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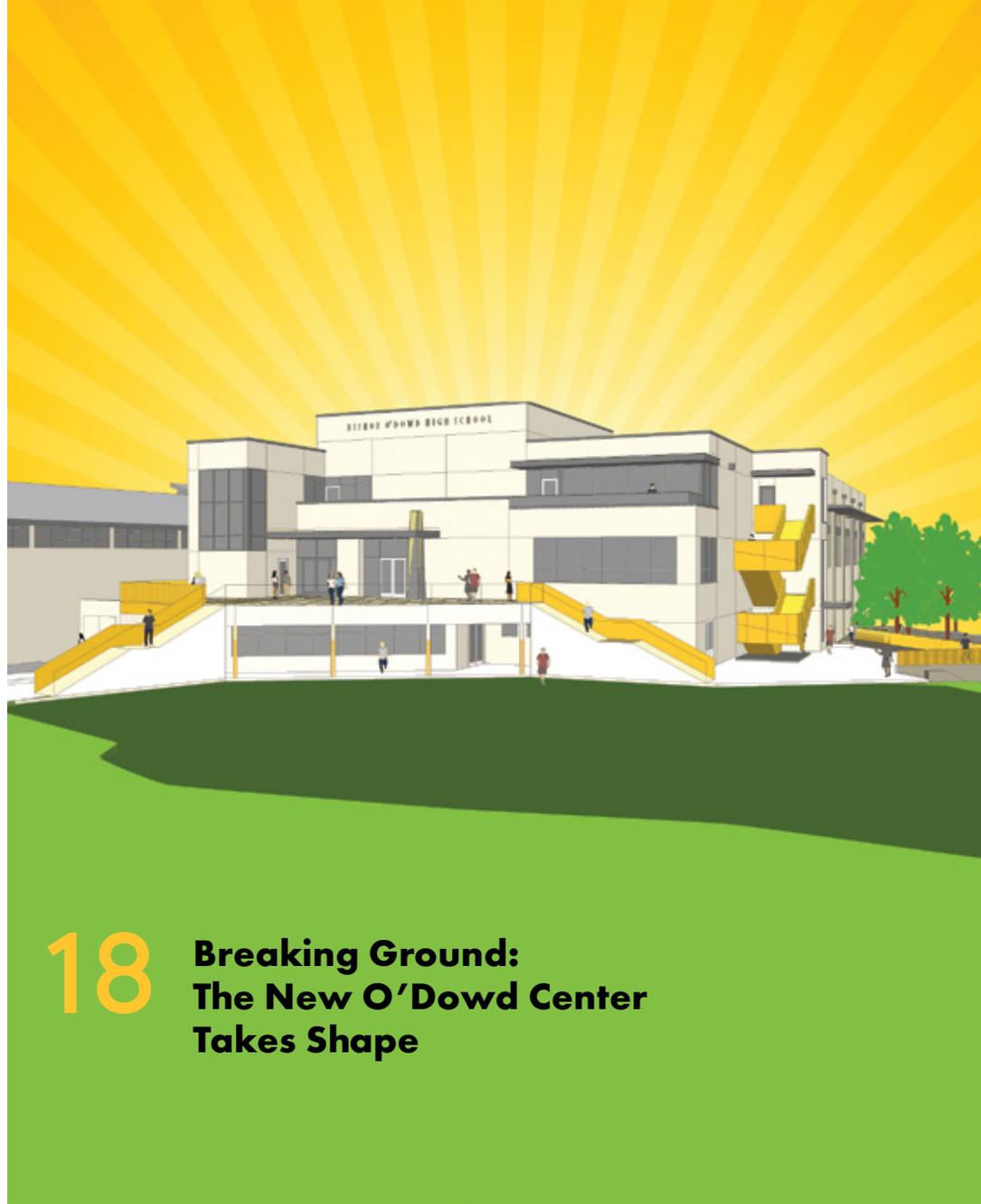
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THE O'DOWD COMMUNITY: GROUNDBREAKING IN ALL WAYS

From President J.D. Childs

To say this last year has been a challenge is an understatement. Our world has faced a deadly pandemic, our nation has faced new levels of unrest, and our community faced months of painful social distance. Yet, we are making it through. The theme for this issue of our magazine is *Groundbreaking*, because our community of students and families, alumni, faculty and staff, have not only learned to rise up in a virtual world, but we have risen to the challenge of the pandemic, and in spite of everything, risen to the most ambitious capital campaign we have ever launched, to break ground for the new O'Dowd Center.

In this issue, you will read how our students and alumni have taken action to serve those most vulnerable during this pandemic. We are proud to say that our alumni have been engaged in producing and distributing the new vaccines, which are creating so much hope for our nation, as well as providing direct care for the individuals and families who have been most affected by COVID-19. And our students have shown tremendous commitment to our East Bay community, supporting healthcare workers, addressing food insecurity, and remaining engaged in public education and civic engagement efforts. You can read more on page 6.

Our students and faculty have also managed to thrive in the virtual world, finding resilience and joy even through distance. Our academic, athletic and co-curricular programs all broke creative ground this year, capitalizing on Zoom to learn from Yale professors and elected officials, compete across the country and internationally for mock trial and debate, and lead fellow students for ecological justice. Our campus ministry team created powerful and soul-restoring virtual worship services, our arts departments previewed our first ever YouTube performances, and the list goes on. Go to page 12 to read all the ways our community rose together, despite being remote, to maintain our commitments to academic excellence, community in diversity, and joy!

Finally, in March we broke ground on a long anticipated project: the O'Dowd Center. The Cor Unum Campaign reflected years of dedication from our former President Steve Phelps, and our entire community worked tirelessly to bring it to life. Breaking ground for this Center is a watershed moment for our school, and we could not have achieved it without you, our dedicated alumni, families and friends, and without the generosity of the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation. Please read about this historic accomplishment, and the innovative features of the new Center, on page 18.

Now, a new day is coming. The CDC reports that the US is administering over 2 million vaccinations a day. COVID-19 cases are dropping. And we were able to reopen our campus in March for hybrid learning, with the aim to be fully in-person this fall. I have no doubt that whatever the summer brings, our Dragon community will stay strong and triumph together.

With hope,



In February, O’Dowd launched our We ♥ O’Dowd Giving Challenge. Kicking off in celebration of Founder’s Day, and ending on Valentine’s Day, the challenge was an opportunity for students, parents, faculty and staff, former parents and alumni, grandparents, Board members and friends to join together and show just how much We ♥ O’Dowd. Every dollar we raised went to the Cor Unum Campaign for the O’Dowd Center.

In response to the challenge, our community kicked into full force. We received gifts of \$5 and we received gifts of \$12,000. Every single gift symbolized the ♥ our families have for O’Dowd.

“There is a lifetime sense of community at O’Dowd,” said **Tovah Skiles ’96**. “I’m excited for how students will benefit from the new Center.”

“As I look back, I loved everything about O’Dowd,” remembers **Andy Rogers ’85**, one of over 170 alumni who gave during the We ♥ O’Dowd Challenge. “I believe the friendships that students build in the new Center will support them throughout life.”

Thank you alumni, current parents, past parents, grandparents, faculty, coaches, staff, Board members, friends, and students! Together, with individual contributions, special alumni matches, and the amazing dollar-for-dollar matching grant from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, the We ♥ O’Dowd Giving Challenge saw more than 260 donors raise over \$315,000 for the O’Dowd Center! This state-of-the art facility will sit at the heart of our campus, and sustain students, families, and alumni with Mass, rallies and celebrations, performances and sports, for generations to come. ♥

MOST DOLLARS RAISED

Class of 1962!

MOST DONORS

Class of 1989!



“The match meant a lot to me,” says **Brian Cushing ’84**, history teacher at O’Dowd. Three generations of Brian’s family graduated from O’Dowd. “I tried to make my contribution as big as possible because I want to make sure the campus is as vibrant when I leave as when I entered.”



“I gave to the We ♥ O’Dowd Challenge because I’m a member of the orchestra,” says **Noelia McKillop ’21**. “The new Center will be a space for more students to enjoy the arts and express themselves in different ways.”



DRAGONS ON THE FRONTLINES OF THE PANDEMIC

AS THE NUMBER of COVID-19 deaths in the United States surpasses 500,000 people, and the global death toll stretches past 3 million, the O'Dowd community has worked on the frontlines to respond to East Bay families who are struggling. Student efforts have ranged from addressing food insecurity and providing community education, to supporting healthcare workers. And professionally, our alumni are engaged in producing the vaccine and leading mass vaccination sites, guiding important research efforts, and serving vulnerable populations. Dragon strength of character has kept our spirits high through these heavy times, and given our students and alumni the power to find solutions and serve with joy. And with the vaccine rolling out across the country, we look forward to brighter days ahead!



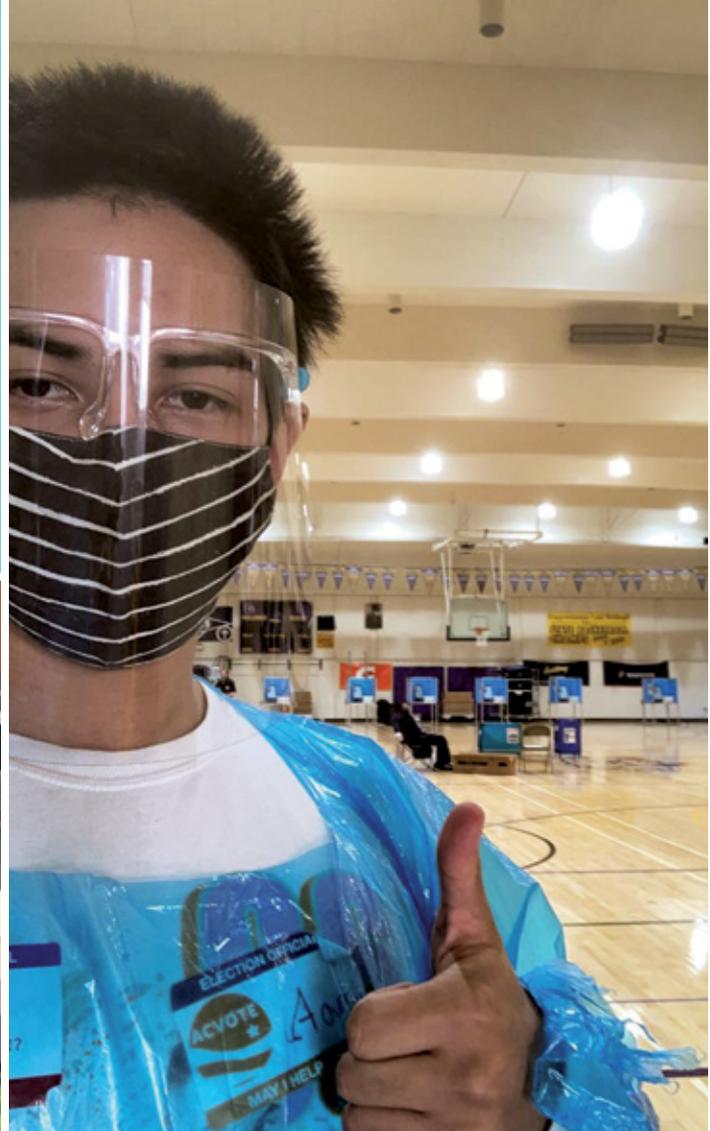
Krista Lucchesi, the Director of the Mercy Brown Bag program for the last 10 years, is parent of **Amalie Sorenson '22**.



Top: Students sorting healthy groceries for seniors.
Above: Back row L to R – Georgia Glidden '22, Benjamin Lee '23, Malia Jenkins '21, Mattis Hevin '23.
Front row L to R – Myles Howard '21, Tonia Bauerlein Kelly '23, Sarah Do '23 and Radha Feist '23.

SIA VOTER GUIDE

2020 ELECTION



STUDENTS BREAK GROUND TO SERVE IN NEW WAYS

One of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic is rising food scarcity and hunger for individuals and families across the United States.

Starting in March of last year, at the beginning of the pandemic, 14 O'Dowd students began volunteering weekly for Mercy Brown Bag, a 34-year old program that provides bags of fresh produce, healthy grains, canned goods, and lean protein to over 5,000 low-income Alameda County seniors every month. Together they cheerfully bagged and delivered groceries, contributing hundreds of service hours, and stepping into the breach for seniors who had to stay home to protect their health.

VOTING SAFELY IN A PANDEMIC

2020 had the highest voter turnout in over a century, with almost every state hitting new records according to *The Washington Post*. But voting in the midst of COVID-19 carried new risks. And even though few O'Dowd students were eligible to vote, that didn't stop Dragons from donning full personal protective equipment (PPE) and showing up to serve as poll workers, ensuring that everyone could cast their vote. Special thanks to **Cameron Brown '22**, **Lucas Fine '21**, **Aaron Johnson '21**, **Oliver Lucas '22**, **Alejandra Mart '22**, and **Cordelia Rauch '22** for their outstanding civic commitment!

In addition, O'Dowd's Solidarity in Action leaders wrote letters to unlikely-to-vote citizens and made a Voter's Guide to help ensure that the pandemic didn't keep anyone from participating in the election.

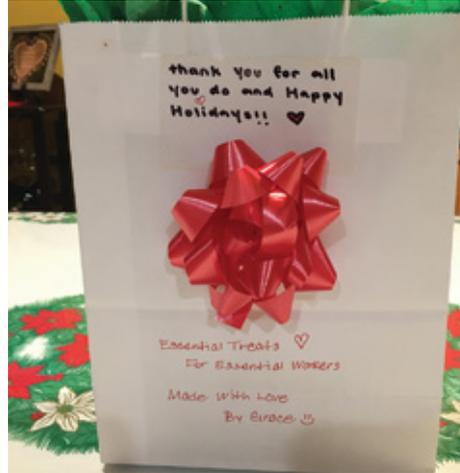


SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE, SERVING THE FRONTLINE, COMFORTING THOSE IN QUARANTINE

The pandemic has been especially hard hitting for low-income communities, healthcare workers, and senior populations. Dragons have responded to each in turn.

Sariyah Shabazz '21 and **Liana Parrish '21** joined a team of students, in partnership with Oakland Frontline Healers and the City of Oakland, to address issues of housing insecurity, economic insecurity, and more. Together Sariyah and Liana helped lead multiple virtual town halls for young people, offering COVID-19 education and support.

When **Grace Navarro '22** learned from her aunt, a nurse at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland, that essential healthcare workers were skipping meals because they had no time to eat, she stepped up to make them quick, easy snack bars, offering nourishment for not just their bodies, but their spirits too.



Sophia Dilworth '22, concerned about the many senior citizens living in retirement homes around the Bay Area, deprived of family contact because of the pandemic, painted and hand wrote over 300 cards to help isolated elderly people feel seen and loved.

And at the very beginning of the pandemic, **Charlotte Chin '21** joined It Takes A Village, a group of over 250 volunteers making personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers and medically underserved communities. Charlotte not only sewed masks, but she also made instructional videos for non-English speaking volunteers and visual learners. Her highly effective videos helped the organization recruit still more volunteers, and they have now created and donated over 98,000 pieces of PPE.



Clockwise from top: Sariyah Shabazz '21 and Liana Parrish '21; Sophia Dilworth '22; Grace Navarro '22 snack bag; UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital staff; Charlotte Chin '21 assembling face masks; Charlotte Chin '21 donating face shields at Fairmont Hospital in San Leandro.





PRODUCING AND DISTRIBUTING THE VACCINE

The Center for Disease Control reports that the vaccine is the best way to stop the pandemic and return to normal life. And we have Dragons at the forefront of the effort.

Jack Schilling '03, whose passion for science was sparked by Mr. Newman's biology class at O'Dowd, is the Director of US External Manufacturing for Moderna, one of three major vaccines now being distributed internationally. He leads a team to source critical raw materials for the vaccine, as well as its production, down to ensuring the doses make it into vials. "It's inspiring to help solve a global problem," Jack says. "As a chemical engineer, this is the greatest puzzle I've ever worked on."

The Oakland Coliseum is one of a number of mass vaccination supersites that have launched in California. It aims to administer 6,000 doses per day. O'Dowd alumni **David Rinetti '82** and **D'Lonra Ellis '98** both work for the Oakland A's, and

participated in planning conversations with the City of Oakland, Alameda County, and the Governor's Office to offer the grounds for vaccine distribution.

"The federal government was looking for sites that could service high populations of underrepresented and low-income people," reports D'Lonra, who is both a VP and General Counsel for the A's. "We knew we could be a great resource," she continues. "David knows the facility better than anyone. He knew that our parking lots were capable of getting 6,000 cars in and out, so he was very instrumental in the logistics. And community service was instilled in us at O'Dowd."

David is the VP of Stadium Relations for the A's. "I look forward to the 2021 season," he says. "Our hope is that we will have fans at some point attend the games."

Austin Beck '98 is an Oakland firefighter at the downtown station on 27th and Broadway. "I love serving the community where I grew up, went to school, and where all my friends and family are," he says.

Oakland's Fire Department is also critical for the vaccine rollout. "Our members have been trained to give vaccine shots," reports alum **Damon Covington '91**, who was recently promoted to Battalion Chief. "We're working 12-hour shifts at the Oakland Coliseum, as well as two other vaccination sites — La Clinica in Fruitvale and another location in Dublin." Damon says that as a firefighter his job is to comfort people in their times of greatest need. "Joining the Campus Ministry Team at O'Dowd opened my eyes to how great it feels to be of service to others," he says. "It shaped me into the man I am today."

Clockwise from left: Oakland Coliseum testing site (SF Chronicle); Jack Schilling '03; David Rinetti '82, VP of Stadium Relations for the Oakland A's (on the right); Moderna vaccine (photo courtesy of Associated Press); Damon Covington '91; D'Lonra Ellis '98, VP and General Counsel for the Oakland A's.



AT THE CUTTING EDGE: LEADING RESEARCH

Since the pandemic began, there have been over 115,000 scientific articles published about COVID-19. It's been more than most doctors can keep up with. **William Du '13**, who got excited about science in his O'Dowd AP Biology class and ultimately graduated from Stanford with a Masters in Biomedical Informatics, serves as a technical leader and data scientist with Primer AI, a machine intelligence company that's developed technology to rapidly process articles and identify key data. "For doctors who only have 30 minutes before rounds, the tool we developed keeps them up to date with the latest advancements so they can apply it in their attending work," William describes. The COVID-19 dashboard his company has created is completely free. "Our mission is to do whatever we can to help with the pandemic," he says. "We give back by taking our technology and turning it around to help."

Also in the research field is **Tara Viviani '14**, who works for a DC-based firm that partners with hospital leaders to address key challenges with data-driven solutions. "Over the last year, I co-led our research on the impacts of COVID-19 on women's health and maternal health inequities," Tara reports. The pandemic has been shown to more negatively impact women, who face increased difficulty receiving necessary reproductive care, have been at increased risk for domestic violence, and have long experienced racial and socioeconomic disparities in maternal health. "Through a series of blogs and a national webinar presented to 200 healthcare leaders, we presented key strategies that hospitals can use to address these challenges and reduce maternal health disparities in their communities," Tara says.

*Above left: William Du '13;
Above right: Tara Viviani '14*





"We will end the pandemic if everyone gets the vaccine when it's their turn," says Mayor Shaaf.

CARING FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY

"I began working in the COVID unit at the beginning of California's second surge," says alumna **Marielle Belick '08**, who is a nurse at Eden Medical Center. "The patients I see are those especially vulnerable to the virus — the elderly, minorities, the unhoused, and uninsured," she shares. Every day, Marielle shows up to serve. "The pandemic has heightened the human side of my work," she reports. "And my time at O'Dowd certainly shaped my approach to nursing, instilling the values of kinship, quality, and community."

Daniela Johnson Rivas '09 has also been at the frontlines of the pandemic. She owns Bay Harbor Care Home, a senior nursing facility in Alameda. When the virus started to spread last March, she sprang into action to keep her patients safe, shutting down to outside visitors two weeks before the state mandate. *The New York Times* has reported that one-third of US COVID-19 cases are linked to nursing homes. Daniela has avoided that. "We are blessed with no cases," she says.

"Taking care of the elderly during a pandemic is very scary and protecting them is my number one priority," she states. Despite the challenges, she remains committed to her mission. "When I was at O'Dowd, I volunteered at St. Anthony's in San Francisco and spent many afternoons playing board games with elderly homeless people," she remembers. "O'Dowd taught me compassion, and gave me the leadership skills to own the business."

Our alumni have also been leaders contributing to both public health and community engagement. **Dr. Jaseon Outlaw '96** has focused a great deal of his practice on delivering mental health services during the pandemic. "Rates of depression and anxiety, substance abuse, and family and relationship conflicts have risen," he reports. "I speak publicly about self-care, and support people to find ways to maintain the activities they love, even if those activities don't look the way they used to." Dr. Outlaw has spoken about mental health to a number of organizations, including the Diocese of Oakland, where he contributed to a panel titled, "Building Resilience in Children During the Pandemic."

Another critical element of public health is the social infrastructure. "Issues of housing, homelessness, education and environmental justice have all been exacerbated by the pandemic," declares **Sal Beeby '17**. For the last year, he interned in Mayor Libby Shaaf's office, leading community engagement events with organizations, activists, and faith leaders that helped to strengthen city relief efforts for those affected by the pandemic, and gave valuable information to vulnerable populations. "Despite the challenges of this year," Sal says, "it gave me hope to see that throughout Oakland, there are passionate, determined, caring people who work every day to make their community a better place."

Clockwise: Dr. Jaseon Outlaw '96; Oakland COVID-19 Town Hall; Sal Beeby '17, intern in Oakland Mayor Libby Shaaf's office; Bay Harbor Care Home, owned by Daniela Johnson Rivas '09; Daniela Johnson Rivas '09; Marielle Belick '08.



THRIVING IN A VIRTUAL WORLD



As our Dragon community has faced months of remote academics, our students, faculty and staff have discovered ways to foster resilience and thrive. We've launched new programs and innovated our existing community traditions, breaking creative ground in the midst of the pandemic to maintain our charism commitments to academic excellence, community in diversity, kinship with creation, and joy!



LEARNING ACROSS DISTANCE

The pandemic has created some unique learning opportunities that might not have existed without our new reliance on Zoom. For example, seniors taking Identity, Literature and Writing participated in a lecture sponsored by UC Davis, engaging Yale professor Claudia Rankine, MacArthur-winning poet, playwright and multimedia artist, on her most recent book, *Just Us: An American Conversation*.

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Top: Dragon Ambassadors.
Above left: Jack Wilhelm '21; Ethan Yoshino '21; Claudia Rankine (photo credit: John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation).
Left: Berkeley City Councilwoman Lori Droste; Radha Feist '23.

O'Dowd's Ignite Club didn't allow the pandemic to stop them from working to become the next generation of young female political leaders. Students held a virtual meeting with Berkeley City Councilwoman Lori Droste to learn first-hand about local government and came away inspired about the possibilities to address problems on a community level. "I hope to pursue a career in local government one day," reported club member **Radha Feist '23**. "I believe that I can make positive changes for my community."

Instead of traveling to Chicago for the Empire Invitational, our Mock Trial team competed virtually, arguing cases against teams from around the world, including Hong Kong, the UK, Ireland, Australia, and South Korea. The competition was scored by sitting judges and practicing attorneys, and though we ultimately didn't win, the Dragons remained undeterred and ready to launch more legal battles.



Advanced Athletics



Scott Brooks '90, Professor at Arizona State University and director of research at the Global Sports Institute led a series of "Use Your Voice" workshops for over 100 student-athletes and coaches, discussing how athlete activism has impacted the social and political climate in our country and around the world.



The debate team also adapted readily to the pandemic circumstances. They competed at the National Parliamentary Debate League Invitational, debating in a pool of 89 students from the top Parliamentary Debate schools in the nation. Our teams of **Lucy Barretto '21/Amy Jayasuriya '22** and **Paulina Harding '21/Gratia O'Rafferty '21** shut the tournament down early, claiming the rare accomplishment of tournament double champions!

And our students presented at the annual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice — O'Dowd's sixth year of participation. The theme was Prophetic Resilience, and **Sofia Gonzalez '21, Chisomaga Nlemigbo '21** and **Joe Sweeney '20** led a session called "Listening, Learning, Creating Change: Student Stories of Ecological Justice," inspiring students across the country to enact change on their own school campuses and in their communities.

O'Dowd even launched a new sports program in the pandemic. *Advanced Athletics: Performance Skills for the Complete Dragon* is an initiative to strengthen our coaches and student-athletes with the values and skills gained through competition. This fall, *Advanced Athletics* held bi-weekly workshops, focused on topics of leadership, faith, identity and character.

Top row: Mock Trial Attorney Aasha Krishnan '21; Image from student Ignatian Teach-In presentation; Joe Sweeney '20. Second row: Lucy Barretto '21; Gratia O'Rafferty '21; Paulina Harding '21; Amy Jayasuriya '22.



THRIVING IN A
VIRTUAL WORLD



NURTURING OUR FAITH, AND OUR COMMUNITY, WHILE APART

Our Campus Ministry Team rose to the challenge of virtual Mass and liturgies, guiding our community through beautiful and inspiring services, including our Mass of the Holy Spirit, “Finding Your Wings” Mass for seniors and their families, an Interfaith Thanksgiving liturgy, an Advent-Christmas liturgy, and Ash Wednesday liturgy, all from a distance. With each service, they restored our spirits and reminded us that we are one body, one community, in Christ. We will get through this storm, to the rainbow on the other side!

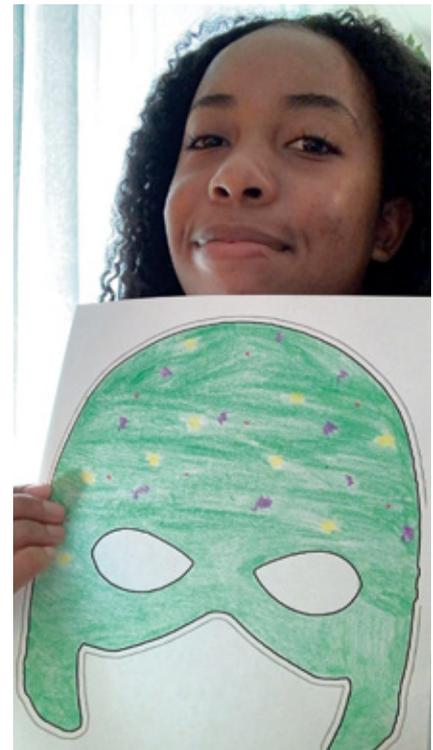
We continued to foster connections between students and families, holding onto our community traditions even while we had to hold them remotely. Almost 100 student leaders and faculty met before the start of the school year for the Advanced Leaders Retreat, and we led retreats throughout the fall and spring for the ninth and tenth grade classes, supporting them to continue making friends and nurture their strengths.



Health and Wellness Leaders at the Advanced Leaders Retreat, exploring their hopes for bringing wellness to our community, especially during a pandemic!

What's your superpower?! In the tenth grade retreat, bestselling graphic novelist Gene Yang and art teacher Thien Pham led students to draw masks revealing their superpowers.

Above left: Families celebrate the Advent-Christmas liturgy.
Above right: Families submitted photos for the “Finding Your Wings” Senior and Family Mass.



We created special moments for the seniors, who drove onto campus for appreciation goodie bags, participated in senior sunrise, and took their senior portraits.



Seniors got through their college applications and we made them smile (under their masks)!

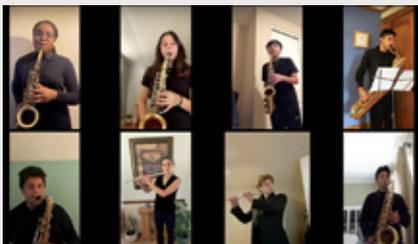
"I'd never witnessed a sunrise before," said **Teralynn Nelson '21**. "Being surrounded by a few of my close friends made it all the better."

Taking senior portraits under extraordinary circumstances!

We put on incredible drama and orchestra performances via YouTube!



"We Were There: A Crisis Reflected" featured student-produced monologues, scenes, songs, dance, and film responding to both living through a global pandemic, and the heightened social, political, and cultural crisis to address institutionalized racism in our country.



The show must go on! Our extra talented students figured out how to make music, together/apart, for the annual Winter Concert.

As soon as we could bring students on campus, Dragons were back in action on the field, in the Living Lab, leading clubs, and working for environmental justice.



Athletic Strength and Conditioning! Dragons finally got a breath of fresh air and a workout — together! — on the field.



O'Dowd's hearty adventurers, led by president **Ryan Okada '21**, hiked a four-mile loop at Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve, climbing over 690 feet in elevation.



Surf Appreciation Club organized clean-ups in Pacifica and Stinson Beach — a pod of students and families joined together to pick up trash and to learn more about local surf options.



Protecting our environment! O'Dowd's Sustainability Department and student Eco Leaders collected PILES of E-Waste to donate to Tri-Valley Recycling, helping to keep tons of harmful chemicals out of our environment.



Keeping hope alive in challenging times! Our Living Lab grew or potted well over 3,000 plants for OUSD families, City Slicker Farms, and community gardens!



ONE HEART O'DOWD COMMUNITY CREATES ART TO INSPIRE HOPE

The Sacred Heart is a traditional Catholic image, used for centuries to represent the heart of Christ. This year, the O'Dowd community interpreted and imagined that heart in new ways.

Last summer, O'Dowd's annual Emerging Leaders Retreat was virtual for the first time. As a result, plans for student leaders to make a legacy artwork for their fellow classmates got scuffled.

"A few members of our staff worked together to get a piece of art started, instead," says Marguerite Green, who has served O'Dowd for 18 years. She is our Assistant Director of Student Activities, mother to **Antoniya '00** and **David '03**, and spouse of long-time O'Dowd history teacher, Tony Green. "We talked about the different feelings we were experiencing as individuals and as a community and an image developed."

"We were responding to the challenging moment we found ourselves in last summer," shares Mark Lederer, O'Dowd's Director of Health and Wellness who has been at O'Dowd for nearly two decades. "We wanted to create something to inspire our emerging leaders."

What materialized was a prototype of a heart wrapped in thorns, blazing with fire, with roots spreading into the earth below, and a cross at the heart's crown.

Javier Sanchez, who has taught art at O'Dowd for 27 years and is known affectionately on campus simply as Jav, designed the prototype. Over the fall, he worked with Gary "Mace" Mason, O'Dowd's Dean of Students, to translate that prototype into a mosaic, measuring four feet by eight feet, made from colored glass and iridescent black tiles.

Student leaders from the Associated Student Body, Campus Ministry Team, Solidarity in Action, Peer Tutors, Eco Leaders, Health and Wellness, and Dragon Ambassadors contributed to the mosaic by reflecting on each of O'Dowd's charisms. Their words were etched in glass surrounding each of our school commitments.



Top: Javier Sanchez and Gary Mason.
Above: Students walk past the new artwork in the breezeway of Hurley Hall.



BREAKING GROUND THE NEW O'DOWD CENTER TAKES SHAPE

After an ambitious three-year campaign, O'Dowd broke ground last month for our new, state-of-the-art, 34,000 square foot Center, marking a major milestone for our future students and the history of our school.

We began the Cor Unum Campaign in 2018, when our visionary former President, Dr. Stephen Phelps, secured a generous matching grant of \$20 million dollars from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation. Our community, including current and former families, alumni, faculty and staff, students, and friends of the school, open-heartedly pulled together to reach our goal. And together, fully leveraging the matching grant, we raised \$40 million dollars to build the O'Dowd Center. That we succeeded, through the sad passing of Dr. Phelps, and the outbreak of a global pandemic, is a testament to the power of our community.

This was a pioneering campaign for O'Dowd. Not only did the school receive the single largest grant in our history, but the O'Dowd Center is also the largest project and the largest campaign goal, by far, that the school has ever undertaken. And the campaign inspired unprecedented giving. More than 1,000 individuals and families contributed, including many alumni who gave for the first time ever. The campaign also inspired the largest individual donations the school has ever received, with gifts of \$1 million and more — one from

an alumna, one from a current family, and one from the parents of alumni. In the end, we raised more for the O'Dowd Center than we have for any prior campaign, making it our most successful fundraising effort to date. Through the Cor Unum Campaign, our community expressed how much we believe in keeping O'Dowd strong and competitive for generations to come.



"The Cor Unum Campaign was my first giving experience," says **Christine**

Keener '07, Director of Government and Community Affairs at Verizon. "There are very few places that you can say changed your life," she reflects. "But my life changed when I went to O'Dowd. I wanted to say thanks by empowering students that come after me with the access and opportunities that helped me grow."



Top: Kerwin Allen, O'Dowd's incoming Board Chair; J.D. Childs, O'Dowd's President; and Kim Walsh, President Emeritus and O'Dowd Center Project Manager, break ground together. *Middle:* Bishop Michael Barber of the Diocese of Oakland prayed for the O'Dowd Center at the groundbreaking. *Above:* Dr. Stephen Phelps shows a family plans for the O'Dowd Center.



NEW BUILDING

EXISTING GYM

12,000

GYM SQUARE FOOTAGE

7,000

GYM SQUARE FOOTAGE

1,388

BLEACHER SEATS

477

BLEACHER SEATS

3,600

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE LAB SQUARE FOOTAGE

1,660

WEIGHT ROOM SQUARE FOOTAGE

34,123

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF ENTIRE BUILDING

23,671

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF ENTIRE BUILDING

94 FT.

BASKETBALL COURT LENGTH

84 FT.

BASKETBALL COURT LENGTH

“The Center will make our school cutting-edge and modern,” declares Kevin Kelly, O’Dowd’s current Board Chair and parent to Cormac ’16, Maeve ’18, and Fiona ’21. “O’Dowd is literally a shining city on the hill, serving a wide and diverse community across the East Bay. When our institution grows and thrives, it means our students and future leaders grow and thrive.”



Kevin Kelly and Erin Jaeb, with Cormac '16, Maeve '18, and Fiona '21



INNOVATION: THE NEW CENTER KEEPS O'DOWD ON THE LEADING EDGE

The O'Dowd Center has been designed to reinforce the heart of the O'Dowd experience, creating vibrant, beautiful spaces for drama, music, sports, teaching, and community gatherings. The building itself is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified Silver, which ensures that it is healthy, highly efficient, and green. And the interior will be contemporary and elegant, a setting that paves the way for O'Dowd students to explore their unique talents and gifts — as leaders, performers, athletes, musicians, and more.

“O'Dowd's academics, athletics, and co-curriculars exemplify excellence,” says **Elizabeth Kramer '03**, who played basketball, volleyball, and lacrosse while a student. “These programs deserve a brick and mortar building that reflects the soul of the school. This Center will bring O'Dowd into the future.”

Many families are excitedly anticipating the new gymnasium, featuring an NBA regulation size court named in honor of Dr. Phelps' legacy — The Steve Phelps Memorial Court — which nearly doubles the size of the gym, and triples seating capacity. In

addition, the gymnasium will have an advanced digital scoreboard, a controlled daylight system, and a gorgeous stained glass backdrop, making it a spectacular setting for games and community events, including Mass, rallies, and more.

“I'm looking forward to coming to every O'Dowd basketball game for the rest of my life,” says Brenaia Roberson, mother of **Marsalis '21**. Her daughter Anyah is entering O'Dowd's Class of 2025. “Our players work hard,” she observes. “They give their best as athletes and scholars, and they deserve a best-in-class facility.”



Left: Architectural rendering
Above: O'Dowd women's basketball team
Right: O'Dowd men's basketball player
Marsalis Roberson '21.

The gymnasium will also serve as a central gathering place for students, parents and alumni, for much-loved traditions, from Mass and liturgies, to the Annual Crab Feed. "The Center will create opportunities to connect with other parents, meet new people, and share experiences," envisions **Peter Monroe '83**, father of **Jacob '23**. He anticipates his younger son, Noah, now in the seventh grade, attending O'Dowd and enjoying community activities at the new Center. "Gathering together on-campus, building relationships between families, keeps our community strong."





BREAKING GROUND:
THE NEW O'DOWD CENTER
TAKES SHAPE



THE FUTURE OF PERFORMANCE

The new Center will boast professionally designed rehearsal and performance studios for our drama and music programs. Band students will have ensemble-sized practice and recording spaces, new instrument storage lockers, and a vast, sheet music library, while the expansive studio and high ceilings will magnify the acoustics.

“Through our music program, students develop their gifts and talents — social, musical, and academic,” says Fred Randolph, Director of Instrumental Music.

“The O’Dowd Center will strengthen those shared experiences and support students to create musical excellence!”

And the next chapter in O’Dowd’s commitment to the arts is the sophisticated drama studio, which includes space for dance, ensemble performance, and rehearsal, with a versatile black box theatre that replicates the main stage and will serve for more intimate and immersive shows, where the audience is surrounded by the world of the production.



Over 200 students participate annually in drama.

“The new drama studio will enable us to tell more ambitious, multidimensional stories,” says **Trina Oliver**, known as “Mizz O” by students, who has been teaching theatre arts at O’Dowd for 20 years. “What we teach in theatre are important skills for life,” she asserts. “Students learn drive, discipline, determination, collaboration, confidence, problem-solving and public speaking. It prepares them for whatever path they choose.”

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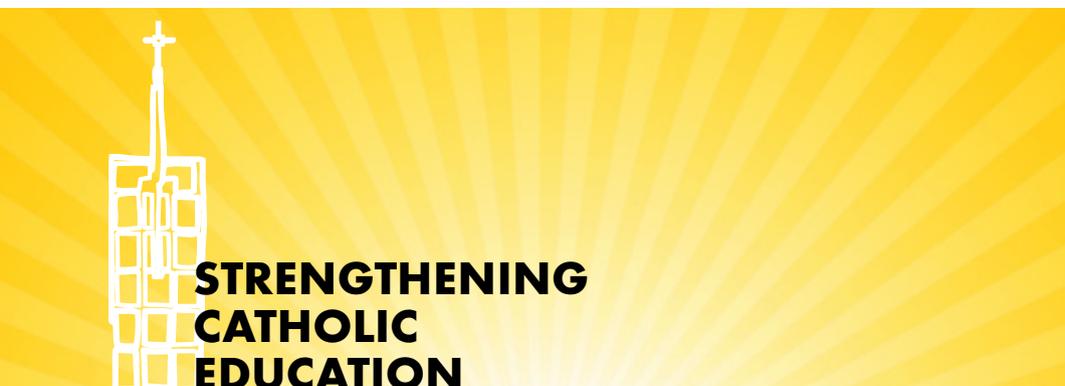
NUMBER OF PRACTICE ROOMS

16 FT.

CEILING HEIGHT OF STUDIO THEATER

154

NUMBER OF INSTRUMENT LOCKERS



The new O'Dowd Center would not be possible without the landmark matching grant from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, and the tremendous generosity of the Dragon community. Together, we demonstrated how deeply we believe in the future of O'Dowd, and in the future of Catholic education in the East Bay. Every gift we received was a symbol of the enormous love this community feels for our school. And now, breaking ground for the Center, we are translating that love into a building at the heart of O'Dowd where we will continue to gather for generations to come. Ultimately, the new Center is much more than brick and mortar — it is the promise and potential of every O'Dowd student, whose personal and professional journeys will be

forever shaped by their experience at O'Dowd.

"Our family was inspired by the words of Mother Theresa," says **Katie Cronin '80**, Vice-Principal at St. Felicitas Catholic School in San Leandro. "She taught us that 'We can do small things with great love.'" Katie met her husband **Kelly Cronin '80** at the O'Dowd flagpole. Their children, **Connor '09** and **Emma '13**, both graduated from O'Dowd. "We supported the new Center because we feel a moral obligation to give back to the community that gave us so much. And we know that the connections and relationships at O'Dowd last a lifetime."

Construction is now underway, and the new O'Dowd Center will open in the Fall of 2022.

2,074

CAPACITY OF GYM FOR MASS/ASSEMBLY

15

NUMBER OF COLORED GLASS WINDOWS IN THE GYM

50

STANDING ROOM CAPACITY ON GYM OVERLOOK



VIRTUAL
Transforming Lives Dinner

Bishop O'Dowd High School

THANK YOU, DRAGONS, FOR TRANSFORMING LIVES!

This year, for the first time ever, we hosted our annual Transforming Lives Dinner VIRTUALLY. While we couldn't be together in person, over 300 members of our community gathered — family, friends, faculty, and alumni — and we were blown away by how strongly we could still feel the Dragon pride!



Emily Quinn '95 was an incredible host. She inspired our community to stretch generously and invest in the future of O'Dowd through tuition assistance. "We are supporting students with opportunities to join this community, which we love and cherish," she cheered. "This is a huge YES YOU CAN moment!"



We were also tremendously honored to have as our guest speaker judicial professor **Kimberly Papillon '87**, a parent of three O'Dowd graduates, a founding member of O'Dowd's Black Student Union, and a nationally recognized expert in the neuroscience of decision-making. "Your gifts are an opportunity to change patterns, to alter the trajectory of someone's life," she reminded us.



Together, our community raised over \$330,000 in support of tuition assistance. These funds create pathways for students, like **Selma Louise Apará '22**, to thrive. "I've made connections at O'Dowd that I'll carry through the rest of my life," she said. Selma loves to perform. She's participated in school plays, BSU and multicultural assemblies, joined the Cheer Team, and won Nationals. "If I hadn't gotten financial aid, I wouldn't have been able to have this great experience," she declared.

We are beyond grateful for the power and generosity of our Dragon community. Thank you for continuing to make O'Dowd a place for all students to feel welcome, reach their potential, and leave our campus prepared to make the world a better place.

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Sharon Yates DeCarly '56 retired from the C.H.P., is widowed, has three sons, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Sharon moved to Cottonwood after her twin sister passed away.

Rita O'Neil Hill '56 retired in 1996, after working in banking. Rita now lives in Gardnerville, NV and volunteers for the Diocese and Catholic church she attends.

Sister Phyllis Cook '58 is celebrating 60 years as a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur. She has served in education in California, Washington, Hawaii, and Kenya. Her current ministry is in Malava, Kenya where she serves children 2-14 years old.

Herbert Nobriga '58 retired as an Administrative Law Judge.

1960s



Donald Cruickshank '61 took early retirement from the University of Illinois in 1998. He has taught abroad for 21 years in Macau, the UAE, Afghanistan, and Iraq and looks forward to returning to Asia.

Jacqueline Montero Flynn '61 retired, in 1999, from teaching over 30 years in the Newark Unified School District.

Heide Aguirre Happoldt '62 celebrated her grandson, **Connor Whitehill's '20**, graduation sporting her '62 graduation tassel and class ring. Both Heidi and Connor are proud to be Dragons, 58 years apart.



Orthopedic surgeon and consummate pianist, **Matthew Malerich '62**, performed two Mozart concertos with the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra in November, 2020.



Ellenmarie Cowie '66 retired from campus ministry and teaching at the RUAH School of Spiritual Guidance.



Gregory Savella '66 retired as a Systems Engineer, moved to Oahu, Hawaii, and became a background actor. His credits include "Misfit 2," "6B: An Anthology of Hawaii Films," and "You Can't Say No," with Peter Fonda. Greg moved back to the Bay Area in 2016, was diagnosed with kidney cancer, is currently undergoing treatment, and continues to act.

Bob Herrick '67 visited Everest Base Camp in Tibet, China in 2019 and has written two books, *Choices* and *The Journalist*.

Douglas Bonnington, D.V.M. '69 is a practicing veterinarian in Livermore.

Richard Sequeira, O.D. '69 resides in Roseville, CA near his children and grandchildren. Richard enjoys travel, old and new friends, golf, archery, ukulele, accordion, and Kiwanis.

1970s

Gayle Davie Banks '71 retired early, in 2020, from a career in insurance claims.

Denise Hannon '71 has practiced law for 40 years in Alameda and maintains her close friendship with Claudia Heinemann.

Jean Rose Havercroft '71 has worked at Cedars-Sinai hospital since 1988. She currently serves in the Blood Donor Center and hosts blood drives all over Los Angeles County.



Greg Herrick '71 published his first book *Man Coaches Women* telling the story of his 28 years as Head Women's Basketball Coach at College of the Canyons.



Charlotte Scarborough '76 and her husband, Harry Howard, moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon in the summer of

2020 and she continues to teach special education.

Regina Evans '79 was honored with the Multiplying Good's Jefferson Award for her extraordinary work fighting human trafficking of minors. Regina was nominated by her classmates, **Jack and Jodi Prola Russi '79**.

1980s



Gwendolyn Sanders-Mohamed '81 is a principal in a government school and has lived in UAE since 2009.



Rhonda Jackson Morris '83, the VP & Chief Human Resources Officer at Chevron, was awarded Most Influential African

American in Business by the National Diversity Council.



Michele Thornton Ghee '84 is the new CEO of the iconic *Ebony* and *Jet* magazines.

Tracey Broadhead Frith '85 is proud her son, **Brandon Frith '20**, was selected as a Class of 2024 Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholar, which provides a scholarship and mentoring throughout his four years of college.



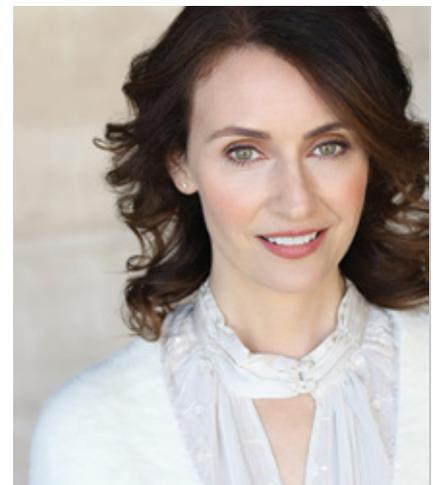
Monique LeNoir '86 was named the Executive Director of the African American Wellness Project, an Oakland-based non-profit that works to address the health disparities that exist in the African American community.

Cathy Jorgensen Martinsen '86 is the teacher for the Alternative Instructional Magnet 4/5 combination class in the Lafayette School District. She also is a USAT Level I Triathlon Coach and NASM Certified Personal Trainer.



Lou Richie '89 and **Ashley Ash Richie '03** were married on October 7, 2020. **Jonny Ash '00** was the Man of Honor, **Maya Bernadett '04** and **Tina Pancho-Bernadett '09** were bridesmaids, **Johnnie Bryant '03** made the toast, and **Tracey Broadhead-Frith '85** was the event planner.

1990s



Jules Bruff '91 is an actor and filmmaker who penned and produced the indie hit film "Part Time Fabulous," which is now streaming on Amazon. Jules also produced the upcoming feature film "Missing Time."

Jasmine Guillory '93 recently published a new book *While We Were Dating*.



Chris Duncan '94 was elected to the San Clemente City Council. He and his wife are raising their three young children in Talega.



Noah Veneklasen '96, co-founder of Muse & Co, shifted his company to respond to the COVID-19 shutdown by creating Sprinter van conversions for year-round camping and adventuring.



Michele Kennedy '97 was named a finalist in the first-annual World Bach Competition with her vocal submission, "Weichet Nur" Bach's Wedding Cantata.

2000s



Dr. Kristyn Jackson Harvey '01 was promoted to Chief of Pediatrics at Kaiser Walnut Creek. She shared, "O'Dowd prepared me for college and taught me to lean on my faith through the difficulties of medical school and residency."



Meena Harris '02 published a new children's book, *Ambitious Girl*, which is "dedicated to girls who've been told they're too much."

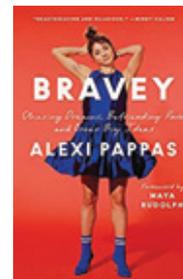


Jesse Byrd '05, writer and editor, joined NPR's board as their youngest Black board member.



Alex Keith '06 was named the best Pediatric Dentist in the Best of 2020 in El Dorado County Foothills' Readers Choice Awards.

Jamal Habibi '07 has joined the Biden administration as the new Chief of Staff for the Rural Housing Service at the USDA.



Olympian, filmmaker, actor, and published author, **Alexi Pappas '08**, released her book *Bravey* and wrote an op-ed for *The New York Times*

where she called on the sports community to treat mental health the same as physical health.

2010s

Chanelle Bell '10 is the new Managing Director of Public and Community Affairs for Teach For America, serving Chicago-Northwest Indiana.

Alex Bretow '10 made history with the release of his film "The Night", the first U.S. produced film to be released in Iranian theaters in 40 years.

Nicholas Bullard '08 and **Larisa Santic Bullard '10** welcomed Luka Nez into their family on September 4, 2020.

Chelseah Lonzaga Henzaga '10 married her college sweetheart of nine years, Malcolm Henzaga, on December 5, 2020. In her wedding party were fellow O'Dowd alumnae, **Isabel Aoanan '11** and **Dorena Hinh '11**.



Skyler Mapes '10 olive oil company EXAU was featured in Conde Nast Travel, and heralded as “liquid gold” in Oprah’s Favorite Things. Skyler made the Forbes’ 30 under 30.



Alexandra Lynch '11 is earning her Master of Arts in Luxury Brand Management at the Istituto Marangoni in Paris, France.



Tevin Tavares '12 directed the Amazon prime documentary series “Top Class” about the back-to-back basketball state champions of Sierra Canyon High School.



Sarah Markowitz '14 works to confront antisemitism in schools at the Jewish Community Relations Bureau in Kansas City.

Robert Crosby '16 graduated in June 2020 from UC Santa Cruz, with a BS Computer Science.

Jason Ghiglieri '16 graduated with a BS in Computer Science from the University of Denver and is working in a research start-up company run by a professor from the University of Denver.

Alexius Loman '16 graduated from Indiana Tech and landed a job as a paralegal. Alexius plans to take the LSAT and go to law school.

Connor Thomas '17, a rising senior at Santa Clara University, was recognized for his promise as a civil engineer and was awarded the Vicik Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

Max Williams '18, earned The Congressional Award Gold Medal which recognizes achievement in volunteer service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration.



Freddy Bunkers '19 published *No Desk. No Stress.*, a guide to using an entrepreneurial mindset to get what you want.

ALUMNI, STAY CONNECTED!

You may be getting the *Dragon Magazine*, but make sure that we also have your email address to be included on alumni updates and events!

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IN MEMORIAM

O'Dowd honors the lives of all those lost to COVID-19.

We grieve with the families who are suffering, and we pray for an end to the pandemic.



*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.*

EUGENIA AHLAS

Parent of Andrew Ahlas '96 and Harry Ahlas '94

MARY ANDRADE

Parent of Joann Andrade '69, Judy Andrade Fitzgerald '76, Rosemary Andrade Martinez '71 and Doreen Andrade Minter '74

MICHAEL BLUE '57

Spouse of Judy Jacobson Blue '57, sibling of Diane Blue '59, and grandparent of Emily Cagigas '12, Genevieve Cagigas '15 and Henry Cagigas II '13

JOHN BLUNT

Grandparent of Avery Collard '18

BARBARA RADICH BRUNEL '68

Sibling of Dyan Radich Beito '66 and Thomas Radich '72

RAYMOND BRUTTI '64**JAMES BRYANT IV '83**

Parent of Teena Bryant '08 and Terrel Bryant '09

NORMA CADENASSO

Parent of Teresa Cadenasso Garland '75

GINO CHEGIA

Parent of Jay Chegia '81

CINDY SPALLINO CROMWELL

Spouse of Donald Cromwell '70

MICHAEL CYSEWSKI

Parent of Joseph Cysewski '18

DAVID DELL'OSSO '78

Sibling of Jeanette Dell'Osso Cohen '69, Daniel Dell'Osso '71, Enrico Dell'Osso '74, Paula Dell'Osso '69 and Peter Dell'Osso '75

GENE ESSIG

Parent of William Essig III '68, Carol Essig Hartman '67 and Patricia Essig Loosli '77

ALEX FRANCOIS

Parent of Alex Francois '05 and Margaux Francois '07

KIMBERLEY BARRY FRIBERG '85**LOIS GRASSESCHI**

Spouse of Rudy Grasseschi '55

THOMAS GULARTE '56**ANNE KENYON HANDEL '56****MARK HANNON '74**

Sibling of Denise Hannon '71 and Debbie Hannon Sorensen '72+

GLEN HENTGES

Parent of Alexandra Hentges '11 and Tyler Hentges '15

REMEMBERING GLEN HENTGES



With heavy heart we share that our former Board Chair and long-time O'Dowd advocate, father of Alex '11 and Tyler '15, Glen Hentges, passed peacefully at home in late January. Glen's sharp mind, dedication, generosity, and kind heart infused his service to O'Dowd.

Glen's board service from 2011 to 2017 was characterized by a deep sense of mission and wise counsel. After his board tenure, Glen and his wife Mary generously supported the Cor Unum Campaign and Glen served on its Finance Cabinet. Glen and his wife Mary also chaired the Transforming Lives Dinner in 2018 and the Hentges have been exceptionally generous in supporting tuition assistance through the years. Bishop O'Dowd High School has established an endowed fund to support tuition assistance in Glen's memory.

Glen was a thoughtful man who loved his family, his parish, and his community. The O'Dowd community lifts our prayers for the restful repose of Glen's soul in heaven, sending love and support to Mary, Alex, Tyler, and all who loved and cherished Glen.

CHRISTOPHER HUBER

Parent of Dana Huber '04

CLARAISA JONES

Parent of Paris Austin '15

MIKE KUNZ

Spouse of Janice Perry
Coleman-Knight '61

MARILYN LARKIN

Grandparent of Gabriel Patti '12
and Aidan Trimble '20

LOIS LEBLANC

Parent of Iris LeBlanc Clay '80,
Ina LeBlanc '76, Ione LeBlanc '86,
Wilfred LeBlanc '82 and
Ivy LeBlanc Wagner '75

WILLIAM LIPCON

Spouse of Barbara Beatty Lipcon '56

JEANNE MACCOY '56**THERESE AND JOHN MCANDREW**

Grandparents of Ellen Myers '10 and
Nathan Myers '14

CLARE MCCRAKEN

Parent of Ellen McCracken '65,
Lorraine McCracken '66 and
Patrick McCracken '70

JAMES MCPHEE

Parent of Katherine McPhee '08

PATRICIA MOORE

Spouse of David McWalters '58

JOSEPH MORGAN

Parent of Angela Morgan '90 and
Lisa Morgan '86

JAY MURPHY

Parent of Edith Murphy '91,
Eileen Murphy '89, Elizabeth Murphy
'85, Ellen Murphy '87 and Emily
Murphy '90

MICHAEL ONG

Parent of Kelly Ong Bauer '03 and
Bryan Ong '07

PATRICIA RODRICK OXFORD '55**NELSON PASSAS '57**

Spouse of Mary Ann Driscoll Passas '59

DOUGLAS PATTON

Parent of Barbara Patton Avila '88
and Dianne Patton Bautista '85

ANITA PENDER

Parent of Maryanne Pender Wilson
'75, Theodore Pender '70 and
Timothy Pender '65

JERRY PHELAN

Parent of Sheila Phelan Johnson '88
and grandparent of Hillary Johnson
'23 and Jake Johnson '24

MARILOU POLITO

Parent of Linda Polito Murphy '82,
David Polito '85, Lawrence Polito '79
and Stephen Polito '80

TERRIE RACHAL

Spouse of Anthony Rachal '82

**MARGARET WEEKES
REYNOLDS '64****DICK RHINE '60**

Sibling of Margie Rhine Mathews '70
and David Rhine '55, and sibling-in-
law of Arlene Burns Rhine '55

DAVID ROBERSON '62

Sibling of James Roberson '61t,
John Roberson '64t, Thomas Roberson
'69 and William Roberson '70t

WILLIAM ROBERSON '70

Sibling of James Roberson '61t,
John Roberson '64, Thomas Roberson
'69 and David Roberson '62t

JUDITH ROSENGA-CARDENAS '74

Sibling of Laura Rosenga '83,
Christine Rosenga Hatcher '70, and
Margaret Rosenga Shane '76

JULIANNE RUMSEY

Grandparent of Julien Rumsey '14 and
Sean Rumsey '16

PATRICIA RYAN

Parent of Katherine Ryan Goetzke '99,
Elizabeth Ryan '01, Sean Ryan '96 and
Timothy Ryan '07

RONALD SIMON '59

Spouse of Andrea Hayes Gould-Simon
'62, step-parent of Emily Gould
Sullivan '87, and sibling of Victoria
Simon Berg '72

DIANA PADOVANI-SKOKAN '56**KENNETH THOMAS '66****DANIEL THOMAS '59****STEVEN KENNETH TROTTIER**

Child of Arlene Cameron Trottier '61

MARIE WALSH, O.P.**BETTY MASAR WILSON '60**

Parent of Deborah Wilson Marcotte '87
and sibling of Richard Masar '56t

† DECEASED

CORRECTIONS

We offer an apology and news regarding last Dragon Magazine's In Memoriam. We had incorrectly listed Geoffrey Gonsalves '84 as the sibling of Craig Gonsalves '73, who passed away. Our apologies to Linda Gonsalves Fino '75, Craig's sibling, and the rest of the Gonsalves family for our error. We thank Geoffrey Gonsalves '84 for his compassionate correction.



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Heritage Society Members secure our school's future by naming O'Dowd as a beneficiary in their will or trust, leaving a legacy that impacts future generations.

If you have, or intend to, name O'Dowd in your estate plan, or would simply like more information, please visit bishopodowd.org/giving/giftplanning or contact:

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"O'Dowd represents compassion and kindness. Whether through tuition assistance or the care shown to students and families, O'Dowd demonstrates its values. I'm especially grateful for the Performing Arts Department. Teachers Dennis Kohles '69

and Trina Oliver shaped my children's character with "The 5 D's" — Desire, Discipline, Dedication, Determination and Drive. My children often say, 'If not for O'Dowd, we wouldn't be where we are now.' That's why I have O'Dowd in my will."

— Marisa Angeles

PARENT OF JESSICA '05 AND JONATHAN '08
1951 HERITAGE SOCIETY MEMBER