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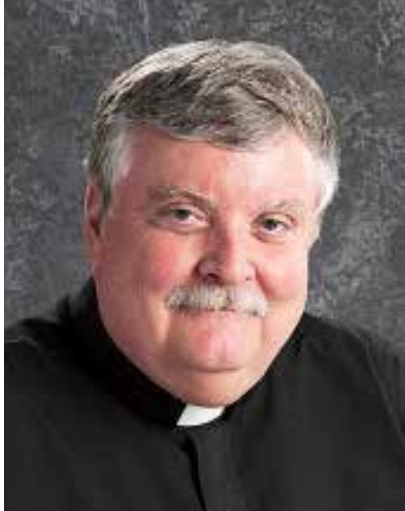
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LOVING

Rebecca Leyva Hernandez, '15, experienced firsthand the beauty of God's creation and the love of people around her during her Senior Service Project at Growing Home last spring.

The PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Friend of Arrupe,

People I meet frequently talk to me about my work as an “educator.” Certainly I understand what they are saying, but I frequently and politely comment that I don’t consider myself, or Michael O’Hagan, our principal, or any of our faculty and staff to be simply educators. For over 500 years Jesuit schools have engaged in the ministry of formation of our young people.

Long before outcomes became the rage in education, the Jesuit schools of the US set our own outcomes, not however, limited to test scores or proficiencies. The Profile of the Grad at Grad represents our “outcomes,” the qualities which cumulatively point in the direction of the kind of person who can live an adult Christian, Catholic life in the twenty-first century. These qualities are Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, Religious, Loving, Committed to Justice, and Work Experienced.

In this issue of the General Messenger, we highlight ‘Loving.’ A student who embodies Loving is learning to trust friends, family, and adults in the school and wider community; has personally experienced God’s love; is growing in self-acceptance and in recognizing that he or she is loved by God and others; has begun to identify and work against personal prejudices and stereotypes; is open to and able to communicate with others; is beginning to appreciate the satisfaction of giving of oneself through service for and with others; is increasingly empathetic; takes into account and values the feelings of others when making decisions; is sensitive to the beauty and fragility of the created universe and exercises stewardship; and cares deeply about preserving human life.

Thank you for setting an example to our students of what ‘Loving’ means. The love our community shows each day aids in their growth towards embodying the loving quality. When you make a gift or volunteer or hire our students, each student feels God’s love through you and is inspired to share that love with others.

Many blessings,

Fr. Timothy M. McMahon, SJ

CORPORATE WORK STUDY

Ever see an AJHS bus during your commute on I-25 or weaving through the streets of downtown Denver? Chances are, they’ve just dropped off one of our 381 students at their CWSP job site for a day of learning, challenges, and hard work.



Our new CWSP Commons is the perfect space to create an energizing start to the CWSP student worker’s day. Where check-in was previously done in the gym, this new space allows for A/V presentations, access to a well-stocked professional clothing closet in order to support students and their families, and an overall welcoming and efficient atmosphere.

If you happen to be roaming the halls at Arrupe Jesuit around 7:15am, you’ll hear a sharp train whistle throughout the building followed by an instant flood of student workers headed straight towards the Daniels Fund Corporate Work Study Center. Here, those workers will check in for their day on the job. After prayer and a moment to set an intention for their day, they’ll receive a brief set of announcements from a CWSP staff member, a dress code check, a time card, and a high five as they make their way out the door and on to their designated bus to be sent off to a desk at one of our 122 partner organizations.

How do Arrupe Jesuit Generals show love towards each other?

GeneralsTogether! provides stress management skills, increases social-emotional development and strengthens the Senior Class as they journey through their final year at Arrupe. Created in 2014, this program was born out of a need to help seniors manage stress and maintain balance resulting in a collaborative effort between College Counseling, the Counseling Department and the Senior Teaching Team. Seniors walk away from the workshops with a sense that they are not alone and that they WILL make it to the finish line! We are all in this TOGETHER!

The five workshops are filled with personal reflection, skill building and community strengthening activities. Each workshop has a unique theme, based on different challenges present at different times throughout the school year. For example, the first workshop this year was an Urban Ropes Course, followed by the next workshop being a day of service in the neighborhood (raking leaves, etc). The threads of togetherness and the importance of self-care, encouragement and love remain constant throughout the program.

“My takeaway was how amazing and complex my classmates are. There is still so much to learn about them.”

Our hope is to expand the program over the next year or two, in order to meet the needs of all grade levels. Your gifts make this program and its growth possible!



“What I took away from this experience is that people are around to help and to make a difference. My peers have my back and I have theirs.”

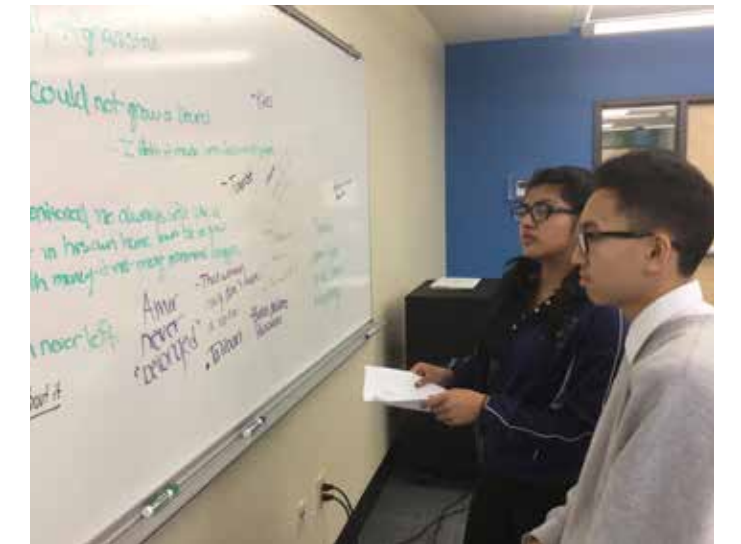
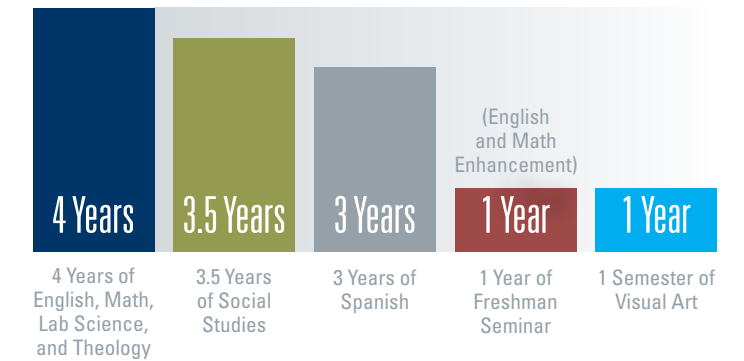


What do Arrupe Jesuit students experience in the classroom?

As guests tour Arrupe Jesuit, they often ask what type of course load our students take, from the subjects of classes to the type of curriculum used. College Prep is the focus of our academic studies, ensuring graduates have a mastery of core subjects that both prepares them for their continued studies in higher education as well as meets the requirements those colleges and universities ask for through the application process. The Corporate Work Study Program serves as our equivalent to electives. We believe that our student body is best served getting this professional experience and exposure to various career paths.



To graduate from Arrupe Jesuit, our students are required to fulfill the following requirements:



Alumni Note

Alma Hinojosa '14, now a sophomore at CU Boulder, recently shared an exciting update. This opportunity highlights how she embodies the loving quality of AJHS graduates. Have a great semester in Tel Aviv, Alma!

Alma was also asked to be part of a brochure for her University as a representation of the sophomore class. This winter, she will be talking to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences about her experience so far at CU Boulder.



“I have been accepted to study abroad at Tel Aviv University and I have an internship lined up at a school that is an integrated school of Jewish and Arab students. This school teaches them that they can work together and they learn each other’s culture and language.”

AROUND ARRUPE JESUIT

When you hear Legacy Family in relation to high school, you often think of generations of family members that all attended the same school. At Arrupe Jesuit, having only been open for 12 years, we chose to redefine this legacy, and instead celebrate the siblings, cousins and extended family members that all pass through the doors and eventually cross the stage at graduation.



The Luna family has been here since day one. Alejandra Luna graduated from Arrupe in '07 and Saint Mary's College of California in '11. Alejandra's cousins, Nancy and Carolina, graduated in '10 and '15 respectively. Nancy is a

member of the Regis University class of 2015 and Carolina is on track to be a member of the Loyola University Chicago graduating class of 2019. Today, Nancy is roaming the halls of Arrupe once again, though this time as a member of our staff. Next year we will welcome the youngest member of the Luna family, Lisandro, class of 2020. Their parents, Palemon and Esther Luna, made the decision out of love to send their three children here almost a decade ago. "We wanted a better education for our children. The importance of God in our life made sending them to Arrupe easy."



When Arrupe Jesuit senior, Julia Esparza, started couponing at the age of 14, she had no idea the impact it could have on the homeless. She started couponing because she enjoyed the idea of purchasing more for less.

She quickly realized that she had an opportunity to give, "as I started to do it more often, I found myself with more items than I needed and I began to donate the excess to my local shelter". Julia is currently working towards maximizing the impact that her couponing skills can have on the homeless. She dreams of starting a foundation someday and will continue to donate to those in need at the Samaritan House and share her couponing knowledge with members of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council. The Colorado winter season can be a struggle for the many homeless individuals in Denver and Julia is working hard to provide as much as she can through her couponing.

Maintaining good grades, working in the corporate world, and being a teenager can be quite a handful all at once. Add playing a sport and you have some very busy student-athletes. Last year, 53% of Arrupe Jesuit students participated in our athletic program, which includes boys and girls cross country, basketball, and soccer, as well as girls volleyball and boys baseball.

This fall, we brought on a new boys soccer coach, Andrew Syed, and our team was ranked as high as 20th in the state for our division. But with Coach Syed, it is not all about the game. Mandatory study hall, team dinners at the houses of teammates, service projects and fundraising for a young girl with leukemia are just a few things that our boys soccer team was involved with this season. Coach Syed shares our belief in forming men for others and we are proud our boys are involved with much more than playing soccer (though they are pretty good at that, too!).



At a game this past fall, junior Erick Molina was struggling and began to get frustrated with himself. Rather than taking him out or yelling at him, Coach Syed shouted across the field "can someone please give Erick a hug!?" If this does not demonstrate the type of loving environment we are striving to create for our students, then we don't know what does.

EVENT COVERAGE

Arrupe Jesuit Golf Invitational - Wednesday, July 8, 2015

A special and heartfelt thank you to all of our event donors and sponsors! Despite the rainy weather, our tournament was an absolute success, raising over \$280,000 for the tuition assistance of Arrupe Jesuit students! AJHS alumni and event keynote speaker, David, summarized our thoughts exactly, stating:

"Seven years ago when I would tell people the high school I attend, they would question me and say they have never heard of it. When people ask me today, their eyes widen, their eyebrows raise and they say WOW! That is an amazing school. Arrupe Jesuit High School is making and will continue making an impact in its student's lives and for that I am very thankful."

— David Aranda
AJHS Class of 2011
Regis University Class of 2015

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As we approach the end of 2015, we ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with us to offer the 381 students at Arrupe Jesuit the opportunity of a quality education, as they work to break the cycle of poverty through work and education.

The opportunities for partnership are endless:

Give Where You Live on December 8 through Colorado Gives Day.



Sponsor a table or purchase tickets to join us at Magis Night on February 27, 2016.



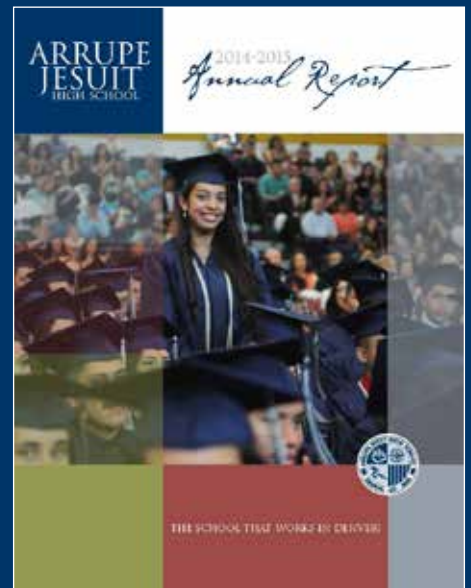
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The Crawfather at the DAC – June 5, 2016

AJHS Golf Invitational at Sanctuary – July 20, 2016

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Contact Kim Smith at 720.726.3440 or ksmith@arrupejesuit.com for more information.



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