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## December Update from Arrupe December 2006 Vol. 1, Issue 5

### Greetings!

Preparing this month's update to the Arrupe community is a good reminder of the many people who join us in our mission. Student leaders committed to being of service to others. Area businesses that invest in our students as valued co-workers. Organizations like Leader's Challenge that reinforce the high expectations students' set for themselves. The parents, teachers, and volunteers who share students' dreams with them.

We are grateful for your ongoing interest in our students and our work.

Rev. Stephen Planning, SJ  
President

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### Arrupe Students Bring Gifts to Needy Family

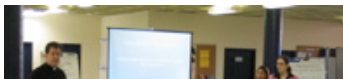


Arrupe's Service Ambassadors held a fundraising drive to adopt a family through Denver Rescue Mission's annual holiday program. Students purchased presents and delivered them to a family of ten who otherwise might not have been able to afford Christmas gifts for their children this year.

### [Denver Rescue Mission's Adopt-A-Family Program](#)

### Work Study Employers Share Best Practices

The Corporate Work Study Program welcomed student supervisors to the school in



### Featured Employer



### St. Anthony Hospitals

Sacrifice and determination by a small group of Franciscan nuns built St. Anthony Central Hospital, which opened in 1892. The sisters went from mining camp to mining camp collecting donations to build their dream.

The philosophy of St. Anthony Hospitals is based upon that of St. Francis of Assisi, whose charity embraced mankind in imitation of the gospel and teachings of Christ. We are dedicated to our mission to extend the healing ministry of Christ by caring for those who are ill and by nurturing the health of the people in our communities.

Today, St. Anthony Hospitals is a full-service nonprofit health care organization with renowned programs in trauma, cardiovascular services, neurosciences, and orthopedics. We operate hospitals in Denver, Westminster, and Frisco and medical clinics in Granby, Winter Park, and Copper Mountain.

November to share insights and lessons learned with one another. These annual gatherings are part of our commitment to continued program improvement and give the people who work most directly with our students a chance to share strengths and challenges of working with high school students in a professional environment.



Some of the feedback and suggestions at this year's breakfast included,

- Hold students to high expectations.
- Have binders and specific task lists for students on their work day, which can help them stay on task more consistently.
- Work with other departments to expose students to the big picture and enable them to explore other areas of interest.
- Include students in the companies' standard employee evaluation program and hold them to similar standards as traditional employees.

#### "Car Guy" Talks About Writing



Frank Amoroso, CW2's "Car Guy", spoke to Arrupe freshmen about his work as a freelance writer reviewing automobiles. His message to students was to write about your passions. As a treat to students, he brought along some of the more exotic cars he has reviewed, including a Lotus Elise, a Porsche 911,

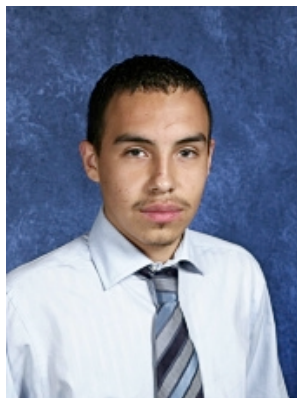
and a Ford GT. In response students wrote,

- "He lets people know if that car is a good car for their money, or a bad car for its price. I think he has one of the coolest 'fake' jobs ever!" – Julia
- "I also learned from reading the article in the Boulder paper that more sophisticated vocabulary in moderation really does make a paper more interesting." – Kateri
- "I learned that writing can get you a good job in the future." – Michael

#### Arrupe Junior Delivers Address at Business Breakfast

Ten Arrupe juniors are preparing for a future of leadership and service by participating in the yearlong Leader's Challenge program. This program develops civic- and service-minded students by engaging them in their local communities. Adel Montes was chosen from among 300 students to speak on behalf of participants at the December 7th Leader's Challenge fundraiser.

Challenged to interview a local leader in his community, Adel visited neighborhood businesses near Arrupe



Each member of the St. Anthony Hospitals team is responsible for the health and well-being of our patients, working together and pioneering efforts using the best and latest equipment. We offer career opportunities in nearly every medical discipline and ancillary service.

This is where the Arrupe students have been an integral part of our work. We have incorporated the strong work ethic of these fine young adults by allowing them to work with some of the most professional caregivers in the country. During the last three years, Arrupe students have worked in our Radiology, Family Medicine, Women's Services, Human Resources, Shared Beginnings, and Facilities Departments.

Our partnership with Arrupe has been very successful, and once our managers find out how hard these young people work, they are asking for them year after year! The students provide good value to our patients and benefit themselves by gaining professional work experience and access to an affordable college preparatory education.

#### Quick Links...

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and introduced himself to Frannie Plavnick, owner of [Zelda's](#) and the president of the Tennyson business association:

*She was so happy to hear that our school wanted to be involved in the community. Frannie invited me to the merchant meetings, and introduced me to our local Councilman and his secretary. I was proud of myself – overcoming some of my fears I had of speaking to people I didn't know. I overcame that fear and it paid off. Since then I have learned not to let my fears hold me back and have met some amazing people.*

#### [Leader's Challenge Online](#)

#### Leader's Challenge Supports Ethiopian Children



Arrupe's Leader's Challenge group raised over \$400 for Quarters for Kids, a nonprofit that improves living standards and opportunities for children living in rural areas. Four quarters per day will feed and educate a child in Ethiopia. The students more than doubled their initial fundraising goal by presenting their plan to a student assembly and then preparing and selling breakfast burritos at the school.

#### [Quarters for Kids Online](#)

#### Arrupe Wrestlers Top in the State

Seniors Richard Apodaca and Lance Gallegos enter the 2006-07 wrestling season ranked top in the state in Class 3A. The Generals hosted their first home meet on December 13th and competed against 64 teams from throughout the region at the University of Northern Colorado tournament this past weekend.



The Arrupe wrestling program was profiled last winter by the Rocky Mountain News in an article entitled "Using Four on the Floor" when Lance was the 2A champion at 135 lbs. and Richard was 2A runner-up at 125 lbs.

#### [Read Rocky Mountain News Article](#)

#### CWSP Employers Among "Best Places to Work"

The Denver Business Journal announced winners of its annual "Best Places to Work" award in November. Ehrhardt Keefe Steiner & Hottman, a Denver accounting and consulting firm, was named the top large-size company (150+ employees), while two other Work Study partners, Lockton Companies of Colorado and CoBiz, Inc., were named runners-up in the same category.



In awarding the top honor to EKS&H for the third consecutive year, the Denver Business Journal cited its commitment to employee fitness, recognition of the sacrifices made by family members,

generous benefits, and community involvement.

[Read Business Journal Article](#)

#### Seniors Named Daniels Scholarship Semi-Finalists

Congratulations to the eight Arrupe seniors have been selected as semi-finalists for the Daniels Scholarship program:

Jesus Avila  
Daniela Baron  
Micaela Escontrias  
Chelsea Espinosa  
Oscar Lomeli  
Alejandra Luna  
Susana Portillio  
Michelle Spreutels

#### Newsweek: The Rev. John Foley

This week's issue of Newsweek magazine includes an article on Rev. John Foley, SJ, the founding President of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, the school on which Arrupe was modeled. The article reads in part,

*The best ideas are often bred in desparation... Coming up with a curriculum that would turn likely dropouts into college grads was a major challenge, but figuring out how to pay for the school seemed an even bigger obstacle.*



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