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What times we live in! Among the social reckoning, pandemic, and significant challenges we face as a nation and world, I find myself unexpectedly grateful. I am filled with gratitude for the bravery and generosity of the O’Dowd community. I am profoundly struck by our community’s many layers of generosity—through service, through social justice work, through philanthropy, in shared conversations and diligent work. The ways in which we continuously challenge ourselves and one another to reach higher are inspiring. This year especially, we have been brave and resilient in finding God, community, and joy, in all things.

In this issue, you will read about O’Dowd alumni, students, and teachers who have challenged themselves to reach higher to effect positive social change. You will read about our incredible teachers who undertook weeks of significant professional development this summer, taught by their extraordinary peers, to develop new skills for teaching and shaping connection and belonging in a remote environment. And you will see highlights of the past year including one of our graduates’ greatest victories—turning challenge to joy in virtual and drive-through graduation ceremonies. In short, you will read about how a community of faith in action shows up to create a better future.

Philanthropic generosity is among the many ways our community shows its commitment to O’Dowd’s future. By this measure, the future is bright! “Strength in Numbers” could very well be O’Dowd’s mantra, as we have seen growth this year in both the number of donors and the total raised to support our students and programs in a variety of areas. Thank you, O’Dowd community, for all you do to ensure a future filled with innovative education that animates graduates who go into the world with a determination to do good.

We have just launched the community phase of the Cor Unum Campaign to build the O’Dowd Center. With the dollar-for-dollar matching grant from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, the impact of every gift to this transformative project is doubled. We invite you to join us in bringing this building to our campus. I encourage you to read more on page 20.

O’Dowd’s students and alumni, as you will see in this issue, continue to reflect the character, commitment to justice and the common good, talent, and joy we share as a school committed to living our values and putting our faith in action. Thank you—for your continued generosity, your good work, your willingness to give back. Better times are ahead for our world, nation, and community, and O’Dowd students and graduates will no doubt continue to lead the way by example.

With gratitude and joy for the future,
SAVE THE DATE!

TRANSFORMING LIVES
VIRTUAL EVENT

OCTOBER 29, 2020

Our community is proud and grateful to provide tuition assistance to more than 30% of our students. This year’s event, more critical than ever, will raise essential funds to continue providing our students with the educational opportunities to discover themselves, prepare for college, and become the engaged citizens our world so vitally needs.

Hear our students share their diverse O’Dowd experiences
Enjoy musical performances from our talented Dragons
Guest speaker judicial professor Kimberly Papillon ’87, leading expert in the neuroscience of decision-making
Catered dinner available

Visit www.bishopodowd.org/tld for more details.

THANK YOU TO OUR TRANSFORMING LIVES CO-CHAIRS:
Katharine Earhart and John Batcheller
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The Power of An Outsider and Radical Hope
The Ignatian Solidarity Network publishes “The Power of an Outsider,” a Lenten reflection by Trinity Cooper ’20 that includes reflective questions for all of us during these challenging times.

» How can you better love yourself and overcome your insecurities to respond to God’s call to love?
» Which voices in your life, your community, and in our world might be excluded or might you not easily hear? How are you being called to hear these voices and respond?
» How can you use your own experiences to elevate voices on the margins of society—both during this critical time for our world and every day?”

Read full reflection at https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2020/03/16/outsider

Dragon Chicks Join the Living Lab
O’Dowd’s “Chicken Tenders” student group welcomes 12 newborn Dragon chicks, just in time for Easter. The image is compliments of Skye Dodge ’20 who shared it to offer a “semblance of hope and happiness.”

Students Lead Earth Week and Lift Your Spirits Week
Our Eco Leader and Creation Care student leaders and staff showed leadership during O’Dowd’s Earth Week, which was particularly special on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day this year. They offered a dozen activities and things to learn each day around themes of Energy, Land, Animals, Water, and Climate Action. Student leaders also organized “Lift Your Spirits Week”—a virtual celebration with daily activities to keep community, social connection, and fun alive. They invited peers to watch movies together, play video games, and more, and created a video to support the Student Emergency Fund.

Student Emergency Fund
When the pandemic forced the O’Dowd community to shelter in place, families and friends reached out to support our students and families who had been impacted by COVID-19. Read more on page 8.
**MAY**

**Arts Alive at O’Dowd**
After Shelter-in-Place took effect, art teachers pivot to create projects that allowed students to express and reflect their experience creatively—through photography, drawing, and painting. The Spring Arts Showcase goes online with an incredible year reflected on a beautiful site showing the breadth of O’Dowd talent.

**View the gallery at www.odowdartshow.com**

**Graduation Celebrations**
The Class of 2020, families, and O’Dowd teachers, administrators and staff come together to make this graduation one to remember, with special honors to transform challenge into joy. **Read the story on pages 12–16.**

**JUNE**

**Juneteenth Dragon Talk**
O’Dowd honors Juneteenth with a Dragon Talk virtual town hall for O’Dowd students to share with faculty, administrators, and staff their thoughts, feelings, and experiences during these challenging times.

**A Brave Community**
The whole O’Dowd community—alumni, families, students, and staff—shares an outpouring of all they are doing in the broader community to contribute to advancing racial justice. O’Dowd shares more about its plans for the months and years ahead. **Read the story on page 18.**

**JULY**

**Professional Development for Remote Teaching and Learning**
Teachers immerse themselves in two weeks of peer-taught professional development to strengthen ConnectEd, O’Dowd’s remote learning framework. **Read the story on page 17.**

**AUGUST**

**Starting Strong**
O’Dowd’s student leaders kick off the year with the Advanced Leaders Retreat, with 99 students and faculty gathering virtually. Leaders discuss their strengths and shared hopes, plans and challenges for creating student connection and belonging in a remote learning environment.

**Cor Unum Campaign Launch**
The Cor Unum Campaign Virtual Launch Party kicks off of the Cor Unum Campaign to build the O’Dowd Center. With a generous matching grant from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, every gift to the campaign is matched. **Learn more on page 20.**
STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND SUPPORTS FAMILIES AMID COVID-19

A special message from Associate Principal Brian Judd

When the pandemic forced the O’Dowd community to shelter in place last spring, many of you asked how you could support our students and families who had been impacted by COVID-19. The O’Dowd Student Emergency Fund was created to support families with tuition assistance needs due to the pandemic. I was honored to be part of this effort.

It was inspiring to watch our alumni use social media, emails, and phone calls to encourage classmates to give back. Leslie Robertson ’81, Felicity Meu ’97, Starr Gray ’98 and an anonymous alum all offered matching gifts to encourage and inspire their fellow alums to give. We saw participation from the Class of 1955 to our newest alumni from the Class of 2020.

First-time donors, Christine Saccamanno Ewert ’10 and Daniel Ewert ’10, said, “We would not be where we are today without O’Dowd. While we do not have a lot to share, we are sharing what we can.”

Alumni also offered encouragement and congratulations to the Class of 2020. Lara Huppert ’91 shared, “You’ve just received the best academic education you will ever experience! Please use this education to infuse the world with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Congratulations and God bless you!”

In total, more than 250 donors came together to offer support. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all who participated in this effort, especially during these trying times. The generosity of our community is life-changing for students.

Thank you, and Go Dragons!
28 Alumni made their first gift ever to O’Dowd in support of the Student Emergency Fund.
Like student-athletes across the country, Dragons lost a vital part of their experience and community amid COVID-19—just as Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams were poised for state tournaments. Athletics leaders and coaches have done incredible work to keep teammates connected with one another and strengthen their social bonds as well as their bodies throughout this period. This fall, the focus is on the whole athlete, and the athletics department leaders hope to offer student-athletes a series of workshops with experts and alumni to share wisdom on topics that may include athletics-related careers, sports psychology, leadership, faith, social justice and service, and more. With this ongoing training and support, student-athletes will no doubt remain tight in their athletic communities and ready to train together and compete fiercely when the time is right.
CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020 STUDENT-ATHLETES

Dragon student-athletes going on to college athletics were honored at O’Dowd’s first ever Virtual Signing Ceremony.

FOOTBALL
STERLING STOKES
University of Pennsylvania

COLTON VARDELL
Brown University

BASEBALL
JAYLEN ANTENEH
Columbia University

ANTHONY CLERICI
Lewis and Clark College

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL
ALEXANDRIA HOGlund
University of San Diego

MICHELLE OWHOBETE
University of California, Santa Barbara

ANNABELLA PIRROTTA
Loyola Marymount University

MEN’S LACROSSE
BEN HUNTINGTON
College of Wooster

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
KAYLA HANKINS
Pomona College

JENNA KILTY
Portland State University

KALI MEYERS
San Francisco State University

ABIGAIL PAGILA
Whittier College

SKYLAR TYSON-STOCKEY
Simpson University

WOMEN’S SOCCER
JUSTICE GARDNER
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GABRIELA TWITCHELL
University of Portland

KIRA JUNGE
Columbia University

GRACE MACLEAN
Boston University

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD
JULIAN JENSEN
Humboldt State University

MEN’S BASKETBALL
MONTY BOWSER
University of California, Berkeley

AUSTIN AND CADE RONZONE
Arizona State University
CLASS OF 2020
ONE OF A KIND

What a year to graduate! O’Dowd’s Class of 2020, like high schools across the nation, faced a daunting challenge this past spring—graduating remotely. After years of diligent work and overcoming the normal challenges of high school as well as celebrating success with their friends and as a class, the traditional commencement ceremony held at the Paramount was canceled by COVID-19.

Undeterred, the graduating class, O’Dowd leaders, and families banded together to celebrate the Class of 2020’s achievements and this rite of passage in new, fun, and remarkable ways: car magnets for every graduate, Class of 2020 pennants, yard signs, a virtual graduation ceremony with traditional speeches and awards, and a Drive-Thru Graduation Celebration.
ACHIEVEMENT AND CHARACTER

Along with many student honors included in the print program families received at the Drive-Thru graduation, select students received special honors for character and achievements and delivered short video speeches to their classmates, families, and the community at the Virtual Graduation.

THE COR UNUM AWARD

O’Dowd’s highest honor, the Cor Unum Award, is named for the school’s motto, “One Heart In Christ” and is presented annually to a community member whose life and work embody the school’s mission to create a more just, joyful and sustainable world.

This year, Nicole Cober ’89 received this special honor. Known to friends and clients as “Nic,” Cober is a member of the Class of 1989 and Principal Managing Partner of Cober Johnson & Romey, an award-winning, multi-million dollar legal and business consulting firm in D.C. serving non-profit, private, and public sector clients.

A trailblazer in D.C.’s small business community for nearly a decade, Nic is now an attorney and advocate for her D.C. community and has recently turned her attention to helping other women grow their businesses. Nic’s video address to the Class of 2020 was timely, heart- and faith-filled, and particularly inspiring during the challenges of spring.

View Nicole Cober’s ’89 speech at bishopodowd.org/class-of-2020/
Oh, the Places You’ll Go!

This year, we celebrated seniors who wanted to celebrate their next steps in a social media campaign and a special Class of 2020 webpage at bishopodowd.org/class-of-2020/. Below is a comprehensive list celebrating the Class of 2020’s offers of admissions to colleges and universities, with their final choices indicated *. Go Dragons!

Alabama A&M University
American University*
Arizona State University - Tempe*
ArtCenter College of Design
Azusa Pacific University
Barnard College
Baylor University
Bentley University
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston University*
Brandeis University
Brown University*
Bucknell University
Butler University
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo*
California College of the Arts
California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona*
California State University - Channel Islands
California State University - Chico*
California State University - Fresno
California State University - Fullerton
California State University - Monterey Bay*
California State University - Northridge
California State University - Sacramento*
California State University - San Marcos
California State University - Stanislaus
California State University - Dominguez Hills
California State University - East Bay*
California State University - Long Beach
Carnegie Mellon University*
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University*
Clark Atlanta University*
Clarkson University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University - Fort Collins*
Columbia University*
Cornell College
Cornell University*
Creighton University
CUNY Hunter College
Denison University
DePaul University*
Dillard University
Dominican University of California*
Drexel University
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University
Earlham College
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emby-Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott
Emerson College
Emory University*
Fairfield University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College*
Furman University
George Fox University
George Mason University
George Washington University*
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Georgia State University - Perimeter College
Gonzaga University*
Goucher College
Grand Canyon University - Traditional Campus*
Guilford College
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Harvard College
Harvey Mudd College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University*
Holy Names University
Howard University*
Humboldt State University*
Indiana University - Bloomington*
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University*
Johnson & Wales University, Providence
Kean University
La Sierra University
Lehigh University*
Lewis & Clark College*
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University*
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University - New Orleans*
Marist College*
Marquette University*
Maryland Institute College of Art
Maryville University of Saint Louis*
McDaniel College
McGill University
Menlo College
Miami University - Oxford
Michigan State University
Mills College*
Montana State University
Morehouse College*
Morgan State University
Mount Holyoke College*
NCAA Eligibility Center
New York School of Interior Design
New York University*
Northeastern University*
Northern Arizona University*
Northwestern University
Norwich University
Oakwood University
Occidental College*
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University*
Pace University - New York
Pacific Union College
Pacific University*
Pennsylvania State University*
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College*
Pomona College*
Portland State University*
Pratt Institute*

Joyful
Princeton University*
Purdue University - Main Campus*
Reed College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Rhode Island School of Design*
Rhodes College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University - New Brunswick*
Saint Joseph’s University
Saint Mary’s College of California
Saint Michael’s College
San Diego State University*
San Francisco State University*
San Jose State University*
Santa Clara University*
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Seattle University*
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
Sonoma State University*
Southern Oregon University
Spelman College*
St. John’s University*
Stanford University*
Stony Brook University, State University of New York
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University*
The American University of Paris
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina
The College of Wooster*
The Evergreen State College
The New School - All Divisions*
The Ohio State University*
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona*
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Tennessee - Knoxville
The University of Texas at Austin
Trinity University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Tuskegee University
United States Military Academy*
University at Buffalo The State University of New York
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of British Columbia
University of California - Berkeley*
University of California - Davis*
University of California - Irvine*
University of California - Los Angeles*
University of California - Riverside*
University of California - Santa Barbara*
University of California - Santa Cruz*
University of California - Merced*
University of California - San Diego*
University of California - San Francisco
University of Colorado - Boulder*
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University of Colorado - Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus
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Western Washington University*
Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Whitman College*
Whittier College*
Willamette University
William and Mary
Williams College
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University*
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Since 2014, O’Dowd senior families have been making a class gift expressing gratitude by giving back to future generations. Thank you to the Class of 2020 families for your generosity!

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Over two weeks in July, faculty and staff gathered virtually for in-depth professional development to prepare for this unusual Fall semester. Informed by parent, student, and faculty survey data on remote learning, teachers and program leaders immersed themselves in learning that has strengthened our ability to deliver academic excellence while fostering social-emotional connection and belonging among students, teachers, coaches, and administrators in an environment of emotional health and safety. Our new framework for remote learning, ConnectEd, not only includes enhanced teaching and learning, but also later start times, flex time for teacher and peer support and interaction, and a balance of time on and off screen for all.

Courses were led by expert O’Dowd teachers and administrators, who offered several sessions to strengthen teaching and community virtually. “After 28 years of classroom teaching, I’m excited to try new interactive video lessons and other new tools for remote learning,” said Brian Cushing ’84, from the Social Studies Department. “I look at it as a unique opportunity to evaluate and tinker with not only what I’m teaching, but how I teach it. It’s given me an interesting new perspective on what my role should be in my student’s learning process.”

These sessions helped O’Dowd educators develop strategies that minimize passive screen time and empower students to engage with high-quality content, facilitate group learning among their peers, and connect with support through counseling, academic support, learning differences, health and wellness, and clinical services.

Director of Counseling Fran Warmerdam summed up the fall preparation and plan well. “I was amazed by the expertise of each presenter. I’m proud that we have such enlightened colleagues to share their gifts with us, and I feel both more prepared and more encouraged that virtual learning at O’Dowd will be a solid experience. I know our students will both learn and build community, even though we are not all together.”

Professional Development Sessions Led by O’Dowd Teacher-Leaders

- Attendance, Zoom protocols, Schoology 1, 2, 3
- Synchronous/Asynchronous Learning Guidelines
- Horizontal Alignment
- Supporting and Connecting Students
- Caring for Self, Caring for Students + Teacher Self-Care Plan
- Engaging Your Support Team: How to Use Counseling, Academic Support, Coaches, and Other Resources to Aid Student Success
- Fostering Connection in Remote Learning
- Using HyperDocs to Deliver Online Instruction
- How, When and Why to Use FlipGrid
- Empowering Students and Enhancing Learning with Growth Mindset, Confidence, Joy
- Coaching as a Way of Working: Building A Culture of Connection and Education through Sport
- Reading Comprehension in a Remote Environment
- Learning Differences and Student Success in Remote Learning
- Using EdPuzzle to Strategically Support Student Learning
STANDING TOGETHER, LIFTING VOICES, TAKING ACTION

George Floyd’s murder—and the loss of many others to racial violence—called renewed, needed attention to the ongoing struggle for racial justice. In the last several months, O’Dowd’s faculty and staff, alumni and students, have lifted their voices and taken action for the common good. Community members have marched and demonstrated, petitioned elected officials, contributed time and resources to racial justice organizations, and engaged in dialogue, both in person and online, to make cultural change.

These are a few members of our Dragon community who have exemplified strength of character and a passionate commitment to justice. We applaud their contributions to building a more inclusive and joyful world, and we are moved by all of the ways our school and broader Dragon community are standing together to create a more equitable, sustainable future for us all.

Xavier Brown ’19, freshman at UCLA, returned from college to organize one of the first and largest peaceful protests in Oakland, with more than 15,000 in attendance. His leadership and the protest, organized with childhood friend Akil Riley, was featured in several media outlets including the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal.

Ayanna Ziegler ’12, film director and writer, released “A Word,” a short film about cross cultural communication that tackles white people’s use of the ‘n’ word.

Tony Green, O’Dowd history teacher, known for his extensive knowledge of African and Black American history, has advised a major university, Fortune 10 companies, and high school athletic leagues about how to create a more just world. He has also appeared on over 10 podcasts, and is currently producing a documentary on the history of Black protest and Civil Rights in Oakland.

Brian Tippens ’89, has worked for Hewlett Packard/Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) for nearly 20 years. He currently serves as Vice President, Deputy General Counsel for HPE, and prior to his current role served as Vice President, Chief Diversity Officer. Through his corporate leadership, he helps organizations leverage inclusion, culture and engagement to win in the marketplace.

ABOVE: O’Dowd faculty and staff marching
A commitment to racial justice is integral to O’Dowd’s charism values of “community in diversity” and “social justice.” Today, we are deepening ongoing efforts to identify and dismantle systems that create obstacles to full equity, inclusion, and belonging for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color within the O’Dowd community.

As a Catholic school, we know that through this intentional process of close listening, self-examination, reflection, and action we will discover God anew. We undertake this work so that current and future generations of O’Dowd students may powerfully experience belonging they carry forward into their lives beyond O’Dowd.
Now more than ever, we need to lift students’ gifts and voices so they may share them joyfully—with one another, their community, and our world.

To meet this need, we have launched an ambitious $36.5 million campaign—Cor Unum: One Heart in Community—to build the O’Dowd Center. The O’Dowd Center will be a place for everyone and will support the heart of the O’Dowd co-curricular experience. The Center will serve our entire community of students, parents, and alumni.

The O’Dowd Center, initially envisioned by former President Steve Phelps, will address long-overdue gaps on our campus.

O’Dowd is known for being forward thinking and innovative. The new building will ensure that the school remains a strong, competitive Catholic institution for generations of students in Oakland and surrounding communities.
We began the Cor Unum capital campaign to build the O’Dowd Center in 2018 and now we have raised $33 million toward our $36.5 million goal.

The school was awarded a dollar-for-dollar match for every pledge and gift to the O’Dowd Center from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation. This unprecedented matching gift opportunity has spurred wonderful generosity as the community comes together to leverage every dollar for our future.

“We are excited to be a part of the new and extensive construction project. Stepping into the current gymnasium is like stepping back in time, like a time capsule. It’s time to bring our school and campus into this century and give our kids this much needed set of new facilities. Our kids need and deserve this new project!”

—Nam Do and Marc Countryman, Parents of Emma ’22

“Yes! Finally! When I was a student, the girls’ basketball team never had the opportunity to use the strength and conditioning room because the space was so limited. Our athletic facilities never lived up to the stellar reputation of O’Dowd sports…until now! I am thrilled that students will have a beautiful space to showcase their talent that matches our Dragon Pride!”

—Lisa Brue ’85, Women’s Varsity Basketball 1982–85, parent of Jalyn ’19 and Lauryn ’21

“Our music program develops many gifts and talents—social, musical, and academic. The Center will provide new spaces that strengthen our shared experience in which students see in others kindred creative spirit. With both recording and ensemble-size practice spaces, students will create musical excellence!”

—Fred Randolph, Director of Instrumental Music
**CONNECT**

The O’Dowd Center will be the central gathering place for the entire school community of students, teachers, and staff to come together for Mass and other faith-based activities. It will also be used for rallies that foster school pride and class unity, assemblies in which students share their diverse talents and cultures, celebrations that honor school traditions, and events with alumni, parents, and the broader community.

**PERFORM**

The Drama Studio will provide space for classroom instruction, rehearsals, and intimate performances. With dedicated practice rooms, the Music Studio will provide the professional instruction, practice, and recording spaces for soloists and jazz, string, and symphonic ensembles to realize their passion.

“The O’Dowd Center is about giving our students the physical space where they may explore their interests and passions and reveal their gifts, realizing their fullest potential as individuals, community members, and leaders.”

—J.D. Childs, President
COMPETE

The Gymnasium will include a full-size court and triple current seating capacity. This will allow the school to host post-season games with ample space for fans, friends, and families. The Athletic Performance Lab will feature enhanced strength and conditioning equipment and sports medicine resources under one roof to accommodate more than 3,000 annual visits from students at every stage of fitness.

LEARN

A multi-purpose classroom that can accommodate 50-60 people with advanced audio-visual presentation capabilities will serve as a flexible space for instruction, presentations, and events for students and faculty as well as guest speakers and professional presentations. An additional much-needed classroom will enhance student learning.
What an incredible opportunity during a most unusual time! We are very proud to serve as leaders for Cor Unum: One Heart in Community—The Campaign for Bishop O’Dowd High School.

The O’Dowd community is embarking on an historic project for the school. Collectively, we are focused on achieving campaign and project success and ensuring every O’Dowd student experiences the strength of their community for years to come.

This beautiful plan is moving forward because of our community’s bold generosity. The Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation’s transformative $20 million matching pledge is matching every gift and pledge dollar-for-dollar. Every gift counts, every gift will be matched.

We are thrilled by our progress and invite our entire community of dedicated families and individuals to help realize this vision. Your generosity will provide countless opportunities for future generations of families in the East Bay.
JOIN US!

The Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation—known for its selective investments in reputable organizations and Catholic education—has made a dollar-for-dollar matching pledge to the Campaign. We are so grateful for this transformative gift.

Every pledge and gift to the O’Dowd Center—matched dollar for dollar by the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation—will equip generations of Dragons for the future.

The match deadline is March 31, 2021.

Learn more and help us reach the finish line with your gift or pledge by visiting www.odowdcorunum.org or contact:

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“I am truly excited about the new O’Dowd Center! When all the students gather together there is such a sense of collective energy and belonging. This is a project that does O’Dowd proud.”

— Father Jim Sullivan, Chaplain
Debi and Kevin Sweeney made lots of sacrifices to send their four children—Louis ’97, Megan ’01, Jill ’06 and Joe ’20—to Bishop O’Dowd High School. While delighted that their children would receive a superior college preparatory education, the couple was most inspired by O’Dowd’s mission to provide an education of the heart. “O’Dowd has a way of taking all those hopes and dreams that we have for our children and turning them into reality,” Debi said.

When it came time for high school, O’Dowd stood out because of the community of families, people who hold similar values and expectations. At O’Dowd, these values are embedded in our charism and include community in diversity, strength of character, academic excellence, kinship with creation, social justice, and joy. “You are a product of your environment,” Kevin said. “That’s why we picked O’Dowd.”

Debi and Kevin decided to make a leadership gift of $1 million to the Cor Unum Campaign — so that the next generation of O’Dowd students have even more robust opportunities to embrace their values, serve their communities, and develop lasting relationships.

O’Dowd is grateful for the Sweeney family’s generosity, infused with a deep understanding of community, commitment, and clarity summed up well by Kevin. “Debi and I want to contribute to something that will make a difference. We’re now in a position to help, so that’s why we are doing it. It’s as simple as that … it’s time. Let’s get the shovels in the ground.”

“O’Dowd is great at giving students not just excellent academic instruction, but also powerful opportunities to grow as a whole person, to get involved in music and the arts and sports and clubs. And that’s what the Center will help provide for students, more of those experiences. It’s about living our Charism.”

— Leslie Sims Robertson ’81 and Keith Robertson
Parents of Jordan Gibbs ’09 and Travis Robertson ’15
We are deeply appreciative for the early contributions and commitments to the Cor Unum Campaign. As of August 26, the school has raised $33 million. Every gift and pledge, of every size, is important in reaching our $36.5 million goal. Thank you to the Wayne & Gladys Valley Foundation for doubling every gift and pledge.

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Your support of Bishop O’Dowd High School this past year has been nothing short of remarkable. For so many members of our community, this school remains a central part of your lives. You’ve come together in spirit and generosity to ensure that the legacy of O’Dowd endures.

This last spring—even with the challenges that we have faced personally and as a society—giving to O’Dowd remained strong. Such generous philanthropy underscores the fact that, now more than ever, the world needs institutions like ours. Your support enables us to educate a racially and socioeconomically diverse body of students with the values and competencies to lead global change.

In August, President Childs announced that by March 31, 2021 the school will raise $36,500,000 to fund the new O’Dowd Center on campus. This will be possible due to an extraordinary dollar-for-dollar match from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation—every dollar raised for the O’Dowd Center will be doubled. As of August 26, the school has received $16,500,000 in gifts and pledges toward the project which, when doubled, contributes $33,000,000 to build the O’Dowd Center through the Cor Unum capital campaign. The O’Dowd Center will support the school’s award-winning programs in performing arts and athletics, bring two much needed general classrooms, and create a larger public space for liturgies, assemblies, community events, and student rallies.

While we work to build a strong future for the school, our community is also ensuring that we have sufficient resources for today’s needs. The school raised $2,781,457 in gifts to the O’Dowd Annual Fund, which supports the unique programs, resources, and people that make this such an exceptional school.

“Each gift to O’Dowd, no matter the size, has a story behind it: a teacher or coach who inspired the transformational support of financial aid, a family’s long and multi-generational connection to O’Dowd, a simple thank you.”

And from each gift, a new story unfolds for an O’Dowd student: the achievement of being the first in a family to attend college, the pride in seeing leadership skills develop as a retreat leader, the cheering a team on as the winning goal is scored, the click when a complex math concept finally takes hold, the first days of what will become a lifelong friendship.

Each gift counts, each person counts. And collectively, over the years, we have built and grown a school that has produced so many remarkable stories of achievement and inspiration. None of this would be possible without the generous support of you, our extended community. Together, we can achieve even more for the students of Bishop O’Dowd High School.

Thank you,

Rebecca Bischoff
Chief Development Officer
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Nancy Negri ’70

When asked about the differences between O’Dowd when she attended and now, Nancy Negri ’70 laughed and said, “Well the boys used to have one end of the hallway, and the girls had the other. By the time you got far enough into a specific academic track there would be some mixing of students, but my classes freshman and sophomore year were all girls.”

“Even though Title IX was years away from being passed in the late sixties, O’Dowd had women’s athletics programs when many public schools did not. We even had the opportunity to play other teams from Catholic schools throughout the Bay. My education is my number one takeaway from O’Dowd, but my time playing sports here gave me some of my favorite memories.”

Nancy played high school basketball and volleyball, and her experiences playing sports at O’Dowd inspired her to pursue a career in physical education and coaching. Nancy went on to attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where she played basketball and majored in physical education and minored in math.

Nancy taught for decades, starting with PE and math, and teaching math full time for 22 years. “My time at O’Dowd is special to me because I had so many nun and lay teachers who were role models without me even realizing it. I once had a female student who was surprised to learn that math was a predominantly male field because she had female math instructors her whole time at O’Dowd. Even now, I see that O’Dowd is committed to ensuring all students get access to the highest quality education, and that makes this place so special in my eyes.”

In tribute to O’Dowd’s students and teachers, Nancy included O’Dowd in her estate plans. “I don’t know what I hope to teach the students through my philanthropy. They do so much more for the world than we did in our days. My involvement with O’Dowd helps me learn from them. The best way to learn is by doing, and I see them working with O’Dowd to make the world a better place every day.”
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1950s

William Charette ’57 was recognized as the University of Nevada Las Vegas’ oldest graduate. At 80 years of age, William received his Master’s in Education. In 2017, he was awarded a Graduate Certificate in Writing for Dramatic Media, is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and is currently completing a M.A. in Theatre Arts. In 2009 he earned a B.A. in Theatre Arts with a minor in Film Studies at California State University Sacramento. William shared, “I am eternally grateful for the education that I received at Bishop O’Dowd High School...Don’t stop learning!”

1960s

Donald Pouliot ’66 made a gift in memory of his brother David Pouliot ’65. Donald shared that the older he gets, the more he appreciates his O’Dowd experience. Donald is semi-retired in the Law Enforcement Breathalyzer and Drug Testing industry and is a full-time hired hand at his small rescue horse ranch called “Morgan’s Run” outside of Charlottesville, VA.

1970s

Gail Viscuso McCarthy ’70, who has spent all of her life in California, recently moved to Georgia. She and her husband celebrate their 41st anniversary this year.

Carnetta Jones ’74 made her directorial debut with the film, PUZZLED. Her film was selected to be screened at the Golden State Film Festival.

1980s

Derreck Johnson ’82 is running for Oakland City Council At-Large. On what inspired him to run, he said, “We need to lift up our most marginalized communities, like the housing projects where I grew up in West Oakland. We need to restore hope, for folks like the single mom who raised me and worked herself to the bone at three jobs so I could have a better life.

Dana Young ’83 helped start a new company, the Baconer, selling the highest quality bacon in a multitude of cuts and flavors. Baconer products can be found in grocery stores and farmers markets throughout the Bay Area.

Maya Harris ’84, San Francisco-based civil rights advocate and attorney (also sister of U.S. Senator and Vice Presidential candidate Kamala Harris and mother of Meena Harris ’02), published the article, “Some Patients Really Need the Drug That Trump Keeps Pushing” in The Atlantic. Maya wrote about being diagnosed with lupus, a serious health condition for which hydroxychloroquine is an essential part of treatment. The article presents an understanding of the current crisis in the context of health inequities in the U.S.

Mike Groff ’85 worked on the design and integration of technology for UCSF’s new Bakar Precision Cancer Medicine Building at Mission Bay. Mike is proud his son Alex ’20 also contributed to this project as a summer intern.
Larry Rogers ’86 was named the 67th president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and was also recognized by Leading Lawyers Magazine as one of the “Top 100 Lawyers.” Sworn in over Zoom, Rogers said: “We are in the midst of an international COVID-19 crisis which has closed our courthouses, confined us to our homes, and changed our lives as we knew them. But out of this crisis comes an opportunity to create a new normal that includes a justice system that is safer, more inclusive, and more efficient and fair in its administration of justice.”

Alison Bailey ’87 married Aaron Bolano on April 21, 2020. Alison’s sister and fellow alumna Meghan Bailey Wallingford ’89 officiated the ceremony from six feet away while family and friends were in attendance via Zoom.

Nicole “Nic” Cober ’89 received the Cor Unum Award at O’Dowd’s first virtual graduation. Read more on page 13.

Timothy Sullivan PhD ’88, an Air Force Civil Engineer, was named 2020 Federal Engineer of the Year Award winner by the National Society of Professional Engineers in Washington, DC. His many accomplishments include implementing changes to the national defense building codes and supervising a $300 million environmental engineering budget.

Mario Holten ’98, a Wells Fargo branch manager, is working hard to support his customers to keep their small businesses open during the COVID-19 health crisis. Since starting his career at Wells Fargo in 2013, Holten said, “I’m telling my kids—10 and 15—who have never been through anything like this, ’Stay calm, the world is not ending, we’re going to get through this... It’s the same message we’re trying to give our customers each day.”

Dr. Jaseon Outlaw ’96 was a guest on the Sacramento ABC affiliate to offer expert mental health advice during COVID-19. He answered questions on a host of topics, from managing a work/life balance to bringing a sense of normalcy back to our lives.

Tim McGallian ’99 was appointed Mayor of Concord for 2020 by the Concord City Council. McGallian previously served as Vice Mayor before the appointment.

Annie Appel ’92, Senior Executive Vice President at The Bay Club Company, has been holding an online discussion series, “What Lies Ahead.” Every day a new episode is released and explores the ways members of social clubs and the hospitality industry can adjust to what they call “the New Norm of COVID-19.”
2000s

Ashley Ash ’03 earned her MBA from Holy Names University with a dual concentration in leadership management and marketing with honors.

Brian Dodson ’06, a second and third grade teacher at Maya Lin School in Alameda, was honored as 2020 Alameda Teacher of the Year. Brian has taught at Maya Lin School for eight years and was nominated for the honor by colleagues and parents.

Caitlin Chung McCarthy ’06 published her first book in April. *Ship of Fates* is a critically acclaimed young adult novel published through Lanternfish Press.

Alexi Pappas ’08 was featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, in an issue that included her excellent reflection on the importance of running now. Alexi is a 2016 Olympian, actor, writer, filmmaker and Greek national record holder in the 10,000 meters, training for the Tokyo Olympics that were postponed.

2010s

Meena Harris ’02 and her mother Maya Harris ’88 are Senator Kamala Harris’s niece and sister. They, along with the Senator’s step-daughter Ella Emhoff, had the honor of introducing Senator Harris as the Democratic Vice Presidential nominee at the Democratic National Convention.

Stephanie Hebert ’05 married Jack Mahoney in May 2020 in her parents’ Oakland backyard. Close friends and family attended, practicing social distance, and more than 200 attended via Zoom. The newlyweds felt blessed to feel joy and community with so many.

William Tsui ’06 is a co-owner of Viridian Bar, a restaurant offering sophisticated, creative food and drink menus inspired by the Asian-American experience. Viridian Bar is currently offering a Market-to-Go feature for their already loyal customers to enjoy quality libations and snacks in the comfort and safety of home.

Asher Hoffman ’10 is working as Director of Operations at Vital-Link Medical Alert Systems. They are helping their customers during this time, both by installing devices and providing training to clients while adhering to CDC health and safety guidelines.

Crystal Rosas ’12 entertains the Bay Area every weeknight on Wild 94.9 and has a nightly podcast, “Crystal’s Nightcap.”
Jordan Crosby '13 is founder of SF Data Hub, an open source website aimed at presenting data in an easy to digest format. Recently, he published a piece on Medium titled “Crash Course in Epidemics.”

William Du ’13, who is working as a Product Engineer at Primer AI, released a COVID Primer website that uses AI technology to help organize COVID-19 research for the scientific community. The website is designed to help scientists stay current through the constantly shifting research landscape.

Lily Zaballos ’14 has been accepted into the Urban Policy and Leadership Masters Program at Hunter College in New York.

Tara Viviani ’14 works for Advisory Board, a healthcare best practices research firm that has turned its focus to COVID-19. One of her projects outlines 12 scenarios healthcare systems ought to prepare for amid COVID with strategic recommendations to aid in preparation.

Brothers Ivan Rabb ’15 and Tamarik Rabb ’17 appeared on KPIX television, along with their mother Tami Rose, for their work to help feed the community through Tami’s Oakland restaurant DeVaughn’s Cajun Kitchen.

Amanda Raven-Girpson ’15 and Nate Gipson ’15, high school sweethearts, were married in December among O’Dowd alumni family and friends. Left to right: Sarah Raven-Marsh ’11, Michelle Raven-Halligan ’13, Amanda Raeven-Gipson ’15, Nate Gipson ’15 and James Horgan ’15.

Sal Beeby ’17 is interning at Mayor Libby Schaaf’s office, working on community engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic. He helps organize town hall meetings, which include the mayor and public health experts and recently helped author Oakland City Council Resolution No. 88268 “Carbon Neutral by 2045.”

Jevon Holland ’18, University of Oregon Safety, did not sit idly by when his packed football schedule had to be canceled in response to COVID-19. Instead, he joined other athletes in the Intercept Poverty COVID-19 Campaign. Mindful of the children who rely on school lunches for food, Holland has been fundraising online to help feed families in need. The campaign has blown past its original $20,000 goal, and raised over $63,000 to date.
AN O’DOWD FRIEND AND CHAMPION
KERRY MURPHY ‘60

The O’Dowd community lost a good friend and champion with the passing of Kerry Murphy ’60. Kerry loved to share stories about his time at O’Dowd. When he was a freshman, his family moved from San Lorenzo to rural Alamo. In order to continue at O’Dowd, Kerry took up driving at the age of 14 and earned his tuition by working at his father’s business in Oakland. After O’Dowd, he went on to the University of San Francisco, owned a successful tire business, and raised his family with his wife Margie in Orinda. In the 1990s, he founded the successful DuMOL Winery.

Selective about their philanthropic priorities, Kerry and Margie provided generously for O’Dowd’s future by giving to tuition assistance and including O’Dowd in their estate plans. Kerry was also part of the Class of 1960 gift committee and joined fellow classmates in raising funds for O’Dowd.

In an interview this past January, Kerry shared his affection for his alma mater and his belief in the many ways O’Dowd supports students to succeed and grow. “I wish more kids could go to O’Dowd. Students not only get a good education, but they are also in a community that’s diverse and representative of what’s out there in the real world. We learn so much when we are with people of different backgrounds. I really think that diversity helps you in life, and I want to contribute to that kind of education and community. I am incredibly proud of being an O’Dowd alumnus. I want today’s students to have the very best and share that same experience.”

Kerry passed away in early July at his home in Orinda. He is survived by his beloved wife Margie, his five children and their spouses, and his eleven grandchildren.
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CORRECTIONS
We offer an apology and news regarding last Dragon Magazine’s In Memoriam. We had reported Sigurd E. Ulland ’61 had passed and later learned that the email we received was incorrect. We are happy to report that Sigurd E. Ulland ’61 is very much alive and are grateful also for his kindness with the error. Our apology also to Tracy Ann Lovewell Morrison ’94 and Aaron J. Morrison ’94, who we mistakenly included as sister-in-law and brother of Alissa B. Myrick ’92, who had passed. Again, our thanks and apology to the family of Alissa Myrick as well as Aaron and Tracy Morrison for the compassionate correction.
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