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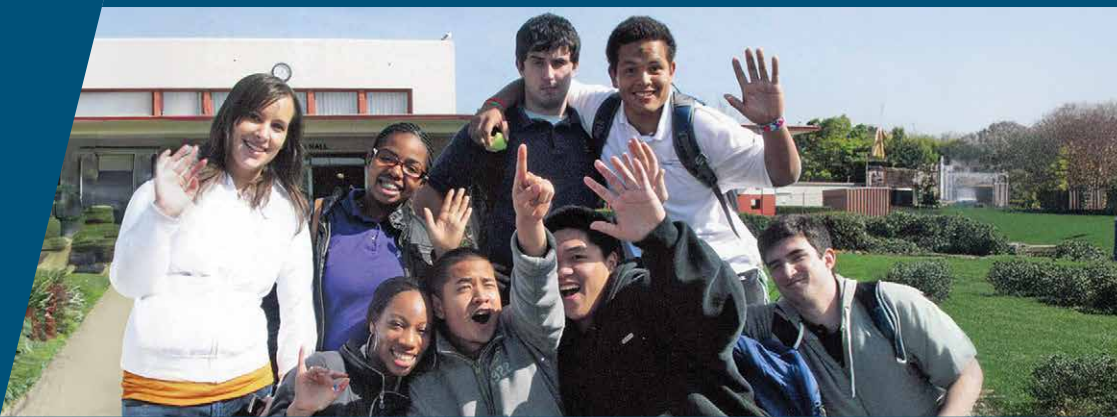


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A community of purpose, faith, and joy

Dear O’Dowd Community,

This year, Bishop O’Dowd High School celebrates 75 years! Anniversaries are a time to reminisce, to express gratitude, and to look forward with hope. For me, they are also a chance to ask: *Do you think our founders would be proud of how we’ve nurtured the seeds that they planted?*

I recently came across a handwritten note from O’Dowd’s first principal, Fr. John Hurley, written in 1955. In it, he described the faith and perseverance it took to transform an old rock quarry into a school. He believed that the faith that moves mountains is also the faith that builds schools. Seventy-five years later, that same spirit continues to inspire O’Dowd today.

If our founders returned to campus, I believe they would see a school that has lived up to their vision. They would find extraordinarily dedicated faculty and staff who put heart and soul into their work because they believe education can change lives and change the world. They would see students formed in mind, body, and spirit, and alumni — now nearly 17,000 strong — leading with competence, conscience, and compassion across the East Bay and beyond. They would see a Catholic school steadfast in its mission, animated by our charism values of academic excellence, kinship with creation, community in diversity, strength of character, social justice, and joy. And they would see a culture of philanthropy that made possible one of the largest capital projects in the Diocese of Oakland since the Cathedral, and that continues to ensure tuition assistance remains a top priority for hundreds of families each year.

This is what makes O’Dowd one of the most sought-after schools in the East Bay — but more importantly, it is what makes us a community of purpose, faith, and joy.

As we celebrate this anniversary year, I invite you to honor those who came before us, and to imagine with me what O’Dowd will become in the next 75 years. The light that was kindled here so many years ago shines brightly today — and with your partnership, it will shine even brighter for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Kim Walsh

Kim Walsh
President, Bishop O’Dowd High School

Above L-R: President Walsh with student leaders Ian Sweeney ’26, Perry Kissam ’26, Quincy Hare ’26.

75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

For generations, O’Dowd has been a beacon of light —shaping lives, inspiring purpose, and shining far beyond our campus.

Celebrate with us! Come to campus for a game or a performance, raise a glass at the Transforming Lives Dinner this fall, and gather with friends at the Crab Feed in the spring. However you join in, you’re part of the story.

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025!

"We learned that growth doesn't always feel good in the moment, but it was in those growing pains that we found resilience," reflected Salutatorian **Taylor Harper '25**. "We learned how to stand in our truth, how to face uncomfortable moments, and how to keep showing up — even when it was hard."

In May, the Class of 2025 celebrated their commencement ceremony on our Lower Field. Family and friends cheered on the graduates as they reflected on their time at O'Dowd and considered the opportunities ahead of them.

This year's Cor Unum Awardee, **Jevon Holland '18**, who recently signed with the New York Giants, offered graduates encouragement and confidence. "O'Dowd doesn't lie when it says it's a college prep school," Jevon joked. "This place is tough. It puts you through the wringer — and that's a good thing. I didn't realize how much I had learned at O'Dowd until I got to college. From accountability, to time management, to speaking up for myself — O'Dowd built all that in. So remember, you're ready. You've got what it takes to thrive in college and beyond."



Members of the Class of 2025 were also celebrated for their impact at O'Dowd:

Brooke D'Angelo and Aidan Feldman
General Activity Award

Jacqueline Jelincic and Diana Olmos
Loyalty Award

Christopher Jackson and Sydney Silva
Scholar Athlete Award

Jamilla Cooks and Omar Mejia
Regents Award

A big thank you to the Class of 2025!

With your amazing Senior Class Gift of \$108,720 towards the endowed Fund for Faculty Excellence, you've paved the way for the next generation of Dragons to thrive. We're so grateful for the support of our senior families!



Congratulations to the Class of 2025! May you lead with heart and inspire joy in all you meet!



In his inspiring remarks, Valedictorian **Andrew Kerley '25** shared, "We shouldn't regret our mistakes, but rather the times when we didn't try at all, when we didn't take risks and put ourselves in a position to fail. Don't let the fear of failure guide you. Listen, instead, to the fear of not giving it your all, the fear of missing an opportunity to dare greatly and do good... Trust in yourself, in your abilities, and your own unique journeys. Let's not compromise or settle for mediocrity."

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY, CARRIED THROUGH GENERATIONS

By **Kathy Canty Brown '84** | O'Dowd Senior Director of Development

Daughter of **Tim Canty '58**, Parent of **Joshua Brown '12** and **Rebecca Brown '18**

I've walked these halls as a student. I've stood on the sidelines as a parent. I've shown up each day as a staff member, first as a math teacher and later in the development office, committed to giving back to a place that gave so much to me. I'm one of many in a three-generation O'Dowd family — and I know I'm not alone.

Over the past 75 years, more than 600 families have chosen Bishop O'Dowd High School not just once, but across generations. Students from the school's earliest classes went on to send their children — and then grandchildren — to O'Dowd. Many families are connected across siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, and in-laws. O'Dowd isn't just part of one person's story — it becomes part of the family.

In a world where families have endless choices, the decision to return to O'Dowd isn't about tradition for tradition's sake. It's about identity. It's about who we are, together: a deeply connected community that supports students to grow into their fullest potential. A community so strong that alumni feel called to return, beyond reunions, to serve as teachers, coaches, counselors, and staff. Choosing O'Dowd is a choice to belong — to a place rooted in values, strengthened by relationships, and committed to preparing young people to lead lives of purpose, faith, and impact.

The three families featured here are just a glimpse into that legacy. From founding-year students to current sophomores, their stories reflect something powerful: a tradition of excellence rooted in community — and passed on with love. We're forever Dragons.



"There were lots of different groups at O'Dowd — different backgrounds, different interests — but there was a strong feeling of supporting each other." —JAY BEITO '92

Far left: The Beito Family poses on the O'Dowd football field. L-R bottom: Aszyiah Sapp-Beito '24, Jay Beito '92, Drew Beito '03. L-R top: Xavier Sapp-Beito '21, Diane Beito '66.

Left: Jay Beito '92 with his younger brother Drew Beito '03, who became an unofficial Dragon early. Jay now serves O'Dowd athletics as the Strength and Conditioning Coordinator.



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FAMILIES



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TWO-GENERATION
FAMILIES

STRENGTH OF CHARACTER: THE BEITO FAMILY'S ENDURING O'DOWD LEGACY

Diane Radich Beito '66 was one of nine children in a devout Catholic family. "We followed our faith, and it was expected that we would go to Catholic school from kindergarten through high school," she says. When she started at O'Dowd in 1962, the school was still relatively new — but for the Beitos, it was full of promise. Five of her siblings would eventually attend O'Dowd as well, making it a true family tradition. "It was a big sacrifice for my family to send us to Catholic school, but it was important," she recalls. And with O'Dowd just a walk from their home, the opportunity felt like both a gift and a responsibility.

Diane's memories are shaped by the discipline and high expectations of her education. "There was no talking in the hallways, or we'd get detention," she says, recalling the firm standards set by the nuns. Still, she saw the value in it. "Those expectations were preparing us for success. I wanted that same foundation for my own children."

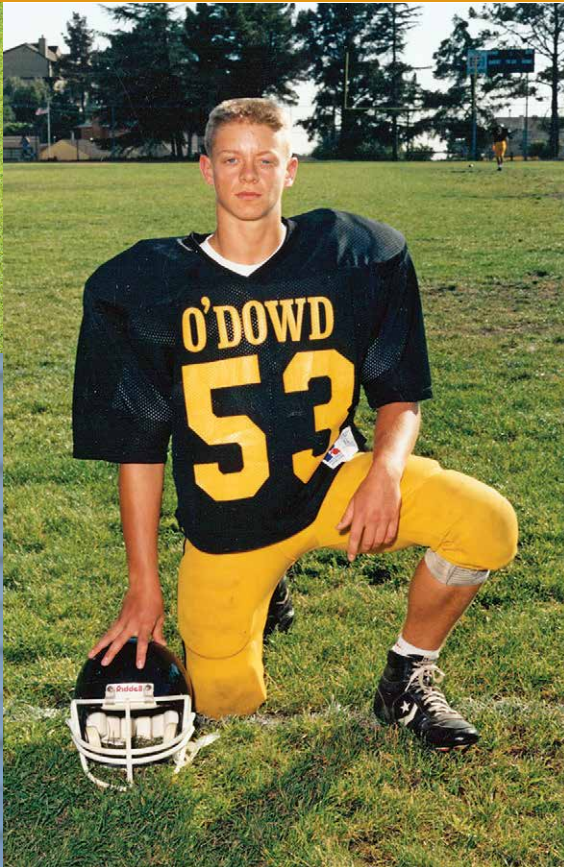
Her son **Jay Beito '92** arrived at O'Dowd ready for a bigger world. "I went to Corpus Christi from K-8 and was excited for a large school like O'Dowd," he says. "Plus, we have the best mascot." Despite the school's size, he remembers a strong spirit of unity. "There were lots of different groups — different backgrounds, different interests — but there was a sense of supporting each other." Even before it had a formal charism, he says, O'Dowd's core values — community, character, excellence, justice, care for creation, and joy — were already embedded in the culture. "You could feel it."

Jay's younger brother **Drew Beito '03** came to O'Dowd eleven years later, but he already felt part of the community. "I was always at my brother's football games. The team even made me a jersey that said 'Little Beito.'" Surrounded by O'Dowd connections — from teammates' siblings to coaches' kids who became classmates — Drew

knew where he wanted to be. Like his brother, he played football and valued the discipline it brought. "I did well in school *because* I played football. Our coaches taught us what it takes to succeed — lessons that helped me academically, too."

Jay carried those lessons with him to UC Davis, where the strength of his O'Dowd education became clear. "I watched a lot of students struggle and drop out. That's when I realized what a gift O'Dowd had given me." It was at Davis that he also met his wife, **A-Neisha Sapp '91** — another Dragon who shared his appreciation for college prep done well.

When it came time to choose a high school for their own kids, the choice was easy. "There is no teacher in the world I'd want more for my kids than Mr. Green," Jay says. Educators like Mr. Vierra, Mr. Judd, Mr. Mason,



ROOTED IN THE EAST BAY: THE VARNI FAMILY'S O'DOWD STORY

Tony Varni '57 traveled from Hayward each day to attend Bishop O'Dowd High School. A graduate of All Saints Catholic School, he and his family were committed to continuing his Catholic education. "O'Dowd was the new Catholic high school," says his grandson **Graham Ramiza '17**, "and was a natural landing place with our family's roots in the East Bay."

That legacy drew in Tony's daughter, **Sara Varni Bright '96**, who also attended All Saints and knew she wanted to follow in her father's footsteps. She was drawn not only by academics — she was excited by the size and diversity of the student body.

"O'Dowd has always attracted students from across the East Bay," Sara says. "It was very appealing to go to a big school and meet kids from Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond, Castro Valley. It was a lot of new people, new perspectives, new experiences."

That same spirit of openness and opportunity drew in the third generation. Sara's daughter **Ava Bright '28** and nephew **Graham Ramiza '17** both chose O'Dowd because they wanted to meet new people and expand their world. Ava came from St. Philip Neri in Alameda, Graham from St. Paul's in Oakland—and both found something energizing in the challenge.

"O'Dowd has stayed the same, in the best way," Sara reflects. "It's kept a great culture intact all these years, while always evolving to meet the current generation."

Across the decades, one constant in the Varni family has been a natural drive toward leadership. "I guess we're all Type A," Sara laughs. Tony served on Student Council during his time at O'Dowd, and Sara followed suit — eventually becoming class secretary as a senior. "I loved helping to plan the rallies," she says. Ava, too, has stepped into leadership early, becoming a class representative her freshman year. "O'Dowd is a place that allows you to flourish, pursue your interests, and become your own person," says Graham.

Mr. Sanchez, and Mr. Tyler helped shape the family's connection to O'Dowd. "Choosing O'Dowd is about choosing the community," Drew adds. "The faculty and staff are so deeply engaged that they draw us in."

In 2010, Jay joined the O'Dowd staff, bringing his passion for health and fitness to the weight room — and to a new generation of students. His daughter, **Azsiyah Sapp-Beito '24**, remembers spending time there as a child, watching her dad work with student-athletes. When she later attended O'Dowd's Summer Academy, those same student-athletes were her camp counselors. "O'Dowd is a tight-knit, full-circle community," Jay says. "There's always a chance to invest in younger students and pay forward what was given to you." Naturally, Azsiyah followed her older brother, **Xzavier Sapp-Beito '21**, when it was her turn to step into her own O'Dowd journey.

Today, Azsiyah carries forward the family's legacy of excellence — one she shares with her brother and the many Dragons who came before them. "I ran track," she says. "We took pride in having the highest cumulative GPA of all the sports teams. That's what I learned at O'Dowd—to be excellent in everything." That mindset,

she says, is what defines O'Dowd graduates. "People know: if you went to O'Dowd, you carry strength of character. You operate from a sense of purpose."

The Beito family continues to stay closely connected to O'Dowd. Diane keeps up through her grandchildren and the *In Brief* alumni newsletter. Drew hopes to return one day as a coach or teacher. Jay, now 15 years into his tenure, is regularly visited by alumni. "My job is to build up future Dragons," he says. "Helping students find pride in who they are — that's the most rewarding part."

"We're honored to have been part of the O'Dowd community since the beginning," Diane says. "It's a school that's truly transformational."

Top left: The O'Dowd football team made a "Little Beito" jersey for Jay's brother Drew when he was a youngster. Azsiyah also remembers wearing the jersey as a kid, when faculty and staff would call her "Lady Beito" on campus.

Bottom left: **Azsiyah Sapp-Beito '24** runs with the rugby ball.

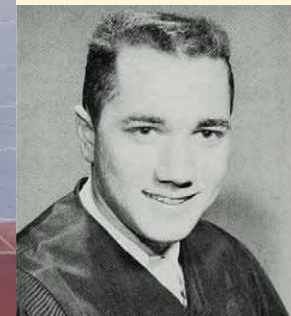
Middle to right: **Jay Beito '92** football portrait, and son **Xzavier Sapp-Beito '21** football portrait.



Left: The Varni Family stands in the breezeway of Hurley Hall, with a plaque honoring O'Dowd's founding in 1951. L-R: **Ava Bright '28**, **Tony Varni '57**, **Sara Varni Bright '96**.

Bottom left: This O'Dowd *Crozier* clip from 1996 announces **Sara Varni '96** as class salutatorian.

Below: **Tony Varni '57** graduation portrait.



ANTHONY VARNI . . . All Saints "bart" . . . college: santa clara . . . secret ambition: own an airplane . . . pet: peeve: people who act like animals . . . federation 1,2,3,4; track 2; student council 2,4; sanctuary society 4; sergeant-at-arms of student body 4; camera club 1; senior play 4.

1995-96 Valedictorian & Salutatorian



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That drive toward leadership often showed up on the field as well. Tony ran track, Sara played soccer, and Graham took up lacrosse. Sports weren't just about competition for the Varni family — they were a way to build community, especially with students from different grades and backgrounds. "You really got to connect with people you might not have known otherwise," says Sara.

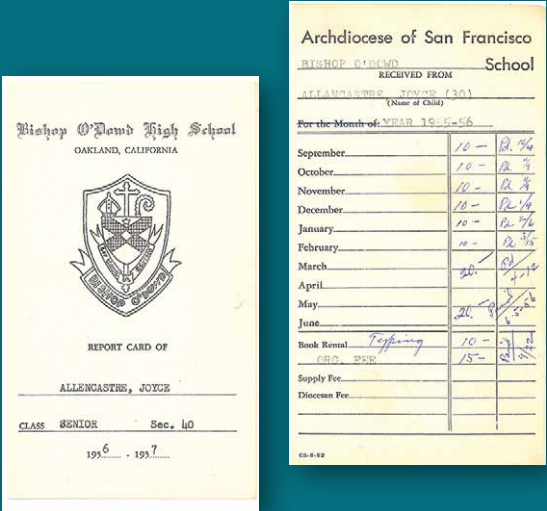
Another powerful thread across generations is the family's commitment to service. Graham continues to volunteer with a nonprofit, finding meaning in meeting new people and connecting with his community. Ava has already exceeded the 10th grade 25-hour service learning requirement. She spent three weeks last summer working with a community organization that serves autistic children. "O'Dowd always emphasized how important it is to be a contributing member of our community, wherever that is," Graham says. Along those lines, Sara has actively given back to O'Dowd as a parent volunteer, most recently as a co-chair of our annual Transforming Lives Dinner in support of tuition assistance. "I have always appreciated the diverse student body that O'Dowd attracts," Sara says. "Supporting the Transforming Lives Dinner helps sustain what makes O'Dowd special."

Intergenerational connection is part of the school's story — and the Varni family's. One of Tony's good friends from O'Dowd was **Kip Wixson '57**, and the two families became closely intertwined. Kip's daughter Heidi Wixson Novak became best friends with Sara's sister Andrea Varni Ramiza. Their children, including Graham and **Owen Ramiza '19**, and **Charlie '17** and **Atticus Novak '23**, practically grew up together — and ultimately attended O'Dowd as well.

One of Sara's best O'Dowd friends, **Becky Wacht Cusack '96**, now has three O'Dowd Dragons: **Brody '25**, **Adam '27**, and **Aubrey '29**. Sara's daughter Ava fits right into the lineup as the Class of 2028. "We always text each other at O'Dowd events," Sara laughs. "We're big Dragon nerds."

Looking back on 75 years of O'Dowd history, the Varni's feel proud — and hopeful. Tony still keeps up with the latest school news, celebrating each new addition to campus, from the Center for Environmental Studies to the Cummins Center.

"I've met people who graduated 10-15 years ahead of me and 10-15 years behind me," Sara says. "No matter what they were into at O'Dowd — sports, drama, music, debate — they had a great experience. And that's rare. O'Dowd was great then, and it's great now. We're excited for the future of O'Dowd."



Left: The Souza's on campus today: Frank and Joyce Souza '57, Jeff Souza '83. Camron Castro '16 (not pictured) now lives in San Diego and serves the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Above: Joyce Allencastre Souza '57 still has her original O'Dowd report cards and tuition receipts.



Above: Sara Varni '96 (top row, third from right) and the O'Dowd girls soccer team. Sara's daughter, Ava Bright '28 grew up on the O'Dowd field, watching her cousin Graham Ramiza '17 play lacrosse.

Right: O'Dowd best friends Sara Varni Bright '96 and Becky Wacht Cusack '96 with their families, including four Dragons. Back row, from left; Vic Bright, Brody Cusack '25, Sara Varni Bright '96, Brian Cusack, Adam Cusack '27. Front row, from left: Bridget Bright, Ava Bright '28, Parker Bright, Becky Cusack '96, Aubrey Cusack '29.

ANYTHING IS REACHABLE: THE SOUZA FAMILY'S JOURNEY THROUGH O'DOWD

When Bishop O'Dowd High School opened in 1951, it didn't yet have a campus of its own. Classes were held at St. Louis Bertrand in Oakland, where eighth graders **Joyce Allencastre** and **Frank Souza (both Class of '57)** were already "going steady."

"O'Dowd was co-ed, whereas St. Joe's and St. Mary's were all-boys," Joyce recalls with a smile. "That's why I wanted to go there." Her family's commitment to Catholic education ran deep. "I babysat and cleaned houses all four years to pay my tuition," she says. "I still have the receipt from my senior year: \$250."

The school may have been new, but it left a lasting impression. For Joyce and Frank, O'Dowd shaped not only their education, but their values, relationships, and the course of their lives. They married soon after graduation, with an O'Dowd classmate as best man.

Decades later, their son **Jeff Souza '83** found himself at a crossroads. Raised in San Leandro and active at Assumption Catholic Church, he initially wanted to attend public school with his friends. But after enrolling at O'Dowd, everything changed. "In the first few weeks, I knew I was in the right place," Jeff says. "It was eye-opening — hands down the best thing that ever happened to me. It pushed me academically, and I built relationships that helped me start my own business. Without O'Dowd, my life would have gone a very different way."

That legacy carried forward to the third generation. Jeff's nephew, **Camron Castro '16**, felt inspired by the stories and example of his family. "I was drawn to O'Dowd because of my grandparents, my uncle, my cousins. I wanted to be part of it. I wanted that challenge."

Across all three generations, academic excellence stood out. Joyce is still affectionately known as "the brains" of the family — she even helped Frank with a few of his reports. Jeff and Camron recall how hard they had to work, and how supported they felt along the way.

“Without O’Dowd, my life would have gone a very different way.”

—JEFF SOUZA ‘83

Above L-R: Frank Souza ‘57 and the championship basketball team, Joyce Souza ‘57 with the ball for a game against St. Elizabeth, Frank and Joyce at their senior ball.

Below, L-R: Jeff Souza ‘83 poses for a basketball portrait, and Camron Castro ‘16 displays his pride for O’Dowd tennis.



1st Row L to R: R. Diritto, M. Echardt, F. Souza, D. Diritto, G. Johnston
2nd Row L to R: E. Donahue, M. Blue, D. Lees, F. Kohles, T. Murphy, M. Kavanaugh



UNEARTHING THE PAST, WRITING THE FUTURE

INSIDE O’DOWD’S GILDED AGE PROJECT

“It was a big sacrifice for my family for me to go to O’Dowd, and failure wasn’t an option,” Jeff says. But the effort paid off. By the time he reached college, Jeff felt prepared and confident. “It was easy — I was ready for the next chapter.”

Camron agrees. “O’Dowd’s teachers gave us a strong work ethic while really caring about us. I never thought I’d be where I am today.”

That balance — challenge with care — helped each generation grow not only as students, but as people. And for the Souza family, athletics played a big role in that transformation.

Frank played on O’Dowd’s championship basketball team and ran track. Joyce was a three-sport athlete in basketball, softball, and volleyball. Jeff played soccer. Camron joined the football team, then transitioned to tennis after an injury. Sports weren’t just about competition—they were where friendships were forged and character was tested.

“After six hours of homework, sports was how I connected and made friends,” Jeff says. Camron found the same thing: practices, games, and shared goals helped him feel at home.

That sense of community, first sparked in classrooms and on courts, grew into something deeper. Frank and Joyce stayed close to O’Dowd friends, hosting dinner parties and reunions. “The kids would be camped out in sleeping bags while we cooked for the adults,” Camron laughs. “Those were big family gatherings—and most of the people were from O’Dowd.”

Joyce never lost her connection to the school. She volunteered with the development office, and later was hired as the principal’s secretary. Today she helps organize reunions and keeps the Class of 1957 email list going, sharing news and prayer requests. “Our family was at every crab feed, every sporting event,” she says. “O’Dowd has always been part of our lives.”

As O’Dowd marks its 75th anniversary, Camron reflects on what it means to be part of that legacy. Now a firefighter in San Diego, he credits O’Dowd with shaping who he is. “It gave me courage, confidence, and integrity. Each generation had its own O’Dowd experience, but we all walked away believing one thing: anything is reachable. Don’t ever give up.”

What does it mean to write with purpose — to use language that shapes a moment and moves an audience? For students in O’Dowd’s AP Language and Composition course, these questions fuel a dynamic project that blends rhetorical analysis, historical research, and original storytelling.

“The primary skill for AP Language & Composition is rhetorical analysis,” explains Lindsey Ashlock, a seasoned educator who joined O’Dowd in 2019. “It’s about understanding that every writer — every speaker — is making choices to persuade. We teach students to ask: Who’s the audience? What’s the context? What strategies are being used?”

In the Gilded Age Project, students move from analysis to authorship. Developed by Lindsey, the unit challenges them to write historically grounded creative nonfiction inspired by the muckraking spirit of the late 19th century. Each student selects a figure or population — from factory workers to financiers — and crafts a narrative that reveals the human truths behind the era’s glittering surface.

“This was a time when journalists worked to expose the underbelly of society,” Lindsey says. “Our students are doing something similar — using rhetoric to spotlight what history often hides.”

The project mirrors the course’s broader goal: preparing students for college-level thinking and writing. “They’re not just learning to pass a test,” Lindsey says. “They’re learning to think critically, argue effectively, and write with voice. Our 100% AP pass rate isn’t the point — it’s the result.”

That success is also fueled by creativity. “Students take risks, experiment, and connect emotionally with their work,” she adds. “That blend of critical thinking and creative exploration — that’s where real learning happens.”

IN THE STACKS: Scholarly Research, Lifelong Skills

When students begin their **Gilded Age** project, they're not just searching — they're investigating. And until her retirement this past spring, longtime librarian Annette Counts was their guide, helping students think like historians: follow clues, trace language, and uncover meaning from primary sources.

"Students are stepping into a time period with different vocabulary, values, and ways of seeing the world," Annette explained. "To research effectively, they have to speak the language of the era — whether they're exploring mental health, immigration, or poverty."

With degrees from Stanford and San Jose State, Annette shaped O'Dowd's research instruction for two decades. She equipped students with powerful tools and taught them to work like scholars — tracing names, analyzing headlines, and letting one discovery lead to the next.



"Our students are participating in the scholarly conversation. They're not just consuming knowledge — they're helping preserve it."

— Annette Counts
FORMER O'DOWD LIBRARIAN



Left: **Mason Allen '26** uses the education platform NoodleTools to cite archival sources and organize research notes.

Below: This original document from 1885 awards Ida B. Wells as a plaintiff against The Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern Railroad after being forcibly removed from the first-class ladies' coach.



RESEARCH TOOLS AT A GLANCE

How students access the past:

- » **ProQuest:** Historical Newspapers
- » **Gale:** Topic overviews + primary sources
- » **ABC-CLIO:** Curricular essays & nonfiction
- » **Oxford Reference:** Scholarly definitions & timelines
- » **NewsBank:** Archived/global news

Sometimes students do more than find sources — they expand the archive. One student reached out to a college about a changemaker's historical letters, prompting the school to digitize them. "Our students are not just consuming knowledge," Annette says. "They're helping preserve it."

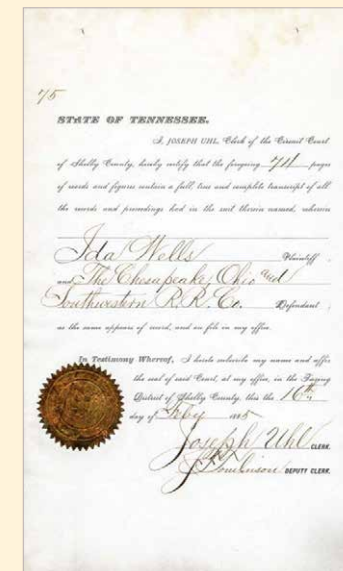
INKED: A SHOUT FOR JUSTICE

Mason Allen '26

I chose to research Ida B. Wells because I wanted to lift up someone who inspired change through writing. Looking at historical documents — even original letters she wrote to her attorney — helped me imagine her experience. The challenge was turning all that research into a first-person story. As someone who gravitates toward math, tech, and engineering, this really pushed me creatively. I used the image of her pen as a symbol of power:

"Wells put her pen to paper and used her ink to shout out against a system that had long suffocated the country."

This project taught me how important it is to preserve and uplift stories from the past — to make sure history isn't erased or forgotten. If I become an engineer, I know creativity will help me think in new ways and solve problems that matter.



A GILDING OF DUST

Hannah Sweeting '26

This was my favorite English project because it combined creativity and deep research. I chose Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* (1906) after reading Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* (1962) — I was interested in how writers exposed dangerous industries. I read statistics on worker deaths and building conditions, but the hardest part was editing. I had to cut creative ideas to focus on one moment in Sinclair's life. That discipline reminded me of dramaturgy, where you research the context of a play. I used some of those same skills during O'Dowd's production of *All My Sons* — and I hope to keep building on them in college.

"Upton kept his head down in case someone doubted his fib as a worker. The ground was covered with layers of dust, paper scraps, and haphazardly paved cement. Adjusting his blood stained white coat, borrowed from a striking worker, he staggered forward with the rest of the men, stern and fatigued by daily labor, towards the gated entry of the building."



Top: Hannah Sweeting '26 chose Upton Sinclair and his expose on the meatpacking industry, *The Jungle*, for her Gilded Age Project.

Left: Archival photo of meatpacking workers, circa 1904.

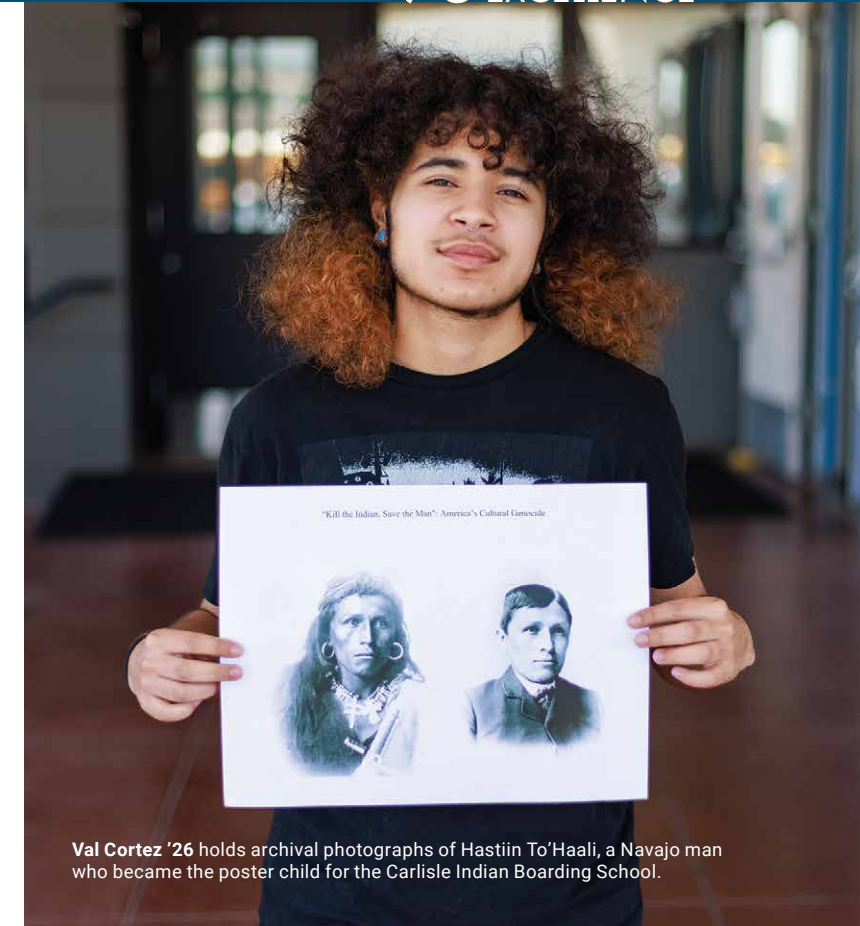
"KILL THE INDIAN, SAVE THE MAN": AMERICA'S CULTURAL GENOCIDE

Val Cortez '26

As a Mexican-American with indigenous roots, I'm passionate about preserving indigenous culture. I chose Hastiin To'Haali, a Navajo man who became the poster child for the Carlisle Indian Boarding School, because I saw myself and my lineage in his story. My research led me to the Indigenous Research Center at UC Davis. Reading firsthand accounts from 1882 — children denied food, locked in cells for 30 days — was devastating. Photos of students wearing "civilized" names on wooden plaques around their necks showed how dehumanization happened.

"A staff member firmly grabs hold of a disoriented Hastiin, looming over him. The shouting of unfamiliar, foreign commands penetrates his ears. The sudden flash of steel scissors flash across his eyes. Black strands of luscious hair, once contently perched upon his shoulders, fall lifelessly to his feet."

We like to say "that was long ago," but the last Indian Boarding Schools closed in the 1970s. I want to study political science — and build better systems, rooted in justice.



Val Cortez '26 holds archival photographs of Hastiin To'Haali, a Navajo man who became the poster child for the Carlisle Indian Boarding School.



Top: Tucker Eddy '26 reviews online databases, including Gale, NewsBank and Oxford Reference, with former O'Dowd librarian Annette Counts.

Right: Tucker used this original *NY Times* photo to imagine the impact the image would have on Cornelius Vanderbilt.



THE ROBBER BARON AND THE RAILROAD

Tucker Eddy '26

As a baseball player, I was first drawn to Cornelius Vanderbilt because Vanderbilt University has one of the top baseball programs in the country. I learned the term "robber baron" was first used for him, and I especially enjoyed the research. Every issue of *The New York Times* is digitized, and it was incredible to scroll through articles, photos, and political cartoons from that era.

"One day, as Vanderbilt flipped through his newspaper, he was confronted with a sombering sight. Sitting atop the eighth page was a photo of three kids, nestling together over a grate in one of New York City's back alleyways. In the photo, the black underbelly of America's obsession with profit, even at the cost of human life, reared its ugly head, and even Vanderbilt was not immune to its effects."

I want to be a neurosurgeon someday — and this class taught me how I could write medical nonfiction that draws people in and makes them care.



Top: Braelynn Lillard '26 discusses her Gilded Age Project about Mary Ellen Pleasant, the first self-made millionaire of African-American heritage, with teacher Lindsey Ashlock.

Left: Mary Ellen Pleasant was born into slavery on a Georgia plantation. In 1852, she moved to San Francisco and became one of the wealthiest people in California.

DEATH OF THE WHITE CASTLE

Braelynn Lillard '26

I love creative writing so this project really gave me space to spread my wings. I was even able to bring ideas and research from my other classes, AP United States History and AP African-American Studies, to shape my topic. I chose the story of Mary Ellen Pleasant because I was interested in seeing how this period of time might have been experienced by an African-American woman in San Francisco. She lived her life purposely shrouded in mystery, so I had to find archival primary sources that would help me to gain an understanding of what she experienced.

"As Pleasant walked into the courtroom veiled in emeralds, women yelled, 'bad egg' and 'bladder dash.' The audience filled with a sense of betrayal for the black woman they once knew as their white counterpart."

The Gilded Age was a time of lots of discoveries in science and industrial advancement. I think the time we live in now brings some of the same moral and ethical questions. It reminds me that we learn history so we don't have to repeat it. In the future, I'm interested in international law. I want to look more deeply at how different cultures define "right" and "wrong."

THE POWER OF MANY: Everyday Donors Strengthen the O'Dowd Experience

For **Felicity Meu '97**, giving back to O'Dowd is simple — and powerful. She has an automatic payment set up to donate just \$10 each month to the school, a small gift that adds up to a big impact for today's students. "It's super meaningful for me, because I want to increase the accessibility and affordability of education. And I know what a difference O'Dowd makes in the lives of students," she says.



Felicity grew up in Oakland and attended Claremont Middle School. She was drawn to O'Dowd for high school because she saw it as "the best of all worlds — offering academic challenge alongside a wide range of co-curricular opportunities."

She made the most of those opportunities. Felicity swam all four years and joined O'Dowd's first water polo team. She immersed herself in the school's science curriculum, taking every course available, and also joined the Campus Ministry Team led by Brian Judd. "I'm not Catholic, but I found that being at a Catholic school allowed us to have valuable conversations about ethics and morality — conversations that were pivotal at that stage in our development," she reflects. For Felicity, Campus Ministry was also a microcosm of the O'Dowd experience. "The student leadership group was such a diverse cross-section of the school. I wanted to be a part of it."

After graduating, Felicity attended UC Berkeley, majoring in Cultural Geography and minoring in Education. She went on to earn a Master's in Public Administration and now works at GiveCampus, a technology startup that provides schools with a comprehensive giving platform. "I know firsthand that regular monthly gifts of even \$10–\$20 dollars make a significant impact for the school and for students," she says. For Felicity, educational

philanthropy is about giving back to the institutions that shaped her. "I was able to go to O'Dowd because it was affordable for my parents," she notes. "The cost of tuition is offset by philanthropy, and it's important to pay it forward."

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The meaning of her giving has only deepened over time. Last year, one of Felicity's best friends, **Michele Gilfether Ragon '97**, enrolled her daughter Avery at O'Dowd. This year, another close friend has a 9th grader at the school. "It's a very full-circle moment for me," Felicity reflects. "To see the kids I once held as babies now at O'Dowd — at the same stage in life when I first met their mothers in these hallways — makes my giving a celebration of the young people I love. It's a wonderful feeling, knowing they will be nurtured here and set up for success."



"An O'Dowd education is a unique experience and I want to make that option available to as many students as possible."

— JIM NEGRI '68
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SKYLER MAPES '10: MAKING LA DOLCE VITA A REALITY

By any standard, **Skyler Mapes '10** is living a spectacular life. She resides in Le Castella, Calabria — a small town on the coast in the ball of Italy's "boot." With her husband, Giuseppe Morisani, she runs EXAU Olive Oil, which harvests, mills, and bottles olives from the Morisani family's century-old groves. Author of *The Olive Oil Enthusiast*, Skyler was selected among *Forbes*' 30 Under 30 in 2021 and her product featured in such publications as *Condé Nast*, *Food & Wine*, *La Cucina Italiana*, and *Oprah's Favorite Things*.

Italy's a far cry from the Oakland neighborhood where Skyler was raised. At O'Dowd, she found an escape from a tumultuous home life and a chance to redefine herself. "In middle school, being smart got you bullied," she recalls. "At O'Dowd, it was celebrated — you could be a fun person and be smart. Students were supported to be fully themselves — to try, to fail, and to grow. That environment let me be vulnerable, explore new interests, and build really healthy relationships."

With a bachelor's degree in architecture, Skyler was interning at an architectural firm in Barcelona in 2014 when she spent a weekend in Rome. That's where she met Giuseppe, who'd built a successful career as a personal trainer as he pursued his degree in economics. Their romantic weekend became a long-distance relationship before eventually leading to marriage, and the couple settled in the United States. But Giuseppe missed his family's olive oil, produced only for family and friends. His grandfather had developed the property decades before, growing not only olives but vineyards, sugar beets, and livestock.

That oil, shared with friends, grew so popular that Giuseppe proposed returning to Calabria and turning his family's small enterprise into a business. In 2017 that's exactly what the couple did, founding EXAU and eventually expanding the groves to 20 acres. The name was inspired by *Ex Albis Ulivis*, Latin for "white olive," used to describe young, green olives that were so good they were only allowed to be consumed by nobility.

Her quiet life on the Italian coast suits Skyler perfectly. "I found real peace at O'Dowd, but my early adulthood was a bit rocky," she says. "Now I feel like I've come to a peaceful place again. We're scaling a family business with integrity and at our own pace."

That said, she's hardly coasting. Skyler is currently writing the first in a series of fantasy books. She loves creating content on social media, letting her personality and voice shine through. She'd eventually like to open an agriturismo on the property. That kind of energy and enthusiasm was first instilled at O'Dowd, Skyler says.

"At my freshman orientation, a teacher talked about the seven types of intelligence," she says. "We all have them — it's just a matter of discovering which ones shine most for us." For Skyler, writing became a way her intelligence came alive. "I had Mr. Brown for an English teacher. He was grumpy in the funniest, most wonderful way, and he was also a really good teacher. He helped me to become a better writer — it's one of the reasons I'm an author today. At O'Dowd, I knew that my teachers wanted to help me identify what I was good at, to become a better person. It was life changing."



O'DOWD'S 2025 COR UNUM AWARDEE:

JEVON HOLLAND '18

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

"I remember my very first classroom experience at O'Dowd," Jevon recalls. "It was a literature class with Mr. Lucas. He was explaining the syllabus and called on me to answer a question. His whole demeanor was so engaging and funny that the class burst into laughter. That's when I knew, O'Dowd is the place I want to be."

As a student, Jevon was deeply engaged in campus life. He was active in the Black Student Union and O'Dowd's renowned Black History Assembly. While football was central, he also explored the arts — cinema with Mr. Blasser, ceramics with Mrs. Loewinsohn, and drawing with Mr. Sanchez, who also coached football. "I vibed with his style," Jevon says.

What he treasures most is the community he built. "I didn't even realize how special it was, to have such a diverse group of classmates, friends, and teammates," he reflects. "I formed very deep bonds, and I'm still close with my O'Dowd friends today."

After graduation, Jevon played football at the University of Oregon, earning a B.A. in Ethnic Studies. In 2021, he was drafted by the Miami Dolphins, quickly becoming one of

the league's top safeties and the youngest two-time team captain in Dolphins history. Today, he plays for the New York Giants while preparing to pursue a master's degree in cinema from NYU. "O'Dowd inspired me to be a lifelong learner," he says.

Despite his rising profile, Jevon remains deeply connected to his roots. Last summer, he participated in the third annual "Bay Area's Finest" Football Camp at O'Dowd, a free opportunity for young players across Oakland and the East Bay to learn directly from NFL professionals — including camp founder **Alijah Vera-Tucker '17** (NY Jets), as well as **Milo Eifler '16** (Arizona Cardinals), and **Terique Owens '18** (SF 49ers). "It's important to come back to O'Dowd and to Oakland and support the next generation," Jevon says. "I want to inspire kids to keep chasing their dreams."

Jevon also supports students through his contribution to the endowed Gary and Debbie Mason Angel Fund, which supports students who need financial assistance. "This is a great school that sets students up for success," he says. "I want to strengthen that mission through my resources and my platform."

Jevon Holland '18 exemplifies the spirit of *Cor Unum* through his leadership, generosity, and pride in O'Dowd. His commitment to lifting others — on the field, in the classroom, and through philanthropy — reflects the very best of "*One Heart in Christ*."



Photo: President Kim Walsh and Jevon Holland '18 stand on O'Dowd's Quad.



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From O’Dowd’s earliest days, each gift has been an act of faith in the power of Catholic education to transform lives. Your generosity has opened doors for students who otherwise might not have had access to an O’Dowd education. It has sustained our faculty, nurtured our programs, improved our facilities, and built the traditions that unite Dragons across generations.

As we celebrate our 75th year together, we recognize that this moment belongs to all of us — past, present, and future Dragons — whose shared commitment has built and sustained O’Dowd. The names listed here represent far more than contributions — they represent a shared commitment to shaping young people in faith, leadership, and service.

Today’s Dragons walk the same halls as those who came before, filled with the same anticipation before a big game, the same curiosity in the classroom, and the same deep sense of belonging in our community. What’s different now is that they’re also walking into a more complex world — and your support ensures they’re ready to meet it with courage, compassion, and vision.

On behalf of our entire community, thank you for the role you have played in this extraordinary story — and for the hope you inspire for the generations still to come.

With deepest gratitude,

Rebecca Bischoff

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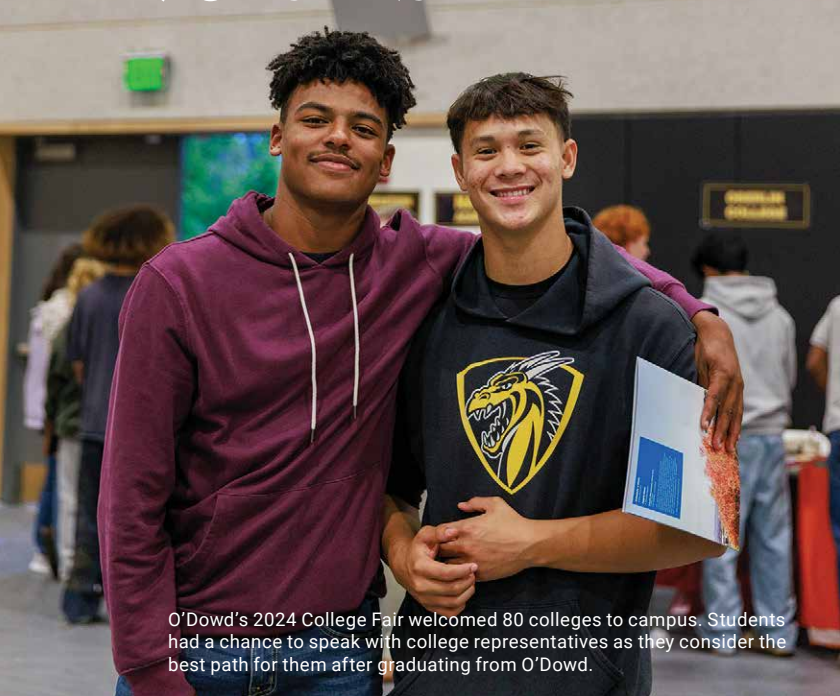
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“ I’m a competitive gymnast and when I got a sports injury in the 10th grade I needed a lot of accommodations to get my schoolwork done. My counselor helped me to stay on track. He made it clear that he really cared about me and how I was doing, not just about my grades. Now I’m pursuing kinesiology programs, and I’m interested in becoming a physical therapist. I’m grateful for how O’Dowd helped to shape my journey, in every way!”

—RIYA MOORTHY ‘25

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Students at O’Dowd’s Service Fair meet representatives from over 25 non-profit agencies. Over their four years at O’Dowd, students give at least 100 hours of service to our local communities.

“I’m grateful for the special relationships we have with our teachers at O’Dowd. I might even want to be a teacher myself someday. For my required service hours, I tutored at an Oakland summer camp for elementary school kids and it was really satisfying to watch my own students understand a tough concept. O’Dowd has taught me that if I put in the effort, we can achieve what we want together.”

—BRENTON HONG ‘25



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“ My father is from Senegal and I am part of the tradition of West African musicians, storytellers and poets, called griots. At O’Dowd, Mr. Green has been a special teacher and mentor because he knows so much about West African history and culture. Now I’m teaching drumming to other students who are hungry to learn. It feels spiritual, sharing my heritage at O’Dowd. It feels like I’m coming full circle.”

—ABABACAR KOUYATE ’26



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O’Dowd’s spring musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, had audiences positively BUZZING with excitement!



Aligning with our charism of *Kinship with Creation*, students participate in the annual California Coastal Clean Up, picking up trash along shorelines and in coastal parks as part of an effort to remove pollution from the land and water.

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We are deeply grateful to the generous individuals who have chosen to include O'Dowd in their will or trust. Their foresight and commitment ensure that future generations of students will benefit from the transformative education and values that define our community.

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“ Advanced Placement Environmental Science opened up my whole world and got me committed to sustainability. I’m co-president of Impact Z, a student group which educates our peers on social and political issues. We’ve done tree planting, beach cleanups, and voter registration. Because of O’Dowd, I know I have the connections, resources, and foundation to achieve my goals.”

—AIDAN FELDMAN '25

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At our Spring Instrumental Concert, students put on a phenomenal performance for the community, including works by Franz Schubert, Sly Stone, and Herbie Hancock.

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1950's



Rod Krug '55 is pictured with a fish he caught on a trip to Panama. Along with his regular fishing trips to Panama, he travels to Alaska to fish twice a year, which he has been doing since 1993.

Marylin Amaral Stephens '59 received an award from the Association of California Nurse Leaders, which is presented to a nurse leader who made a significant impact. Marilyn was a founding member of ACNL in 1978, and has been dedicated to helping the organization grow and flourish for over four decades. Marylin also served on the ACNL's Board of Directors and was the Chair of the Communication/Voice of Nursing Committee for six years.

1960's



Kevin Donahue '63 at the 2025 California State Athletic Directors Association (CSADA), where he received the prestigious Jim Echols Award. The award recognizes exceptional work for the CSADA during the previous year.

1970's



Greg Herrick '71 was inducted into the College of the Canyons Athletic Hall of Fame, where he was recognized for his 30-year career and 611 wins with the Canyons women's basketball team. Before his successful tenure at Canyons, which included 10 Coach of the Year awards and mentoring 27 all-state players, Greg had impressive coaching runs at Cleveland High School, as a COC men's basketball assistant, and at Hart High School, winning multiple championships at each stop along his distinguished career.



George Goldman '78 recently retired as President and CEO of CMA/CGM (America) and American President Lines after 40 years in the international logistics and transportation industry.

1980's



Jenny Richardson '80 received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Samuel Merritt University's College of Nursing as part of the 2025 Health Impact Awards. This award celebrates the impact that nurses have in transforming healthcare and advancing health equity.



Classmates **Dana Ciraulo Young '83**, **Adrienne Candell '83**, **Marissa deGuzman '83**, **Kelleen Arcanin Prittie '83**, **Amy Jullien '83**, and **Kieran King '83** spent three days in Yosemite National Park together last spring.

1990's



Tarik Glenn '93 started a new position as the Executive Director of the Athletic Study Center at UC Berkeley.



Nick Maccarone '98 wrote, produced and played the lead in the feature film *SONNY BOY*. The film won the Audience Choice Award for best feature narrative at Dances With Films in NYC along with being profiled in *Variety*.



Miya Chen '99 started a new position as Chief of Staff for the Office of Mayor Barbara Lee. She is the first Asian female Chief of Staff for an Oakland Mayor in the city's history.

2000's



Steven Singleton '03 was named Head Coach for UC Berkeley's softball program, after spending six years with the University of Texas.

Barry Breaux '04 and Nevida Breaux welcomed their second son in February 2025.



Elliott Jones '04 was recognized by the Dr. Maya Angelou Foundation as a powerful civic leader and philanthropist whose work continually supports humanity and amplifies legacies. Elliot is the Program Manager for the Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) Program, leading a community response initiative for non-violent, non-emergency 911 calls in California's Bay Area.



Jesse Byrd '05 and Emaan Byrd welcomed their first child in June 2025.



Leah Smart Dolan '05 is a personal development podcast host at LinkedIn, hosting a show called *Everyday Better*. Her weekly podcast interviews scientists, best-selling authors, and global leaders to explore what it means to live a good and fulfilling life.



Joanna Lima Rossoni '05 recently opened a new hair salon, The Beehive, located in Walnut Creek. This has been a dream of hers since high school.



Tim Beck '06 started a new position at Marmot as Manager of Merchandising after 9.5 years at The North Face.



Lia Rivers-Birt '09 and Eddie Alvarado welcomed a daughter, Liliana Rose Alvarado in July 2025.



Kaitlin Clancey Zazueta '09 and Neaj Zazueta welcomed their first child Ronan John Zazueta in March 2025 on Whidbey Island, Washington. Kaitlin currently works for the University of California, San Francisco in Pediatric Graduate Medical Education as the Pediatric Fellowship Manager.

2010's



Chad Washington '11 has joined Sanders Roberts, LLP. Chad's practice focuses on business litigation, general liability, and entertainment matters for both private and public entities.



Tealanie Baldwin '13 received her JD from Georgetown University Law Center.



Tony Burnette '13 started a new job as the Director of Advancement at Unity Christian School in Georgia. Additionally, he is a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, earning an MA in Theology with an emphasis on Justice and Public Life.



Ryan Daniel '13 has been named the Sr. Marketing Manager for the Golden State Valkyries. After 7 years with the Golden State

Warriors, Ryan supported the WNBA's newest expansion team as they started their inaugural season.



Gaby Lewis '13 was nominated for a James Beard Award for producing an episode of Eater's Emmy Award-winning video series, *Vendors*. "Inside the Dangerous Dive for Sea Ur hins: The Life of a Haenyeo" was nominated in the Commercial Media category.



Grace Benson Platz '13 married Harrison Platz in May 2025 at Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.



Dominic Drury '14 was promoted to Assistant Commissioner — Basketball Operations and Finance at The Big West.



Christopher LeBoa '15 finished his PhD in Environmental Health Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley. His work on airborne exposures in Bangladesh focused on the provision of clean-for-health cooking fuels in the refugee camps and airborne influenza in live poultry markets.



Zenzi Riddick '15 whose research straddles education, history and Black Studies, has joined Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy as assistant professor of Human Development and Social Policy.



Josie Boyd Conn '17 and Jeremiah Solis welcomed their son Aleksei Solis in February 2025.



Isaiah Henry '18 reached the end of his Hatfield Fellowship through the Portland State Center for Public Service. He was partnered with the

City of Portland Ombudsman office, which acts as an independent investigative body working to resolve and mediate issues Portland residents are facing when dealing with city government.



Indigo Burris-Albans '19 will be attending Teachers College at Columbia University to pursue an M.S. in Communication

Science & Disorders, which includes a dual certificate program in bilingualism.



Brooke Johnson '19 is attending the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA on a full-ride Leaders of Tomorrow

Scholarship, one of the highest honors awarded by the school. She was also accepted into PRIME-LA, a prestigious program designed for students dedicated to serving underserved communities.



Sophia McHugh '19 started a new position as a Teaching Assistant at Chicago Public Schools. Her focus is on Pre-K and 4th grade classes.



Amira Moore '19 started a new position as a Logistics Staff Member at the San Francisco 49ers. She will be working

behind the scenes to help bring game days and special events to life at Levi's Stadium.



Ben Nguyen '19 started at Columbia University's School of Social Work in the fall.



Brendan Walsh '19 joined the San Francisco Giants as a Partnerships and Business Development Intern.



Jelani Warren '19 started a new role as a Financial Professional at New York Life Insurance Company.

2020's



Cassidy Cisz '20 started a new role this past summer in the residency program at January Digital: The Marketing Leadership Company in New York City.



Jane Fogarty '20 started studying at the University of California, Berkeley - School of Law.



Jenna Kilty '20 joined the MMG NBL1 Women's Team for the South West Metro Pirates, a basketball association based in Brisbane, Australia.



Gianna Lawrenz '20 was recently promoted to Project Coordinator at Valley Fine Foods.



Anni Lazarchik '20 is pursuing a master's degree in Molecular Medicine at the Charité-Universitätsmedizin in Berlin, Germany.



Aeon Levy '20 recently joined the University of Virginia's Master of Science in Data Science (MSDS) program.



Kyle Lew '20 graduated from Cal Poly with a M.S. in Business Analytics. He recently started an internship at Claritas as an AI Product Development Intern.



Chloe Momet '20 accepted her offer of admission to San Diego State University's Master of Science in School Counseling with a PPS Credential program.

Abigail Pagila '20 joined the Chan Zuckerberg Biohub Network in San Francisco. She works with the Jacobo Group, where she focuses on cell differentiation and tracking, as well as aquaculture research.



Jasmine Robinson '20 started a new position as Commercial Marketing Coordinator at Virgin Music Group under Universal Music Group.



Francisco Romero '20 graduated from the Hayward Police Department. At his swearing-in ceremony he was pinned by his father, who is an officer for Oakland Police Department.



Lucas Terk '20 joined Brex as an Enterprise Sales Development Representative.



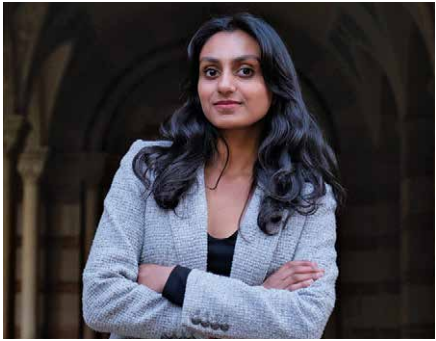
Keale, Maile, and Makana Young '20 all graduated from San Diego State University summa cum laude with B.S. degrees in Integrated Marketing and Communications, with minors in Interdisciplinary Studies, part of the Weber Honors College minor.



Ali Bullock '21 graduated *magna cum laude* from San Diego State University in Communications, minoring in Digital and Social Media Studies.



Dylan Frith '21 graduated from University of Miami Herbert School of Business and will be joining Factset full-time in their New York office as a Client Solutions Associate.



Aasha Krishnan '21 recently started a new position as a medical assistant/fellow at California Cardiac Institute.



Noelia McKillop '21 graduated from Loyola University Chicago with a B.S. in Nursing. She has started a new grad position at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago as an Operating Room nurse.



Alana Berger Moodie '22 was promoted to a new position as Bears and Grizzlies Camp Lead at Cal Berkeley Youth Summer Camp.



Myles De Los Santos-Moore '22 interned within the Stanford Summer Community College Premedical Program at the Stanford University School of Medicine.



Meera Patel '22 started a new position as a Business Analytics Intern at Psymics. This past spring, she worked in their London office and contributed to their market research, competitor analysis, and broader business strategy initiatives.

Caden Wooster '22 signed an undrafted free agent baseball contract with the New York Mets.



Spencer Herberich '23 joined Bechtel Corporation as a Mechanical Engineering Intern. He will be working on-site in Port Arthur, Texas.



Audrey Ohwobete '23 was accepted to the MLT Career Prep Program on the Corporate Management Track. MLT is a national nonprofit that focuses on providing opportunities to today's rising leaders of color. MLT's Career Prep is an 18-month long developmental program for professional and leadership opportunities.



Nylah Whipps '23 had the opportunity to work as a Summer Peer Advisor at Santa Clara University last summer, welcoming

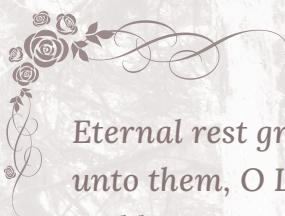
incoming students during orientation and helping guide them through their first steps as Broncos.



Milo Heintz '24 spent the last year training on vertical rope at the San Diego Circus Center. He was accepted to École Supérieure des Arts du Cirque in Brussels, Belgium, where he will earn his Bachelor's in Circus Arts and study Corde Lisse (vertical rope).



Ariela Moreno '25 has been competing with Our Little Miss since 2022, and won 2026 World's Universal Girl.



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
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MAY 2, 2026

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

The Transforming Lives Dinner brings the O'Dowd community together to provide additional support to our mission-critical financial aid program. This signature fundraising event, which raises over \$600,000, features student speakers who share their stories of transformation at O'Dowd and includes an opportunity for guests to raise their paddle in support of financial aid.

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JANUARY 15, 2026

Join us for the Alumni Happy Hour on January 15, 2026 in the Cummins Center. Tickets are \$20 each and include snacks, beer, wine, and admission to day-of home competitions. Visit bishopodowd.org/alumni for tickets and more information. This is a 21+ event. Let's show our #DragonPride!

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

This sell-out community event brings us together for a fun evening of crab and pasta, raffles, and bidding. Proceeds from the event support the co-curricular programs at O'Dowd. This is a 21+ event.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

Join us for the Living Lab Alumni Celebration. Our morning will consist of caring for the Living Lab and an afternoon to connect with our students, leaders and creators of the Living Lab.



For more information on upcoming opportunities, please visit bishopodowd.org/alumniconnect or scan the QR code.