# ARRUPE JESUIT

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#### Dear Friends,

Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.

I am inspired by Mary Oliver, whose graceful wisdom reminds us to celebrate God's gifts and to share that good news with others. A first year President does well, I think, to follow Oliver's lead in this regard. Toward that end, I share the following:

#### In 2018...

- 430 students, from 90 different elementary and middle schools, are actively pursuing a Jesuit, Catholic college prep education, working at 140 corporate and not-for-profit partners. Collectively, they will earn \$2.5 million, thereby covering 50% of Arrupe's operating costs for the year.
- In the fall season, four different teams competed in girls' volleyball, 16 athletes ran cross country, and the boys' soccer team won the Frontier League for the first time since 2007.
- 198 students and 29 faculty and staff celebrated a spirited homecoming dance.
- 55 colleges and universities have met with students on campus since September and more than 200 8th graders have shadowed at Arrupe.
- Through the Alumni Support Program, we have visited with more than 85 alums who are currently enrolled in college.

Our kids know life is challenging. They don't expect us to remind them of that reality. Nor are they interested in being defined by that reality. Instead, they prefer to work and become the men and women of competence and compassion that the world needs them to be. They pursue that formation powerfully, in all the ways you'll read about in this newsletter.

Mary Oliver encourages us to recognize God's hand at work within Arrupe Jesuit, and she reminds me to thank you all for helping to create a school where the impossible becomes possible. I am humbled to know that Arrupe Jesuit is supported by so many committed friends who choose to respond to God's call that we stand together in the service of our mission.

Yours in Christ.

Michael J. O'Hagar

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# CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

## The School that Works... The Students who Build

What do the Central 70 expansion project, the future home of the Colorado Rockies Hall of Fame, and the completed expansion right here at Arrupe Jesuit High School have in common?

They are all built by Arrupe Jesuit students!

We're only kidding, of course. But they, among many other major projects, are all being brought to the Denver landscape by companies who hire teams of our students to fill various needs within their organizations. Each day, 32 of our students head off to work in the construction and architecture industry at job sites and offices to fill roles in front office reception work, data management, permit tracking, plan coordination, and much more.

Beyond the industry partnership with current students, we are excited to share that alumni Adrian Avila, '13, and David Ramirez, '11 have launched careers in the field! Working at Mortenson Construction and Turner Construction respectively, they are putting their degrees in Construction Management to work. We're excited to see the list of alum following in their footsteps in the years to come.

We are proud to partner with these 13 construction and architecture firms throughout the metro area, and hope you'll join us in taking a second look the next time you see one of their banners on your morning commute!



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Class of 2021 member, Henry, recently received the Employee of the Month award for his great work at Haselden Construction. His supervisor nomination letter speaks for itself:

"He shows up to work every day ready to work and always goes above and beyond. We readily present Henry with continuous challenges that supersede expectations. Henry has left his mark through technology, organization and continuous creative solutions that he offers to our organization. We absolutely love having Henry here at Haselden Construction and we are so grateful that he is here as a second year student."

> -Elizabeth Bettis, Office Manager Haselden Construction



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# **Our Ignatian Leadership**



Fr. John Nugent, SJ, formerly our Assistant Principal for Academic Support, has stepped into his new role as Principal. Along with the many programs for formation of our young people, we are excited for his leadership in the area of adult formation within the community.

This year, each member of our faculty and staff will have the opportunity to enter once more into the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. For nearly 500 years, this collection of prayers and mediations has offered people of faith a personal experience of their companionship with Jesus Christ. Our response to this call and mission is what makes the work of Arrupe Jesuit truly come alive, and it is what gives the work of each educator at our school integrity and purpose.

"The spirituality and worldview of St. Ignatius forms the bedrock of our school's Professional Growth & Renewal program. We seek to form educators who carry forward the Jesuit mission of the service of faith, the promotion of justice, and the commitment to reconciliation. Our engagement in this noble effort arises out of a profound encounter with the living God who is active in the world and invites our cooperation in His divine work." — Fr. John Nugent, SJ

We also welcome Fr. Marcus Fryer, SJ as our new Pastoral Director and Dan Everson, SJ as our new Community Service Coordinator and ASC Coordinator. Fr. Fryer most recently served at a Jesuit parish in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Dan, in his Regency of Jesuit formation, was previously studying at Loyola University Chicago.

New this year, the Pastoral Department has implemented a Peer Ministry Program and nearly 250 students submitted applications. As a community, we want God to be accessible for our students at all times. Peer ministers are out on campus in every walk of life, whether it be the team chaplains appointed to our athletic teams, altar servers at mass, or retreat leaders.

### "We want to break out of the mold of having 'sports kids' and 'robotics kids' and 'Church kids'...students from across campus should be able to find a role in the spiritual life of our school and, through that, can find themselves open to an authentic encounter with Jesus Christ." – Fr. Marcus Frver, SJ

In an effort to help our students build their relationship with God beyond Arrupe, in October, a group of juniors and seniors attended a symposium hosted by Regis University, honoring Pope Francis' five years in the Papacy. Additionally, our senior retreat will be held at Metropolitan State University of Denver this year to help our seniors make the tie between faith and college. You can in fact bring God to college!





#### Did you know...

- We have the youngest apostolic team in the Province?
- Frs. Nugent and Fryer became friends when they were sophomores in high school, years before they would each choose religious life?
- Dan considers himself the 'Sister Jean' of Loyola University Chicago's women's softball.

### **Our Namesake:** Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ



Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ was a man of great spiritual depth who was justice, especially for the poor and oppressed. In his years as Superior

General of the Society of Jesus (1965-1983), Fr. Arrupe promoted his belief that religious faith, as expounded in the gospel, must oppose oppression and injustice, alleviate poverty and eradicate racial discrimination. When our founders sought out a name for our high school, which would serve to meet the needs of those young men and women living on the margins of the Denver community, they needed to look no further than Fr. Arrupe. This year, the process of his beatification (an early step in the path to Sainthood) has formally b

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# ALUMNI NOTE

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After jumping through a few different majors, Jessica found her passion in Anthropology during her sophomore year at Loyola University Chicago. In the classroom, she grew her appreciation for the beauty in the differences that make each culture and society unique. Junior year, she flew to Beijing, China to complete a semester abroad. Developing an understanding of Chinese culture, language and society was an enriching experience that reshaped her worldview. It was intense. It was inspiring. Now as a senior, she is pursuing her education in Cultural Anthropology with an emphasis in Archeology and looks forward to graduating in May 2019.

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28 August 2018

Michael J. O'Hagan Arrupe Jesuit High School 4343 Utica Street Denver, CO 80212 USA mohaganmarrapemail.org

Dear President O'Hagan

I also want to thank you for the "cathedral," so to speak, that you are building on Utica Street and in the homes and workplaces of Denver, spaces of encounter with the Spirit of God at work in the world today.

I would like to thank the students, faculty, and trustees of Arrupe Jesuit High School for giving me a small copy of the sculpture of Father Pedro Arrupe that stands outside your school and visidly produims to all who see it your Catholic and Jesuit identity. The photo on which your image is based was taken in 1966 in the small chapet that adjoins the office from which I am writing to you, the chapet that Father Arrupe called his "cathedral." I am work happy to have this image base with me as the Charch begins its formal study of Father Arrupe's extraordinary holiness, his burning love for God, and his untiring service at the stratedinary holiness, his burning love for God, and his unitring servic seart of the Church and the margins of society.

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Finally, President O'Hagan, I would like to thank you for assuming apostolic leadership as the first non-least Director of Work at Arrupe Jesuit, as well as to thank the school's new principal, Father John Nugeot, and your predecessor as president, Father Timothy McMahon. May God bring to completion the good work that he has began in the students, faculty, trustees and friends of Arrupe Jesuit High School.

Sujo en el Señor turo Sosa, S.I.

This fall, the students of Arrupe Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, a replica of the Fr. Pedro Arrupe statue that stands in front of our school. Much to our surprise, we received this letter in return from Fr. Sosa in Rome.

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# AROUND ARRUPE JESUIT

### **Students thriving through Academic Support**



A team of five teachers serve as academic support advisors for specific students who face greater academic challenges and have been referred to by their classroom teachers or have self-selected to be part of the program. Some of these students have learning disabilities; others have difficulties with work management and completion, communication with teachers, intrinsic

motivation, etc. Usually these students also need help with specific content areas. Students have regular one-on-one meetings with their advisors and weekly afterschool workshops on topics that build academic skills (organization, study skills, time management, etc.).

The Academic Support Program seeks to build upon students' personal strengths and interests, their openness to growth, and their existing networks of support. For these reasons, the Academic Support Team works in conjunction with classroom teachers, counseling staff, the Corporate Work Study Program, and students' families to encourage their increased academic success across the curriculum.

### **Senior Capstone is Underway**

Is there a difference in plant growth between using organic pesticides and using non-organic pesticides? Is there a difference in learning between bilingual and non-bilingual children? Seniors at Arrupe Jesuit are hard at work in preparation for their capstone presentations where they investigate an original question, collect and analyze data, and present their findings to a group of panelists.

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They are currently working in both their Science and English classes on their literature reviews, researching in their specific area of interest, and summarizing the researcher's methods and results. The literature review allows students to explore research done in their area of study, and to formulate a question of their own that they can test and present at the end of their senior year. If you're interested in joining us for Capstone Day at Arrupe Jesuit, as a panelist or guest, sign up for volunteer opportunities on our website!

### **Getting to know AJHS Senior**, Anahi

Where are you working and how long have you been there? Where else have you worked?

This year, I work at Julia Temple Health Center as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). My first three years, I worked at Innovest Portfolio Solutions. At Innovest, my work included binding, filing, and working with senior staff on research projects.

#### What are your plans for next year?

Next year, I hope to attend a college in Colorado and study nursing or psychology. My top choices for college are either Regis University, University of Colorado-Denver or St. Mary's College-Notre Dame. I also hope to study abroad in Italy. Italy seems like a very beautiful country and I hope that through a study abroad program I can learn more about their culture.

#### Have your CWSP experiences helped you decide what you want to study in college?

As a CNA, I've realized how much I enjoy helping people with basic human needs. Nursing has become a career I would like to pursue.

Are you a part of any clubs or activities here? Generals for Justice (a club that takes students to volunteer in different organizations), Philanthropy Ambassadors, Cross Country as a manager, and Student Tutors.

#### If you could have one superpower for a day what would it be?

Flying! It would give me the opportunity to travel for free!

#### **AJHS Golf Invitational** Presented by RE/MAX, LLC

June 27, 2018



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 tenth year in a row. It was a day to remember, raising over \$250,000 in net proceeds for Arrupe Jesuit! Thank you to all of the sponsors, golfers, and supporters of this event. As Claudia said best, your support surrounds our young people with incredible opportunity!

"My four years in high school were tough on me as a teen not only because of the changes I was encountering, but my family also had several life altering events that made it tough to stay focused. If it wasn't for my Arrupe family and coworkers, I really don't know where I would've ended up. They were in many instances, my shield. Never once did my teachers give up on me or the idea of me being the first in my family to attend college. Never once did my supervisor tell me medical school was impossible.

There is a saying that goes: walk like a duck, talk like a duck, act like a duck, and eventually you'll turn into a duck. Well, I eventually turned into that duck . .

By constantly being surrounded by college graduate influences at work and at school with my teachers, I actually started to believe I was going to college.

—Claudia Villa AJHS Class of 2007

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Your gift is a blessing to Arrupe Jesuit and we appreciate all you do!

