ARRUPE JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

Junual Report



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Supporters of Arrupe,

2015-2016 was special. After being heavily focused on construction for a few years through our Working for the Future campaign, we thought we were ready to move on to life after hard hats, drilling, and dust. But God had a different plan in mind and we weren't quite there yet. Thanks to the incredible generosity of a benefactor, our construction continued to complete final renovations on several spaces not included in our Working for the Future campaign (existing classrooms, science labs, computer lab, elevator and more). Our school has been transformed into the space our students deserve and if you haven't already, I hope you'll come by for a tour in coming weeks.



Through it all, the students of Arrupe Jesuit remained grateful, determined, faithful, and steadfast in their work towards a brighter future. They attended retreats with their classmates, planned and participated in all school masses, made it to the playoffs in Boys Soccer, hosted Prom at the Museum of Nature & Science, livestreamed the Pope's speech to Congress, heard from a Holocaust survivor, finished 8th at the Robotics State competition, went to work at 120 CWSP partner organizations, and for the tenth consecutive year 100% of Seniors graduated on time and were accepted into college (70% of which were the first in their families to graduate high school!).

We heard from alumni all over the world. Several received various leadership awards at their colleges, one studied abroad in Israel, one completed an internship in Panama City, five are currently enrolled in graduate school programs, one bought her first home, and seven are now in management roles supervising AJHS students at the very employers they worked for through CWSP.

As President of Arrupe Jesuit, it is my honor and privilege to share this report with you showcasing just what a special year it was. We thank you for your support of our students and for your belief in their futures. Keep with us as we celebrate the accomplishments you'll read about and move into the year ahead!

Continued blessings,

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Moving Mountains in Our Nation's Capital

Arrupe Jesuit alumni Jose Madrid, '10 and Dau Doldol, '14 got together in Georgetown last summer connecting over their shared history at Arrupe Jesuit and their shared commitment to creating a better world. Jose graduated from Georgetown University in 2014 and you may recall seeing his photo on the front steps of Georgetown law on his first day — he's close to completing his law degree in 2017. Dau is currently attending American University anticipating graduating in the Class of 2018. Says AJHS Director of College Counseling, Joanne Augustine, "They will move mountains if they work together!!!"





Class of 2015 graduate, Jesus Yanez, is taking advantage of everything Creighton University has to offer! He began working in the admissions office during his freshman year and continues to excel at work and in the classroom. He is the official Creighton University Spanish translator and can be requested by families for tours and college visits. He is also translating all admissions documents into Spanish to help future Blue Jays and their families. Since Jesus is a first generation college student himself, he applied and was accepted to be a part of Student Support Services, which helps first generation college students and minorities with advising and academics. As if that was not keeping him busy enough, Jesus is double majoring in Education and Biology — and he is the President of the Latino Student Association. We could not be more proud of all that Jesus has immersed himself in during his college journey.

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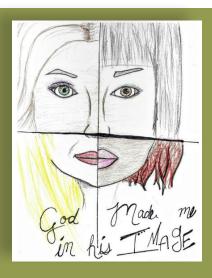
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As the first of five federal agencies to partner with Arrupe Jesuit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been a workplace home to over 30 students over the seven years of partnership with the Corporate Work Study Program. Through work in back-office support functions, students gain valuable insight into how a federal agency functions and learn about the many career options that may be open to them in the future. Pictured below, Manuel prepares for the unique opportunity to participate in USFWS educational programs at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge!

Outside of the office, many USFWS staff members volunteer for AJHS career panels, as well as serve as advisors for Senior Capstone projects. We are so thankful for their mentorship, guidance, and involvement in our student workers' lives!

"We are honored to be a partner with Arrupe Jesuit High School and look forward to continuing our partnership into the future. It is rewarding to meet so many young people of different backgrounds, through this program, who have an interest in wildlife conservation and I hope they consider a career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

- Noreen Walsh, Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Drawing by Ibarra, AJHS Class of 2018.

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Atticus Literary Magazine is a publication that encourages students to publish their original work, accepting all forms of self-expression including drawings, poetry, short stories, and essays. Helping students to find their creative voice, members are exposed to diverse ideas and grow as writers, artists, and thinkers. Published twice annually, Atticus brings together the many voices of the Arrupe Jesuit community...head to our website today to see complete editions!

Avery Rodriguez, AJHS Class of 2017, reads his excerpt to the crowd at the winter launch party at

BookBar on Tennyson Street.

In the fall semester, 114 freshmen experienced their first Arrupe Jesuit retreat. Supported by more than 150 of their older classmates and more than 25 faculty/staff, they experienced a powerful 12-hour day of activities, reflection, and Mass. This retreat strives to remind students of the value they each possess in life and within our community, a value bestowed upon them by our loving God who has created them in His divine image. It is a selfless day of service dedicated to Arrupe Jesuit, and it helps to strengthen the sense of community that defines our school.





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> - Chris & Michelle Kennedy Highlands Ranch, CO

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Nicky Schifano, English

What brought you to Arrupe Jesuit?

I have lived in Colorado my whole life. I started working here as an Alum Service Corps (ASC) volunteer 4 years ago and have been here ever since. I was introduced to Jesuit education when I attended Regis Jesuit High School in Aurora and then Regis University in Denver. I also completed my master's degree at Regis University last year.

What is the most meaningful thing about being on faculty here?

Working with kids. Our kids are so full of energy and experiences that there is never a dull moment. It's great to be able to engage students in authentic conversations both within and outside of the classroom.



What is one of your most memorable experiences here?

Every year I participate in the Freshman Retreat and every year it is quite memorable both for students and staff. The retreat is a great way to welcome the freshmen into our community and to show them what it means to be "of Arrupe Jesuit."

What is a unique challenge about being an Arrupe teacher?

It's always challenging to respect students' lives outside of school while also holding them accountable for a college preparatory curriculum. We have a responsibility to prepare them for college and life outside of Arrupe but we also have to care for them as people and to understand that they have responsibilities outside of school. It's about finding balance between the two.

What is your hope for our students/alumni?

My hope for Arrupe Jesuit students and alumni is that their Jesuit education affects their choices for their future. We teach them to be religious, loving, intellectually competent, committed to justice, open to growth, and work experienced in high school but I hope that they will also continue to be those things as they grow older and continue their formation. I hope that they continue to be men and women for others no matter where their lives take them.

In November 2015, in preparation for Thanksgiving break, our students reflected on what they are each thankful for. Heartwarming and moving, they shared things such as:

"I am thankful for this job experience. I am thankful for the life I have been given and I am thankful for having food on my plate every day."

"Grades, our building, and family."

– Alejandro (Sophomore)

"I am grateful for being a part of the team with my work and friends/school. I am grateful for being confident in all my work. I am grateful that I got into a good school that will prepare me for work and college."

- Noelia (Freshman)

"This year I am grateful for working at Campbell Killin Brittan & Ray again, for my

"Three things I am grateful for this year are the support and love of my family, having a place to live in, and my education."

"I am grateful for the effort my mom puts into keeping us going as a family. I am grateful for my education at Arrupe and for my friends."

– Gerardo (Sophomor<u>e)</u>

"I'm thankful for a supportive family, for God, and to work at a place where I matter." – Alyssa (Freshman)

"This year I am grateful for my Kairos experience, my family, and my opportunities.'

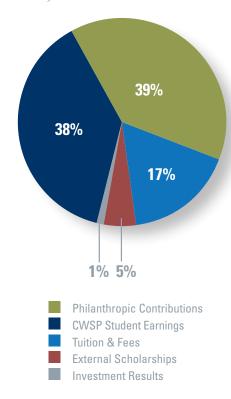
- Juno (Senior)

"My grandma's health, my niece being born

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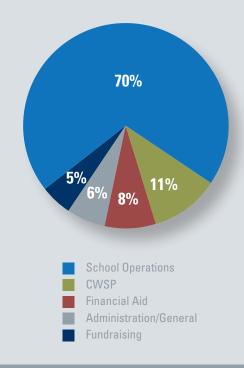
Revenue

Total	\$5,969,794
Investment Results	\$66,379
External Scholarships	\$301,600
Tuition & Fees	\$1,003,996
CWSP Student Earnings	\$2,257,756
Philanthropic Contributions	\$2,340,063



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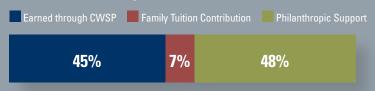
Total	\$5,732,535
Fundraising	\$263,045
Administration/General	\$339,671
Financial Aid	\$457,739
CWSP	\$656,071
School Operations	\$4,061,009



Cost Breakdown per Student

Amount Earned through CWSP	\$6,312
Average Family Tuition Contribution	\$1,000
Average Gap Closed by Philanthropy	\$6,680
Total Cost to Educate a Student	\$13,992

Cost to Educate an Arrupe Jesuit Student



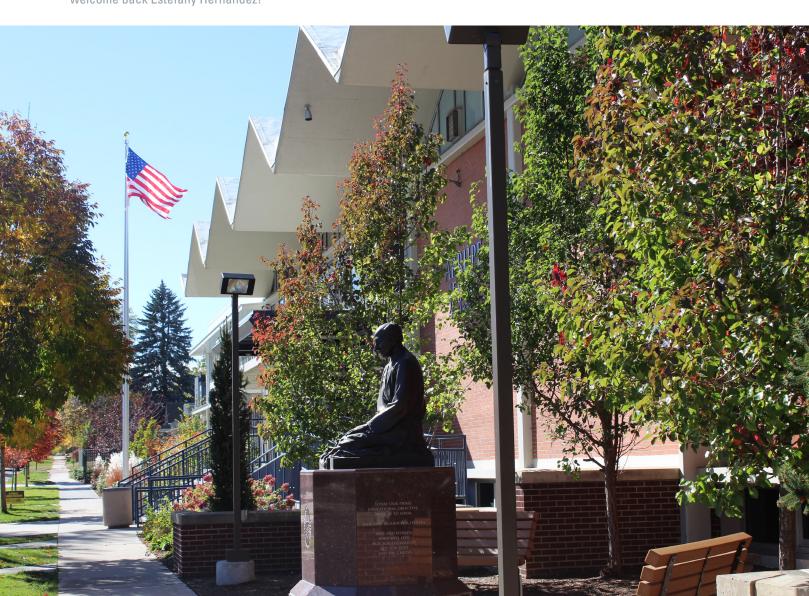
FISCAL YEAR 2017 - LOOKING AHEAD

We are proud of the achievements that took place in 2015-2016 and hope you'll stay with us to see what happens in the 2016-2017 school year. You can look for:

- Our largest student body yet, with just under 400 students
- Continued work to secure CWSP positions for each member of our growing student body
- Our "Families Together!" program engaging parents of all grade levels to empower them to support their students through homework, extracurricular activities, and the college and scholarship application process
- Fr. John Nugent, our new Assistant Principal for Academic Support, working with students who are struggling with the rigorous curriculum of a college preparatory high school, ensuring their challenges are met with support, encouragement, and tools for success
- Our first alumni (Class of 2007) returning to the halls of Arrupe Jesuit as a member of our teaching faculty – welcome back Estefany Hernandez!

- Two new Alumni Service Corps volunteers primarily supporting Freshmen Math and English courses and one Colorado Vincentian Volunteer supporting the CWSP team
- Return of the Yearbook Club creating a memento of students' time at Arrupe Jesuit
- ...and much more!

The success of our students is possible with thanks to the generosity of our community who shares in our belief that Arrupe Jesuit students are capable, hard-working teenagers who have been underserved and deserve our investment in creating opportunity for each young man or woman who enters our doors. Each year, we must raise \$2 million in philanthropic support as well as secure over 120 Corporate Work Study Sponsors. Thank you for being an integral part of our students' success!





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