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## May Update from Arrupe

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### Time Magazine: Melinda Gates Visit



**Time** magazine featured an article online about [The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's](#) support for educational reform and Melinda Gates' recent visit to urban schools in Chicago. The highlight of her visit was a stop at Cristo Rey, the school on which Arrupe is modeled. The article reads in part:

*The highlight of the day was not a public high school but a small, bilingual academy called Cristo Rey Jesuit High School...*

*Cristo Rey students exude confidence. When Gates asked a lunchroom table full of juniors if they planned to go the college, the response was a polite and respectful version of well, duh... The school's winning formula has been replicated in 11 other cities, and seven new Cristo Rey schools are slated to open in September, six of them with support from the Gates Foundation.*

*"Cristo Rey is magical. What you see is that hope, that optimism," said Gates, who was herself valedictorian of a Catholic high school...*

The Gates Foundation provided seed money during Arrupe's first three years and provides ongoing support for the opening of new Cristo Rey-model schools across the country.

### Featured Students



### Class of 2007

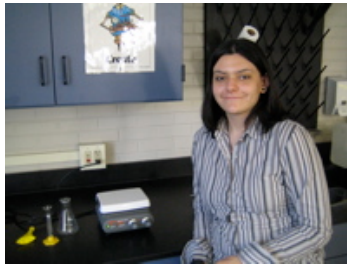
We will end this, our fourth year as a school, by celebrating our inaugural graduation on June 8th. Arrupe's first class of seniors has set a strong example for those who will follow. **One hundred percent of graduates** will have the opportunity to pursue a college degree and the Class of 2007 has earned **over \$1,400,000 in merit-based scholarships**. Congratulations!

**Richard Apodaca**, Univ of Colorado at Denver  
+ **Natalie Asher**, Regis Univ  
+ **Jesus Avila**, Regis Univ  
+ **Daniela Barron-Holguin**, Regis Univ  
+ **Joann Candelaria**, Univ of Colorado at Denver  
**Humberto Dosal**, Univ of Colorado at Denver  
+ **Joshua Duran**, Metro State College of Denver  
+ **Micaela Escontrias**, Regis

## [Read "On a Listening Tour with Melinda Gates"](#)

### Molecular Biologist in Training

Arrupe junior Becky Jimenez will spend her summer in Wyoming learning to build a better spider web. She will assist Dr. Randy Lewis as a paid research assistant as he studies how spiders make silk and how Chronic Wasting Disease is transmitted.



The University of Wyoming's **Summer Research Apprenticeship Program** provides minority, first-generation college bound, and female students the opportunity to gain first hand experience in science, mathematics, engineering, and other related research fields.

[Learn More](#)

### Arrupe Featured on Colorado Public Radio

CPR's **Colorado Matters** program featured an interview with Arrupe President Rev. Stephen Planning, SJ and senior Alejandra Luna on Monday, May 21st. The interview began as follows:

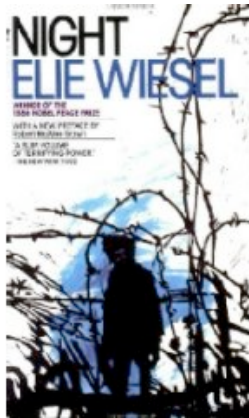
*You can count the ways the students at Arrupe Jesuit High School in northwest Denver have beaten the odds. They are from low-income families. Almost all are minorities and many live in neighborhoods where kids are more likely to drop out of school than finish. Yet every member of Arrupe's first graduating class has been accepted to college...*

[Listen to "AJHS Graduates First Class"](#)

### Nobel Prize Winner Writes to Arrupe Students

Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel, recently responded to letters from Arrupe sophomores. The class had read **Night**, Mr. Wiesel's memoir describing his detention at the Auschwitz and Buchenwald camps.

Mr. Wiesel was awarded the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize for speaking out against violence, repression, and racism. He wrote to our students,



*My hope is that memory will serve as a shield for future horrors. Thanks for your efforts on behalf of memory.*

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### Arrupe Seniors Prepare for Health Careers

Three Arrupe seniors have been invited to prepare for careers as health professionals through the Kaiser Permanente Internship program. KP Interns work full-time each summer during college, allowing them to support their studies while gaining relevant

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+ **Chelsea Espinosa**, Benedictine College  
**Ray Fernandez**, Johnson & Wales Univ  
+ **Paul Flores**, Regis Univ  
**Lance Gallegos**, Univ of Northern Colorado  
+ **Monica Garcia**, Regis Univ  
+ **Ashley Gomez**, Univ of Denver  
+ **Mark Gunnett**, Regis Univ  
**Sonia Gurrola**, Comm College of Denver  
**Margarita Jaramillo**, Comm College of Denver  
**Lauren Kibe**, Red Rocks Comm College  
+ **Oscar Lomeli**, Regis Univ  
**Maribel Lopez**, Comm College of Denver  
**Stefan Lopez**, Undecided  
+ **Sirina Loya**, Regis Univ  
+ **Alejandra Luna**, Mount St. Mary's College (Chalon)  
+ **Erica Maes**, Regis Univ  
**Adriana Marquez**, Adams State College  
**Isabel Marquez**, Mesa State College  
**Monique Martinez**, Red Rocks Comm College  
**Priscilla Martinez**, Comm College of Denver  
**Azalia Melendez**, Univ of Colorado at Denver  
**Veronica Olivas**, Colorado State Univ  
**Corey Pineda**, Metro State College of Denver  
**Andrew Plucinski**, Metro State College of Denver  
+ **Susana Portillo**, Univ of Denver  
+ **Erlinda Ramirez**, Regis Univ  
**Joana Rivera**, Undecided  
+ **Tara Rivera-Mendez**, Colorado State Univ  
**Mariel Rodriguez**, Comm College of Denver  
**Frank Romero**, Undecided  
**Celina Ruiz**, Johnson & Wales Univ  
+ **Michelle Spreutels**, Regis Univ  
**Sonja Surillo**, Keiser College  
**Alishia Taylor**, Newman Univ  
**Norma Uribe**, Fort Lewis College  
+ **Michael D. Valdez**, Univ of Colorado at Denver  
**Michael M. Valdez**, Metro State College of Denver  
+ **Charlene Vigil**, Regis Univ

experience.

Congratulations to our future doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals!

Daniela Barron-Holguin  
Sirina Loya  
Michelle Spreutels

**Claudia Villa**, *Newman Univ*

+ Student has earned a merit-based scholarship.

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