your role in carrying out the mission of Arrupe Jesuit High School and the formation of 699 graduates.

God's Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Timothy M. McMahon, SJ". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Timothy M. McMahon, SJ

# CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

## Critical Thinking Beyond the Classroom

Being intellectually competent is much more than “book smarts” for the students of Arrupe Jesuit. Learning to seek wisdom and knowledge at all times, students look no further than their own job placements to develop their verbal & written communication, learn to access and evaluate resources, and to think critically and problem solve.

Recent evaluations of the Work Study Experience demonstrate our students’ growth...

*I have had an amazing work experience this semester. The work I do is profoundly interesting and I work at an even more fascinating place. My colleagues are all great people and help me when I need it. I am gaining a lot of knowledge. I could not be happier.*

— Adrian, Hunter Douglas

*I have learned so much in just a little amount of time. I know things that kids my age wouldn’t normally know. It is preparing me for my future and showing me that I really do want to go into nursing.*

— Emma, St. Anthony North Health Campus

*I’ve learned and done so much just in one semester. I want to show them they can count on me and I can be a part of the team. I love Traemand!!*

— Elijah, Traemand

*I feel very proud of all the work that I did this semester. It taught me many things that I didn’t know before. I feel more confident in the skills that I have developed.*

— Daniela, UCHHealth





## Congratulations to the Arrupe Jesuit Class of 2017!

For the past ten years, each graduating class has had a special way of leaving their mark at Arrupe Jesuit and the class of 2017 is no different. There are many accomplishments to celebrate with 4 Daniels Scholars, 9 Regis Arrupe Scholars, 3 Kathy Fortune Memorial Scholars, countless other prestigious scholarships and for the eleventh year in a row ... 100% college acceptance! The class of 2017 broke records in several categories as they walked across the stage at graduation, including 96% acceptance into a four year college. Together, they have earned over \$5.3 Million in merit and community based scholarships towards their own college education. For a complete list of the 18 colleges and universities that these 72 graduates will be heading off to in August, please visit the College Admissions page on our website.

"The class of 2017 represents the best tradition of Arrupe Jesuit High School. This year's graduates excel in the classroom, they have been extraordinary contributors to the Work Study program, and they've been active in all aspects of community life. We pray for their continued success as they venture into the world beyond Arrupe Jesuit."

—Michael O'Hagan  
Principal

"The next step for us is college and we have all been accepted! This transition means that we will no longer get to enter history class and hear Mr. Dexter say 'learning yeah!' or hear Father Leo tell us to 'try to be good' after morning prayer. Many of the moments that have become part of our routine will no longer be, but new adventures are beginning and we know that we are ready. Arrupe has prepared us for what is to come by cultivating in us our Grad at Grad traits."

—Sonia Chavez  
Valedictorian, AJ Class of 2017



### Alumni Note

#### Arrupe Jesuit Congratulates its First Fulbright Scholar!

Janet Hernandez graduated from Arrupe Jesuit in 2013 and was the first in her family not only to graduate from high school but to go on to college. As an ACE Scholar, Janet excelled at Arrupe Jesuit in both her academic courses and her Corporate Work Study Program job placements. We were not surprised then to learn that as Janet completes her college degree at Metropolitan State University, she does so as the University's first recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship. Congratulations, Janet! With this scholarship, Janet will head to South Korea to teach elementary students. Head to the "In the News" section of [www.ArrupeJesuit.com](http://www.ArrupeJesuit.com) to read a wonderful piece about Janet from MSU Denver!



**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)**



It is with mixed joy and sadness that we say goodbye to Assistant Principal, Fr. Gary Menard, SJ this year. In July, he will travel south to join Cristo Rey Network partner school Cristo Rey Jesuit in Houston, Texas. We know he'll bring with him the love and encouragement of the entire Arrupe Jesuit family, and that he will serve our brothers and sisters in Houston with the same vigor and passion that we saw here over the past 11 years.

**"For eleven years, Fr. Gary has shared his many gifts and talents with Arrupe Jesuit. While we are sad to see him leave, we pray for his great success at Cristo Rey Jesuit secure in the knowledge that his contributions will have a lasting impact on our students and families."**

— Michael O'Hagan, Principal

**7** Guided holiday hut trips for staff and faculty

**8** Robots built alongside robotics team members

**8** Kairos retreats made with AJHS juniors

**22** Semesters of running an effective school calendar and bell schedule

**198** School liturgies celebrated with the school community

**200** Hours of Saturday school proctored

**699** Graduates mentored and motivated

**1,050** Boxes of tissues stored and delivered throughout the building

**2,379** Used batteries recycled

**6,435** Granola bars lovingly given to foraging students

**9,324,683** Pieces of clip art inserted to school emails



*Fr. Gary was instrumental in leading our students to form a thriving Robotics Club. Rivaling his passion for fishing, you can always find him in heated discussion with club members about how to tweak the latest rendition or which version of the 3D printed gadget would optimize its performance. With his mentorship, the team was recently awarded 1st place at the 2016 State Qualifier Meet!*



**"He gave me an example. He has shown me how to involve others. To work as a team. To experience amongst the people around me and start living. That making mistakes is OK. Because I'm human. We are all human. Grateful doesn't begin to cover it. Thank you doesn't either. Father Menard has done so much here at Arrupe for years, and if he has been able to impact me so much in the span of two, I can understand now why Arrupe is as blessed and wonderful a place as it is."**

—Adrian Sanchez, AJHS Class of 2019



# AROUND ARRUPPE JESUIT

## We passed the test!

In March, we welcomed the accreditation team from AdvancED, a non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of schools nationwide. The team met with students, families, & teachers, observed classes, reviewed curriculum, and much more! It was a busy week and a fruitful opportunity to review and reflect on our daily work. Along with positive evaluations from the AdvancED team as well as some constructive suggestions for continued improvement, remarks like this one provided welcome affirmation of our work: "Of particular note were the parent and board member interviews. Their willingness and commitment to share their experiences about Arrupe Jesuit High School and the passion with which they spoke helped paint a clear picture of the school's efforts to help students succeed. The entire community is working deliberately to carry out the formation, not just education, of students." With thanks to the AdvancED team, we look forward to seeing them again in four years!

"The one thing I like best about our school are the people that make up the school. It's like having second family."

— Student Survey Response

## Pre-Collegiate Programs from Coast to Coast!

School may be out for the summer, but Arrupe Jesuit students are still hard at work all across the country. From Seattle, Washington to Williamsburg, Virginia to several states in between, Arrupe Jesuit sophomores and juniors will be visiting college campuses for numerous pre-collegiate programs over the next two months. While tackling important environmental issues, exploring the role we play as Catholics, integrating economics into the process of decision-making and so much more, our students will get a taste of the next chapter they will embark on after high school. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they travel to Washington University, Loyola Chicago, Loyola New Orleans, University of Colorado Boulder, College of William & Mary, Tufts University, Oberlin College, and the University of Washington.



## College Decision Day

The college counseling department kicked off a new school tradition, celebrating our seniors' college decisions ESPN Draft Day-style! The surprise presentation featured representatives from each of the 18 colleges and universities that our seniors will head off to this fall and demonstrated, for our underclassmen, the exciting opportunities available to them in the coming years as they to pursue the next steps in their education.



# Magis Night

## MARCH 11, 2017

# THE ARRUPE Jesuit EFFECT

With over 900 guests in attendance, an immeasurable amount of passion for quality education, and over \$1,000,000 in net proceeds raised for Arrupe Jesuit High School, we are convinced now more than ever of the vast reach that The Arrupe Jesuit Effect has on our community.

We are so grateful to all event sponsors, donors, and attendees for their partnership in this mission... for making Arrupe Jesuit the school that works.

Head to the event section at [www.ArrupeJesuit.com](http://www.ArrupeJesuit.com) for a complete recap of the evening, photo album, and links to watch speeches from keynote, Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ and our student and alumni speakers.

"You believe in our potential and your support allows the students of Arrupe Jesuit to achieve extraordinary things. You offer each and every one of us hope for a brighter future. And that is the best gift of all."

—Adriana Guadana-Huizar  
AJHS Class of 2017  
College of the Holy Cross  
Class of 2021



AJHS Philanthropy Ambassadors welcome guests upon their arrival. Our students love the opportunity to meet our whole community and are always on the hunt to spot their CWSP supervisors in the crowd!



Nestor Meza (AJHS Class of 2012), Michael O'Hagan (AJHS Principal), and Adriana Guadana-Huizar (AJHS Class of 2017) take a moment to celebrate their successes on stage and share the excitement of speaking in front of a crowd of nearly 1,000.

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- Regis Arrupe Scholarship - Regis University
- Kathy Fortune Scholarship - Community College of Denver & Regis University
- Zoellner Family Scholarship - Creighton University
- Richard D. & Mary Pat McCormick Endowed Scholarship - Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Ted and Dorothy Horrell Scholarship - University of Colorado Denver
- Dick Todd Memorial Arrupe/Western State Colorado University Scholarship
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Contact the Office of College Counseling for guidance if you'd like to set up a college scholarship for alumni of Arrupe Jesuit at 303.455.7449 x225.



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