



Magis Night 2009 ~ February 28, 2009

Event Fact Sheet

What: Arrupe Jesuit High School Annual Gala Dinner

Why: The Arrupe Magis Night is our major event to raise funds for tuition assistance for our students. Arrupe's unique business model, in which a majority of our revenue is derived from earned income and tuition, will enable us to operate sustainability for many years to come. Even so, there will always be a gap between what students earn, what families are able to pay, and our overall operating budget. Currently, the cost to educate one Arrupe student for a year is \$7,650. Through their corporate work-study jobs, students are able to earn \$5,000 per year, roughly two-thirds of their tuition. We then work with each family to determine what they are able to pay, which is approximately \$1,000 per year on average. The remaining \$1,650 per student is paid for through fundraising, and specifically at our annual Magis Night event.

How does this benefit the community: There is a deplorable gap in school achievement between low-income and minority students and their peers in Colorado. Fewer than half of our state's African-American, Latino, and American Indian students graduate from high school, versus 75% of white students. Furthermore, 42% of students living at less than 185% of the federal poverty level graduate high school, compared with 69% of students who are above this level.

Post-secondary education for low-income students in Colorado has also lagged behind the national average at 17%, ranking Colorado 35th in sending our poorest students to college. Without improved access to college, Denver's at-risk youth simply cannot compete in the region's workforce or economy. ***Arrupe helps to reverse these patterns by providing an affordable college preparatory education to hundreds of students who would have not had this opportunity otherwise.***

Event Details~

Where: Hyatt Regency at Denver Convention Center
650 15th Street
Denver, Colorado

When: February 28, 2009, Saturday
6:00 P.M.

Cost to Attend: Corporate Tables of 10: \$10,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$3,000
Individual Tickets \$150

Expected Attendance: 600

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