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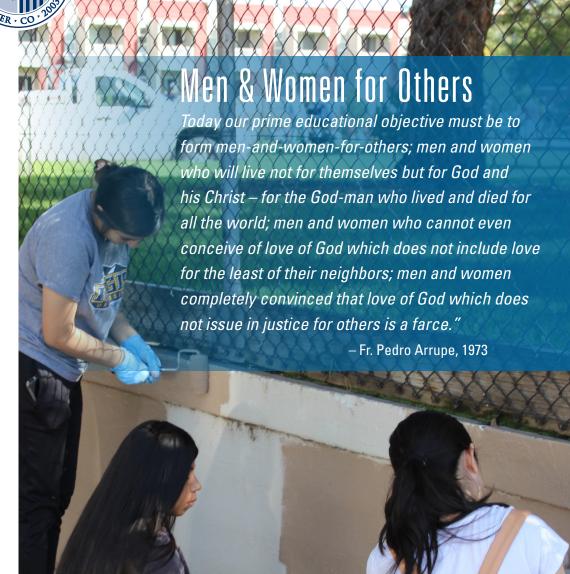
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The PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, the Corporate Work Study office offers students the opportunity to name the parts of school for which they are most grateful. In this year's reflection, one Senior wrote:

"I am thankful that the Arrupe community never leaves you alone. You can always count on them, and they have become family to me over these four years."

I am humbled by our Senior's gratitude and reminded that we are called to extend ourselves in service of students and families so that all feel welcome in the same way that this young man does. I believe this is the call of the Gospel made manifest at Arrupe Jesuit: to respond to the needs of others so that together we come to know God more fully in our lives.

I was reminded of this opportunity and of our responsibility to meet it during a recent Open House. On a beautiful November morning we welcomed prospective freshmen and their families to tour Arrupe Jesuit, learn more about our programs, interact with students and faculty, and talk with alumni and current parents — all of which is designed to make our school familiar to those who know nothing of us; inviting families to into relationship with Arrupe Jesuit and with our God whose love fuels this work.

As you read in these pages the many ways we work to form students in our Jesuit Catholic tradition, I pray you know how much you contribute to the successes we celebrate each and every day on Utica Street. Your friendship is a gift to our school.

With gratitude,

Michael J. O'Hagan

CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM



Career Opportunities Beyond Graduation

The opportunities and experiences provided to students extend beyond their time at Arrupe Jesuit, as seen through our continued partnership with Denver Tech Dentistry. All students employed at Denver Tech Dentistry work as Dental Sterilization Technicians, a position that requires many responsibilities and several months to master. After hearing that several Arrupe Jesuit alumni were hired at Denver Tech Dentistry to help provide insight and training to new student employees, we reached out to learn more:

"After graduating from Arrupe, Hector Casas worked part time for us in our Laboratory from 2015-2017, while he was pursuing his college degree. He was a great mentor to our students and knew firsthand how the incoming students were feeling about starting a new position.

Brenda Martinez-Hernandez came to us through a referral from your President in 2017. She was interested in attending Hygiene School and wanted to shadow the office for a few days to solidify her interest in pursuing a career in dentistry. As Hygiene Schools are limited here in Colorado, it can be difficult to be accepted right away, so after a few days shadowing here, she let us know she was interested in becoming a dental assistant to gain experience. We happily hired her for one year to give her this opportunity. Brenda is now finishing her final credits to apply to Hygiene School.

Luz Castrejon came home from college in Chicago for the summer break and reached out to see if we had a summer job opportunity for her. We were so happy to offer this to her, as she was with us for three years of her Arrupe experience and was so knowledgeable. Luz helped us with setting up orientation protocols for new Arrupe students. She helped create a binder of daily duties, instrument tray set up instructions and instructions on what to do in downtime. When the school year began for Arrupe this fall, both Luz and Brenda were able to spend the first two weeks with all of the students to help provide one on one mentorship and help set them up for success. Luz is planning on coming back next summer to help out and train the 2020-2021 students before she returns to college."

Thank you so much to Denver Tech Dentistry for your continued partnership and support of our students and alumni!



Getting Our Alumni to and through College

Launched three years ago, thanks to the generous support of Rick & Molly Klau, the Graduate Support Program of Arrupe Jesuit formally and intentionally extends support of our alumni through their college experience with the ultimate goal of increasing their college persistence and graduation rate.

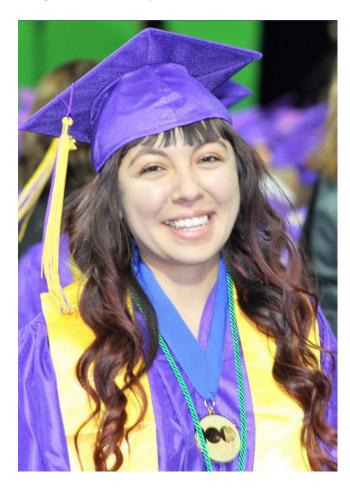
The College Counseling Office has gained valuable knowledge as the Graduate Support Program has unfolded, particularly around focusing our efforts on the students who truly need our help. There is an assumption that students attending out-of-state schools and those attending in-state schools outside of Denver need the most support because of the significance of their school transition; however, these students tend to stay in school and complete their degrees at a higher rate. This is due to both the characteristics inherent in students attending out-of-state schools (goal-driven, focus, investment, etc.) and that colleges they attend are equally invested in making sure they do well.



"Steffany Carrillo, AJHS '13, graduated from Regis University in 2017 with a degree in Sociology and Criminology."

Along with personalized one-on-one support for AJHS alums, the College Counseling Office is establishing a mentor program at Regis University between first-year students and alumni currently attending Regis.

Awareness and use of the resources available for AJHS students and alumni are critical to their success; having an additional staff member in the College Counseling Office has enabled us to provide these resources through a strong social media presence, smaller and more personalized college & university tours, and distributing college resources to first-year students.



"Mira Martinez, AJHS '10 graduated from the Community
College of Denver in 2018 with an Associates in Psychology.
She is currently pursuing a Bachelor's in Human Development
and Family Sciences from Metropolitan State University while
also working full time in the front office at Arrupe Jesuit."

Going Green at Arrupe

Great Reaching Efficient Environmental Neighbors, also known as GREEN Club, is a student organization at Arrupe Jesuit whose mission is to empower students to improve their community through progressive projects. This includes a focus on improving specific areas of sustainability through volunteering, networking, and education around issues and solutions related to caring for the environment. The Club serves to provide service opportunities to Arrupe students and create lasting change at Arrupe and in our world. Current AJHS senior and the Student Representative of GREEN Club, Nuvia, told us that their projects are "centered around student involvement, because it's important that students are aware of their impact and conscious of their actions".

One way they are working to promote sustainability at Arrupe
Jesuit is with a composter which they fill with food scraps from the school cafeteria and used coffee grounds from local coffee shops
– organic waste that would have otherwise ended up in the landfill.
GREEN Club hopes to eventually build a community garden at
Arrupe, contributing to food security in our neighborhood and using their home-made compost as a sustainable fertilizer.





"A core value here at Arrupe is being Men and Women for Others, and being environmentally conscious and seeking out different ways of sustainability at the school is a small building block in that value. We actively look for ways to make an impact even if it's a small one."

- Mark Anderson, Maintenance Director at Arrupe Jesuit High School

Here are some of the ways our GREEN Club helps promote sustainability around the school:

- High efficiency water boilers in the kitchen
- High efficiency glass throughout the school to increase the "R" value (resistance of the window to heat conduction) of the glass panels
- High efficiency 3 pipe LG heating and AC units
- Energy star rated kitchen equipment
- Automated lighting systems that cut down on time that lights in classrooms and others areas are left on
- Using paper products that are made from recycled products
- Recycling all cardboard

ALUMNI NOTE



Carolina Luna Casas graduated from Arrupe Jesuit High School in 2015 and continued her Jesuit education at Loyola University Chicago. In May 2019, she graduated from Loyola and began working as a Program Coordinator for Law School Yes We Can, a law school pipeline program that mentors high achieving first year college students. The program prepares students for the law school application process and provides them access to the legal profession. As a recent LSYWC fellow, Carolina brings a new perspective as she organizes workshops for the fellows and aids in fundraising. She is happy to be a part of an organization whose mission is to mentor and help diverse students. Ultimately, Carolina hopes to advocate for everyone's right to a healthy environment by pursuing a career in environmental justice law.

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AROUND ARRUPE JESUIT

Congratulations, Bill Fortune!

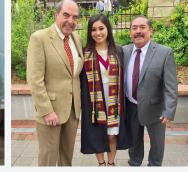
AJHS co-founder and current member of the Board of Trustees, Bill Fortune, recently received the great honor of being declared a "Founder" of the Jesuits of the USA Central and Southern Province. This distinction is bestowed by the Superior General in Rome, Fr. Arturo Sosa, on friends of the Society of Jesus who demonstrate extraordinary support.

Bill's philanthropy and dedication to the success of five Jesuit apostolates in Colorado - Arrupe Jesuit High School, Regis Jesuit High School, Regis University, Sacred Heart Retreat Center, and St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish - is celebrated and recognized with gratitude through this great honor.









Unleavened Bread

Prior to Arrupe Jesuit's liturgy in October celebrating the Feast of the North American Martyrs, Mrs. Stewart's Junior Theology Class learned about the Eucharist. As part of their unit on the Sacraments of Initiation, they took class time to make unleavened altar bread that was used during our liturgical celebration. The students had the opportunity to participate in the mixing and baking of the bread, while they learned about the history of altar bread and the role it played in the Passover, the precursor of the Catholic Eucharist. After mass, we had a chance to catch up with AJHS junior, Jaime, and he shared "the process of making unleavened bread is much simpler than I imagined and very meaningful." Combining handson learning with spiritual formation is key to our students' faith formation and theological understanding.





At Arrupe Jesuit, Bill has served as:

Co-Founder of the school Finance & Philanthropy

Committees, Member

Board of Trustees, Member Fi Board of Trustees, Chair V

Finance Committee, Chair

Volunteer

Benefactor

Very few friends of the Society have received this honor and we share in our thanks for Bill's dedication to living as a man for others. Arrupe Jesuit thrives today because of Bill's leadership, commitment, vision, and generosity over the past two decades.



Sanctuary's breathtaking setting is like no other course in Colorado and we were honored to host the Arrupe Jesuit Golf Invitational there for the eleventh year in a row. It was a day to remember, raising over \$275,000 in net proceeds for Arrupe Jesuit! Thank you to all of the sponsors, golfers, and supporters of this event. As Samantha said best, your support surrounds our young people with incredible opportunity!

"I believe that my four years at Arrupe were the most influential years of my life. Arrupe gave me the gift of community and enlightened me with a love for learning and serving. It challenged me to contribute as an educated community member, student and professional. It taught me to lead with my faith and raised me to see the world as an open door filled with opportunity.

As I reflect on the experiences and achievements I have today, I want to thank those who believe in the mission of Arrupe . . . Thank you for giving back and supporting students like me, believing that we can defy the odds to pursue all of our goals. I am humbled by the experiences that helped mold me into the person I am today, and I have Arrupe and its generous benefactors to thank for that.

---Samantha Cordova
AJHS Class of 2012
Loyola University Chicago Class of 2016
Boston University Class of 2018
Preventive Medicine Specialist, U.S. Army



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