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the voiceless and the
powerless."*

– From Decree 4 of the 32nd
General Congregation of the
Society of Jesus



The PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

As we consider 2020, it is easy to focus on the disappointment of the last nine months. The frustration that each of you has experienced, and the anxiety associated with the pandemic are certainly familiar to us. Yet, it is not the disposition of Arrupe Jesuit to dwell on the challenges we encounter. As you well know, Arrupe Jesuit strives to follow the example of our students - who know difficulties elsewhere in their lives, but who do not want to be defined by those circumstances. Rather, our students choose to define themselves by the manner in which they respond to challenges, by the manner in which they bring their brilliance and dedication to the task at hand. As a school, we honor that commitment by approaching our own work from the same perspective.

So, when we reflect on the past semester, we focus on the compassion, the tenacity, and the creativity with which our community has responded to the circumstances presented by COVID-19. I think of our faculty and administration who developed innovative strategies for delivering instruction and programming. I think of the ways the Work Study department ensured that those students who could work did work, while simultaneously instituting a Career Readiness course for the first time. I think of our college counselors, pastoral team, and athletic department – all of whom provided students with the opportunities they need, opportunities that define the formative experience of Arrupe Jesuit. I think, of course, of our students and families who have managed these difficult circumstances with grace and with the same determination they always exhibit.

I am grateful to our Corporate Work Study partners whose commitment to our students reminds us that the greater community is equally dedicated to helping prepare our students for successful futures. Lastly, I think of you, our extraordinary friends, who have responded so generously to our request for assistance during this unprecedented time. We are able to extend our commitment to Arrupe Jesuit's students because you extend yourselves to Arrupe Jesuit. We appreciate you, and are humbled by your kindness.

In the following pages, as you read of the work we have pursued in recent months, I trust you will remember that your commitment to Arrupe Jesuit helps to create these opportunities. On Utica Street, we welcome 2021 with our eyes set firmly on the horizon, for the horizon offers the hope that is a cornerstone of our school. Thank you for choosing to be guardians of that hope.

With prayers for a joyful, healthy New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. O'Hagan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael J. O'Hagan

CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

Below, Valerie, Class of 2024, points at her CWSP Partner employer on the CWSP partner recognition wall, which holds the names of the 130 companies and nonprofits that employed AJHS students during last school year. Many of these companies have been CWSP partners since the school opened in 2003. Sadly, many partner companies are still facing financial strain, layoffs, remote working environments, and other challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. CWSP places 100% of AJHS students at jobs around the city, though during the Fall semester, we only had placements for about 25% of our students.



As the semester came to a close, Arrupe Jesuit students shared what they are grateful for, and many shared their gratitude for the experiences provided by CWSP this year.

We are hopeful that the Spring semester will bring students back to Utica Street for hybrid learning and CWSP workdays, and that our partners will rejoice in their return. As such, we're actively recruiting

new partner companies who anticipate returning to in-person operations this Spring or in the Fall of 2021 and who would enjoy having the hope and light that AJHS students bring to the office place after a year of such challenging times. If you know of a company that might be interested in partnering, please reach out to our Director of CWSP, Rick Ninneman, at 720.726.3420 or RNinneman@ArrupeJesuit.com.

"I am grateful for having the opportunity to attend school in person part of the year even though things have changed. I am grateful for each and every teacher for teaching us and being understanding through these tough times. I am grateful for my job for allowing me to come back to work and teaching me many new things. I am grateful for each and every coworker because each one has taught me many things I wouldn't have learned without coming to Baceline. I am especially thankful for everyone's well-being and seeing how even though many doors have been shut, new ones have opened!" — Catherine, Junior, Baceline Investments

"I'm thankful for everything. The CWSP opportunities I had, my teachers, my classmates. I am thankful for the CWSP staff that work hard. I am thankful for the college counselors that are helping me and others a lot! I'm thankful for Arrupe because Arrupe is my second home and Arrupe has blessed me in so many ways, academically and emotionally, and spiritually. I got severely sick, and because of that, it opened my eyes. I am thankful for every breath I take, for every morning I wake up, for my family, and my Mom and Dad who love me unconditionally. I'm thankful for everything. I'm grateful and glad to be alive."

— Jade, Senior, Denver Tech Dentistry

ALUMNI NOTE



Lauren Sosa, Arrupe Jesuit's new Assistant Director of College Counseling and Alumni Support, is herself an AJHS graduate from the Class of 2012. She was a first-generation college graduate and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Nonprofit Management. She married her Arrupe Jesuit classmate, Israel Sosa, at a Mass celebrated by Fr. Drew Kirschman at Holy Ghost Catholic Church. Lauren returned to Arrupe Jesuit after working in the Regis University Admissions Department, guiding predominantly first-generation-college-bound Seniors as they navigate the college admissions process. She loves helping students make a financially sound college decision that will affect their lives, and that of future generations in their families. She finds inspiration in the brave, young students who find their way to her office, demonstrating incredible independence and maturity as they seek information about applying to college - answers to questions that nobody in their own families can provide. "In these moments, conversations, of hopes and dreams, watching young adults make decisions about their futures, I see the stories of so many students to come who will navigate barriers, exemplify extreme tenacity, and overcome adversity as first-generation college graduates. This is how I can make an impact in this world, and it is a cause I plan to dedicate my career to."

Reflections from the New Provincial

Arrupe Jesuit is excited to congratulate the V. Rev. Thomas P. Greene, SJ on his recent appointment as Provincial of the Jesuits' Central & Southern Province! Recently, Fr. Tom offered a reflection on his time spent with Arrupe Jesuit thus far and on his approach to his new role.



“Successful organizations and successful people know why they do what they do. The Society of Jesus has been a successful religious order for over 450 years because it knows why it exists, namely, to show people the way to God. This has been articulated in different ways over the years, such as our founding document which uses the language of “the salvation of souls.”

However, in every age in which it has ministered, the Society of Jesus has been successful because it has clarity about why it exists.

It should come as no surprise then that in 2019 the Society of Jesus chose “showing the way to God” as its first universal apostolic preference. Furthermore, Pope Francis, in approving the four apostolic preferences, mentioned that if the Society of Jesus does not give primacy to showing people the way to God, then the other apostolic preferences of working with the excluded, accompanying youth, and caring for our common home will not be attainable.

So, what might all of this have to do with Arrupe Jesuit High School? Well, to my mind, a major pathway to God runs through Arrupe Jesuit – not just for our students, but for Jesuits, teachers, board members, and benefactors. Undoubtedly, we want to show Arrupe students the pathway to God by providing a solid education, including, first and foremost, classroom instruction and experiential education retreats that introduce Ignatian spirituality. What is perhaps not as widely recognized is that in the process of helping our students find God, we ourselves are evangelized. They show us the way to God by their grit and

resiliency amidst the challenges they face, and we become better people, better Jesuits for having worked with them. I guess I’m opening a can of worms with that statement! I can envision a student reading it and telling one of my brother Jesuits, “I make you a better person!” Well, what can I say? It’s true!

The year 2020 will not be missed by many. However, even amidst the challenges and hardships brought by the pandemic, students and faculty at Arrupe Jesuit were still showing each other the pathway to God. I heard about it during my (virtual) visitation in the stories told to me by my brother Jesuits and Michael O’Hagan, and I look forward to seeing and hearing more about that pathway when I visit in person next year. As provincial of the UCS province, I am deeply consoled and offer my heartfelt thanks to Arrupe Jesuit for showing so many people, including me, the pathway to God! Be assured of my prayers and support in 2021.”



Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, informs Fr. Tom Greene that he will be the next provincial of the Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province.

Fall Semester In Review

This year Arrupe Jesuit welcomed 441 young men and women, which includes a record number of transfer students. After a summer of planning, preparation, and fortified building safety procedures, students returned to Utica Street on August 17th. Incoming Freshmen and transfer students came for multiple days of onboarding, which included sessions on goal-setting, community-building, classroom & chapel expectations, intro to CWSP & resume writing, and training on classroom technology. Returning students came in for one day of re-boarding sessions to brush up on their classroom technology skills and to learn about changes to the building and class schedules for this year. Classes officially began on August 24th with a blended learning model. Throughout most of the semester, each grade level had one day in the building per week, combined with synchronous (live) virtual classes, online coursework, in-person and virtual CWSP training, and limited extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports. CWSP utilized the first few weeks of school for training and sent 135 students back to work in September. We are grateful for the 45 companies that were able to hire students this semester. Students without job placements were enrolled in a CWSP



training & development program involving specialized skills development, communication and integrity in the workplace, finance and budget management, and career exploration.

Spirits were high through the Fall as we hosted new versions of Open House, a virtual engagement day for the Board of Trustees, a full-day staff inservice, and our Class of 2024 Freshman Retreat. Cross Country and Girls Volleyball had successful seasons, and academic clubs convened safely. Our school community celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month in September

and October by gathering recipes for an Arrupe Community Cookbook, celebrating Hispanic community leaders, holding a virtual student dialogue session, and participating in a special book club led by our Student Voice and Engagement Committee. Students dressed up for Halloween and decorated the school with altars for Día de los Muertos. In November we remembered those who we have lost at All Souls Day and at Mass throughout the month, and for Thanksgiving our school community shared messages of gratitude.

In December, as the semester came to a close, all students were transitioned to fully virtual as they prepared for finals. Even while at home, Arrupe Jesuit students participated in the end-of-semester Spirit Week by dressing up and sharing images through social media.



Sophomores Alen, Melanie, Alondra, and Angel enjoy an in-person school day at Arrupe Jesuit.

AROUND ARRUPE JESUIT

Generals for Justice

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly made community service more challenging in 2020, but Generals for Justice, the community service club at Arrupe Jesuit, has risen to the occasion!

“Community service is especially important right now,” says Angel Verdin, '22. “I am determined to help those who very much need it, so that I can be a person to which they can turn and ask for help.”

In a normal year, our most consistent project would be twice-monthly visits to the soup kitchen at Senior Support Services in downtown Denver. The soup kitchen is closed to outside visitors due to COVID-19, so instead of serving meals at the soup kitchen, small groups of students safely gather at school twice a month to prepare sack lunches for those in need. In spite of the pandemic, students are eager to participate in these opportunities - more students are signing up than in years before!

For the first time in school history, Arrupe Jesuit was able to participate in the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice. 22 students and 10 faculty/staff gathered for the teach-in which offered an opportunity to learn more about issues of social justice while connecting digitally with the “Ignatian family” across the United States. Highlights included keynote addresses that challenged us to be “prophets of the kingdom,” a live reflection service organized just for Cristo Rey schools like ours, and a closing Mass for Arrupe Jesuit attendees in our school chapel.

Besides the digital connections made through the teach-in, students have enjoyed making connections with one another through community service. Our small, socially distanced volunteer opportunities give students a safe way to interact with friends and classmates whom they no longer get to see during the course of a normal school day.

Ashley Puente Enriquez, '24, puts it this way: “As a Freshman, doing community service during these times helped me meet new people, make new friends, and it also helped me not to be shy.”



Pastoral Director Fr. Marcus Fryer, SJ, celebrates Mass for Arrupe's participants in the virtual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice on Oct. 24.



Students come to school at 8 a.m., even on their “Asynchronous Friday,” to help pack lunches for the soup kitchen. (Pictured here, clockwise around the table: Kevin '22, Johan '21, Mr. Chris Freeburg, Makayla '22, Monserrat '22, Jaziel '23, Daniela '22.)

Faith Formation

The Pastoral department has been actively using social media to keep students engaged and feeling connected. School-wide Mass is celebrated using live video streamed on YouTube, and full-class video conferences reconnect students as we return from Winter break.

The first retreat this Fall was Freshman Retreat back in October. This is a full day of community-building activities for new Freshmen students, and the primary objectives are to help Freshmen feel welcomed into the Arrupe community, bonded as a class, and to set the stage for the next four years of faith formation. 30 Senior leaders helped plan and facilitate activities throughout the day. This year, at Freshman Retreat, students participated in team-building exercises, small group sharing and prayer, outdoor fun, Mass, and a lip-sync contest.



Kairos retreats for our Juniors will be held in February, March, and April of 2021. Plans are underway to reimagine Kairos in a safe way that maintains the incredible impact of this retreat on our Juniors to ensure they do not miss out on this milestone of a Jesuit education.

2020 Election Activities

Inspire2Vote was an ad-hoc club of Arrupe Jesuit students led by Seniors, Kamille and Cheyanne. After participating in a training program to learn how to register students to vote, they, with support from the school, held several voter registration events in the mornings before school. On Election Day, our Faculty held special nonpartisan Election Day programming focused on engaging students in the process, purpose, and progress of voting in America. The Social Studies and Theology faculty held 3 workshops: The Process, focused on the electoral college and the process of getting elected into office; Dialogue, focused on engaging in professional dialogue, ballot initiatives past and present, and the history of women's right to vote; and Ignatian Spirituality, focused on how to utilize conscience and discernment when deciding on your ballot.



AJHS Golf Invitational

Presented by RE/MAX, LLC
June 29, 2020



We enjoyed a safe, beautiful day at the world-class Sanctuary Golf Course, known for its exclusivity, iconic views of the Rocky Mountains, and first-rate guest experience. The 2020 Arrupe Jesuit Golf Invitational was not spared the impact of the pandemic, beginning with a postponement from June to July. Gone was our traditional cocktail reception, dinner, and evening program yet the generosity of our community remained and the event was a success raising over \$233,000 in net proceeds for Arrupe Jesuit! Thank you to all of the sponsors, golfers, and supporters of this event.

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Would you like to bring the Magis Night event experience home? Party Packs are available for 2, 6, or 10 guests. We will deliver delicious food, wine, and other gifts to your home on the day of the event. Party Packs for up to 10 guests are complimentary for any sponsor who will be participating virtually.

Sponsorships & virtual tickets are available at www.MagisNight.com