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November Update from Arrupe

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Greetings!

In his 1973 address to the world-wide alumni of Jesuit high schools, Superior General Pedro Arrupe, SJ proclaimed that,

Today our prime educational objective must be to form men and women for others; men and women who will live not for themselves but for Christ... who lived and died for all the world; men and women who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors; men and women completely convinced that love of God which does not issue in justice for all men is a farce.

Our high school was named to honor Fr. Arrupe's commitment to service and justice, and we provide our students the opportunity to meet the challenge of his message. Throughout the Denver community, our students participate in service projects that are as valuable as any lesson taught in class. The projects themselves teach students the true value of the talents and abilities with which they have been graced. Through their service students learn that these gifts are not intended to benefit the individual solely; instead, their gifts are to be used in the service of others.

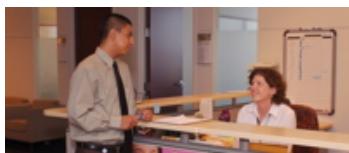
As our graduates complete their education and transition to their adult lives, we hope that their contributions to the community will honor the legacy of Fr. Arrupe's teachings.

Michael O'Hagan
Principal

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Children's Hospital: Education Beyond the Classroom



The Children's Hospital featured an article about its partnership with Arrupe in its October newsletter:

What do you want to be when

Featured Student



Erlinda, Class of 2007

As I prepare for college I find it challenging to write about myself. I find it unrealistic to express who I am in one essay. I find it very difficult because I do not know exactly who I am. I do know, however, that I have faced experiences that have shaped the person I am now. It is strange how one's dreams and future aspirations change. Once I longed and wished to follow the same path as my sister; now I long to develop my own identity.

As a child I admired my older sister. She was beautiful, kind, and popular. All the guys liked her. Because I was young I did not realize that my sister was battling a serious drug addiction. Unfortunately my sister also did not realize her addiction. Now that my sister is twenty-



you grow up? Doctor, lawyer, pilot or President?

No matter the chosen occupation, education is the means to achieve dreams. Arrupe Jesuit High School, the 47th college preparatory Jesuit high school in the United States is closing the gap between dreams and reality for the economically disadvantaged in Denver.

[Read "Education Beyond the Classroom"](#)

RE/MAX CEO Inspires Students with Life Story

RE/MAX International CEO Margaret Kelly visited Arrupe to share her personal story of success with our students. Mrs. Kelly grew up in Detroit working in a factory and was initially discouraged from attending college. However, she was good with numbers and began taking classes at her local community college in hopes of one day becoming a bookkeeper.

Mrs. Kelly went on to complete her college degree and accept an entry-level position in RE/MAX's accounting department. Nineteen years and seven promotions later she now oversees 100,000 agents in more than 50 countries. The lesson of her life - that determination, education, and hard work can make anything possible - is an inspiration to our students.



Save the Date: The Arrupe Magis Night

Join us on Saturday, February 24th for our annual benefit dinner. This year's event will be held at the Convention Center Hyatt Regency and the theme will be "Graduating to Our Future" in celebration of our fourth year as a school and our first graduating class. Proceeds will benefit the Arrupe Tuition Assistance Fund, ensuring that an Arrupe education remains affordable for the neediest families in our community.

For more information contact Helen Salazar-Martin at (303) 455-7449 ext. 232 or by email at hsmartin@arrupejesuit.com.

[View Magis Night Announcement](#)

Mad About Science at Arrupe



9News' Mad About Science Week highlighted Arrupe teacher Stephan Graham as one of five extraordinary science teachers in Colorado. Science correspondent Steve Spangler and the 9News team filmed a live segment featuring Arrupe students performing three demonstrations in physics and chemistry.

chemistry.

seven years old she still struggles along the same path that she chose ten years ago. Seeing her battling her addictions are some of the worst times in my life. It is as if I am living a nightmare from which I cannot wake up.

I remember one day when my sister wanted me to spend the night at her house but I couldn't because of an enormous amount of homework. Later that night after I had completed my homework, I decided to take my sister up on her offer and went over to her house. When I arrived no one answered the door, so I started to pound harder. Still no one answered. I went around the house to her bedroom window. As I pressed my face to the glass I saw a figure lying on the floor.

As I squinted, I realized that the swollen body was my sister. I broke the glass and jumped in. I could not speak clearly because I was crying so much but I frantically asked my sister various questions. "Are you okay? What happened?" She did not respond but I could tell that she was still alive because she was shaking as if she was in a seizure. My sister had been brutally beaten by her boyfriend. At first I wanted to blame myself for not being there to protect her. She had not used drugs that night but her boyfriend had come to the conclusion that she had. So he beat her senseless. As I walked around the house I found my two nieces hiding under the table also fearing for their lives. From that point on I said to myself, "This is enough!" I was not going to travel this same road; I promised myself that

"As a former engineer, I attempt to fit real-world examples into the science lessons that I design," said Stephan. "I am here to work with center-city kids and do two things. First, make them scientifically literate so that they might be able to form intelligent opinions... Second, increase the number of kids of color entering the fields of math, science and engineering."

[View Mad About Science Videos](#)

Service Ambassadors Host Halloween Party

Arrupe's Service Ambassadors hosted a Halloween Party for 25 residents of Holy Family Residence, a senior complex adjacent to the school. The party included holiday games, refreshments, and a school tour.



The Ambassadors promote service among members of the Arrupe community. Past projects have included a school-wide Service Day each spring, Earth Day events, Denver Rescue Mission's Adopt-A-Family program, and [Fr. Woody's Christmas Party](#). We would like to offer a special thank to this year's Service Ambassadors – Daniela Barron (Sr), Stefani Garcia (So), Olivia Martinez (So), and Beatriz Salazar-Nuñez (Jr) – for helping Arrupe students live out the call to be men and women for others.

Regis University Honors Arrupe Teacher



Regis University's School of Education awarded Dan Schaller its **2006 Golden Apple Award**. This award is presented to the graduate student who demonstrates exceptional creativity and ingenuity in his or her student teaching.

Dan came to Arrupe as a full-time volunteer through the Jesuits' Alum Service Corps (ASC) and now teaches freshman Global Studies and junior US History. He will graduate from Regis with a Masters in Education in December.

Opera at Arrupe: Simon Estes

Opera master Simon Estes visited Arrupe Jesuit High School on November 15 to share his love of music and passion for education with students. He is the son of a coal miner who has risen to international prominence after studying at the Julliard School of Music and making his professional debut in Berlin in 1965.

Mr. Estes has performed for kings and queens, popes and presidents and has appeared on



I would get away from all this abuse. One way I could make sure that I would get out of that life was to complete my education.

By learning from my sister's choices I have gained patience, perseverance, and a purpose. I believe that patience is a virtue, but at times a person cannot wait around for their future to come to them; they have to travel the road not taken to find out what their future holds. I am proud to take that road in order to find my full identity and explore what my future has in store for me.

By listening to my own heart, I have woken up from the nightmare I was living. I have finally realized that I do have a chance to become the person my heart wants me to be. It is with perseverance that I strive and look forward to becoming a role model for others.

I believe that by attending Fordham University, I will have the opportunity to express who I am as an individual. Finally I will have earned the power to become the successful business women that I want to become. When that day arrives I will look back and say to myself, "I am here because I have chosen to value myself and make a difference."

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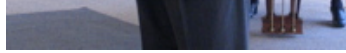
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the stage of every major opera house in the world. He is renowned for his musical gift and for his philanthropic work to benefit the educational and health needs of children throughout the world. "Education is the foundation for everything we have in life," said Mr. Estes, who currently teaches at Boston University and Iowa State University.



Thanks to Bob and Mary Sue Hawk, personal friends of Mr. Estes, for inviting him to Arrupe.

[Read Simon Estes' Biography](#)

CWSP Employer Named Top Financial Services Company



Pinnacle Assurance was honored as one of nine "Top Company" award winners by ColoradoBiz. In honoring Pinnacle in the Financial Services category, the magazine highlighted the company's scholarship program and its record of lowering premiums and providing \$150 million in dividends to customers

over the past two years.

Add **preparing the next generation for success in college and the workplace** to Pinnacle Assurance's many accomplishments.

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