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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A community of purpose, faith, and joy

Dear O'Dowd Community,

We are educating young people at a moment of extraordinary change. Artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are reshaping how we learn, work, communicate, and relate to one another. In the midst of that change, our Catholic vision of education keeps us focused on what matters most: the formation of the whole person, intellectually, ethically, spiritually, and relationally.

At the heart of that vision is a profound reverence for the dignity of every person and the goodness of God's creation. Catholic education calls us to help young people discover their gifts, encounter the world with curiosity and wonder, and grow into people who are fully alive.

At O'Dowd, we know that a deep sense of belonging is foundational to that growth. When students know they are seen, valued, and part of a community, they gain the confidence to find their voice and recognize their own capacity to make a difference.

We see this happening across O'Dowd, in classrooms, through the arts, on the field, and in the relationships students build with one another. This year, we are proud to partner with the University of Notre Dame and Catholic high schools across the region in asking how we can protect and deepen human connection in a world increasingly shaped by technology. As this work grows, we hope O'Dowd can help shape a broader conversation within Catholic education about human flourishing in the age of AI.

We cannot know exactly what the future will hold, but we can be intentional about who our students are becoming. By helping them know themselves as loved, recognize the dignity of others, and experience the joy of belonging to something larger than themselves, we prepare them to meet the world with curiosity and discernment. We want students to understand the forces shaping their lives, and to know they have the power to shape what comes next. Everything we do at O'Dowd is in service of our Dragons stepping forward fully alive, ready to use their gifts in service of others and help create a future in which all people can flourish.

With gratitude,



Kim Walsh, President
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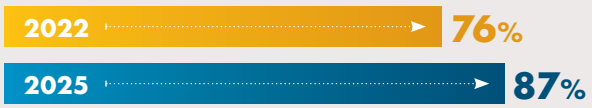


O'DOWD ON THE UC MAP

O'Dowd students continue to find success across the University of California system. According to admissions data reported by the *San Francisco Chronicle,* O'Dowd's UC admission outcomes have strengthened over the past four years, even as admission to some of California's most sought-after campuses remains highly competitive.

The latest results include a standout year at UC Berkeley. For fall 2025, 37 O'Dowd students were admitted, representing a 26.6% admission rate, nearly twice the statewide in-state rate reported by the *Chronicle*. At UCLA, 17 O'Dowd students were admitted, with 14 choosing to enroll.

O'DOWD UC ADMISSION RATE, 2022–2025



Behind those numbers are students discovering colleges that fit their aspirations and taking the next step in their educational journeys. Their success reflects both their hard work and the preparation, guidance, and support they receive throughout their years at O'Dowd.

GLOBAL LEARNING IN ACTION

Dr. Vino represented O'Dowd at the 2026 Nobel Prize Teacher Summit in Stockholm, joining nearly 300 educators from around the world for conversations about the future of education. Through discussions with Nobel Laureate Morten Meldal and other leading experts, participants explored urgent global challenges, including mental health and healthcare inequities.

"Attending the Nobel Prize Teacher Summit was an enriching and inspiring experience," shared Dr. Vino. "It created a vibrant global community of teachers committed to shaping the future of education."

Experiences like this bring new ideas and perspectives back to campus, strengthening the global lens that shapes teaching and learning at O'Dowd.





FINDING THEIR RHYTHM

What began four years ago with a simple idea—we want to dance—has grown into a shared passion rooted in creativity and community. Now seniors, many of O'Dowd's Dance Club members have been creating and performing together since ninth grade.

The dancers have explored styles ranging from original choreography set to contemporary music to faith-filled praise dance, bringing movement and storytelling to assemblies, spirit days, school Masses, and the 2025 Transforming Lives Dinner.

Guided by O'Dowd alumni **Shannon Donahue '95** and **Zaria Graham '16**, with choreography from **Remi Rucker '95**, the group has grown together as dancers and artists while sharing their talents with the O'Dowd community.



O'DOWD TAKES THE STAGE

O'Dowd Drama students attended the program's first International Thespian Society's state competition, and left with honors! Over 1700 students attended the state competition, where our troupe of 12 won multiple awards. The group's ensemble piece was selected as "Judges' Choice" and was presented on the mainstage.

ONE LAST LESSON

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026 AND WHAT THEY WILL CARRY FORWARD



Before the Class of 2026 crossed the stage, three voices offered a final lesson about the people they have become and the lives they are being called to lead.



CHOOSE JOY.

"O'Dowd's special community has also allowed me to find unexpected moments of joy... As we strive to spread more joy into the world around us, always remember to be amazed by others, and never forget that others are amazed by you too."

– Tucker Eddy '26
Valedictorian



SHOW UP.

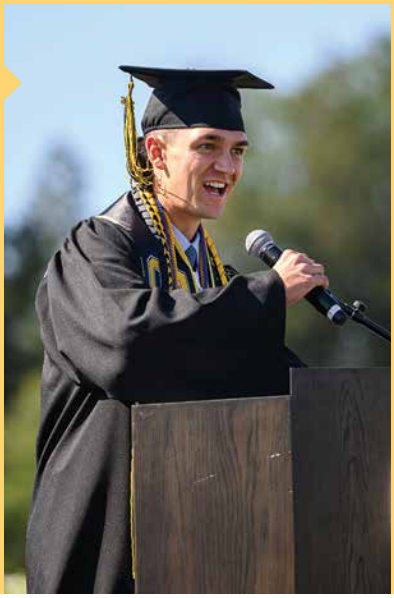
"You are all off to college or work, and you will have a lot more freedom than you have ever had before. But don't be fooled. Freedom comes with responsibilities. When you are tempted to skip class because there is no one there to tell you to go, drag yourself away from whatever seems more enjoyable at the time, and just go."

– Cherrie Nanninga '66
Cor Unum Awardee

GO SERVE.

"Now we're about to take our next step. And if these four years taught us anything, it's that we know how to walk into the unknown. So as we leave this place, carry something with you. Remember to show up. Show up when it's hard. Show up when it's uncomfortable. Show up for the people around you."

– Jack Gonzalez '26
Salutatorian















Honoring the Class of 2026

General Activity Award
Quincy Hare ’26
Emilio Piñones Campos ’26

Loyalty Award
Val Cortez ’26
London Walker ’26

Scholar Athlete Award
Emerson Besnard ’26
Ian Sweeney ’26

Regents Award
Tucker Eddy ’26
Bella Weiss ’26



WHAT IS SCHOOL FOR?

Through a new partnership with the University of Notre Dame, O'Dowd is helping Catholic schools reimagine education in the age of artificial intelligence.

Earlier this year, Pope Leo XIV's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* invited the Catholic Church to engage one of the defining questions of our time: how can emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, advance human flourishing?

Magnifica Humanitas stands within a long tradition of Catholic social teaching that considers how periods of profound social and technological change shape human life, while calling us to ensure those changes uphold human dignity and serve the common good.

As a Catholic college preparatory school, O'Dowd is stepping into that conversation in a significant new way. The University of Notre Dame's Institute for Ethics and the Common Good recently selected O'Dowd to serve as a Bay Area convenor for a group of 12 schools engaging DELTA, a national effort equipping educators, students, and industry and faith leaders to explore the opportunities, ethical implications, and strategies for human formation in the age of AI.

"School is the place where new generations can learn to seek and love the truth, to reflect on the meaning of life and to recognize the dignity of every person."

POPE LEO XIV
Magnifica Humanitas







Left: New Dragons receive a warm welcome from Advanced Student Leaders during Week of Welcome.

Above: Students make their way across campus on the first day of school.

Above: ASB President **Jimmy O'Dowd '27** speaks at a school assembly.

Bottom left: Students enjoy lunchtime Dragon Connections on the Lower Field.

A REGIONAL CONVERSATION

In June, O'Dowd convened educators and administrators from 12 Catholic high schools across Northern California for a summer retreat supported by DELTA. Over three days, they explored emerging questions around AI through the five principles of the DELTA framework—dignity, embodiment, love, transcendence, and agency—grounding the conversation in a distinctly Catholic understanding of what it means to be human.

Amid the many ideas shared, one question kept surfacing: *What is school for?*

Michael Downs, O'Dowd's former Director of Justice and Kinship who now leads regional engagement for Notre Dame's DELTA Network, puts the challenge plainly:

"School is no longer as simple as teachers conveying information or being the knowledgeable expert in the room," Michael said. "Guess what? Every kid has an expert in their pocket. So we have to ask bigger questions about the dignity of teaching and learning: What is education ultimately for? What do we want our students to become?"

Answering those questions means considering what is essential to the deeply human process of learning.

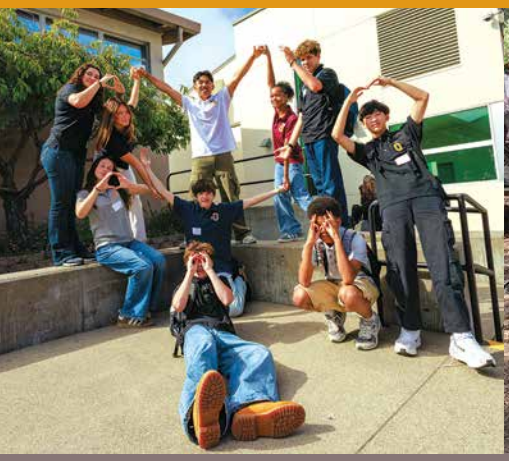
Shannon Vanderpol, Associate Principal for Community Life, points to something our culture increasingly tries to eliminate: friction.

"AI seems like it makes everything easier, faster, more efficient," Shannon reflected. "But when we lose friction, we lose the human experience. We lose the suffering. We lose the pain. We lose the confusion. We lose the sacred wrestling."

Senior **Luke Whitten '27** recognizes the value of that friction. "A big part of school is not just what you're learning, but the habits you practice by learning what you are learning," he said. "You learn discipline, you learn perseverance." AI can be a useful tool, he says, but students also need the experience of forming their own ideas, "even if they're wrong."

"There's so much beauty in imperfection," Luke said. "Mistakes are where our humanity presents itself."

That vision of education as a deeply human process is already shaping student life at O'Dowd — from a new course, *Tech Ethics and Human Flourishing,* to a campus culture intentionally designed to deepen relationships and connection.







"Schools are not called to follow the pace of the digital world, but to offer that which the digital sphere by itself cannot provide, namely a shared time for learning and developing trustworthy relationships."

POPE LEO XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas*



TECH ETHICS AND HUMAN FLOURISHING

This fall, O'Dowd launched *Tech Ethics and Human Flourishing*, an updated Religious Studies elective and the school's DELTA pilot project. Building on the former Ethics and Media course, the curriculum explores the growing role of AI and emerging technologies in students' lives while placing the human person at the center.

Students examine their own relationship with technology before exploring AI through history, sociology, ethics, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Gospel. Drawing on the DELTA framework, they wrestle with questions that have no easy answers: *Is the way I use technology helping me flourish? What vision of humanity is driving technological progress? How can innovation uphold human dignity and serve the common good?*

For Myra Capulong, Religious Studies Chair, evaluating technology begins with understanding what the Christian tradition says about humanity. "We have always been very adamant about the goodness of humanity," she said. "God created creation and said, 'This is good.'"

Her message to students is simple: you are good, worthy of love, capable of loving others, and called to live in relationship. Technology may reflect human creativity, but it cannot replace the humanity from which it comes.

Jimmy O'Dowd '27 sees that distinction in how students use AI. It can help explain a concept or find information, he said, but asking it to do the work for you is "kind of missing the whole point of school."

"Progress doesn't have to mean better technology," he said. "Progress can also mean humans being able to work harder to make things better for each other."

A CAMPUS DESIGNED FOR CONNECTION

Beginning this school year, O'Dowd also became a phone-free campus, creating more opportunities for students to be fully present with one another throughout the school day.

Mary McInerney, Director of Technology and Innovation, sees adolescence as a critical time for students to develop the skills that sustain healthy relationships.

"I'm really concerned about students turning to chatbots for companionship instead of in-person connections," she said. "Especially in adolescence, when they're learning and practicing the skills it takes to build and maintain meaningful relationships."

Just days into the school year, students say they can already feel a shift. **Sakari Butler '27** describes a "jolly vibe" on campus, with students laughing together on the quad. Jimmy calls campus "bustling," with students playing hacky sack, ping pong, and basketball. Even friends who initially opposed the policy, he said, have admitted that school simply feels more fun.







During lunch, Dragon Connections offers pickup sports, board games, live music, wellness activities, club events, and other opportunities to bring students together. But some of the most important connections are also the simplest: a conversation after class, a hello in the hallway, meeting someone new during Flex, lingering over lunch with friends.

As a senior, **Andalyn Capucion '27** already sees those connections happening among this year's freshmen. "They're actually getting to know each other," she said. "They already look like a class, united, like a family. And that's what it's supposed to look like."

LOOKING AHEAD

Through DELTA, O'Dowd and Catholic schools across Northern California will continue learning from one another as they develop new approaches to education in a world increasingly shaped by technology. O'Dowd has seen what sustained collaboration around emerging challenges can build over time. Following Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si',* which called Catholics to care for our common home, O'Dowd has helped lead formation for 49 schools in the Diocese of Oakland, serves on the California Catholic Conference of Bishops' steering committee advancing climate literacy and sustainability statewide, and serves on the leadership working group for the Vatican's *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.

DELTA is just beginning, with an opportunity to build that same spirit of shared learning over time. For O'Dowd students, that work is ultimately about the future they will inherit — and the role they can play in shaping it.

Sakari hopes to help create a culture where people feel comfortable showing up as themselves. "I just want to live in a world where we're okay being a little vulnerable," she said. "We don't always have to have this really polished, sophisticated answer. We can just be authentic."

If every student has an expert in their pocket, the purpose of school becomes something far deeper than delivering information. It becomes forming young people who know how to love, discern, create, question, and lead — and who have the agency to help shape a future where technology serves human dignity, the common good, and the flourishing of the whole person.

Top left: Students strike a pose during O'Dowd's cell phone-free school day.
Center left: New Dragons put service into action by helping clean up local parks.
Top right: Student leaders help new Dragons feel welcomed and connected on campus.
Center right: During lunch, students find new ways to play and connect with one another.
Top right: Incoming ninth graders gather for a movie night during O'Dowd's Week of Welcome.
Bottom Right: New students get to know their schedules and navigate their new campus.



FLAG FOOTBALL:

A NEW WAY TO TAKE THE FIELD

O'Dowd's inaugural girls flag football team is creating new opportunities for competition, connection, and belonging.

On late summer afternoons, O'Dowd's newest team began taking shape. Some players arrived with years of flag football experience; others were throwing and catching for the first time. Together, they learned routes, practiced plays, and discovered what kind of team they wanted to become: a team that competes seriously while still making room for laughter, high-fives, and encouragement.

The launch of girls flag football reflects the sport's remarkable growth. After the California Interscholastic Federation sanctioned girls flag football in 2023, programs expanded rapidly across the state. The sport will make its Olympic debut at the 2028 Los Angeles Games, and opportunities for athletes to continue playing beyond high school are increasing.

At O'Dowd, student interest was already strong. Approximately 60 students attended an initial interest meeting, and nearly 90 ultimately expressed interest in the program.

"Athletics is ingrained in the culture of O'Dowd," said Athletic Director Carlos Reed. "Adding flag football gives more students the opportunity to compete, represent their school, and build community. The response made it clear that this was an opportunity our students wanted."

Students also played an important role in advocating for the new team. **Teryn Green '27, Delilah Young '28,** and several friends approached school leaders after seeing flag football grow at other Bay Area schools.

"I wanted to help start flag football at O'Dowd because it's really fun and combines skills from a lot of different sports," Delilah said. "It's also exciting to start a sport where almost everyone is a beginner. Since we began practicing this summer, we've made a lot of progress, from learning basic











skills to running more complicated plays. Even though it's our first season, I want us to make the playoffs and show that O'Dowd is ready to compete."

The sport has drawn experienced soccer, softball, basketball, and track athletes looking for a fall team, along with students who have not previously participated in O'Dowd athletics. Head Coach Mike Butler sees that mix as one of the program's greatest strengths.

"Flag football bridges a lot of sports," Mike said. "The agility and footwork can help basketball players, the speed work can help track athletes, and the teamwork and communication benefit everyone. You can't rely on one dominant player. Players have to understand the plays, communicate, and work together."

That shared learning has helped create an unusually welcoming environment. **Elyse Villavicencio '27** first discovered flag football during eighth-grade PE and enjoyed it so much that she searched for an organized league. With no girls teams nearby, she joined a co-ed team, which turned out to be all boys.

"I'm excited that the sport has grown and that I can now play with other girls at O'Dowd," Elyse said. "The team has so much energy, and because most of us are new, we're all learning together and encouraging each other to step outside our comfort zones. I hope our first season inspires even more girls to play."

For experienced players like Teryn, who grew up playing flag football and also competes in basketball and soccer, the inaugural season offers an opportunity to lead. She helps teammates connect new concepts to skills they already use in other sports.

"Everyone brings different strengths while learning the game together," Teryn said. "We compete seriously, but we're also laughing, high-fiving, and having fun. I think we have a chance to be really good in our first season."

The program's significance extends beyond wins and losses. With approximately 800 O'Dowd students participating in athletics, and many competing in multiple sports, teams are central to how students form relationships, develop confidence, and experience school spirit. Flag football opens that experience to even more students while giving female athletes a new, highly visible place to compete.

For Teryn, one moment captures what becoming an official O'Dowd team means: "Now we'll finally get to run out together for the Fall Sports Rally."

It is a simple tradition, but a meaningful one. A new team is taking its place in the O'Dowd community and being welcomed onto the field.

Far Left: **Camila Ramirez Hernandez '28** runs drills to prepare for the team's first scrimmage.

Top Left: **Elyse Villavicencio '27** catches a pass and runs to score.

Bottom Left: **Riley Major '28** and **Clare Opeka '29** throw up a "W".

Top Center: **Delilah Young '28**, **Ziggy Savage '28** and **Riley Major '28** celebrate after their first team scrimmage.

Bottom Center: **Rosa De Sousa '28** snaps the ball to quarterback **Zoila Hernandez '30** for a play on offense with **Zaida "Zi" Grace '30**.

On Right: **Clare Opeka '29** runs the ball with blocking from **Ceylon White '27** and **Zahra Eagles-Haynes '27**.

FINDING VOICE THROUGH ART



With nearly 30 courses across the arts, O'Dowd offers students a wide range of opportunities to explore and develop their creativity. In the visual arts, students begin by building a strong creative toolbox, focusing in introductory courses on technique, materials, and a deep understanding of the principles of art and elements of design. Through experiences in drawing and design, painting, photography, ceramics, digital arts, film, and other visual media, they develop the technical skills and critical analysis needed to bring their ideas to life.

As students progress, they are encouraged to experiment with new mediums, take creative risks, and discover what they want to say as artists. By the time they reach AP Art & Design, students are creating work that is not only technically sophisticated, but also personally meaningful, conceptually rich, and reflective of their own experiences and perspectives.

The student artists featured here explore themes of love, friendship, identity, wonder, athletics, sustainability, and social responsibility. Together, their work offers a glimpse into the creativity, curiosity, and artistic voice that flourish within O'Dowd's visual arts program.



Kiko Mannon ’26

Ubi Amore, Ibi Dolor

Digital Photograph, Clay and Acrylic Paint on Cardboard

“I hope to convey the feeling of intense and overwhelming emotions literally tearing open the chest.”

This photograph combines my sculpting, painting, and photography skills into one work. Inspired by the Latin phrase ubi amor, ibi dolor — “where there is love, there is pain” — I wanted to capture the intensity of human love and emotion, the theme of my AP Art portfolio. I’ve been creating original characters and stories since eighth grade and hope to eventually work as an artist or storywriter for a media studio.

Sonja Abid ’26

Octopus

Clay, Wire, Glass Beads, Glaze

“O’Dowd taught me that art and creativity in every form allows people to root themselves within the complexity of the world.”

This piece is inspired by my love of the ocean, the beach, and scuba diving. I challenged myself to work at a larger scale and experiment with materials like wire. O’Dowd’s art program taught me that creativity can help us root ourselves within the complexity of the world and move through life with curiosity. Making art has also given me a real sense of inner peace. I’m attending the University of Washington, where I’ll continue to sharpen my craft, and I would love to sell my art one day!





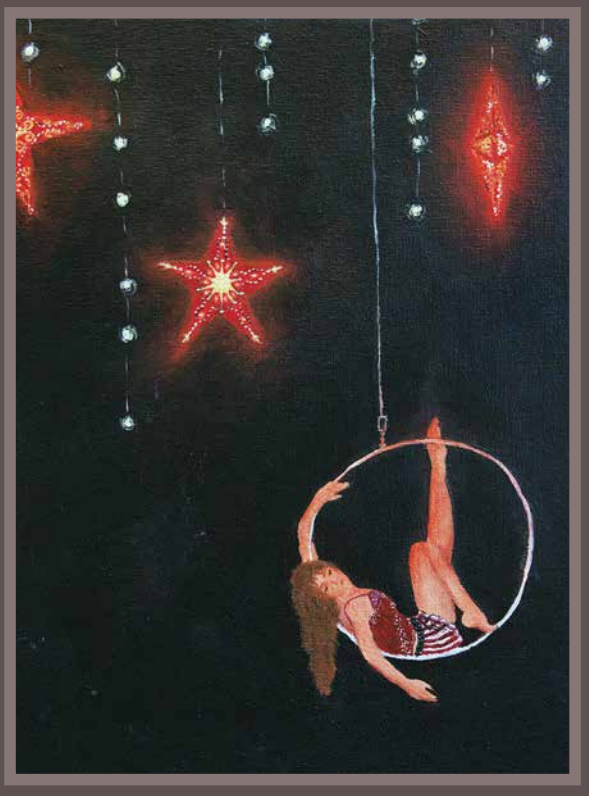
"This piece speaks to the importance of solidarity and understanding in friendships."

This piece was inspired by how my friends have pushed me to advocate for what I believe in. It recreates the Japanese proverb "speak no evil, see no evil, hear no evil" to explore solidarity, injustice, and how the support of others can give us confidence to speak up. I'm planning to major in Environmental Science and minor in Spanish at UC Berkeley, and I hope to continue painting and using my art to advocate for environmental and social justice.

Eli Dispensa '26

Speak No Evil, Hear No Evil, See No Evil

Acrylic Paint on Canvas



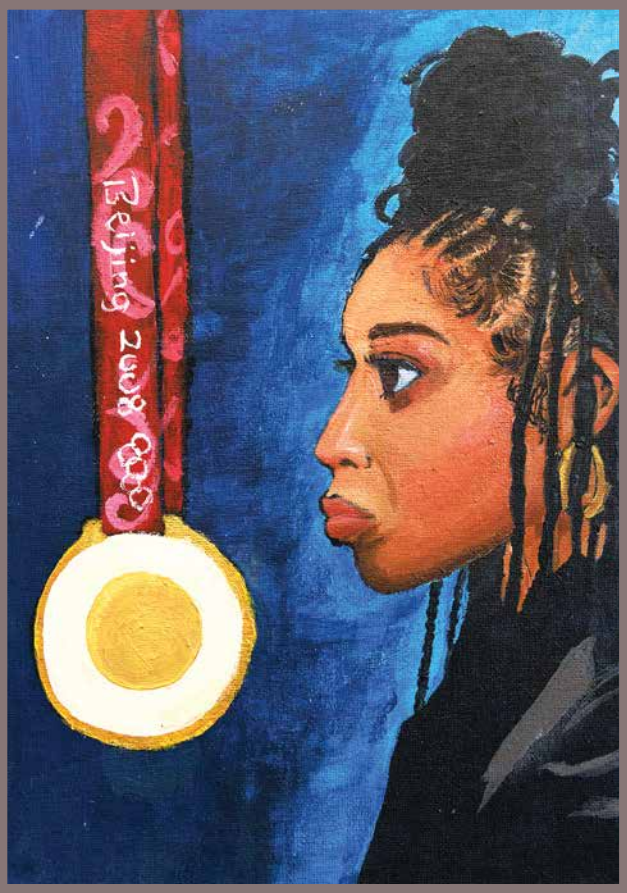
Brynn Huckelbridge '26

Above the Ring

Acrylic Paint on Canvas

"I want to instill a sense of awe."

This piece shares the vibrancy, beauty and originality of the vintage circus, using a rich color palette and the contrasting effects of light and shadow. I want to instill a sense of awe in the audience that mirrors what I felt seeing my first circus show and later performing in them. I am going to Scripps College, where I will minor in art and continue exploring various mediums and art theories.



Ian Sweeney '26

Chasing Gold

Acrylic Paint on Canvas

"My goal was to capture the intensity and tunnel vision of an Olympic athlete."

This piece reflects U.S. sprinter Allyson Felix with her Olympic medal from Beijing 2008. I wanted to capture the intensity of an athlete in "the zone," using light to draw attention to Allyson and her medal and dark blue to convey the tunnel vision of complete focus on a goal. As an athlete myself, I wanted to explore that feeling of being consumed by a sport. I'm attending UCLA and running track, and I hope to continue exploring the mental side of athletics through my art.



Zoe Goss '26

Captured Life

Oil Pastel and Colored Pencil on Paper

"I wanted to illustrate how humans use animals for their entertainment, consumption, and aesthetics."

I've always loved animals, and my AP Art portfolio focused on humans' relationship with animals and nature. I wanted to explore how animals are used for entertainment, consumption, and aesthetics, often without regard for the pain those choices can cause. I use contrast, color, and movement to bring that idea to life. I'll attend San Diego State University to study sustainability, while continuing to take art classes and pursue my goal of making the world a more just and sustainable place.

Building Community, One Game at a Time: **Laura Geist '95 Trades Tech for Baseball**



Left to right: **Laura Geist '95** with James Harris, Ballers' First-Base Coach and Anthony Alejandrez, Head Facilities Manager.

Laura Geist '95 spent two decades building a career in the tech industry, moving from sales into program management at some of its biggest companies. But it was her secondary role as a soccer mom — not the boardroom — that set her on the path to becoming general manager of the Oakland Ballers baseball team. A third-generation Oakland resident, Laura had spent years coaching youth soccer and serving on several youth sports boards when she met Paul Freedman, a Ballers' founder, while coaching his daughter. When Freedman mentioned he was starting a baseball team in Oakland, Geist laughed it off — until she realized how much the brand-new organization needed help.

"There are, like, three people running this show right now," she remembers thinking. "There's no way they're going to be able to pull it off." Feeling burned out after years in tech, she pitched Freedman directly: "What you're building here seems pretty incredible… let's just do it."

The skills from her tech career came with her. Laura relied on what she calls "the triangle of competing priorities" — time, quality, and price — to guide decisions under pressure, like when the Ballers had just two months to transform Oakland's long-neglected Raimondi Field into a functioning ballpark. "You want that perfect balance," she says, "high quality, on schedule, and on or under budget."

Laura traces much of her approach back to O'Dowd, especially science teacher Tom Tyler, who kept students guessing about a bullet-ridden sign on his classroom wall until they took his class to find out its story. "He was basically screening us for the most curious students," she says, crediting Tyler and other O'Dowd mentors with instilling in her a lifelong instinct to be curious and chart her own path.

" LAURA TRACES MUCH OF HER APPROACH BACK TO O'DOWD… CREDITING MENTORS WITH INSTILLING IN HER A LIFELONG INSTINCT TO BE CURIOUS AND CHART HER OWN PATH."

Community sits at the center of her leadership style. The Ballers were founded as a fan-owned team, and Laura has built programs that reflect that spirit — including a volunteer initiative that sends fans into Oakland neighborhoods to support youth sports, education, beautification, and food security — in exchange for game tickets. The idea grew organically: when the team needed help finishing the clubhouse before its first season, more than 50 fans showed up to build shelves and stock supplies. "We have people who are literally invested in helping us build from the ground up," she says proudly.

That community-first philosophy, Laura says, reflects values she's carried since O'Dowd — namely, that privilege comes with responsibility. That means recognizing the needs of the broader community, she says, values she hopes to pass on to her own daughters, both of whom have also attended Catholic high schools.

Laura has stayed closely tied to O'Dowd, returning for school plays and keeping many of her closest friendships from her high school years. Now in her third season as the Ballers' GM, with a Pioneer League championship already under their belt, she sees her work as something bigger than baseball. "To be able to change hearts and minds one team at a time," she says, "is a pretty fantastic secondary effect of what I get to do."






From Sneaker Deals to Designer Racks: **MATTS BENSON '17 BUILDS A BRAND OF HIS OWN**

Long before he was outfitting professional athletes and celebrities in rare designer pieces, **Matts Benson '17** was just an O'Dowd freshman with a growing shoe collection and a knack for spotting a deal.

Of his time at O'Dowd, "I really started getting into collecting athletic shoes," he recalls, and it didn't take long before hobby became hustle. He researched trends, posted sneakers on Facebook and eBay, and met buyers around the Bay Area. "I started as a freshman, more of a collector, and I left as a senior, more of a reseller," he says.

By his junior year, Matts had launched a clothing line alongside his growing resale business — two ventures, he says, that "kind of went hand in hand," sharing an audience of "sneakerheads" and style-conscious classmates. All the while, he was also a varsity basketball player. "It took a lot of commitment and dedication," he says. "I wanted more than anything to be successful, so I did whatever it took." Before he could even drive, that meant taking BART across the Bay for meetups and lining up early for sneaker releases. Matts's early hustle laid the groundwork for Showroom LA, the luxury retail company he now owns, specializing in hard-to-find designer clothing, shoes, and bags — including extended sizing for athletes — for a clientele of professional athletes, entertainers, and collectors.

The business, which includes an appointment-only showroom in Los Angeles, has attracted a client list that reads like a highlight reel, including Kevin Durant, James Harden, Joe Burrow, Victor Wembanyama, and Rod Wave.

Building a brand from nothing wasn't without obstacles. "Finding my audience was hard," Matts says, along with earning enough money to grow. "You've got to bootstrap it… we were making money and putting it right back into the business." Layer by layer, he learned contracts, logistics, shipping, and how to build a website — all without today's AI shortcuts. "There wasn't as much information available then," he says. "There's never been a better time than now to start a business."

For Matts, creativity isn't just about style — it's about building something that can run without him. "My biggest goal is to create a company that one day can perform at the same, if not better, functionality without me there," he explains. That mindset, he says, is what makes a business truly valuable.

His advice to current O'Dowd students chasing their own passions, in any field: don't just chase the money. "I love shoes, I love fashion, and I love looking cool… and I was able to make money off of [that passion], which was a benefit, but that wasn't the only motivation." Success, he says, comes from years of trial and error. "You learn what works, what hits."

Asked what it takes to succeed as an entrepreneur, Matts points to dedication, grit, and strong people skills. "Leaving a lasting positive impression with everybody you meet" matters as much as the idea itself, he says.

Looking back, Matts credits O'Dowd with shaping the fundamentals — teamwork, work ethic, and character — that carried him from sneaker meetups to running his own company. "O'Dowd taught me to be a man in all of those aspects," he says, "and also to be a citizen of the world."

Left to right: **Matts Benson '17** and James Harden; Matts and shoe boxes; Matts and Victor Wembanyama.



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O'DOWD'S 2026 COR UNUM AWARDEE:

CHERRIE NANNINGA '66

The Cor Unum Award, named for the school's motto, "One Heart in Christ," is Bishop O'Dowd High School's highest honor. It is presented each year to a member of the O'Dowd community whose life and work embody our mission to create a more just, joyful, and sustainable world.

"I got a very good education at O'Dowd," **Cherrie Nanninga '66** reflects. "I believe it's one of the best secondary schools in Northern California."

Cherrie's path to O'Dowd began with a surprise. After attending public school throughout her early education, her parents made the decision that she would attend O'Dowd for high school, believing it would provide a strong academic and values-based foundation. What began as an unexpected transition quickly became a formative experience, one defined not only by academic excellence, but by lasting friendships and a deep sense of community. Her younger sister would later also attend O'Dowd, continuing the family's connection to the school.

After graduating from O'Dowd, Cherrie earned her B.A. from Cal State East Bay and an MBA from Stanford University. She built a distinguished career in commercial real estate and public sector leadership, including serving as Chief Operating Officer of CBRE's New York Tri-State Region, where she oversaw operations across nine offices, 2,100 employees, and approximately $700 million in annual revenue.

Earlier in her career, Cherrie held senior leadership roles at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, helping manage one of the country's largest real estate portfolios. She played a key role in closing the net lease of the World Trade Center in 2001 and, following the September 11 attacks, led the relocation of more than 2,000 employees while contributing to redevelopment efforts at the site. She has also served on nonprofit and cultural boards and is a co-founder of the Downtown NYC River to River Festival.

While her professional accomplishments are significant, Cherrie's enduring connection to O'Dowd is defined by her commitment to giving back.

"I believe it's very important to pay forward what you have received," she says. "O'Dowd gave me a very solid foundation, and I want that experience for future students."

Cherrie began supporting O'Dowd through tuition assistance, helping ensure more students could access the same education she experienced. Over time, her generosity grew alongside her vision for the school's future.

For her 50th reunion, she chaired her class giving committee, establishing a tuition assistance endowment that has grown to more than $115,000 — an enduring source of opportunity for future students.

Her leadership-level giving has also supported key initiatives, including the Center for Environmental Studies and the Living Lab, as well as the Bishop John S. Cummins Center, a dynamic space for athletics, arts, and community life.

Through her philanthropy, Cherrie demonstrates a forward-looking commitment to O'Dowd's mission, investing in both programs and the students who will shape the future.

"O'Dowd has changed a lot over the years," Cherrie shares. "I think it's a wonderful school that encourages students to step into leadership and make a difference. I continue to give because I have total confidence in the future of this school, and in its students."

Cherrie exemplifies the spirit of Cor Unum through her generosity, leadership, and belief in the transformative power of an O'Dowd education. Her commitment to expanding access and strengthening the school's future reflects what it means to live as "One Heart in Christ." With the Cor Unum Award, we honor her lasting impact on the O'Dowd community and her dedication to supporting generations of students to come.

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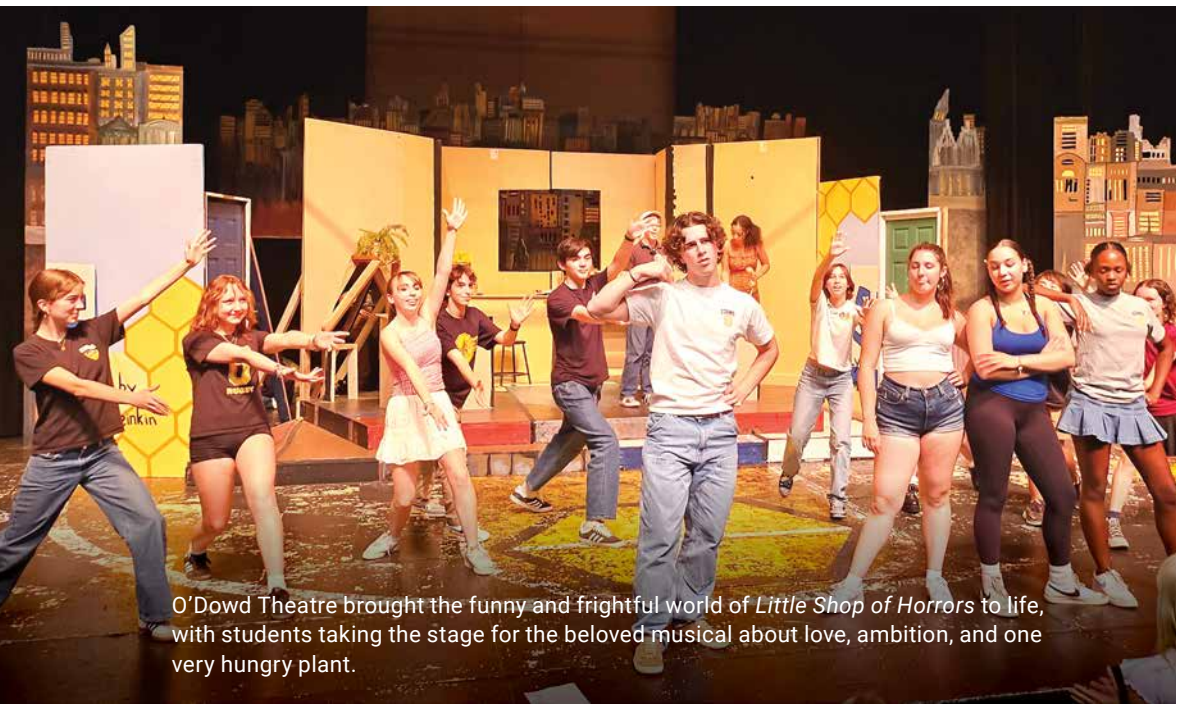
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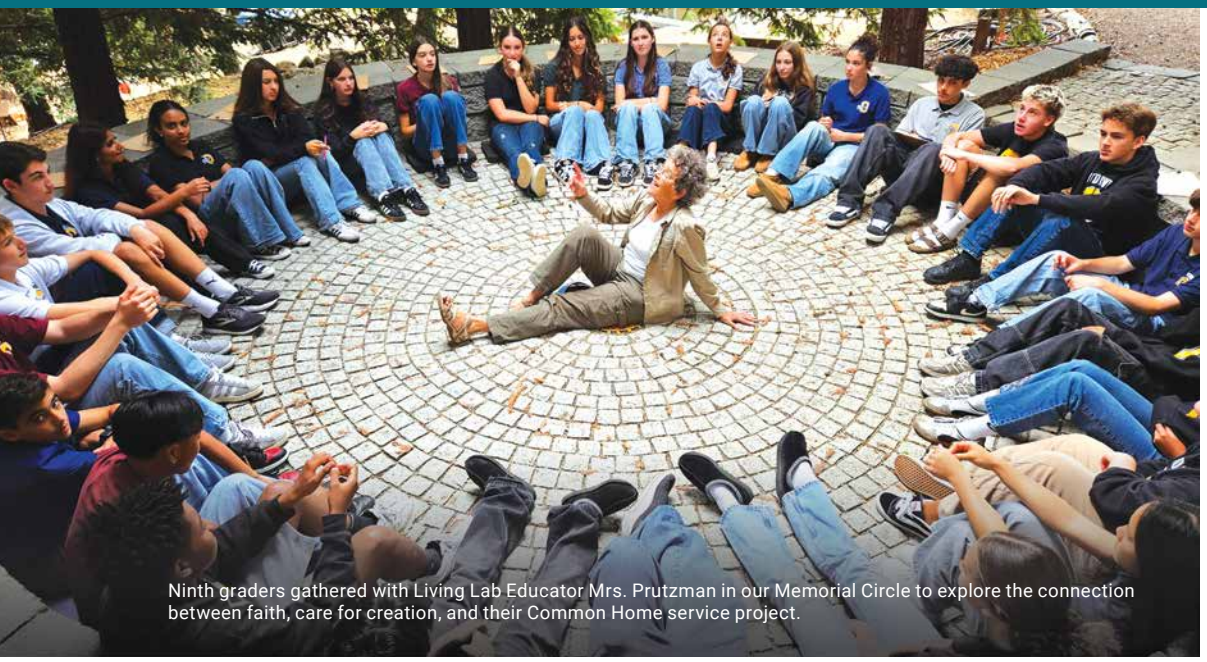
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Edgar Jameson
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Peace and Justice students helped restore the Pacheco Marsh habitat in Suisun Bay, learning about the local ecosystem while removing invasive plant species from the land.



Javi Febres-Gomez '29 placed sixth in the Frosh/Soph race and became the fastest freshman two-miler in O'Dowd history, finishing in 11:06.4.

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The following O'Dowd supporters have sadly passed on, leaving a legacy through their estate plans. Their generosity and foresight will benefit both current and future O'Dowd students. We are deeply grateful.

Joe E. and Dortha M. Trujillo

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Students gathered for Black Family Day, one of O'Dowd's annual Family Days celebrating the cultures, identities, and experiences that enrich our diverse community.

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Julia and Matt Bruce
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Ninth graders explored Yosemite Valley and the high country, conducting scientific field research while experiencing the winter landscape through snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

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Anonymous ▲

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Odele Hawkins ▲

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Max Hudson '26
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Kellie and Darrell Jackson ▲

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Dawn Porter and Jason Jackson

Ethan Kalabolas '29
John and Mary Schweska

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Amelia Lawrence '26
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Anonymous

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Mackenzie Luna '28
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Colette Moody '26
Eve Stewart and Jason Moody ▲

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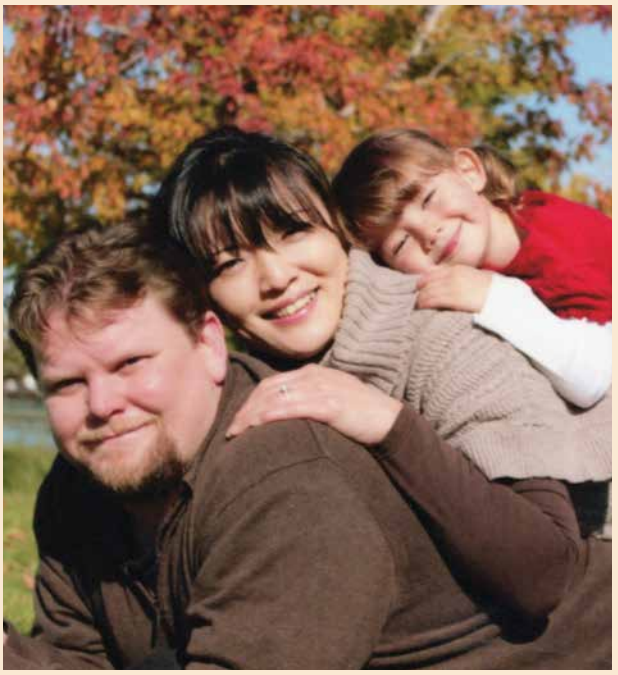


The Sophia Andrews Scholarship

In July 2026, the Andrews family established the Sophia Andrews Scholarship to honor the memory of their daughter, Sophia, who passed away earlier this year. The endowed scholarship will provide tuition assistance for future O'Dowd students who embody the values Sophia lived every day: curiosity, community, courage, inclusivity, and authenticity.

Sophia had eagerly looked forward to attending O'Dowd, following in the footsteps of her older siblings, **Conner Andrews '21** and **Ella Andrews '22**. Through this scholarship, the Andrews Family hopes to honor Sophia's excitement about joining the O'Dowd community while celebrating their enduring connection to O'Dowd and the school community.

"Sophia believed deeply that every person mattered, and her 'superpower' was the effortless, radical inclusivity that made others feel seen, valued, and loved," says her father, Doug. "She inspired us to be real, to seek out the person standing alone, and to lead with a kindness that builds community. She showed us that being present matters and that truly seeing one another is how we create a place of belonging. This scholarship will seek out students who live these values in their daily lives and intentionally create spaces where others feel seen, included, and connected."



The Mitchell Cavin '93 Memorial Scholarship Fund

When Lyle Cavin thinks about his son **Mitchell "Mitch" Cavin '93**, he remembers first his sense of humor and ability to connect with others. "He could always turn any situation into something positive," Cavin says.

After an injury sidelined him from football, Mitch found a new sport in lacrosse and became a member of O'Dowd's 1993 state championship team. Just as important were the relationships he built at O'Dowd. Mitch remained close with a circle of classmates for more than 30 years, and throughout his life continued to name O'Dowd as the place that shaped him. "When you'd ask him about his educational background, the first thing to come out of his mouth would be O'Dowd," Cavin says.

Following Mitch's passing in May 2026, Cavin established the Mitchell Cavin '93 Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will provide tuition assistance to students with demonstrated financial need who share Mitch's passion for athletics.

Through the scholarship, Cavin hopes to give another student the opportunity his son valued so deeply. "You form lifelong friendships," he says of Mitch's O'Dowd experience. By helping future student-athletes become part of that community, the scholarship carries forward Mitch's legacy of friendship, loyalty, and connection.

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In memory of

Mary Augustine
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Frederick Turner '74

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Anne Carper '16

Ken Thomas '66
Mary and Edmond Traille '66 ▲

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Mark Kramer

Jerry F. Walsh '74
Lesley and Duncan Wheat '74

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Tamika Williams-Clark '91
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1950's



The Class of 1956 celebrated its 70th reunion this spring, returning to campus as one of O'Dowd's earliest graduating classes. Class members reconnected, reflected on the school's earliest years, and celebrated seven decades of lifelong friendship and Dragon pride.

1960's



Roger Hewitt '65 retired after 56 years with The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as a marine scientist. Roger led expeditions and surveys from the Arctic to the Antarctic and numerous places in between. He and his wife, Mary Kay, and their sons and families live in San Diego.



John Kukulica '69 retired after 50 years in the restaurant business and 16 years in the insurance industry. He now enjoys life on three acres along the Truckee River with his wife, Ghyslaine "Gigi," their son Dominic, three dogs, two cats, and a lively collection of hens, ducks, guinea hens, turkeys, and one rooster.

1970's



The Class of 1976 celebrated its 50th reunion this spring, returning to campus for O'Dowd's Golden Diploma Ceremony. Class members received commemorative diplomas, reconnected with longtime friends, and celebrated five decades of memories, friendship, and Dragon pride. To honor this milestone, the class also established the Class of 1976 Endowment to support O'Dowd's tuition assistance program.

Barbara Bamford Baleilevuka '76 enjoyed a long nursing career, including 41 years with Kaiser Permanente. Now retired, she enjoys traveling, reconnecting with fellow O'Dowd alumni, and spending time with her four children, 12 grandchildren, and new puppy.

1980's



Andrea Carradine Humphrey '82 is an internationally sought-after speaker, author, CEO of I.Q. Training Inc., Lead Pastor and co-founder of H.O.P.E.'s House Christian Ministries. Her newest book, *Cheerleaders, Coaches, Comrades & Champions: Building the Team That Builds You,* encourages readers to build the relationships that cultivate leadership, purpose, and lasting success.



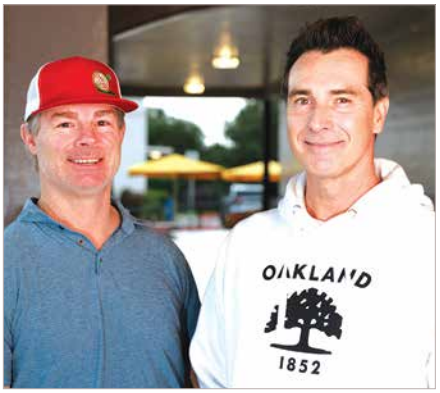
Michele Thornton Ghee '84 was named president and equity owner of PlayersTV, the first athlete-owned media network and content provider. In celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, Michele appeared on *The Tamron Hall Show* to discuss athlete-driven media and empowering athletes to tell and own their stories.



Lisa Goorjian Duh '87 was recognized by the Regional Parks Foundation during Women's History Month for her leadership and impact in parks and recreation. In 2023, she became the East Bay Regional Park District's first female Assistant General Manager of Operations.



Gabrielle Mitchell Hedlund '87 recently joined the board of Golden State Opportunity, a California nonprofit working to reduce poverty and expand economic opportunity. She and her husband, Marc, have two teenagers and an American Staffordshire terrier.



Alex Cox '89 and **Alan Smith '89,** co-founders of Oakland's OakLuv Foundation, received the CBS Bay Area Icon Award in recognition of the organization's 17 years of community service. Through its annual Three Wise Men Toy Giveaway in the Fruitvale district, OakLuv brings toys, food, and holiday cheer to local families.



Michael Goorjian '89 participated in the Armenian Film Society's *Armenians in Television* panel in June. The conversation explored the professional journeys and industry experiences of Armenian actors, as well as the growing presence of Armenian talent on television.

1990's



Jay Beito '92, O'Dowd's Strength and Conditioning Coordinator, was named an honoree for the Physicians Medical Forum's Outstanding Mentorship and Service for the Future in Medicine Awards.



Chris Duncan '94, a former federal prosecutor and mayor, announced his campaign for California State Senate, continuing his long career in law and public service.



Rebecca Alexander '97 is returning to the Bay in October for an Alcatraz-to-shore swim hosted by the Usher Syndrome Society, revisiting the crossing she completed more than a decade ago. An award-winning author, psychotherapist, disability rights advocate, extreme athlete and Society board member, Rebecca continues to raise awareness while navigating progressive vision and hearing loss.



Sheriene Ridenour '98, a senior administrative law judge with the California Office of Tax Appeals, ran for Congress in California's 14th District special election, continuing her commitment to service and community leadership.

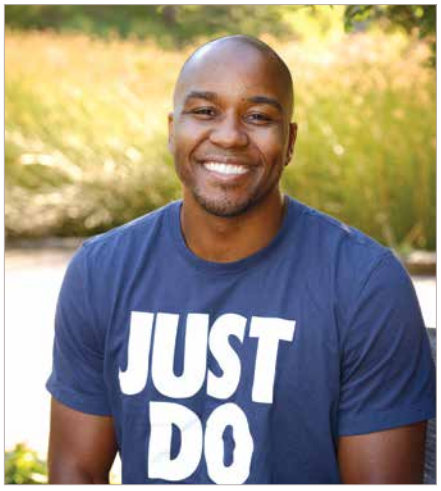


Erin Dangerfield '99, Senior Vice President of People and Culture for the Golden State Warriors, was named one of the *San Francisco Business Times'* 2026 Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business. She also serves as vice chair of the East Oakland Youth Development Center's board.

2000's



Gabe Franklin '00 is in his second season as safeties coach for the West Virginia University football program. A former Boise State standout and NFL player, Gabe began his coaching career at O'Dowd.



Garry Hill-Thomas '00 was inducted into the University of Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame in October. Hill-Thomas scored 1,340 career points for the Wolf Pack and helped lead the historic 2003–04 team to its first WAC titles and an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance.



Mike White '01 joined O'Dowd as the boys' golf coach in spring 2026. A member of the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area's Executive Board, Mike helped reestablish the organization's annual Scholarship Fundraiser and Golf Classic. The sixth annual tournament was held in August at Blackhawk Country Club, raising funds to support scholarships for Bay Area youth.



Meena Harris '02, a *New York Times* bestselling author, attorney, entrepreneur, and Tony Award-winning producer, released her fifth children's book, *Maya's Big Question,* this spring. The book encourages young readers to think critically, challenge the status quo, and recognize the importance of representation.



Michael Martinez-Chung '02 published his second novella, *Shakes PI: Painter + Investigator 2,* in March 2026. The third installment in the series, which may also be its finale, is scheduled for release in fall 2026.



Barry Breaux '04 founded Breaux Medical, a proactive, physician-led practice that combines medical and lifestyle data with health coaching, clinical evidence, and personalized care to help clients perform better today while living healthier, longer lives.



Tyson Ross '05, a former Major League Baseball pitcher, has brought his competitive drive to the golf course and recently joined TRUE linkswear as a brand ambassador. Tyson is also the founder of Loyal to My Soil, a nonprofit that provides free baseball camps, equipment and opportunities for underserved youth, supported in part through its annual charity golf tournament.



Devan Gregori Meneses '06 and **Matias Meneses '06** were featured in *The Oaklandside's* collection of Oakland love stories. After meeting at O'Dowd, they reconnected 16 years later through two chance encounters in Rockridge, leading to workout dates, romance, and marriage.

Amanda Coyne '07 welcomed baby girl number three, Scottie Mae, in June.



Katie Hawkins '07 and Josh Braverman welcomed their second baby, Sam, born in April.

Tory Levine-Hall '07 welcomed a baby girl, Nadia June, in April.



Lexi Pappas '08 returned to the Bay Area in July for the Alexi Pappas San Francisco Marathon 10K, an inclusive waterfront race named in her honor. Lexi represented Greece at the 2016 Olympics, setting a national record in the 10,000 meters.

2010's



Kalina Bryant '10, a *Forbes* 30 Under 30 honoree and founder of UnapologeTECH LLC, returned to O'Dowd as the Career Day keynote speaker. Kalina shared her career journey in technology and encouraged students to imagine new possibilities for their futures.



Daniel XuLi '10 was promoted to senior associate at Littler Mendelson, the world's largest employment and labor law firm representing management. He advises clients and handles litigation, with a focus on class action defense. Daniel was also named a 2026 California Super Lawyers Rising Star for the sixth consecutive year and recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* for the fourth consecutive year.



Owen Carlson '12 recently graduated from the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff Police Academy and has joined the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department.



William Catterton '12 moved to Portland, Oregon, to begin an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Oregon Health & Science University, pursuing his second bachelor's degree.



Dominic Drury '14 was named Director of Men's Basketball for the Big 12 Conference in May after previously serving as Assistant Commissioner for Basketball Operations and Finance for The Big West. Dominic and his family also welcomed their son, Austin Jamey Drury, in August.



Amanda Raven Gipson '15 and **Nathaniel Gipson '15** welcomed their second child, Theodore Grant, in July.



Jenna Nuti '15 married Louie Gnida on June 13, 2026.



Aliyah Turner '16 is a rising actress known for her roles in *Power Book III: Raising Kanan* and Netflix's *Running Point.* She will next appear in Paramount's *K-Pop: The Debut,* scheduled for release in 2027.



Megan Cheresse Viray '16 was featured in a photograph published in *Vigour* magazine.



Reina Bonta '17 announced that her short film, *Maybe It's Just the Rain,* was acquired by the *Los Angeles Times*. The film highlights the Philippine Women's National Football Team's historic run at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup while honoring her family and her grandmother.



Alijah Vera-Tucker '17 signed a three-year contract with the New England Patriots in March, beginning a new chapter in his NFL career.



Michael Edwards-Gonzales '18 is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Pacific University, Oregon's top-ranked DPT program. After earning her white coat, she completed her first clinical rotation at an outpatient clinic in North Pole, Alaska. She also serves in leadership roles with the APTA and as a student ambassador for her program.



Ana Jed '18 was published as a co-author in *Science* for her research on catalyzing cross-coupling reactions at UC Berkeley's College of Chemistry. Ana will also attend a three-month intensive program at Accademia delle Arti Orafe, a leading jewelry school in Italy.



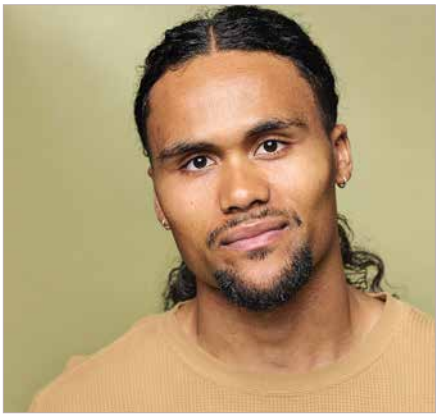
Max Loubet '18 is the founder and director of Max Toshiro Productions, a Bay Area video production company. He has worked with Grammy Award-winning artists and produced content for collegiate and professional sports, commercial, social media, and corporate clients.



Claudine Ronquillo '18 accepted a permanent position as an Associate Masters Mental Health Professional with Kaiser Permanente after completing its Mental Health Training Program. She will continue working toward licensure while serving patients as part of Kaiser's mental health team.



Bryce Ashford '19 stepped into a new role as Production Coordinator for the Montclair Theater Festival at Vanguard Theater, expanding his work in live performance and event production.



Xavier Brown '19 made his official SAG film debut this summer as a Trojan Civilian in Christopher Nolan's *The Odyssey*.



Katherine Rehberger '19 earned her Master of Science in Food Science from Washington State University, where her mozzarella cheese research was published. After interning with J.R. Simplot, Katie joined GNT Group as an application specialist working with plant-based food colors.

2020's



Moriyuki Kano '20 was promoted to Global Sales at JD.com.



John Kegelmeyer '20 joined EF Language Travel in Thornwood, New York, as an academic manager this summer. The role builds on a year of growth as an educator, including a second season with Positive Adventures and earning CELTA certification in France through The ELT Hub, Le Puy.



Malcolm McClymont '20 earned a master's degree in electrical and computer engineering from Purdue University and joined NVIDIA as a computer hardware engineer, helping improve the energy efficiency of future graphics processing units (GPUs).



Tia A. Ravara '20 accepted a position as an Environmental Field Technician with Tetra Tech in Half Moon Bay.



Madeline Schoenthaler '20 joined Hike Medical in May, an AI-powered platform transforming the orthotics, prosthetics and durable medical equipment industry.



Kamryn Thomas '20 completed an Applied Practice Experience with the Lichter GreenHealth Lab, studying how healthcare systems prepare for climate-related disruptions that can affect patients' access to timely cancer care.



Makana Young '20 joined The RealReal as a performance marketing and ad operations specialist. Passionate about the secondhand industry, she is excited to support the company's work toward a more circular and sustainable fashion ecosystem.



Henry Palmer III '22 graduated from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business as a Regents' and Chancellor's Scholar.



Dézia Washington '21 completed a marketing internship with e.l.f. Beauty after graduating magna cum laude from Loyola Marymount University. She now serves as social media coordinator for the Los Angeles clothing brand STAUD.



Kamryn Beene '22 graduated from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts in integrative biology and a minor in human rights. She is now pursuing a career as a foot and ankle surgeon specializing in sports medicine and reconstruction through the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine program at Samuel Merritt University.



Trinity Davis '22 graduated from Howard University's College of Engineering and Architecture with a bachelor's degree in architecture and design studies.

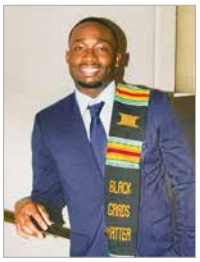


Michael Dixon '22 graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in business administration and joined Oregon Football full time as assistant director of player personnel after three years as an intern. He also earned an Orange Bowl ring in 2026.



Kahlil Mayden '22 graduated with honors from USC's Iovine and Young Academy and delivered the student commencement address to the Class of 2026. Drawing on his O'Dowd experiences in Campus Ministry and rugby, he built community across technology, culture, faith, and work while serving as cofounder and COO of Woven Beauty.

Jack Mullen '22 graduated magna cum laude from Colgate University with a Bachelor of Arts in environmental geography.



Matthew White II '22 graduated summa cum laude from Howard University with a B.S. in Sports Management and a 4.0 GPA. He is now pursuing a law degree as a member of the J.D. Class of 2029.



Jaella Mercado '25 competed in the 2026 NCAA Division I Women's College World Series as a member of the UCLA Bruins softball team during her freshman season at UCLA.



Dimitri Williams Jr. '26 was selected by the Colorado Rockies in the 20th round of the 2026 Major League Baseball Draft. Dimitri, an incoming freshman and baseball commit at Brigham Young University, was enrolled in BYU's summer term at the time of the draft.

IN MEMORIAM

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sophia Andrews
Sibling of Conner Andrews ’21 and Ella Andrews ’22

Roy Bales ’56
Spouse of Linda Garrison Bales ’57

Joseph Bank ’22

Mitchell Cavin ’93
Sibling of Lindsey Cavin ’08 and Stephanie Cavin ’09

Charles Clausen ’68

Norman Costa ’64

Jack D’Angelo
Grandparent of Brooke D’Angelo ’25 and Jack D’Angelo IV ’28

Mike Davidson ’69

Daniel Ewert ’10
Spouse of Christine Saccomanno Ewert ’10

Thomas Graves
Spouse of Ann Chiappelone Graves ’68

James Gwatkin
Spouse of Marlene Costa Nielsen ’59

Mark Hellender ’62

William Jacobson ’64
Sibling of Judy Jacobson Blue ’57

Luis Jauregui
Spouse of Jamie McAndrews Jauregui ’95

Matthew Levy ’90
Sibling to Deborah Levy ’89

Grady Livingston ’90

Richard Minolli
Parent of David Minolli ’84

David Newhouse
Parent of Geoffrey Newhouse ’88 †

Noah Rasheed
Son of Regina Jackson ’80 and sibling to Jamal Rasheed ’12

Clint Reilly
Founder, Bay Scholars. Friend of O’Dowd.

John Tierney ’12

Marolyn Joyce Vadnais
Spouse of Mike Vadnais ’57

Jerry Walsh ’74

Shirley Wilkinson
Parent of Julie Wilkinson Hybl ’92

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Transforming Lives Dinner
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

Join us for an inspiring evening celebrating the transformative impact of an O'Dowd education. Hear students share their stories and come together in support of our mission-critical tuition assistance program.

Alumni Happy Hour
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2027

Reconnect with fellow alumni in the Cummins Center over snacks, beer, and wine, and cheer on the Dragons at home basketball and soccer games!

Crab Feed
SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027

Enjoy a lively evening of crab, pasta, raffles and bidding at this sellout event benefiting O'Dowd's co-curricular programs.

Career Day
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2027

Share your professional experience, connect with students, and inspire the next generation of Dragons by speaking about your career journey, industry, and lessons learned along the way.

Living Lab Alumni Celebration
SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2027

Spend the morning caring for O'Dowd's Living Lab, then enjoy food and community with alumni, students, and friends.

HEY ALUMNI, JOIN US!



O'DOWD REUNION DAY
MAY 1, 2027

Come back to O'Dowd for a memorable Reunion Day filled with connection, celebration, and Dragon pride! Reconnect with classmates and teachers, revisit favorite campus memories, and celebrate milestone reunions for classes ending in 2 and 7. You are #ForeverADragon.

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