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which enables us to renew ourselves ceaselessly and thus to adapt ourselves to new situations as they arise," Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, the 28th Superior General

of the Society of Jesus, once said. "What is this something? It is the spirit of

constantly seeking the will of God."

The PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Friends.

Life at Arrupe Jesuit has looked a bit different since our last General Messenger, as COVID-19 necessitated the suspension of inperson learning in March. Although we were forced to pivot quickly from normal operations, our faculty and staff adapted to new, virtual ways of conducting classes and delivering other services with innovation and creativity. While Prom and our traditional graduation at Regis University were canceled, we still managed to host, virtually, the majority of our Spring events, including Senior Capstone and the Junior Leadership Mass.

Now that the spring semester has come to a close and lockers sit empty for the summer, we have focused our attention on planning for the upcoming school year. Obviously, we want students to return to Utica Street, but we must be able to welcome and serve them safely. We are learning, therefore, how to implement the safety protocols mandated by the state and determining what resources we will need to meet those expectations. We also continue to work closely with our Corporate Work Study Program partners to determine their capacity to hire students in the fall, and to identify the steps we need to take in order to place students safely at their jobs.

Our contingency planning also includes an assessment of the increased operating expenses that will be incurred as we work to maintain health and safety at the school, provide increased financial aid to families, provide increased counseling support to students, hire additional staff, and increase our use of technology for virtual education. While the challenges are real, we are confident in our ability to remain faithful to Arrupe's mission.

So, as you read the following accounts of the great work being accomplished on Utica Street, I ask that you join me in thanksgiving for the blessings that God bestows upon our community, and for the opportunity for us all to know Him more fully through the mission of Arrupe Jesuit High School. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

With gratitude,

Michael J. O'Hagan President

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CORPORATE Work Study Program

CWSP Navigates New Challenges

As Arrupe Jesuit navigates the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we offer our thoughts and prayers to each of our 130 CWSP partners who face similar challenges. Most of our students were unable to work at their jobs after the school closed, though a handful were able to work remotely, bringing some hope for next fall when remote work may be a reality for many more. These students were able to perform job responsibilities such as data entry, answering calls, digital record-keeping, invoicing, and Excel projects.

Despite the challenges brought on by COVID-19, many CWSP partners have expressed excitement and enthusiasm to have student teams back in their offices when possible, and have shared stories about the positive impressions left by our students in the workplace.

"We're so excited to have Jenni at The Conflict Center.

From day one, she's jumped in to help out where she can.

She is smart and has excellent attention to detail. She's even started learning Salesforce andhas gotten it down!

We're so grateful for her.

Supervisor at The Conflict Center, CWSP Partner since 2016

Arrupe Jesuit is working with each partner to address and overcome obstacles as we prepare to send students to work in fall 2020. Whether through remote needs, in-person staffing, or changed schedules, it is these partnerships that allow us to provide an affordable college preparatory education to the families we serve. In addition to changes in company work flows and schedules, reimagining student schedules (both in-person and online) will allow for greater



Robert demonstrates his knowledge of horticulture and animal husbandry at Growhaus, where he has worked for two years.
He intends to become a veterinarian, so one of his responsibilities is caring for their rabbits.

use of time to train our students in software and technology that our partners find the most valuable. Further training on programs such as Microsoft Excel will make up a good portion of our anticipated fall training for all students.

As our student body grows, so does our need for new corporate partners to provide professional career experience for each of our students. Arrupe Jesuit is working to partner with 30+ new organizations to provide employment opportunities for our 323 current and 123 incoming students. If you know of a company that might be interested in partnering with Arrupe Jesuit High School's Corporate Work Study Program, please connect with Rick Ninneman, Director of CWSP at RNinneman@ArrupeJesuit.com or 720.726.3420.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CORPORATE WORK STUDY PARTNER?

KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE?

If you make a personal introduction to an employer and they become a CWSP partner within 12 months, you will receive a \$200 VISA gift card.

Referrals can be made to Sonia Adame at SAdame@ArrupeJesuit.com or Rick Ninneman at RNinneman@ArrupeJesuit.com

Learn more about CWSP at ArrupeJesuit.com/Corporate-Work-Study-Program/

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SPRING UPDATE

Spring of 2020 brought a wave of new challenges as Arrupe Jesuit High School dealt with the serious impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Arrupe Jesuit was able to adapt to the ever-changing landscape that swept over Colorado, and continues to respond as things unfold into summer.

Roxana, Class of 2020, to the staff of Bella Natural Women's Care, "I can't help but think about all the wonderful staff working at the clinic while the pandemic is happening. At the moment things are very hard and I would like to thank you all for taking the time to care for others. Know that my family and I are constantly praying for all of you and your families. I miss being at the clinic and being able to help out. I really appreciate having had the time to learn how a clinic runs, and see the different procedures and appointments there are. I especially am grateful for the funny moments that have happened; the laughs shared have been my favorite part of it all."

Students officially began remote learning on March 16th, and though we didn't know it at the time, the school would remain closed through the remainder of the spring semester. Teaching faculty worked quickly to develop new, virtual approaches, taking special care to ensure no student fell behind. This Spring semester of virtual learning has presented many challenges,

Arrupe Jesuit students adapted deftly to virtual learning, in part due to the existing use of technology in our classrooms. One of the biggest challenges for students and teachers alike has been the lack of in-person contact during class time, which has meant a reliance on email and video calls to stay in touch. Virtual learning has provided an opportunity for increased flexibility, which for some students meant completing coursework late at night when they had moments of silence to concentrate. For others, it was a fast lesson in time management and self-motivation that will serve them well as they adjust to future responsibilities in college and career.

Spring is a busy time at Arrupe Jesuit, with events, celebrations, school traditions, and, of course, Graduation. Social distancing has led to cancellations, rescheduling, and virtual modifications of many things. This year we conducted a completely virtual Pedro Arrupe Writing Challenge, a virtual Senior Capstone Day, postponement of the CWSP Info Breakfast and Partner Appreciation Luncheon, postponement of the Arrupe Jesuit Graduation ceremony, and the unfortunate cancellation of Prom. Our hearts felt especially for the Senior class, whose final weeks of high school deviated significantly from their expectations.

Through the past few months, the community has demonstrated their love, faith, and support in the most amazing ways. Benefactors have recommitted their support; CWSP supervisors have reached out to offer encouragement to their student teams; students have taken to social media to share messages of hope and kindness; and our staff came together to record a special video for Teacher Appreciation Week, among countless other acts showing just what it means to be men and women for others.

Victor, Class of 2020, "This last year was one of the best years of my life. I got a new experience in life not only when I went into high school but I also got to work at a real job with different people that I didn't know. It was super cool to get to know how to go out into the world and work for a company by myself. When I came the first day I was scared to talk to people but CWSP did their job and helped me to lose my fear and to open myself to everyone and to be confident in myself. For sure this was the best year of my life."

CONGRATULATIONS! The Class of 2020 is College Bound



but it has also provided opportunities for growth and innovation. Teachers have adapted their lessons and their methods of communication, as well as adopted new tools and technologies to enrich their virtual classrooms.

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AROUND ARRUPE JESUIT

Celebrating Our Seniors

On May 15th, teams of faculty and staff delivered personalized yard signs and a care package with their cap and gown, a t-shirt from their chosen college, and a keepsake medal to each Senior. A large banner is proudly displayed in front of the school, congratulating the Class of 2020 and displaying the logos of all of the colleges they will attend this fall. On May 22nd, we held a live broadcast blessing of the medals for the seniors.



Adapting to Virtual Teaching

With the abrupt end to in-person learning this school year, our teaching faculty pivoted in an incredible way, delivering curriculum through a mix of recorded lectures, video calls, electronic assignments, and much more.





Strengthening Our Faith

The Arrupe Jesuit Pastoral team has kept students engaged through daily videos featuring prayers and birthday acknowledgements recorded by students, faculty, and staff and shared using our virtual Arrupe Student Life Homeroom. Throughout our spring semester, we have maintained a regular school liturgical schedule. Our Jesuits held virtual All School Mass in April and another in May, which served as a digital version of the annual Junior Leadership Mass. We also offered liturgies for our wider community with a live broadcast Easter Mass, and our hope is to be able to share our Baccalaureate Mass with the community in July. The Arrupe Jesuit Pastoral Department continues to provide pastoral counseling to faculty, staff, and students through chat and video.

In Service of Others

At Arrupe Jesuit High School, we value commitment to service and encourage students to live as men and women for others. Senior Service Projects, organized by Dan Everson, SJ, were cut short in March when the city closed down. In January and February, AJHS students volunteered at Senior Support Services, a day center for seniors experiencing homelessness, preparing and serving food.

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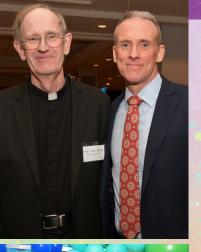
Students Ahtziri, Xavier, Daniela, Ana, Valeria, Yadhira, and Johan (pictured left to right) participate in volunteer work at Senior Support Services.





Realized at Magis Night 20/20!

We are humbled by the incredible generosity of our community who joined together in support of Arrupe Jesuit High School at Magis Night 2020, surpassing our goal and raising net proceeds of over \$1,080,000! This event was possible thanks to the support of our community with dedicated and bold leadership from our Board of Trustees, Magis Night CoChairs, and the Magis Night Committee. Together we make possible an Arrupe Jesuit education for our students and families.





that does not hold your hand or coddle you and tell you blindly that everything is going to be okay. No, this love is the type that holds you accountable to responsibilities, professionalism, deadlines; it's the radical love that makes you see the world outside your perspective and holds you accountable not just to yourself, but to your community. This radical approach helped me turn what seemed like an impossible collection of dreams into realities. This is what happens when you give a kid like me an opportunity to find a deeper sense of purpose, to be courageous, and to become my best self."

"Arrupe stands for a radical sense of love...one

 Jose Madrid, AJHS Class of 2010. Georgetown University Class of 2014. Georgetown Law Class of 2019

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