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October Update from Arrupe

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Dear Jeff,

A recent [story](#) on Colorado Public Radio discussed the "Colorado Paradox" in higher education: Colorado is a well-educated state that does a relatively poor job of preparing its own students for college, especially those who are low-income or minority. According to a study published by the [National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education](#), our state has one of the widest gaps in the nation between the percentage of whites and minorities holding bachelors degrees.

Arrupe Jesuit High School is an attempt to address this critical community problem. We explicitly serve students whose families could not afford a traditional private education, with three-quarters of our students living at or near the poverty line. Our student body is 85% African-American or Latino. Academically, many students arrive at Arrupe testing one or more grade levels behind in reading or mathematics. The vast majority will be the first in their family to attend college.

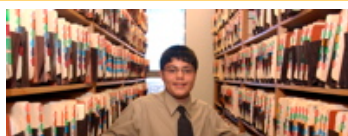
This list of factors would normally lead to dire predictions, but at Arrupe these students are at school every day, working hard, and preparing for college.

Rev. Stephen W. Planning, SJ
President

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Work Study Breakfast: November 16



Arrupe's Corporate Work Study Program will host an informational breakfast on November 16th at the Denver Country Club. This session is

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The Nord Family Foundation is honored and humbled to support the vocation of the teachers and administrators at Arrupe Jesuit High School.

As a modest-sized family foundation, we seek out ways in which our charitable dollars can have a positive impact on the lives of people in the communities we serve.

Many in the philanthropic field argue the benefits of supporting public schools vs. private schools. At The Nord Family Foundation, we provide support based on what we see working.

Arrupe provides hope to families where there might have been none. Its teachers provide a singular level of care for the youngsters in their charge, which we believe is a beacon for other schools to emulate, no matter if their funding is from government or private sources.

We see support for Arrupe Jesuit High School as a sound investment in the social fabric of our country.



designed to introduce potential employers to our work program and its benefits to companies, students, and our community.

As Arrupe's student body continues to grow, we expect to add nearly a dozen new employers. Please join us to help introduce Arrupe to businesses who might benefit from hiring our students.

[View Invitation](#)

Seniors Nominated for Daniels Scholarship

Congratulations to the eleven Arrupe seniors nominated for Daniels Scholarships this year! The Daniels Fund describes the focus of their scholarship program as follows:



Bill Daniels wanted the scholarship program to seek out students he termed "diamonds in the rough." He was looking for promising students with financial need whose academic performance may not necessarily reflect their potential, but who demonstrate strength of character, a well-rounded personality and a record of accomplishment in giving back to the community.

Arrupe students were nominated for consideration by the Alliance for Choice in Education, the Byrne Foundation, the Gold Crown Foundation, Leaders Challenge, and the University of Colorado at Denver Health Science Center's Early-Collegiate Program. As of spring 2006, over 1,000 Daniels Scholars were attending more than 200 colleges or universities across the United States.

[Daniels Scholarship Program](#)

Colorado Rockies Honor Jim Garcia



Jim Garcia, Arrupe's Director of Admissions, has been named the 2006 winner of **The Colorado Rockies Hispanic Adult Leadership Award**.

Jim was honored for his history of leadership in the community as co-founder of [Clinica Tepeyac](#) and [Escuela de Guadalupe](#). Jim was also a founding Board member of Arrupe Jesuit High School.

[View Award Announcement](#)

Arrupe Hosts Jesuit College Fair

Fourteen Jesuit universities visited Arrupe's campus on September 8th to help juniors and seniors explore educational options for their future. Arrupe is committed to preparing under-represented students for success in college and beyond. 86% of Arrupe seniors will be the first member of their family to attend college.



[Jesuit Colleges Online](#)

Students Reflect on Graduation Goals



To begin the school year, freshmen and sophomores were asked to consider their vision for themselves by the time they

John Mullaney
Executive Director

In eighteen years of activity, The Nord Family Foundation has contributed more than \$61 million for charitable and philanthropic purposes in Lorain County, Ohio and in several other communities of interest to the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Walter and Virginia Nord.

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graduate. They read the [Profile of the Arrupe Graduate at Graduation](#), interviewed parents, and reflected on the relationship between their parents' hopes for

them and their own expectations.

The "Grad at Grad" statement challenges students to develop six characteristics during their time at Arrupe: Open to Growth, Religious, Intellectually Competent, Loving, Committed to Justice, and Work Experienced.

[Student "Grad at Grad" Reflections](#)

Support Arrupe Through Workplace Giving

Arrupe relies on the support of generous benefactors to ensure that an Arrupe education remains affordable to the neediest families in our community. One of the most effective ways to support the school is through workplace giving.



Arrupe is a member of **Caring Connection**, a federated giving program that allows employees to direct charitable support to the nonprofit of their choice. In addition, most workplaces running **United Way** campaigns allow employees to designate their donations to support specific charities.

Please consider investing in Arrupe's students through your employer's workplace giving campaign this year:

Arrupe Jesuit High School
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[Caring Connection: Workplace Giving](#)

Cristo Rey Network Grows to Twelve Schools



In 1996 a new model of urban Catholic education was launched in Chicago as Cristo Rey Jesuit High School opened its doors. Ten years later, the network of schools following its model of a rigorous college preparatory education combined with real-world work experience has grown to twelve as new schools opened in Kansas City and

Sacramento this fall.

Over 3,000 students are now preparing for a future of college, work, and success at schools in Los Angeles, Cleveland, Cambridge, Portland, and Tucson among other cities.

[Map of Network Schools](#)

Arrupe Welcomes Prospective Students in November

Arrupe will host prospective students at two Open House events, November 5 and November 30. Attendees will learn more about our educational model, have the opportunity to sign up for shadowing days and a placement test, and receive a tour of the school conducted by current students.



For more information, contact Jim Garcia, Director of Admissions, at

(303) 455-4661 or by email at jggarcia@arrupejesuit.com.

[How to Apply](#)

John Carroll University, My Turn



Dan O'Brien reflected on his experience working at Arrupe and at Cristo Rey in the summer issue of his alma mater's alumni magazine. Dan is the Director of Arrupe's Corporate Work Study Program. His article reads in part:

This is one of the most innovative models [of education] I have ever seen and it has been exciting to be part of it. A former student of mine at Cristo Rey, a recent graduate of Marquette, told me: "My life changed when I went to Cristo Rey." Mine did too.

[Read "The Cristo Rey Model: Transforming Urban Education"](#)

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