

Riordan Spring Alumni Newsletter

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FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE



On behalf of Archbishop Riordan and the Alumni Association, we hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during this very challenging time. Together, we will get through this and continue our goal of making Riordan the best it can be. Go Crusaders!

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Events are central to connecting with our alumni, and right now we are all doing our part with social distancing. We hope to announce a slate of future alumni events soon, including a new date for the Downtown Lunch with Chris Mullin and Garry St. Jean and the Golf Tournament in October.

We want to know, how are you connecting with your fellow Crusader brothers? Send photos from your Zoom happy hours to pcronin@riordanhs.org.

[View Photos From Past Events](#)

Ways To Serve Your Riordan Community During This Time

Support Our Seniors



As Alumni, we have always done a superior job of supporting young men with the hopes of making their school experience a memorable one. Due to COVID-19, this has been a challenge for the Class of 2020.

Rally For Riordan-Owned Restaurants

We are in the process of collecting information about all restaurants owned or operated by members of the Riordan community. We know that due to the COVID-19

pandemic, many of these places are being negatively impacted. We'd like to make an effort to help bring some business to those that have been able to stay open during this very challenging time, and those we hope to



These future Crusader Alumni are doing their part by staying home but are no doubt missing the well-earned glory that comes with being a senior in the final months of high school. With the cancellation of the annual Alumni-Senior breakfast, which officially welcomes the young ones into the alumni community, words of encouragement will go a long way.

Send a message for the Class of 2020 to pcronin@riordanhs.org!

On a positive note, many of our seniors have been accepted to some outstanding colleges including **Cal Poly, Notre Dame, Georgetown, Carnegie Mellon, UCLA, UC Berkeley, Fordham, Gonzaga, Santa Clara, Chaminate, Arizona State**, and many more! Congratulations to all on these accomplishments.

visit in the future! **Please use [this form](#) to include your restaurant in our coverage.**



Giving Day

In light of current events, Riordan students need support more than ever. Many of our parents work in industries where the paychecks are not guaranteed, and we are starting to see an uptick in requests for financial assistance because of it. We hope that you will join us for Giving Day (date TBA in the next few weeks) as we rally to support these families.

Clark and Monroe Receive Top State and Local Honors

After a [history-making season](#) with a phenomenal team and coaching staff, Je'Lani Clark and Bryce Monroe were named to the San Francisco Chronicle's All-Metro 1st Team selections, and are contenders for NorCal Boys Basketball Player of the Year by Sport Stars Magazine. This is a tremendous honor for both of these young men and a testament to their hard work and dedication during their storied basketball careers at Riordan. Next year Clark will play for the Wolf Pack at University of Nevada, Reno, and Monroe at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX.

Photo Courtesy of J Squared Photography



Dr. Claiborne Childs '98 Leads on the Pandemic's Front Lines

A physician at the University of Pennsylvania Health System, Dr. Childs shares what it is like to serve during the time of COVID. He offers good advice for the public and for those students interested in becoming health care professionals. [Read More](#)

If you or someone you know in the Riordan community has a story to share related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we'd love to hear it. Please contact Director of Communications Victoria Terheyden at vterheyden@riordanhs.org.



Passing of Ken Barbieri '54

Alumnus and former faculty Ken Barbieri '54 passed away on March 30 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Known as "Mr. B.", Ken taught History for over 40 years and also had a major impact in the development and prominence of Riordan drama, directing 17 shows during his tenure. Please keep the Barbieri family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. [Read Obituary](#)



Karl Essig '69 Finds the Basics for Success



From Stanford to Morgan Stanley to Dublin, Ireland, Karl Essig cites a love of reading and dialogue and a respect for all people as the keys to his professional and personal achievements. These were also at the foundation of the life-changing Catholic education he received at Riordan. [Read More](#)

Other School News

Co-Ed Transition Updates

During this time we remain focused on planning the school's move to co-education in the fall. Please see [this page](#) for the latest news.

Newspaper Awards

Student journalists on [The Crusader](#), Riordan's award-winning student newspaper, continue to write breaking news stories,

School Goes Online



A virtual Zoom rehearsal of the Spring Musical. Photo Courtesy of Valerie O'Riordan.

Our faculty has done a tremendous job pivoting to a robust distance learning module and planning for virtual community building during this time. Helping to lead the charge is newly-appointed Dean of Academics Nate Simon '99. A teacher, former coach, and head of Riordan's Resource Specialist Program, Nate is more than qualified to support the faculty and manage the curriculum for such a diverse body of learners.

thought provoking op-eds, and informational articles during and about our new realities. They also just won **seven awards** from the California News Publishers Association, and one might be on the horizon for their COVID coverage.



Spiritual Resources



To offer spiritual care for our community, [this page](#) on Riordan's website has links to daily readings, music by Riordan's Marianist Choir, and weekly

Gospel reflections from our Chaplain, Fr. Goran Jovicic. [Click here](#) if you would like to receive these updates via email.



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