

SUMMER 2022

The GENERAL MESSENGER



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love bestowed upon us by Jesus Christ, the
source of goodness and joy in our world."*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AJHS Golf Invitational 2022

June 29, 2022

Sanctuary Golf Course

Sold Out!

Magis Night 2023

20th Anniversary Celebration!

March 4, 2023

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
Sponsorships and tickets available
soon at [MagisNight.com](https://www.MagisNight.com)

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at Arrupe Jesuit, join us on



The PRESIDENT'S CORNER



A Christmas prayer written by Fr. Karl Rahner, SJ, has stayed with me this semester, and seems particularly apt as Arrupe Jesuit offers its "Thanks" for a year of extraordinary grace. In his prayer, "**I Am There**," he writes:

Now God says to us

What He has already said to the earth as a whole

Through His grace-filled birth....

I am there. I am with you.

I am your life. I am your time....

Do not be afraid to be happy: ever since I wept, joy is the standard of living

That is really more suitable than the anxiety and grief of those who have no hope.

When Arrupe Jesuit is at its best, we work from this perspective of hope, secure in our faith and assured of the boundless love bestowed upon us by Jesus Christ, the source of goodness and joy in our world.

Do we experience moments of uncertainty at the school? Are there days when the challenges feel particularly daunting? Might we occasionally lose faith in one another? The answer to each of these questions is a humbling, 'yes'.

These doubts and frustrations, however, do not define us. More importantly, they diminish quickly in the light of the work accomplished each day at Arrupe Jesuit. In the stories that follow on these pages, you will see clearly that we are the school of happiness and joy that Fr. Rahner envisions in his prayer.

Magis Night returned to the Sheraton, where over 700 supporters gathered to celebrate our school, to listen to the stories of alumni and current students, and to honor our families for the love that inspires the sacrifices they make on behalf of their children.

Thanks to the connection of ACE Scholarships, Peyton Manning spent a morning with our students encouraging them to set priorities for their own success and to work on behalf of others during their journey through life.

A joint project with Shea Homes and Regis University led to the construction of home soccer fields – our first ever – on the campus of Regis University.

Most poignantly, our alumni returned home in record numbers to share their talents and perspectives with the school. In addition to the 11 alums who currently serve on the faculty and staff of the school, 35 alumni participated in CWSP training opportunities and another 23 spoke on alumni panels hosted at Arrupe.

No experience surpassed that of alumna, Lorena Delgado, who was blessed to talk with Pope Francis in a virtual town hall organized by the Jesuit colleges and universities of North America. After hearing her account, you'll understand how Lorena's experiences and studies prepared her for "the opportunity of a lifetime".

As you read the newsletter, I pray you see these stories as a litany of joy, encounters that affirm the love of our God who is here and who is with us; encounters that remind us that joy is truly the standard of living on Utica Street.

With continued prayers of thanks for your support,

Michael J. O'Hagan
President | AMDG

CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM UPDATE

As our Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) emerges from the fog of the past few years, it finds itself reentering a world that feels both similar and different to the one pre-March 2020.

Not only has CWSP had to adjust to the changing workplace demands for AJHS students, the internal CWSP team has done so while being almost entirely new. Whether it's new faces or new roles, no one on the team returned to the exact same place they were the year before. This has provided a unique opportunity to refine operations.

The CWSP Department continues to rebuild partnerships that were lost during the Pandemic, while also enhancing efforts to grow relationships with new hiring companies. Pre-pandemic, Arrupe Jesuit was able to provide meaningful employment experiences to 100% of the student body. During the 2020-21 school year, unfortunately, fewer than 25% of students were employed for the entire year. This year, we are proud to say that over 90% of students were employed by Denver metro-area businesses. Further, due to the generosity of AJHS supporters and business partners, in tandem with the reputation of its students, we expect 100% of Arrupe students will have meaningful employment throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

Getting back to full employment has taken, and will continue to take, commitment from both returning and new partners. Long-term partners like Ready Foods, Hercules Industries, Denver Tech Dentistry, and Leprino Foods hosted multiple teams of students, providing professional experience and career discernment opportunities. Newer partners such as Mile High Early Learning, STAQ Pharma, and UCEC have given our students a new perspective on the workplace. We are grateful for their consideration of bringing even more students into their offices this fall.

During the 2021-2022 school year, CWSP also reimagined the way the department has historically operated. The team doubled down on what has proven to work well for students, supervisors and businesses, and made impactful changes to programming, placements and training. To inform this process, the CWSP staff reached out to over 100 current business partners and past partners to gain insight. These conversations focused on the inspiration our program brings, and areas of improvement as it relates to preparing students and supervisors for success in the workplace. In addition, CWSP interviewed students and alumni to hear about their experiences and learn how to make it even better.

"CWSP has helped me develop the skills that are critical for the future and have also helped me apply those skills in different work settings throughout my four years at Arrupe. That is why Arrupe is so important to me and why CWSP is so unique, because even though we are as young as fourteen years old, we get to be work experienced and have the skills not many other students at our age have." Erika Nolasco, '21

While much progress has been made, the need for growth in our program and partners is imperative. CWSP is always in need of new partners who are excited about providing meaningful employment opportunities for Arrupe students and are looking to benefit from the energy, joy, and dedication they bring to work. If you have any suggestions for people or companies you think might be a fit, please reach out to CWSP Director, Chad Cookinham, at CCookinham@ArrupeJesuit.com or by phone at 720-726-3420.

ALUMNI SHARE THEIR WISDOM WITH STUDENTS



Arrupe Jesuit is home to a vibrant community that extends far beyond the walls of our building. Maintaining relationships with Alumni has been an incredibly rich and rewarding experience for the community - Arrupe graduates return to Utica street as teachers and staff, volunteers and Board members, thought leaders and role models for current students. Thanks to the generous gift from Rick and Molly Klau supporting our Alumni office, Arrupe Jesuit was able to expand offerings for Alumni Panels - providing opportunities for current students to hear from graduates who are out in the world pursuing college degrees and working in professional careers. Alumni Panels conducted in 2021-22 were focused on: Career Choices, College Discernment, Impact of an Arrupe Education, Life in College, and Making the Most of CWSP. We also hosted our first industry-specific panel, featuring our alums working in nursing and healthcare. 23 Alumni participated in panel discussions during the 2021-2022 school year, and we are expecting even more to participate next year!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!

96 Graduates

58% First Generation high school graduates

89% First generation college bound

100% College acceptance

Attending **19** Colleges and Universities

82% will attend a 4-year college

18% will attend a 2-year college

34% will attend Jesuit colleges

Earning over **\$18,000,000** in merit and community-based scholarships



Scholarship Highlights:

7 Daniels Fund Scholars

2 Dell Scholars

1 Greenhouse Scholar

2 Full-Tuition Scholarships to Colorado School of Mines

2 Porter Billups Scholars

7 Regis-Arrupe Scholars

1 Chick Evans Caddie Scholar

2 Creighton University Zoellner Scholars

2 Loyola University Chicago

Cristo Rey Scholars

5 Deloitte Foundation Scholars

1 YES Communities Building

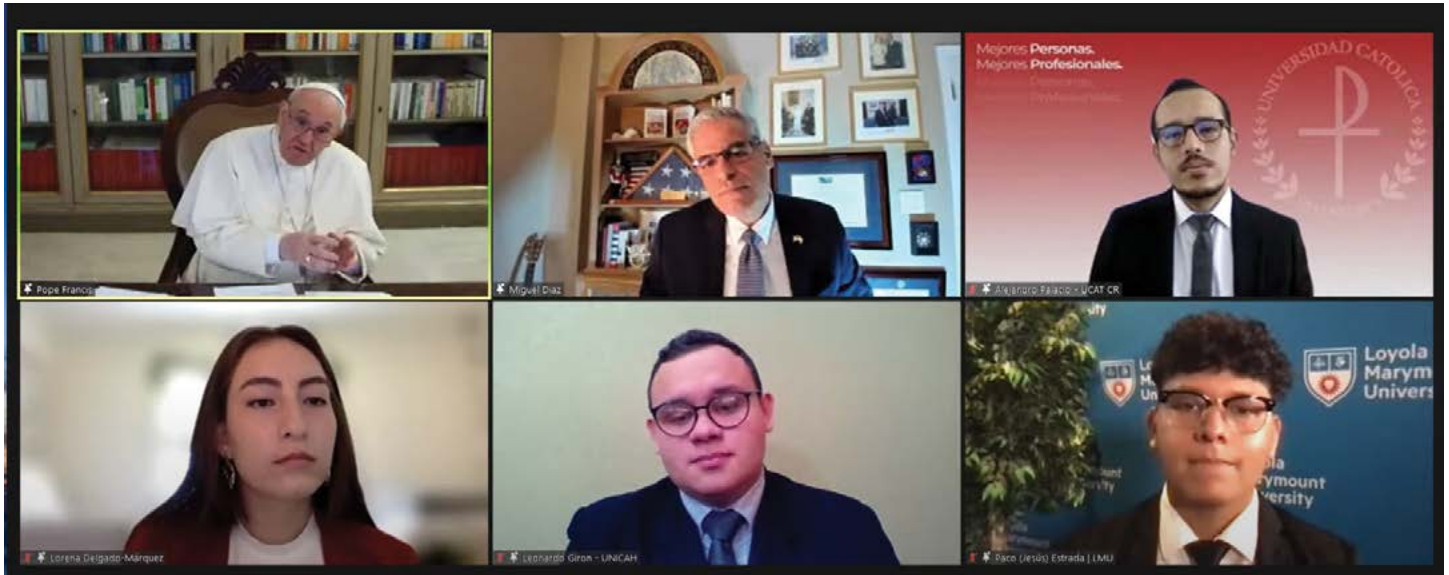
Futures Scholarship



"The only thing that grew more than Shaun from freshman year to now is the love that we have for each other and the Arrupe community. We made many memories together, but I don't think we realized that there was only a limited number of times we'd get to experience all of the little things that made our days at Arrupe Jesuit feel special. Though our high school journey ends here, our love for our teachers and each other doesn't end."

- Camila Rojas-Ramirez, Class of 2022 Valedictorian

Lorena Delgado-Márquez Speaks with Pope Francis



On February 24, Pope Francis met with Catholic university students across the Western Hemisphere in a virtual dialogue as part of the ongoing consultation process for the Synod of Bishops. The event, “Building Bridges: A Synodal Encounter Between Pope Francis and University Students,” was live-streamed with live translation in Spanish, English, and Portuguese. Students from 58 universities and 21 countries participated by video conference, but only a small panel of students were chosen to speak directly with Pope Francis.

Lorena Delgado-Márquez, AJHS Class of 2018 Valedictorian and recent Santa Clara University graduate was among the students invited to sit on the student panel for this 75-minute Zoom call with Pope Francis. In preparation for the conversation, students met to share ideas and potential topics of discussion. During these conversations, each region boiled their ideas down to a single topic that they would present to the Pope, focusing on perspectives on issues that impact their lives, including immigration and matters related to economic and environmental justice.

Lorena was the first student to introduce herself to the Pope, an exciting moment for her family watching the Spanish-translated live stream. After introductions, two student representatives from each region were invited to present an issue of concern, a resolution proposal, and a direct question to Pope Francis. Lorena told the Pope that her student group “stands in solidarity with other students across this country and Latin America to denounce the socio-economic inequalities and lack of educational opportunities available to migrants and children of migrants” and resolved that “universities should conduct research within their own population and surrounding communities to identify and listen to migrants’ stories, the causes of their ongoing

marginalization, and their life-sustaining needs,” followed by further work to develop partnerships between universities and the private sector to address the social inequalities that this research will identify.

“I am a child of migrants,” said Pope Francis. “Migrants have to be received, they must be accompanied. Migrants must be promoted, they must be integrated.” He said societies that receive immigrants should realize that children of migrants respect their cultural roots. “We must respect their roots and at the same time, offer elements of the new culture so that they can be integrated,” he said. “We cannot integrate the migrant but make them forget their own roots. That is not integration.”

As a person directly impacted by migration, and a long-time advocate for migrant rights and allyship, Lorena felt deep fulfillment in this unique opportunity to bring her work into such a public conversation. She shared that at times, her advocacy work for migrants has felt lonely, but meeting so many people through this experience who are equally as passionate about immigration provided a sense of validation, support, and of being in community with others around the world.

When asked about the most memorable moment of the entire experience, Lorena shared that she was moved by Pope Francis’ presence during the call. He was fully present, listening and thinking about what they said, and responding in real-time. She was able to see him as a fellow human who was truly interested in what the students had to say. Lorena’s closing question to Pope Francis was “Would it be possible for you (and future Popes) to meet with us again and turn this personal encounter between the Pope and university students into a tradition?” She and her fellow students were pleased to hear him say “Yes.”

AROUND ARRUPE JESUIT

The JOY Initiative

A working group of Arrupe Jesuit faculty and staff was formed last year to address challenges associated with the transition from pandemic online learning back to in-person attendance. The primary goal was to respond to staff and student needs surrounding school culture, to ensure a true sense of togetherness once again. **The group discussed what it meant to be “Of Arrupe,” named the ideals of an Arrupe education, and provided more opportunities to recognize positive student contributions to the school community.**

The group also identified a list of key words that describe what it means to be “Of Arrupe,” including joy, kindness, empathy, gratitude, generosity, companionship, compassion, respect, and community; Ignatian values. Each month, staff were able to recognize student behaviors exemplifying these themes in the moment with Joy cards (or

Kindness cards, etc). Students in possession of a card at the end of the month were able to redeem them for incentives such as ice cream, dress down days, or Arrupe Jesuit swag. In addition, staff were able to nominate each other for exemplifying similar behavior.

Focusing on what matters helps the school community to recognize what is important and encourages positive behavior. It is often said that Mahatma Gandhi advised, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” In fact, he actually stated, “We but mirror the world. ... If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. ... This is the divine mystery supreme. A wonderful thing it is and the source of our happiness. We need not wait to see what others do.” Gandhi’s point is that in order to make effective change in this world, we must first alter ourselves. That is what we strive to do here at Arrupe Jesuit.

VOLUNTEERS:

A Gift to Arrupe Jesuit

The 2021-2022 school year provided 67 volunteer opportunities for our external community to share their knowledge and experience with our students. From mock interviews to career panels to senior capstone, we cannot thank our volunteers enough for donating their time and talent towards enhancing the student experience. **313 individuals spent over 1,500 hours with our students in the classroom (and on Zoom!)** developing workplace skills, providing interview support, reviewing college applications, judging essays for the writing challenge, and more.

After a year-long of tracking volunteer services, three individuals stood out. We would like to recognize our top three volunteers for the school year, Jim Ginley, Florence Navarro, and Sara Hogan. Your dedication to the students of Arrupe Jesuit is evident and we are lucky to have you in our community.

Interested in joining our volunteer list? Please head to our sign up page on our website at www.ArrupeJesuit.com/give/volunteer.

“What a great day. I was so honored to be in the presence of these kids as a volunteer. If you don’t know about Arrupe, please reach out and learn. Congrats to the 90 + graduating Seniors. You will all accomplish great things. Thanks again for allowing me to be a part of your capstone projects.”

-Tom Konkel, Volunteer Panelist for Senior Capstone Day



Peyton Manning Visit



On April 5, the Arrupe Jesuit community was excited to welcome Peyton Manning for a surprise appearance at our Spring Pep Rally! This special opportunity was brought to us by ACE Scholarships and an anonymous donor. During his visit, the retired Broncos champion addressed the entire school and answered questions from students. **20 lucky students (all of whom were ACE Scholars), selected through an essay contest, were able to meet Peyton in person, take a photo, and receive a signed football.** Most notable, when a student asked what Mr. Manning did with his first NFL paycheck, Peyton responded with a humbling answer that rang true for our crowd: “It’s not about what you buy, it’s about making sure you’ve earned it.”



NEW PASTORAL OFFERING

Silent Retreat for Seniors

In April, Arrupe Jesuit held our first ever Senior Silent Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Sedalia. Sixteen Seniors participated, starting on Palm Sunday and returning to campus on Tuesday of Holy Week. The retreat was led by Fr. Fryer, SJ, Fr. Nugent, SJ, Ms. Olivia Britt, and Ms. Patty Moncada, and consisted of four spiritual talks given by the staff leaders, private prayer time, and individual spiritual direction for each student. On their way back to Denver, the retreatants enjoyed a reflective, community-building hike at Roxborough State Park.

All Arrupe Jesuit Seniors participate in an annual Class retreat in February, so this was a second, voluntary retreat for our participating students. The Senior Silent Retreat was founded as part of our school's new Strategic Plan, building toward the goal of increasing student wellness and enhancing the student experience at Arrupe Jesuit. If the comments from the Seniors are any indication, they loved the prayerful time of discernment as they bring their Senior year to a close.



"The best part of the Senior Silent Retreat was being able to share my thoughts with my spiritual advisor. She provided a lot of insight and took time to listen." -Camila, Class of 2022

"I thought this was awesome and I would 10/10 do it again." -Carlos, Class of 2022

MAGIS NIGHT RECAP

Magis Night 2022: A Season of New Growth was held on February 26 at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. We were grateful to be fully in-person this year, and welcomed over 700 guests at the event. We are humbled by the incredible generosity of our community who joined together in supporting Arrupe Jesuit from near and far. Magis Night 2022 raised a net total of approximately \$1.1 Million for Arrupe Jesuit High School.

Bill Fortune was honored with the Magis Award, which recognizes individuals, who through their actions, have shown extraordinary dedication to the principle of the Magis, the more, and to Arrupe Jesuit, by pursuing the greatest good and living as a man or woman for others. Bill is one of the original founders of Arrupe Jesuit High School and continues to support our work, mission, students, and staff to this day.

Our video focused on the stories of three sisters who all graduated from Arrupe Jesuit. They shared their experiences of moving to the US as children, facing gang violence in middle school, and finding their way through high school, into college, and onto their professional careers. Maria, the middle sister, joined us onstage to speak at Magis Night, sharing her story including her connection to the Kathy Fortune Memorial Scholarship.

Our student speaker was Bryan Covarrubias of the Class of 2022. He expressed that his time at Arrupe Jesuit was inspiring and eye-opening, and gave particular acknowledgment to his mother, who has encouraged him every step of the way. Bryan closed his speech by saying, **"My time at Arrupe has been the biggest honor of my life; I have grown closer to God, to my classmates, and to my teachers. I truly feel at home at Arrupe Jesuit. Here at Arrupe, I found my sunshine."**





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