

# ARRUPE JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

# 2020-2021 *Annual Report*



THE SCHOOL THAT WORKS IN DENVER!

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



There are certain numbers that are so striking and deserving of celebration that sometimes we fail to pause and consider the *story* that informs those numbers.

This proves to be true with the statistics from our most recently graduated class, the Class of 2021. Of the 98 Seniors who graduated in May, 70 are first generation high school graduates and 94 are first generation college bound. That remarkable group of young people left Arrupe Jesuit to attend 22 different colleges and universities across the country, earning over \$17.2 million in merit and community based scholarships. You'll remember, of course, the 10 Daniels Scholars from that class.

In a normal school year, these accomplishments demand our attention. That this class achieved such incredible success in the midst of a global pandemic requires us to reflect on the efforts of those who helped position them for greatness. Against a backdrop of early morning temperature screens, ever changing instructional models, and an unprecedented catalogue of student need, Principal Fr. Nugent, the administration, and our faculty and staff responded in a manner that is most definitely Ignatian. In addition to developing and implementing a unique academic structure, the Arrupe community delivered the support systems and formational experiences that define the school in ways previously unimagined.

Study halls and club meetings were moved to small group settings on Friday mornings, counseling sessions were held on secure virtual platforms, and retreats were moved on campus, including Kairos – where, for 12 days and nights, the classrooms of Arrupe were transformed to the sacred space of a Jesuit retreat house.

Nothing, however, speaks of Arrupe Jesuit's commitment to "cura personalis" more than the 800 phone calls made by faculty and staff members to the families of students who were struggling to stay engaged during an upside down school year. Some days, these were easy calls asking students how they were doing, was everyone at home doing well, was there anything they needed. On other days, the calls were directly reminding students that they needed to be present in class, that assignments needed to be submitted, and that there were consequences for the choices they made.

These efforts were focused on a single goal: to remind students that Arrupe remained committed to its promise of a hope-filled future and that the adults of Arrupe would continue to accompany them on that journey despite the challenges of the day.

In a series of letters written during the pandemic and published under the title Let Us Dream, Pope Francis writes that community is "... the sense of belonging to one another and to the whole of humanity, is the capacity to come together and work together against a shared horizon of possibility."

I believe last year's Seniors were inspired by the promise of Pope Francis' shared horizon. On Utica Street they lived those possibilities that his Holiness describes. As I reflect on the accomplishments of last year, I thank those at Arrupe Jesuit who served the school each day bringing those possibilities to life for all our students. I also thank you, our friends, who share in our blessed mission and are equally responsible for making real the possibilities of tomorrow for our students.

With gratitude,

Michael J. O'Hagan  
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**Jones & Keller has been a supporting partner of Arrupe Jesuit High School since 2004. While in the office, students assist with a variety of tasks including setting up conference rooms, completing mail runs, and filing, scanning and copying documents. From a recent supervisor evaluation, Kathy Baldwin states: "Our students have a reputation for anticipating office needs, completing assigned tasks without supervision and seeking additional work."**



*"It has been a blessing and an honor to have the opportunity to work with all of the amazing people at Jones & Keller! Thank you for making me feel comfortable and valued, and for all the trust you have in me. I plan on pursuing a career in law, and my time at the law firm has only inspired me to continue. I look forward to my weekly catch ups with Kathy, and thoroughly enjoy the time that I get to spend at the firm."*

— Alyssa, Class of 2022

*"I feel so fortunate to work at Jones & Keller. Everybody is very welcoming and makes sure I feel comfortable at all times. I have developed confidence in asking questions to Kathy, my supervisor, as well as to the rest of my coworkers. I have always been more of a quiet person, but since working here I have developed my character and communication skills. I also learned that making mistakes is okay and helps you become a better person in the long run. I'm looking forward to everything this opportunity will teach me throughout the rest of this school year."*

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*After learning about the school and Corporate Work Study Program, we attended our first Magis Night gala in 2018. We became supporters of the school and also brought CWSP to Antero Resources where Kevin was an executive prior to retirement. We continue to support Arrupe Jesuit because the results speak for themselves through the continuing success of Arrupe students."*

— Kevin & Dorota Kilstrom

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Mark Anderson is the Maintenance Director at Arrupe Jesuit. He is an essential contributor on our team who keeps our building and facility maintenance running smoothly, ensures the building and grounds are clean and beautiful, and he is on-call for any emergencies that come with a 50+ year old building. Mark kept our community safe during the Pandemic, which included upgrades to the air filtration system, increased cleaning and sanitization protocols, and was there every day to assist with morning health screenings and student cohort supervision. Mark's love for Arrupe students is palpable. He talks with them in the halls, employs students through CWSP, serves as a group leader on Kairos retreats, and leads a faith formation student group.

*"I first came to know Arrupe in 2014. I was the Electrical Superintendent for the construction of the school's South addition, which transformed the old parking lot into a new cafeteria, outdoor patio, and seven beautiful new classrooms. I had a 26 year career as an electrician and in April of 2015 was offered a position here at Arrupe as the Facilities Manager. I was scared to death of working with teenagers and had no idea what to expect. I spent my first two years at Arrupe focusing mostly on developing the facilities maintenance programs, and getting to know the community. All along feeling pulled to get more involved in the students' lives, as they are really at the center of Arrupe's mission. During these two years I had also finished schooling and an internship for my pastoral credentials for the Assemblies of God Church. I was serving as a community life pastor at our local church, but I felt like something was still missing. In 2019 I was able to attend my first Kairos retreat, and my mind was blown away. I could not believe how authentic and vulnerable our students were on this retreat. I started many relationships with those students that still continue to this day. I finally found my heartbeat in the school, and how to become part of the student life here. I have since then attended a total of 3 Kairos retreats, and started a student spiritual formation group called LT4 (Live the 4th). LT4 is a group that is available to all students who have attended Kairos, and our purpose is to continue the personal growth and faith formation that begins at Kairos. We talk about all sorts of things, including how to love people and God extravagantly, growing in our faith, and sharing our story to help someone else grow in their faith. We, as a group, try to discover how we can continue to live our best lives for God, our community, and the rest of the world.*

*This is where my heart is, this is where I find my true joy. It's being with the kids and growing our lives together. What I have discovered through our students is this: The most powerful force on this earth is a person who is brave enough to simply be themselves. A person who is brave enough to be who God created them to be. This is my favorite thing to tell kids, and I probably say it 4-5 times a week. Just be brave, just be You, because You are awesome!*

*I like to say that the work I do to maintain the building has just become my excuse to come to Arrupe every day and be a part of our students' lives. I am honored to work here and my life is truly enriched by this community and our amazing students."*

— Mark Anderson, Maintenance Director

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## PEDRO ARRUPE SOCIETY

*The Pedro Arrupe Society recognizes visionary supporters who have made a legacy commitment to Arrupe Jesuit High School through planned and estate gifts.*

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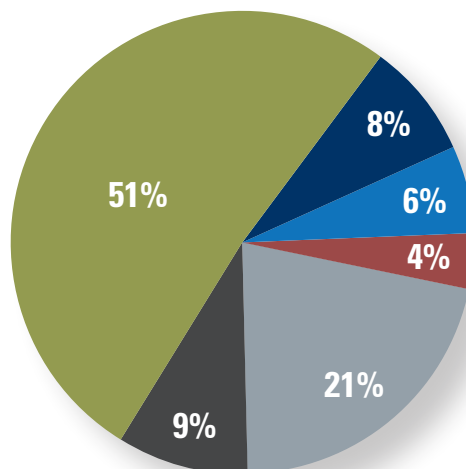
*To learn more about joining the Pedro Arrupe Society, visit [www.ArrupeJesuit.com/GetInvolved](http://www.ArrupeJesuit.com/GetInvolved).* † Deceased and remembered



# FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

## Revenue

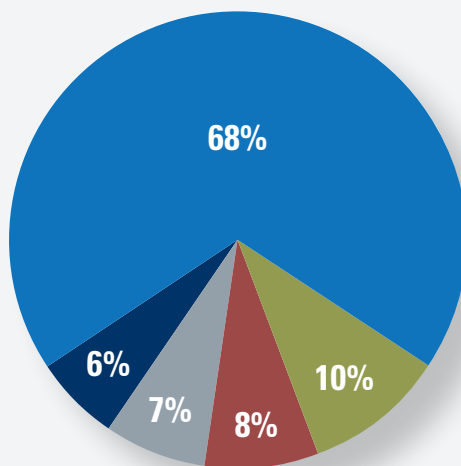
Philanthropic Contributions	\$4,523,251
CWSP Student Earnings	\$741,263
Tuition & Fees	\$568,229
External Scholarships	\$354,000
Investment Results	\$1,908,581
Paycheck Protection Loan	\$830,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,925,524</b>



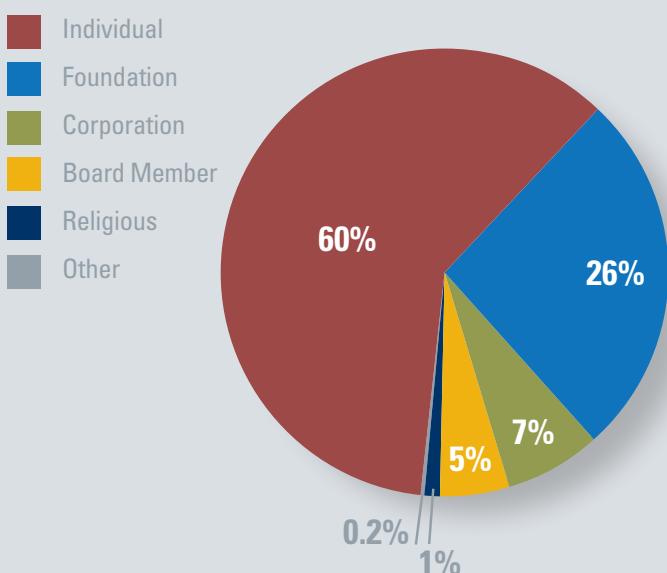
Arrupe Jesuit High School had the benefit of a 6-month operating reserve to lean on during the financial difficulties due to the pandemic. With Corporate Work Study revenue down about \$2MM, increased philanthropic efforts allowed our doors to stay open. Additionally, AJHS was grateful to receive a \$1 million planned gift pledge to be paid out in future years, reflected in Philanthropic Contributions in FY21. Last, investment results reflect unrealized (non-cash) gains in the Endowment Fund.

## Expenses

School Operations	\$4,850,644
CWSP	\$705,035
Financial Aid	\$588,046
Administration/General	\$501,597
Fundraising	\$444,527
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,089,849</b>

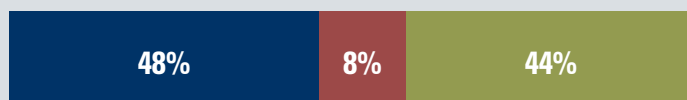


## Philanthropic Contribution Constituencies



## Funding Our Costs per Student

Amount Earned through CWSP	\$7,300
Average Family Tuition Contribution	\$1,250
Average Gap Closed by Philanthropy	\$6,650
<b>Total Cost to Educate a Student</b>	<b>\$15,200</b>



These financial numbers are preliminary and unaudited. For our most recently audited statements, please visit [www.ArrupeJesuit.com](http://www.ArrupeJesuit.com)

# STUDENT *Spotlight*



**Isaiah, Class of 2025, is a member of our Freshman class and is involved with the Robotics Club.**

*"I am 14 years old and a current freshman at Arrupe Jesuit. I'm in the robotics club and plan to major in computer engineering in college. I chose Arrupe Jesuit because it allowed for a unique opportunity through the Corporate Work Study Program. Working in a professional atmosphere before graduating from high school sounded like a fantastic opportunity, and it has shown to be so thus far. The best part of Freshman year has been Homecoming. It allowed me to talk to my friends in a relaxed environment while also having a great time overall! Continuing my work through CWSP and interacting with other students are two things I am looking forward to this school year."*



**Haley, Class of 2024, serves the school as an Admissions Ambassador and also participates in Peer Ministry.**

*"My goals for the future are graduating from Arrupe as valedictorian and getting a full-ride scholarship to Regis University. My biggest goal in life is to make my parents proud and put their hard work into greater things. I chose to attend Arrupe Jesuit High School because looking into it, I knew I was going to succeed here and this was just the beginning of me having a successful career for the rest of my life. I knew that Arrupe was the promise of opportunity. They have really taught me what it means to be a woman for others. So far, the best part of Arrupe is building community and learning more about work ethics through the Corporate Work Study Program. Arrupe has taught me a lot of things these past two years, and I know they are preparing me for a path to success."*



**Samara, Class of 2023, currently serves in student government as the Junior Class President, and plays on the basketball and varsity soccer teams. She aspires to become an environmental engineer and to innovate improvements in the education system.**

*"The best part of attending Arrupe Jesuit so far is the Corporate Work Study Program because I get to experience different industries and see if the career I'm interested in is a good fit for me. CWSP has shown me that there's so much more to explore and experience. I am looking forward to Kairos this year, where I am hoping to experience community and love because I want to have closer bonds with my classmates and teachers. Being involved in school and extracurricular activities has definitely made me grow as a person by being challenged and learning new skills, and has made me aware of my strengths."*



Your gifts continue to support students along their educational journey as they break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their families. **Thank you for believing in their future!**

## TOTAL ENROLLMENT

**441** students from  
**380** households across  
**55** zip codes

Coming from **94** different feeder schools  
**44%** public and charter schools  
**55%** private schools



Average income for an  
Arrupe Jesuit family of four **\$40,784**

**76%** Students qualified for federal free  
& reduced lunch program

**19** Student Clubs and Activities  
**8** Athletic Programs



**67%** College persistence rate  
among **1,073** alumni

Alumni attend or have graduated from **69**  
colleges and universities

## CLASS OF 2021 98 GRADUATES



**100%** College acceptance,  
**85%** into four year schools

**70%** First generation high school graduates  
**94%** First generation college attendees

Attending **22** colleges and universities  
Earned scholarships totaling **\$17,239,112**

## ON STAFF VOLUNTEERS

**2** Alumni Service Corps (ASC)  
**1** Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC)  
**1** Arrupe Jesuit Volunteer

Over **75** CWSP Partner Employers  
across 20+ professional Sectors

**9** Alumni on Faculty & Staff

# ALUMNI *Spotlight*

**In 2015, Linh Ngo graduated from Arrupe and fulfilled her dream of going to college, attending Saint Louis University as a Daniels Fund Scholar and completing a degree in Civil Engineering.**

*“Upon graduating from Saint Louis University in the Spring of 2019, I started my role as project controls engineer with T.I.C. (Kiewit’s subsidiary). After 6 months in the office and at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, I was asked to move to Salt Lake City, Utah for a civil project working with Rio Tinto Kennecott Copper mine. While most people were working remotely, I was challenged with working with crews of 50 and more people in the field. That was a whirlwind, but I wouldn’t want it any other way.*”

*Moving across the nation for projects is a challenging and an exciting aspect of my career. I get to partake in impressive industrial projects that are contributing to North America’s infrastructure landscape. More importantly, I am humbled working alongside men and women who have contributed decades of hard work within the construction industry. I strive to live by ‘Do what you love and love what you do’ as I’m working towards my next role as project engineer. In my career, I hope to empower more young women to join the construction industry to reduce the gender gap and create better opportunities.*

*Outside of work, I enjoy typical Colorado activities such as hiking, camping, running, and snowshoeing in the winter. Spending time in nature has brought me closer to God. My solo hikes have provided me the time and space to deeply reflect and connect with His beautiful work.*

*I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Arrupe Jesuit High School and its many supporters. Thank you for recognizing and highlighting my potential at a time I didn’t believe I could achieve. Most of my success stories began with you and your unconditional support. The Ignatian teaching calls for us to ‘Go forth and set the world on fire’, what AJHS has done for me and many others was ignite that flame so we could go be the change we want to see.”*



# FISCAL YEAR 2022 – LOOKING AHEAD

Our vision for 2022 is blessed by growth and progress. After a long year of adapting to the changes and challenges of the Pandemic, Arrupe Jesuit is committed to a season of new growth that will ensure stability, support, and success for every student. Our school is better equipped, better informed, and ready to take on the second half of this 2021-2022 school year.

Thanks to our generous partners at Shea Homes and at Regis University, we look forward to watching our girls soccer team play on their new home fields at Regis University this spring. Throughout early 2022 we will be celebrating the Ignatian Year with the Society of Jesus, revealing a revised mission statement, vision, and core values as part of the new Strategic Plan, and graduating another remarkable class of Arrupe Jesuit scholars. We are also excited to celebrate with you at Magis Night 2022, where we will honor Bill Fortune, an Arrupe Jesuit founder and incredible philanthropist, with the Magis Award.



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