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**[riordan] Fwd: September Alumni Newsletter**

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Hi All--Enjoy!

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## A Historic Day for Riordan



September 8, 2020 marked the beginning of the 2020-21 school year and for the first time, welcoming both boys and girls to our school. We have 196 young women entering across all grade levels, and the largest student body in 35 years. These new members of our community, including sons and daughters of our alumni, will be inspired by the deep pride that our alumni and supporters around the world have in our school.

We continue with distance learning, and hope to be in person soon, but are inspired by the perseverance of our students and faculty. The fall play continues rehearsals, students are joining clubs, and our admissions season is in full swing. If you know of any great future Crusaders, they can

find more information [here](#).

A few of you have asked--what's the latest with athletics? In accordance with the WCAL and CIF, seasons will begin in 2021. Informal workouts have continued this fall and are a chance for our athletes to stay in shape and build community. Riordan will offer a total of 12 sports this year, and our women's teams will compete in the WCAL. [Read More](#)

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### Jim Anderer '86 Named New Alumni Board President



After several years of being the Alumni Board Chair, **Kevin Holl '75** is stepping down and joins the Riordan Board of Trustees as Vice Chair. The Alumni Board and fellow Crusaders want to thank Kevin for his dedication and raising the bar on alumni engagement. Stepping in will be **Jim Anderer '86** (pictured) who has served on the Alumni Board for four years and has been very supportive of all Riordan's initiatives. Look for a welcome from Jim coming soon!

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### Locker Room Project Making Progress

In June we commenced construction on a \$1.5 million expansion of our athletic facilities, including new men's and women's locker rooms, an extra 500 square feet and new equipment in the weight room, and updated athletic training and coaches areas.

Phase 1 of this project will be completed in just a few weeks, and construction will continue through next summer for Phase 2.. Riordan will be home to one of the city's premier athletic facilities, and will be fully prepared to welcome our growing student body.

See more pictures of pre-construction and progress from *The Crusader* [here](#).



## Alumni News



### Jack Luavasa '16 Recognized For Excellence

**Jack Luavasa '16**, a standout former Riordan football player is currently a tight end playing for the University of Kansas Jayhawks where he is also on the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll and Athletic Director's Honor Roll. Jack was a guest on a recent Crusader Weekly Live podcast (see below for details).



### Bob Cutone '58 Visits Classroom

In recent months Riordan made upgrades to several classrooms, including new carpets and blinds, improved lighting, white boards and technology.

One of our generous benefactors, **Bob Cutone**, stopped by campus for a visit.



### Remembering Art Dugoni '43

## Remembering Jerry Lucey '61

**Jerry Lucey '61** passed away on July 5, 2020. Lawyer, family man, and great supporter of Riordan, Jerry served on Riordan's Board of Trustees for several years and received the Chaminade Award in 2018. He will be dearly missed by the Riordan community. A link to Jerry's obituary can be found [here](#).

St. James graduate **Art Dugoni '43** passed away on September 23, leaving a legacy in dental education with thousands of students he taught at the University of the Pacific, the school of dentistry that bears his name. Riordan wrote about his unique path, including the foundation he built as a student at St. James, in last year's *Future Magazine*. [Read More](#)

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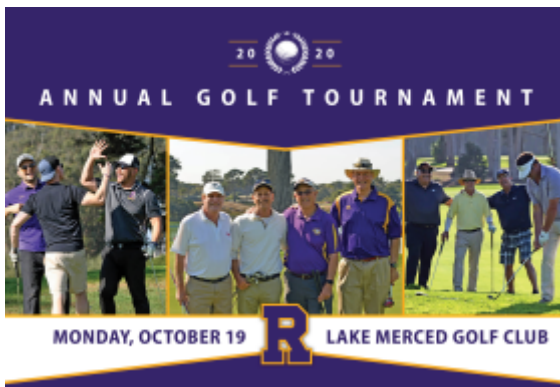
## First-Generation College Grad Reflects on Pandemic

**Nick Gonzalez '16** offers a perspective about what it means to be a first-generation college student graduating during the pandemic. Although it wasn't the end to his college career he had hoped or worked hard for, Nick graduated magna cum laude as a Political Science major from University of Southern California. He hopes to begin a career in public service. [Read More](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### Riordan Golf Tournament



Individual Registrations are SOLD OUT.

Sponsorships still available [here](#).

Due to the current pandemic, we had to limit the number of golfers for this year's tournament, but are looking into hosting a spring golf outing.

### Other Events

Email [pcronin@riordanhs.org](mailto:pcronin@riordanhs.org) for details about these events scheduled for 2021:

- Class of '60 Diamond Reunion
- Class of '70 Golden Reunion
- Class of '75 45 Year Reunion

### Submit an Alumni Note

Have a personal or professional update to share with the Riordan community for the next edition of *Future Magazine*?

We would love to hear from you by October 9. Email [pcronin@riordanhs.org](mailto:pcronin@riordanhs.org).

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## Other News



## Riordan Sports Podcast

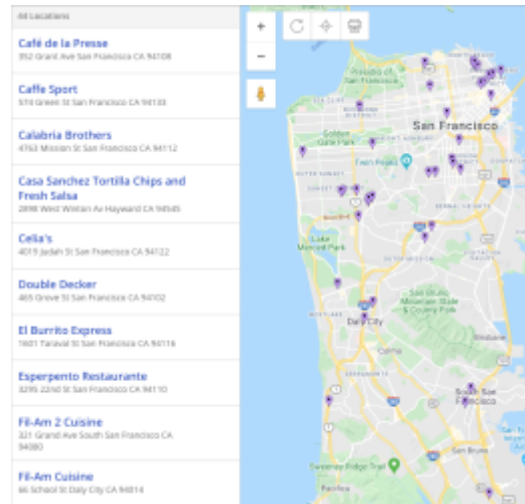
Catch the latest news on the Crusader Weekly podcast each Thursday on Instagram Live

@riordan\_sports. Athletic Director Bob Greene talks with coaches about the upcoming seasons and other sports topics. There's something for everyone in this podcast!

## Reflections by our Chaplain

Attending to the spiritual needs of our community, Riordan offers weekly [5-minute reflections](#) from Fr. Cameron Faller.

## Keep Supporting Riordan Restaurants



Click [here](#) for a map of restaurants with a Crusader connection. Be sure to check hours of operation.



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