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



The PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



I join this community with great excitement and a deep sense of purpose. In this office, I am humbled to follow in Michael O'Hagan and Fr. John Nugent's footsteps and work alongside our dedicated faculty, staff, and families in shaping young people of conscience, competence, and compassion. I firmly believe that our work is sacred, and it has been the driving force of my life to serve God through this mission.

I was born and raised in the greater Denver community and have had the privilege of attending Regis Jesuit High School and Regis University. After graduation, the Alumni Service Corps of the then Missouri Province took me to DeSmet Jesuit High School in Saint Louis. After a year of teaching freshmen boys biology (and yes, of course, I have great stories), I knew education was my vocation, especially in the tradition of the Society of Jesus. Our shared mission and God's incredible sense of humor then took me to two other Jesuit high schools; first, back to my alma mater to teach science, coach, and be a part of service projects and retreats, and next out to the desert of California, to Xavier College Preparatory to serve as an administrator.

The evidence of God's work in this community is truly moving. It is a testament to God's grace that we are surrounded by such love, support, and dedication. From our committed faculty, staff, administration, and volunteers to our Corporate Work Study partners who open their doors to our young people, to the parents who entrust us with their children's education, to the donors and benefactors who have tirelessly contributed to the growth of Arrupe Jesuit, your unwavering support is the backbone of our success. I am deeply grateful for your contributions.

Every person I have met throughout the entire Denver community positively gushes about the excellent work at Arrupe Jesuit. I am committed to being a shepherd and support, ensuring that we continue to provide the students and families of Arrupe Jesuit with a transformational educational experience. In my time here, I will uphold our shared mission and values and work tirelessly to maintain the high standards that have been set.

Thank you for your generosity and continued partnership. Arrupe Jesuit's future is bright, and I look forward to meeting you all in person!

Emily Glenn
Principal | AMDG

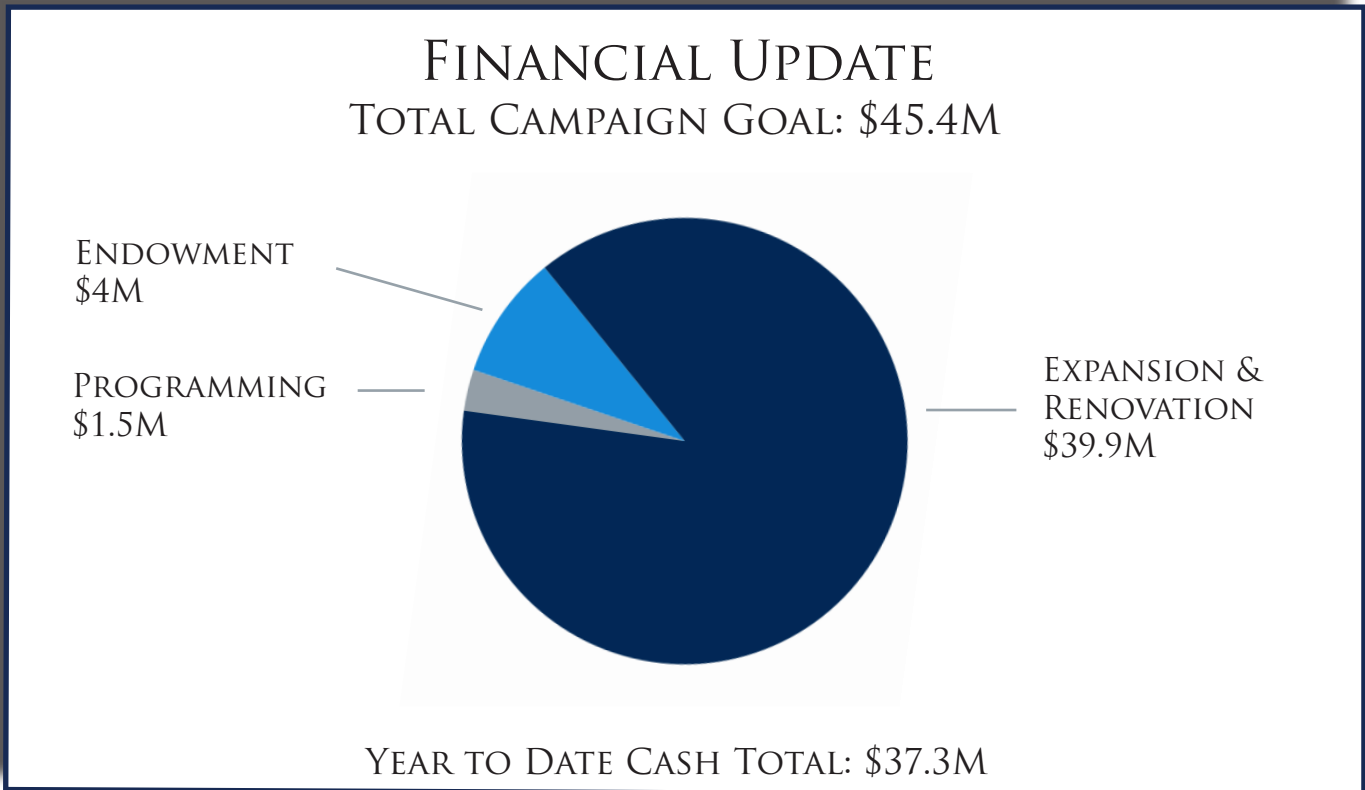
LEAD THE WAY: IMAGINING MORE FOR ARRUPE JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

In 2022, we started with nothing but a big dream and a quest to help Colorado's most deserving students and families seek better, high quality educational opportunities. Two years, and over \$40 million later, we are on the verge of completing the largest capital campaign in Arrupe's history.

Thanks to incredible and unprecedented support, Arrupe Jesuit is on the cusp of transformational growth implemented through four major Lead the Way Capital Campaign goals:

- Expand the Arrupe Jesuit campus, adding a new science wing and gymnasium.
- Renovate the existing campus, creating space for up to 75 new students.
- Advance the student academic and extracurricular programming.
- Strengthen the endowment for long term sustainability.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Arrupe community, we have raised over \$37 million in cash gifts and an additional \$5 million in estate gifts specifically designated for Arrupe's endowment. Of the cash received, \$1.5 million has been earmarked to the "Loyola Fund" to support recently implemented programs promoted in our strategic plan. With \$34 million allocated to construction, we have covered 90% of the construction costs. However, to fully fund the project, we need to raise an additional \$4 million. While we are grateful for the significant progress made, there is still much work to be done before we have fulfilled the promise made to our students and families through the *Lead the Way* Campaign.



To learn more or contribute to this historic effort, contact Liz Cole, Director of Philanthropy at lcole@arrupejesuit.com

THE FUTURE OF ARRUPE

The updated gymnasium to be added to the north side of Arrupe's current campus will house enough seating for 500 spectators, our first ever locker rooms, a trainer's office, and a concession stand to encourage greater school spirit!



New Gymnasium - View 1



New Gymnasium - View 2

The gym will double as a gathering space for performances, assemblies, and more. We intend to explore options for more community events from the North Denver neighborhood to enhance our partnerships across the Metro Denver area.

A look at the updated Arrupe Jesuit entrance! By shifting the main entrance to the north side of Utica St., we're able to increase the security of the building, while helping the flow of traffic as we increase to 500 students in the coming years.



Building Exterior - View from Utica St.



Expansion Exterior - Southeast View



Expansion Exterior - Northeast View

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL



Main Entrance



Makers Space STEM Wing

A look at some of our newest spaces in the building, including updated science labs, a "Makers Space" for hands-on learning, a college and career readiness center, and meeting rooms for current and prospective families, alumni, guests, and more.



Meeting Space



Lab in STEM Wing



College and Career Readiness Wing



Second Level Corridor

CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM



2024 SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR Stephanie Webb of St. Anthony North Hospital

Stephanie Webb, a dedicated supervisor with Arrupe Jesuit's Corporate Work Study Program, has been honored with the 2024 CWSP Supervisor of the Year award. Over her five-year tenure, Stephanie has guided Arrupe students in a variety of roles, from supporting the executive team and nursing floors, to assisting at events and welcoming visitors. Her mentorship has fostered significant student growth, exemplified by alumna, Luna Montesinos, now in her third year of nursing school at Regis University, and Joann Hatch, who transitioned from aspiring real estate agent to nursing student at Seattle University.



Arrupe Jesuit students have become integral to St. Anthony's success, learning to take pride in their work, making meaningful contributions. Her approach—emphasizing responsibility, professionalism, and personal growth—has left a lasting impact on students, preparing them for diverse future opportunities. Stephanie continues to inspire and develop young talent, believing deeply in the capabilities and potential of every Arrupe student.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT - DANIELS FUND

For two decades, the Daniels Fund has been transformative in helping to empower Arrupe students to achieve their highest potential. Highlighting the impact of the partnership are the 78 Daniels Fund Scholarship Awards earned by Arrupe students since 2007, each a gateway to college and lifelong success. Beyond the generous scholarships, the Daniels Fund has been dedicated to initiatives like the Corporate Work Study Program, fostering professional growth, and youth sports, instilling values of teamwork and resilience.

In recent years, they have also been supportive of efforts to increase enrollment, giving more students access to high-quality seats. Further, this year, the Daniels Fund invested significantly in the Lead the Way Capital Campaign, a testament to their shared aspiration for excellence, ensuring state-of-the-art facilities and resources for generations to come. A special thanks to the leadership and Board of Directors of the Daniels Fund for your collaboration in shaping tomorrow's leaders!



*Arrupe Jesuit 2024 Daniels Scholars
Left to right: Isaac Esquivel Ceballos, Kamila Ruiz, Zafiro Portillos,
Julissa Fernandez, and Valerie Antunez*

"We are thrilled to support Arrupe Jesuit High School's new gymnasium project and their Corporate Work Study Program. These initiatives will allow Arrupe to prepare even more young students for success with the leadership and perseverance learned through sports, as well as the experience and career readiness they gain through work study."

-Hanna Skandera, President & CEO of the Daniels Fund

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - ISABELLE TRUJILLO



Influenced by another family whose children attended Arrupe and the recruitment efforts of Mrs. Orozco, Isabelle's family chose to send their daughter to Arrupe. Isabelle immediately felt a deep connection to the school, recognizing it as a place to thrive both personally and professionally.

One of her most memorable moments at Arrupe occurred during an outdoor adventure retreat in Genesee. Nervous about making new friends, she stood atop a twenty-foot-high telephone pole, frozen with fear. Encouraged by her classmates' cheers, she jumped, missed the bar, but embraced the experience. This moment taught her to face challenges with confidence and enthusiasm.

Reflecting on her high school years, Isabelle values the importance of networking and involvement. Her participation in Student Government, Prom Committee, and athletics enriched her experience and equipped her with life skills. Networking opportunities through Corporate Work Study events and connections discovered through her jobs. These experiences prepared her for college and beyond, teaching her the

significance of building and leveraging relationships for professional growth. Isabelle also learned that resilience and failure are stepping stones to success.

A cherished CWSP experience was at the Colorado House of Representatives, where her supervisor, Leon Brandi, significantly influenced her professional development. Isabelle gradually gained confidence and developed excellent presentation skills, transforming into a poised and effective communicator under Leon's guidance. After graduating from Arrupe, Isabelle received several scholarships, enabling her to attend Loyola University Chicago.

She excelled academically and was actively involved in leadership roles and internships. Studying abroad in London further broadened her horizons. Graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business, Isabelle is now seeking employment in marketing, human resources management, and analytics.

Isabelle fondly remembers faculty and staff at Arrupe who were instrumental in her growth. Mr. Graham, her chemistry teacher, inspired her love for science. Mrs. Fuchs ignited her passion for literature, and Mr. Ladd, who introduced her to Ignatian Reflection, served as a sports mentor. Fr. Fryer provided unwavering support and guidance, helping Isabelle navigate high school and grow in her faith.

Attending Arrupe Jesuit High School profoundly impacted Isabelle's life. Beyond building a strong resume, Arrupe taught her to embrace her identity and make a positive impact on the community. As she embarks on the next phase of her life, Isabelle carries the lessons, values, and memories from Arrupe, inspiring current and future students with her perseverance and dedication.



Student Reflection on Sophomore Generals Together

by Jade, Class of 2026

“Sophomore Generals Together empowered the Class of 2026 to make a difference and to understand who we are and who we can be through faith-filled leadership. Through events like Sophomore Leadership Day and the Overnight Retreat, we learned about leading with love, fostering healthy communication, and embracing empathy. During the retreat, we had a lot of time for reflection and to discern who we are as people and leaders. I have been challenged to grow into the Christian leader I aspire to be by being compassionate, empathetic, encouraging, a servant leader, and most importantly, loving. Sophomore Generals Together filled me with many inspirations and insights to take through high school and the rest of my life.”



A Big Welcome to Boys Volleyball

In addition to Co-ed Cheerleading, Arrupe Jesuit also added Boys Volleyball to our list of athletic offerings for the 2023-2024 school year! Head Coach, Connor Saeman, had this to say about their inaugural season, “This year, our team balanced learning a new sport with maintaining a competitive spirit, which was both rewarding and challenging. With players of varying experience levels, we focused on fostering humility and skill development while striving for victory. Achieving this balance was a new and exciting journey, and I’m eager to see how it evolves in year two!”

15 students initially expressed interest in participating in boys volleyball. When 38 came to tryouts, we knew something special was just added to the fabric of our Athletics Department. Go Generals!



Pedro's Post

Extra, extra, read all about it! Arrupe now has a school newspaper titled “Pedro’s Post,” named in honor of the school’s namesake, Pedro Arrupe, SJ. The paper was a resounding success during its debut year. The student team comprised of freshmen, published four issues, one each semester, and delivered them fresh off the press to classrooms during third period. The paper covered school-wide events from senior nights to community gatherings such as ¡VIVA! Arrupe. We are on the edge of our seats to see what stories make the front page at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Inaugural Junior Service Project

“One strength I didn’t know I had was speaking Spanish. During my week of service, I helped migrants from Venezuela learn English. Using both of the languages I know, helped me realize I can really help people in ways that others cannot.”

- Emily, Class of 2025

During the week of March 5-8, eleven Juniors participated in Arrupe’s first-ever, week-long Junior Service Project. Each student completed a pre-training with their parents at Arrupe and then went out into the community and volunteered at their site for the week. In total, the students served at four sites in the Denver Metro area including Ricardo Flores Magon Academy, Annunciation Catholic School, SAME Cafe, and the Samaritan House, providing 352 hours of service to the local community.

We are proud of these young men and women, who have heeded the call to be for, and with others. Way to go Generals!



Mock Trial



From Robotics to Yearbook to Generals for Justice to Mexican Dance, there is no shortage of extracurricular clubs that students can engage in throughout the year. One club that stood out this year for their collaboration and teamwork is Mock Trial. This club has been a staple in the Arrupe community for over 15 years, largely supported by Wheeler Trigg O’Donnell.

“Students were incredibly supportive of each other and so much fun to coach! A substantial group of wonderful freshmen joined us this year and their enthusiasm was contagious. We also saw a lot of leadership from our upperclassmen. Students were flexible and stepped up to fill in and do things out of their comfort zone. The coaches are all incredibly proud of the growth they saw in the students this year and of their great performance at the competition!”

- Audrey Bianco, Mock Trial Coach

Shh, Senior Silent Retreat in Progress

In its third year, this retreat is something special. Taking place in a student’s last semester at Arrupe, seniors are asked to apply for this specific retreat, which is limited to 20 participants. “SSR,” as it is affectionately called, has the aim of introducing students to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, as well as elements of personal prayer and the process of discernment with a spiritual director. This retreat truly takes a student’s spiritual experience at Arrupe to a new level and allows them to continue to explore the topics and resources that were introduced on other retreats in a more personal way, giving the students the opportunity to take ownership of their faith as they step forward into their future after Arrupe.





“I’M READY FOR THE CHALLENGES OF SENIOR YEAR. I LIKE
PUSHING MYSELF TO PROVE I CAN DO BETTER THAN YESTERDAY.”

CRISTIAN, CLASS OF 2025

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - CRISTIAN

A Senior and His Startup

Cristian, a senior at Arrupe Jesuit High School, embodies the values instilled by his Mexican immigrant parents. His father’s job at DCPS allows his mother to care for his youngest sibling, shaping Cristian’s sense of responsibility and gratitude. Beginning at Ricardo Flores Magon Academy, near Regis University, Cristian’s educational journey prepared him well for his transition to Arrupe Jesuit. It was also influenced by mentors like his childhood soccer coach Luis Salas, the CWSP Operations Manager at Arrupe, who highlighted the school’s supportive environment.

In addition to playing soccer for Arrupe, Cristian has thrived in the CWSP, gaining valuable work experience. With aspirations to study business in college, Cristian dreams of owning his own business, and one for his father. Considering universities like Loyola University Chicago, Santa Clara University, and Regis University, Cristian is eager to pursue his goals.

In the summer of 2023, Cristian took a proactive step towards his entrepreneurial dreams by launching a landscaping business in partnership with a local real estate agent. Despite facing challenges, he gained valuable insights into entrepreneurship. Successful enough to hire his cousins, Cristian emphasizes professionalism while maintaining familial bonds, ensuring their focus and commitment to tasks, like power washing and full-service gutter cleaning, which are completed with proper safety measures.

Cristian’s journey underscores the importance of determination, hard work, and community support. His upbringing and experiences at Arrupe Jesuit have equipped him with essential skills for future success. Approaching his senior year, Cristian reflects proudly on his achievements and looks forward to making a significant impact driven by his values and experiences.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT - MARIA OROZCO



Maria Orozco, our Director of Admissions, has a heart full of empathy and a dedication to fostering a nurturing environment. She, without a doubt, has been an invaluable asset to our community for the past decade.

Maria was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, then moved to Colorado when she was three. Growing up in Commerce City, a tight-knit community, played a pivotal role in shaping her values and instilling in her a deep sense of belonging and family. As a first-generation college graduate, she began her

undergraduate studies at Colorado State University in Fort Collins and later transferred to the University of Colorado Denver to complete a degree in Business Administration.

Before joining Arrupe Jesuit High School, Maria worked as a call center attendant, helping marginalized communities with healthcare needs. She scheduled appointments, facilitated medication refills, and provided information on affordable healthcare. This role taught her patience and empathy, often dealing with patients during challenging times. Maria's leadership skills emerged as she volunteered for roles like "Change Agent," discovering her passion for helping others.

A mentor at Arrupe inspired Maria to pursue a career in education. Visiting the school several times, she felt a profound sense of peace during her interview, a feeling she later recognized as God's presence. This spiritual connection has fueled her dedication and strength throughout her tenure at Arrupe.

Over the past ten years, Maria has found joy in knowing the students and learning from them. Reflecting on her own experiences, she connects deeply with the students, driven by the love and support she sees from their parents, reminiscent of her mother's unwavering support. Maria's role allows her to witness students' growth from their 8th grade year to graduation and beyond. She cherishes seeing former students return as successful professionals and parents.

Maria's upbringing and her mother's encouragement deeply root her dedication to Arrupe. Her mother's belief in her abilities instilled a love for learning and the confidence to overcome challenges. We are incredibly grateful for Maria's contributions and look forward to many more years of her compassionate leadership.

Maria finds immense joy in recognizing the talents of incoming students and building strong partnerships with parents. She strives daily to appreciate the unique qualities of each applicant and parent(s). Maria Orozco's story is a shining example of how one person's dedication and compassion can profoundly impact many lives.

Maria, we are blessed to have you in our community and are deeply grateful for your contributions!



COLLEGE SIGNING DAY!

Every May, in addition to Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation, Arrupe dedicates an entire morning to celebrating our seniors and their accomplishments of getting into college. We hold this assembly in the gymnasium, inviting all underclassmen, representatives from each college, and special guests to applaud our seniors for all they have accomplished. Over the years, this has come to be known as "College Signing Day!"

This year was as special as ever. Over \$20M was awarded to 97 students who will attend 26 different colleges and universities. To say the celebration was meaningful would be an understatement.



THE CLASS OF 2024: THE CLASS OF BRILLIANCE!

On May 23 and May 24, the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Celebration of Arrupe Jesuit's Class of 2024 were held on the campus of Regis University. During these two incredibly powerful events, President Michael O'Hagan was "reminded of the brilliance of our graduates, the sacrifices they've made in pursuit of a more hopeful future, and the determination they've exhibited over four years inspiring everyone who has accompanied them during their time on Utica Street. We pray in gratitude for all those who choose to invest in our students, and who work with them to make the impossible possible."

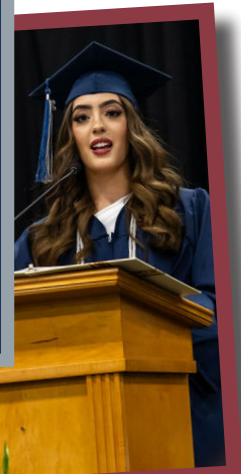
Graduation is also a time for reflection. We can look back to four years ago when the Class of 2024 walked anxiously through our doors in the midst of COVID and we can now confidently say that we delivered on the promise we made to them – a promise of opportunity.

We are inspired by the remarkable achievements of our 18th graduating class. This outstanding group of 97 seniors has shown incredible determination, resilience, and academic excellence throughout their high school journey. Today, we proudly share their accomplishments with the world.



CLASS OF 2024: BY THE NUMBERS

- 80% first-generation high school graduates
- 97% will be the first in their families to attend college
- Over \$20M earned in merit and community-based scholarships (and counting!). Scholarships include but are not limited to:
 - » 1 Creighton University Zoellner Family Scholar
 - » 3 Colorado School of Mines Full-Tuition Scholars
 - » 5 Daniels Fund Scholars
 - » 3 Dell Scholars
 - » 1 Greenhouse Scholar
 - » 2 Howley Foundation Cristo Rey Scholars
 - » 1 Loyola University Chicago Cristo Rey Scholar
 - » 1 Our Lady of the Lake University Futuro Scholar
 - » 2 Porter-Billups Scholars
 - » 1 Questbridge Scholar
 - » 24 Regis-Arrupe Scholars
 - » 1 Santa Clara University Cristo Rey Scholar
 - » 1 Yes! Communities Scholar



To our graduates, your achievements are not only a testament to your hard work and perseverance but also a reflection of the unwavering support and guidance provided by your families and our dedicated faculty and staff. You have embraced the Ignatian values of education, service, and social justice, and we have no doubt that you will make a positive impact on the world!

To the families, faculty, and staff who have nurtured and supported our graduates, thank you for your unwavering dedication and belief in their abilities. Together, we have helped shape these remarkable young individuals into the future leaders and change-makers of our society.

MAGIS NIGHT RECAP

Magis Night 2024: Illuminating Traditions, was held on March 2 at the Seawell Ballroom. Nearly 700 benefactors were in attendance. Virtually \$1.3 million was raised at this year's event in support of the day-to-day operations of Arrupe Jesuit High School.

Our video: **Four Students: One Arrupe** highlighted the Diaz-Martinez Family and their family's work as they have provided janitorial services at Arrupe for more than ten years. Parents, Yoselin and Rafa have committed their lives to providing opportunities for their children that they were not afforded. "Keeping Arrupe Clean" is a family affair in which all four of their children participate, all of whom are either a student or graduate of Arrupe.

The first Arrupe alumna to serve on the school's Board of Trustees, Jacqueline Van Cleave, spoke on behalf of the 1,267 proud Arrupe graduates, of which, 70% are the first in their families to graduate from high school and over 90% to attend college. Cumulatively, these alumni have been awarded over \$144 million in merit and community-based scholarships since 2007.

Fatima Cervantes-Ceballos, Class of 2024, provided reflections on her mom's inspirational influence in her life and the confidence she gained through CWSP to apply for the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) program and continue on to pass her boards to become a Certified Nurse Aide. During her junior and senior years, she worked as a CNA at Julia Temple, a local nursing home. Fatima received a full-ride four-year Cristo Rey Scholarship and will be attending Loyola University Chicago, where she plans to study biology and pursue a career as an OBGYN.

Magis Night 2024: Illuminating Traditions celebrated the spirit of Magis, the transformative power of Jesuit education, and the unwavering dedication of educators, mentors, and supporters. Thank you to everyone who made this event special. To learn more about this event, or to hear the speeches, please visit www.arrupejesuit.com.



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GOLF INVITATIONAL RECAP

On June 20, Arrupe Jesuit held its 16th Golf Invitational at Sanctuary Golf Course. Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, ReMax and Dave and Gail Liniger, and the generous supporters who joined us, over \$300,000 was raised through this event; one of our most successful tournaments to date!

We also enjoyed hosting Charity Golf International who encouraged over \$25k in donations, and our rising seniors who hosted the popular: "Are you Smarter Than a High Schooler" on-course game.

Highlights from the evening included our emcee for the evening, Arrupe Jesuit staff member and alumna of the Class of 2018, Jenny Sanchez, as well as our alumna speaker, Jocelyn Carabjal, who spoke eloquently about her experience at Arrupe and how it wasn't just her own, but that of her entire family.



"My parents always emphasized the importance of education, telling us "The most meaningful investment a parent can offer their children is a good education and the encouragement to become successful in life." Jocelyn Carabjal, AJHS '23

PIANO PARTY RECAP

Arrupe's Inaugural "Piano Party-Priest Edition" was a night to be remembered! With special performances by Arrupe Trustee and friend, Fr. Pat Dolan, and on staff entertainers, Fr. Louie Hotop, SJ, Fr. Dan Everson, SJ, and AP of Academics, Mr. Matt Paradise, the event brought the Arrupe community together in a new way; around a baby grand piano, dueling it out for the best song of the night! Thank you to all of those who bid on this event at Magis Night. It will be back!





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