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Letter from the President

TOGETHER AGAIN

After such a challenging 18 months, the chance to return to campus as a whole school community this fall, with students and faculty together again, felt like Christmas morning!

We’ve learned a lot about how to keep one another physically safe in the midst of the COVID pandemic, and we’ve also learned how essential it is for us to be together in person. The energy and enthusiasm that comes from getting off Zoom and into each other’s presence is already helping O’Dowd flourish.

In this issue, we celebrate the joy that our students and faculty are experiencing after such a long time apart. COVID health protocols mean that we’ve adapted school and co-curricular activities to accommodate universal masking, testing, ventilation, and new cleaning standards, but those protocols can’t stop the profound value that comes through the interactions and relationships that we enjoy on campus. Students are once again growing in all ways, especially socially and emotionally, as they step from behind the screens and gain the skills of navigating community. Faculty and staff are benefitting from rich engagement, with students and each other, that they’ve missed in remote learning. The whole community is vibrant and alive with learning, connection, and creativity. Read more on page 6.

Also in this issue, we celebrate the Class of 1962. Their bond stems from those incredibly formative years at O’Dowd, where they had powerful experiences together, uncovered shared values, found their passion and purpose, and built friendships to last a lifetime. Their commitment to each other, and to O’Dowd as an institution, embodies what so many Dragons know in their hearts: O’Dowd is more than a school. We are a deep and multi-generational community that supports each other every day. Read more on page 10.

And finally, in this issue we celebrate the tremendous generosity of families, alumni, friends, faculty and staff, and foundation partners who give to the future of O’Dowd. In particular, we celebrate the coming O’Dowd Center. There is no better way to respond to the trauma of a global pandemic than to build this new Center, which will be a space big enough for our whole community to gather, and where we can express the full vitality of who we are — learning, creating, competing and praying — together. Read about all our donors on page 14.

As we move into the school year ahead, COVID is still with us. But we are learning to live in new ways, and finding out how to thrive as Dragons, united.

Onward,

J.D. Childs
President
After a full school year spent largely in remote learning, nearly 300 graduates exuberantly walked across the stage on the O’Dowd football field last May. They stood before proud families, faculty and staff, thankful to celebrate the close of this important chapter of their lives together.

“We are resilient because we’ve been through the storm,” Salutatorian Teralynn Nelson ’21 told her classmates. “Remember that same resilience is always available in your spirit.”

Despite the circumstances, the Class of 2021 emerged triumphant. “We found joy in our community,” said Valedictorian Ciela Johnson ’21. “And we all have one thing in common: being able to call O’Dowd home.”

Go forward on your journey, Dragons, knowing you’ll forever have each other.
THE JOY OF BEING TOGETHER

There is drop-off traffic on the corner of 98th and Stearns again. There are hundreds of students on the quad at lunch, sitting in clusters of friends, enjoying the sunshine. There are animated voices ringing down the hallways, lockers slamming shut, students stopping by to see their counselors, and faculty bumping into each other in the mailroom again. It’s so very good to be back.

Last month, for the first time since O’Dowd shifted to online remote learning in March of 2020 — a full year and a half ago — we welcomed our entire student body and staff back to campus.

“We know what it’s like to be apart,” says Maya Perez ’22, a Health and Wellness leader and member of Latinos Unidos. “Now we really value that we get the chance to be together again.”

At top: Myles De Los Santos-Moore ’22 and friends walk the halls again.
From left to right: Cameron Brown ’22, Velia Vera-Henderson ’22, Michael Dixon ’22, Nina Igual ’22, Julian Wilson ’22, Myles De Los Santos-Moore ’22.

At left: Maya and her friends enjoying time together in the quad.
From left to right: Alejandra Villanueva ’22, Maya Perez ’22, Alana Mieses ’22.
“During quarantine, it was easy to stay in the background, to remove myself,” explains Lauren Groff ’23, a member of Varsity Cheer, Unity Club, and Italian Club. “Now I think we all have a greater understanding of what it feels like to be isolated. We truly appreciate the connection we share, and I think that will make our community stronger.”

Lauren is back to tumbling on the quad with Varsity Cheer, practicing for the football season, and excited to root again for Dragon athletes. “The pandemic made me focus on building stronger relationships at O’Dowd, making sure I get involved,” she reflects. “I want to make high school count!”
There is a renewed zest for learning buzzing through the air. Students are tackling math problems in class, working on group projects during the lunch hour, experimenting in chemistry, reading novels and short stories, and studying history together. “Nothing can replace in-person learning” Maya asserts. “I feel so much more connected to my teachers.”

“Learning in groups together is awesome,” Chase Lee ’22 agrees. “It’s completely different from Zoom. I really missed in-person socialization.”

“We’re coming out of a time of unprecedented change,” says teacher Diana Murray, Religious Studies Department Chair who has been teaching at O’Dowd since 2007.

“What I love about our community is that we are always looking for opportunities to learn. Right now, students and faculty are stepping up to the challenge of reimagining what school can be. It is a joy knowing that we are in this together.”

Leading up to the start of school, O’Dowd faculty and staff met, in-person once again, for three days of personal and professional development. The community dove into deep topics, considering the grief of the last 16 months, but also the gratitude we share for our collective strength. There was ample time for fun and relationship building. And faculty and staff also learned new strategies to build more belonging and connection for all our students.

“As an educator and a Catholic, I come to O’Dowd with an open heart, ready to be a piece in the O’Dowd puzzle,” said first year science teacher Jolyn Caoleng-Montes. “It’s refreshing to be part of a school where Joy is central to our Charism.”
At Left: Student leaders preparing for the year ahead. Left to right: Michael Dixon '22, William Calhoun '22, Myles De Los Santos-Moore '22, Nina Igual '22

Back on campus, friendships that waned over Zoom are rekindling. Students are enjoying the hands-on learning that they missed. The sense of unity is palpable. “What makes our school special is each other,” declares Myles De Los Santos-Moore '22, a member of the BSU, Latinos Unidos, Men's Basketball and a leader on the Campus Ministry Team. “We missed each other. The little things like eating with friends or asking teachers a quick question.” Myles eyes sparkle when he thinks of the year ahead. “I can’t wait to play basketball with spectators again,” he exclaims. “The energy of the crowd really makes a difference!”

At Left: History teacher Tony Green, Director of Counseling Fran Warmerdam, and Social Studies teacher Howard McCoy discuss their big picture goals for the year, especially our school commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Above: Math teachers Chi Chi Chang and Adam Ezell reflect on the gifts they bring to teaching.
O’DOWD’S CLASS OF 1962 truly understands the joy of being together. Since 1967, they have organized their own class reunions — gathering to remember the past, share life’s triumphs and challenges, and even work as a team to support O’Dowd students throughout the years.

“Being consistent with our reunions over the last 60 years has kept our class bond strong and cohesive,” said Pam Mack ’62, one of the reunion organizers. “The O’Dowd relationships and friends that I have carried with me through life has been one of my greatest joys.”

Through their regular reunions, the Class of ’62 has also established themselves as unified stewards of the O’Dowd mission. In 2014, they created an endowed fund to support students who need a financial bridge to attend O’Dowd. “We sent letters and made personal calls to our classmates in advance of the reunion,” Pam recalls. “At the event, someone came up to me and said, ‘I would never have finished O’Dowd if it were not for help from people like you.’”

Since its start in 2014, the Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund has grown from $35,000 to just over $135,000. “I was touched by the stories of young people who needed help getting over the hurdle of tuition costs,” said Wes Smith ’62. “It made me want to step up.”

The actions of each classmate to support the Scholarship Fund keeps inspiring the Class of ’62 to give. “O’Dowd is an amazing high school,” enthuses Matt Malerich ’62. “I was more than prepared for Notre Dame. So I know when my classmate Wes asks me to donate to the Fund, I’ll do so with pleasure.”

Through the Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund, many students have been able to realize the dream of an O’Dowd education and prepare for a successful life. “Tuition assistance is important to us,” Pam declares. “We want to continue to create experiences for today’s students as O’Dowd did for us.”
Thank You Class of 1962!

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THE GREATEST JOY AT O’DOWD springs from our diverse community. Students come to campus with their unique personal stories and experiences, family heritage and traditions, religious backgrounds, ethnic identities, and myriad gifts and talents. In our classes, on the quad, in Mass and retreats, through art, drama, athletics and more, students learn from each other and have an opportunity to be transformed.
O’Dowd’s charism values of academic excellence, community in diversity, social justice and joy call us to ensure that ALL students have an opportunity to join our learning community, regardless of their family’s financial means. That’s why our community has enthusiastically supported tuition assistance with our annual Transforming Lives Dinner. Through your generosity, O’Dowd is able to provide a financial bridge that gives students access to the incredible opportunities of an O’Dowd education.

Our Transforming Lives Dinner, a virtual event this year, is a celebration of our community. We hear the voices of students who have thrived in O’Dowd’s diverse classrooms, and are inspired by the power we each have to contribute to a school where young people find their voices, develop as leaders, and leave O’Dowd prepared to make our communities stronger. Please join us at 7:00 pm on November 4th for our Virtual Transforming Lives Dinner.

“O’Dowd’s socio-economically diverse community exposes students to different viewpoints, challenges their thinking, broadens their horizons, and makes them more accepting. Our son benefited from learning in this community, and we want to do our part to sustain this important experience at O’Dowd for all students.”

- Lisa Morbidelli and Michael Barbee, Parents, Class of 2014

“There is no place like O’Dowd. We are an amazingly diverse community, where everyone is loved and respected. When I give in support of tuition assistance, I know that I’m investing in the success of all students. It makes me happy to help create a community that transforms lives. We’re not always perfect, but together we can make O’Dowd an example of what the world should be.”

- Thien Pham, O’Dowd Art Teacher since 2002

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TRANSFORMING LIVES DINNER

Virtual Event

Thursday, November 4, 2021
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Dear Friends,

I begin this letter expressing my sincerest hope that you and your loved ones are well. Above all else, the last year has brought into sharp focus the importance of our family and friends. And over the last few months, as things have started to mend brighter, we have had a renewed opportunity to be with one another again.

What sets us apart at O’Dowd is how we come together, with unity and care, in support of our students. Together, through purposeful philanthropy, we ensure our students and faculty have the support they need to excel academically and express their identity in our diverse and joyful community.

This past year, in the midst of many personal and societal challenges, our community came together to emphasize the importance of athletics, the performing arts, academics, and community by funding the O’Dowd Center. Each gift highlighted the deep significance of the friendships that are formed, the talents developed, the spirits lifted and memories made at O’Dowd. This remarkable year of giving is also notable for the overwhelming support of more alumni and first time donors than ever before. The community of donors who share the vision of O’Dowd’s values and future continues to grow.

In addition to bringing the O’Dowd Center to our campus, you also ensured the support needed to keep our day-to-day educational practice strong. This past year, the school was able to provide over $500,000 in emergency tuition assistance to families facing hardship as a result of the pandemic. And the resources needed to successfully support remote learning over the last year were made possible through the admirable generosity of our families.

As we look forward to this school year, I hold a deep sense of gratitude for the community we are and continue to be -- one of unity, faith, and determination. Together we are curating a profoundly rich spiritual and academic education for our youth.

With heartfelt appreciation, I am pleased to share our Annual Report in recognition of the care and support you have given to O’Dowd students.

Thank you,

Rebecca Bischoff
The story of the Cor Unum Capital Campaign is one of a remarkable act of faith on the part of the O’Dowd community. When we embarked together on this campaign four years ago, we did so because O’Dowd was driven to meet the needs and dreams of today’s students.

We knew that we required a greater depth of resources to ensure that our standards for excellence in athletics, the performing arts, academics, and community would be met. And we knew that we needed to upgrade our facilities for these program areas to position O’Dowd as the modern, Catholic high school that our world needs now.

We have achieved this vision, and more. With faithful optimism, we began with an ambitious goal of $36.5 million. We soon learned that our community had been waiting for this opportunity of solidarity and unity - and came together for our students and our mission. We elevated our goal to $40 million. And then exceeded that goal - together.

As construction on the new O’Dowd Center is well underway, we hold a deep sense of pride and gratitude for the support of our O’Dowd community. You each have brought to life a place that will foster our unity while building brighter futures for our students.

Thank you to the Wayne & Gladys Valley Foundation for doubling every gift and pledge.

The Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation provided an incredible $20 million dollar matching grant to kickstart our Cor Unum Campaign.

Formed in 1977, The Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation is a major philanthropic institution in the Bay Area, dedicated especially to strengthening education and youth programs.

Wayne Valley (d.1988) was the founder of one of the largest single-family homebuilder companies in the state. He was a tough, honest businessman who insisted that the organizations he supported through philanthropy strive for excellence. The Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation continues to hold the highest standards for their grant partners.
My experience with the Drama Department at O’Dowd helped me find my foundation of hard work, joy, patience and resilience as a TV writer and producer. I was so happy to offer support to the unbelievably exciting O’Dowd Center! The new black box theater is a game-changer for the Drama Department, transforming the student experience and long term growth of the school.

– Alex Cuthbertson ’98

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The number of alumni giving back to O’Dowd has grown by close to 50% over the last two years.

The generous $20M match from the Wayne and Gladys Family Foundation doubled the campaign dollars raised by our constituents.

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—Nina Green, Parent of Caitlin Schmidt ’06
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“As an educator, I experience joy watching students grow, year by year, becoming confident leaders in our school community and in Oakland. As our nation becomes more diverse, my joy comes from knowing that our students, from many different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, are prepared to solve problems in our city, state and nation - making our country better for everyone. Giving to O’Dowd means that we’re not only helping individual students succeed, but we are succeeding as a community.”

- Tony Green, O’Dowd Social Studies Teacher since 1986
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“This is our first year at O’Dowd. We are grateful for all the support during this pandemic. Despite the circumstances, Leyla is happy. She can’t wait to be on campus and meet new friends!”

– Maria Reyes, parent of Leyla Akcaoglu ’24
The seeds for Steve Petersen’s career began at O’Dowd, in his senior year chemistry class. "Mr. O’Donnell required a science project of our choice," Steve recalls. “I had just read a book about ‘logic circuits’ so I decided to build some rudimentary computer circuits that could solve a simple problem. These were the basic building blocks of today’s computers, which were still in their infancy at that time.” Steve had no idea then that most of his career would be dedicated to using computers to solve real world problems. “I wasn’t an especially gifted student in high school,” he says, “but my education set me up for an amazing life adventure. I couldn’t be more grateful.”

Steve recently included O’Dowd in his living will. “I’m extremely fortunate to be a graduate of O’Dowd,” Steve declares. "My O’Dowd education prepared me to succeed in a world full of amazing opportunities. As I grow older, I’ve recognized that making a legacy gift to O’Dowd ensures that future students who don’t have the economic resources will be able to attend this great school.” Steve has been giving loyally to O’Dowd’s tuition assistance since 1993.

After O’Dowd, Steve’s life journey ultimately led him to a 30+ year career in the federal government, starting at the Defense Intelligence Agency, where he simultaneously earned his masters degree in economics from UCLA and learned computer programming. When the oil embargo of 1973 hit, Steve was able to put his technical skills to the test for the National Bureau of Standards. While the country was panicking in response to rapidly rising energy costs, he not only published a wide range of energy conservation reports and articles, but also wrote and published computer programs that were used throughout the federal government to evaluate energy conservation projects.

In the 1980’s, Steve’s work in computer programming continued. He partnered with his wife Barbara, who earned her PhD in biochemistry at George Washington University, to develop a suite of computer programs that could perform complex risk assessment analyses for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Over ten years he expanded and streamlined these programs, using nights and weekends to work, in addition to his full-time position with the federal government. Eventually, Steve was able to retire early and launch his own software business which continues to support Barbara’s work with the EPA. Their two sons both became tech entrepreneurs with their own separate tech companies in San Francisco. Today, Steve and Barbara live in Walnut Creek at the base of Mt. Diablo.

“Being a graduate of O’Dowd has always been a great source of pride for me,” says Steve. He is now a member of O’Dowd’s 1951 Heritage Society, which includes alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and friends who have remembered O’Dowd through a legacy gift in their wills or in some other way.
Michael Tucevich ’66 recently retired, and married Dana née Smith last May.

Hon. Tom Rogers ’69 retired after a decade of service as an Alameda County Superior Court judge. Prior to his time on the bench, he spent more than three decades in the District Attorney’s Office for Alameda County, where he served as Chief Deputy.

1970s

Scott Ross ’72 has been in the touring entertainment business for 49 years, traveling with acts including Journey, the Who, Van Halen, Ronnie James Dio, Hilary Duff, Shakira, and Celtic Woman. He is currently tour manager for the Doobie Brothers’ 50 year anniversary tour, which started this August.

Don Blake ’77 recently retired from NEC Corporation of America after 40 years of service, most recently Manager of North America Warehouse Operations and Manufacturing Engineering. In November of 2020, Don received the NEC Extra Mile Award for successful engineering and logistics deployment during the COVID-19 pandemic. He resides in Dallas, Texas with his wife Jo Carole.

1980s

Dorsey Fuller ’84 started a new black-owned business. Their first product is a Super Hand Sanitizer available at IVGoodLife.com. It contains 5 essential oils that soothe and moisturize while thoroughly sanitizing

Marla Beck ’88, Co-Founder and CEO of beauty company Bluemercury, was featured in the Wall Street Journal about how COVID-19 has affected the beauty industry.

1990s

Corinne Kinczel ’90 opened Rocky’s Brooklyn Basin on the up-and-coming Oakland waterfront in the fall of 2020. She partnered with O’Dowd friend Bernadette LaNoue ’90 to make Rocky’s one of Oakland’s most popular concert venues.

Melissa Harris ’91 and P ’23 wrote her inspiring memoir One Pound, Twelve Ounces: A Preemie Mother’s Story of Loss, Hope, and Triumph. The book will be released this fall.

Felicia Wanzo Bryant ’94 was promoted to Assistant Fire Marshal for the Oakland Fire Department.

Eric Jones ’94, Paramedic and Founder of Sea Valor, responded as a volunteer to help a family whose young son was swept to sea last January. Eric’s search efforts were reported in an article about the danger of sneaker waves by the SF Chronicle.

Matthew Nichelini ’95 was promoted to Battalion Chief by OFD.

Langston Walker ’97, former NFL player, appeared on The Sports Medicine OrthoPod, a podcast hosted by sports specialist and MD Anthony Yu ’97. The show explores the world of sports injuries, treatment, and recovery.

Erin Dangerfield ’99, Golden State Warriors Vice President of Human Resources, was named in the 2021 San Francisco Business Times ’40 Under 40” list last January.
Michael Perry ’04 recently launched tech-startup Maple, and sponsored a Transitioning into Motherhood event featuring fellow alum, Rachel Nicks ’02, founder of Birth Queen.

Mary Vella ’02 is a candidate for California State Assembly, District 18. She currently serves as Vice Mayor of the City of Alameda and as an Adjunct Professor of Practice at Mills College.

Shalaya Shipman ’02, Director of Strategic Business Development for Small Business at Salesforce, was spotlighted in “How Four Women Created Their Own Roles at Salesforce.”

Johnnie “JB” Bryant ’03 joined the New York Knicks as Associate Head Coach, after serving as Assistant Coach for the Utah Jazz from 2014 to 2020.

Lance Holloway ’03, co-wrote the new film “Why Not?” with fellow alum Tevin Tavares ’12.

Laurny Holloway ’03 started teaching in the Educational Leadership Masters Program at Santa Clara University and continues her work with the Educational Opportunity Program at UC Berkeley.

Cameron Toler ’04 married Megan Moskop in Weaverville, NC, bringing together their son, Amari Sky (6mos), families, and friends, including the Toler siblings: Christianna ’98, Burl ’01, Maurita ’07, and Laureina ’09; Elliott Jones ’04, Drew Glover ’04, Nate Thandani ’06, and co-officiant Nick James ’01.
Elizabeth Bowler ’05 founded Hort | Culture, a creative workforce development program to support transitional aged youth facing homelessness build job skills. Bowler developed the program in partnership with Covenant House California, where she is a residential advisor.

Marcus Harrison ’08 and Michael Garrick ’09, both former athletes, took flight with their company, Fitnesse, to help others stay fit. Recently, Fitnesse launched a partnership with the Black-owned Aimsworth Hotel in Mountain View.

Courtney Welch ’05 is currently the Director of Policy and Communications for Bay Area Community Land Trust and is a candidate for Emeryville City Council.

Jessica Cummings ’06 wed Chris Dallmar on July 31, 2021.

Maurita Toler ’07 joined the O’Dowd community as Director of Alumni Engagement.

Stephanie Fong Gomez ’08 graduated from pediatric residency at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital and is now a pediatrician in the Bay Area.

Christine Saccomanno Ewert ’10 and Daniel Ewert ’10 welcomed their son, Lincoln Joseph Ewert, born March 27.

Ellen Myers ’10 graduated from Columbia Medical School, where she was enrolled in the Columbia-Bassett program focused on a patient-centered, trauma-sensitive approach to medical education. Ellen is going on to an OB/GYN residency in Delaware.

Daniel Xuli ’10 was selected as a 2021 Super Lawyers Rising Star in Northern California for his work in employment law and litigation defense. Daniel recently joined the San Francisco office of Perkins Coie, LLP.

Lydia Asrat ’11 was named as a 2021 Billboard Power Player.

Crystal Rosas ’12 is the new co-host of the “Maxwell & Crystal” afternoon show on Z100 in New York City.

Oderah Chidom ’13 competed with pride at the 2020 Olympics, representing Nigeria in basketball.

Carolanne Link ’13 received a grant from the Challenged Athletes Foundation, and will be training for competitive wheelchair racing in preparation for the 2024 Paralympics in Paris.
Reina Bonta ’17 produced a short film, “To Us, You Matter” which highlights the four-week self-transformation journey of 40 youth leaders.

Tamarik Rabb ’17 graduated from the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business this year, receiving the “Confidence Without Attitude” award at graduation. He has been accepted to MIT Sloan School of Management.

Jevon Holland ’18 is making his NFL debut as a safety for the Miami Dolphins.

Matthias Haas ’19 is playing college baseball for Cal Poly, after transferring from Brown University.

Andrew Ong ’21 was a 1st Place Winner of the SIFMA Foundation Stock Market Game.

Gabriel Plascencia ’21 was named one of the Top 75 Bay Area Athletes by SportStars Magazine. He was a 3-year varsity player in both soccer and football.

Channing Nesbitt ’14 and Eillie Anzilotti ’09 helped build a Racial Equity Data Hub for Tableau, an analytics platform based in Seattle.

Charley Nordin ’15 represented the United States in Paralympic rowing.

Kaelan Ashford-Jones ’16 officially became a Morehouse Man, graduating Cum Laude with a B.A. in Business Management, along with being recognized as a 2020 Adams Scholar Senior of the Year, 2020 Juggernaut of the Year, and Baseball Team Captain.

Julian Nesbitt ’16 is in his second year as a CivicSpark AmeriCorp Fellow at the California Coastal Conservatory, promoting equity and inclusion.

Danielle Viviani ’16 is the first head coach of El Capitan High School’s girls’ pioneer lacrosse program, in Lakeside, CA.

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through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
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