

Fwd: June Riordan Alumni Newsletter

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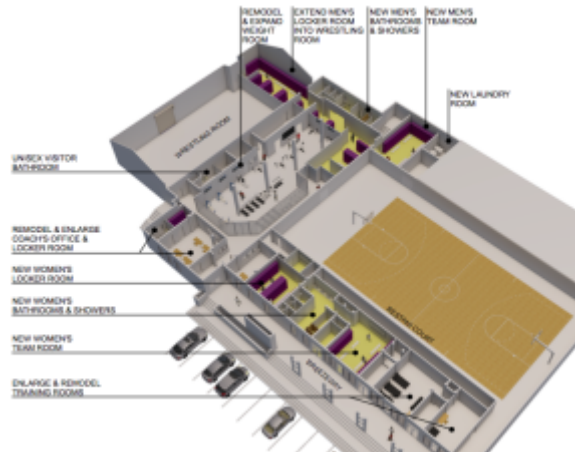


On **Tuesday, June 23**, our community will come together for 50 hours of giving in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Marianist LIFE (Living in Faith Experience) program.

The last few months have not been easy. For our students, families, faculty and staff this has been an uncertain and unprecedented time. Giving Day is an opportunity to show your support and exemplifies what is possible when the entire Riordan community comes together. This year our collective power is needed more than ever.

Show your support today! Early donations are open at givingday.riordanhs.org. #WeR

Co-Ed Construction Begins



Last week construction began on new locker rooms for boys and girls, an expanded weight room, and updated athletic training and coaches areas. Preparations continue for Riordan's transition to co-education this fall, which include the largest freshman class in 25 years, expanded athletics offerings, and many new hires (read more below about Will Watkins '99's new role). Follow the latest transition news and updates [here](#).

Alumni in the News



Payton Ilalio '16 Receives Top Rugby Award

Payton Telea Ilalio '16 earned the "Rudy Scholz Award," given to the top men's collegiate rugby player in the US. This is one of the highest honors for rugby players. While at Riordan, Payton was a top student, earned 1st Team All-WCAL in football, and played a major role in Riordan's first successful rugby club before going on to play at powerhouse St. Mary's. [Read More](#)

Dr. Tomás Aragón '77 Leads the Fight in SF

Even before the pandemic swept through the U.S., **Dr. Tomás Aragón '77** has been one of the leaders in the fight against infectious disease in San Francisco as the city's health officer and the director of the Population Health Division. Read more about his perspectives on health and leadership [here](#).

Will Watkins '99 to Lead Women's Basketball Program

As Riordan expands its athletics offerings, longtime Riordan coach **Will Watkins '99** has been tapped to lead a marquee program. Watkins is a director at Bay City Basketball League, and has years of experience coaching boys and girls. [Read More](#)

Former Faculty Updates

Remembering Pat McCluskey

Pat McCluskey passed away on April 9. At Riordan for 38 years, he was an English and Religious Studies teacher, very briefly as a chemistry teacher, and was a mainstay on Kairos. Pat laughed often, loved his family, and invested in Riordan by sharing his gifts of creating ritual, writing, and spiritual development. Read more about his life [here](#).



Resilience in Place

Profiled by [Catholic San Francisco](#) as a resident of Nazareth House, former Riordan administrator **Rudy Zannini** is learning new technology with his trademark optimism.

Losing Ed Fennelly's Dog

Local sports writer John Murphy wrote [a charming account](#) about the time he was charged with taking care of **Ed Fennelly's** poodle. It's a fun read!

Other Notes and School News

A Zoomical Spring Production

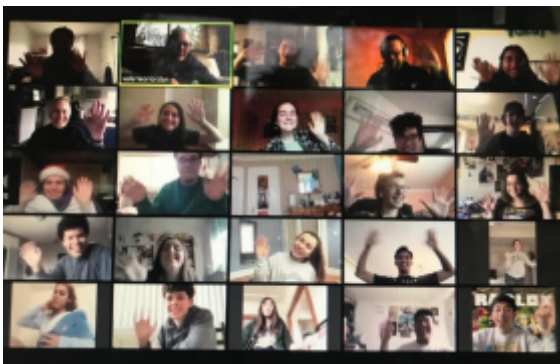


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With "the show must go on" mentality, actors in Riordan's Spring Musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" pivoted to Zoom and produced an outstanding show.

Alumni Salute to Seniors



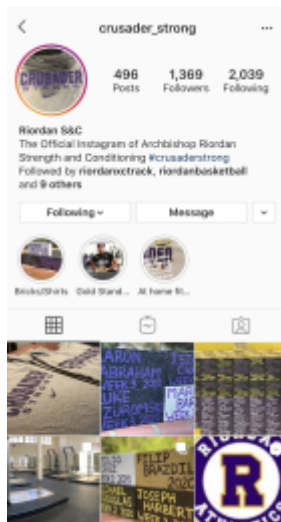
Thank you to the many alumni who submitted videos and letters of encouragement for the Class of 2020! These [messages](#) were a bright spot in the wake of a challenging end to their high school career. The Class of 2020 will graduate on June 27.

Alumni Event Updates

Though we've had to postpone the Downtown Lunch and class reunions, the Golf Tournament is tentatively scheduled for October 9 at Harding Park. We hope to have an update soon.

We would love to hear from Alumni on what you are doing to stay involved with fellow Crusaders. Please email Director of Alumni, Paul Cronin '93 at pcronin@riordanhs.org.

[View Photos From Past Events](#)

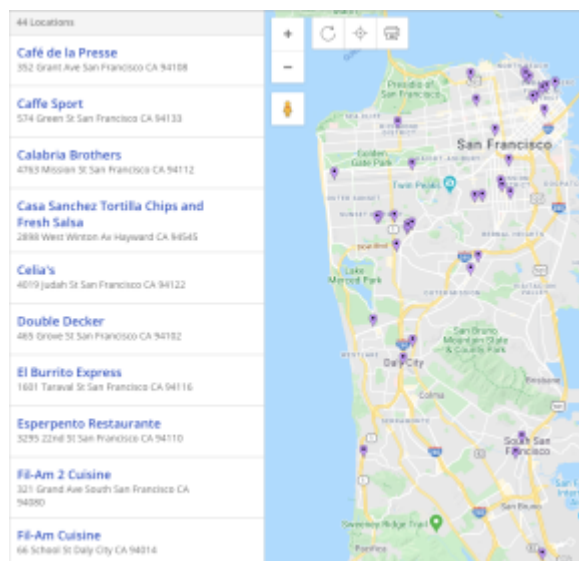


Crusader Strong

Crusader athletes kept grinding this semester under the direction of Strength and Conditioning coach **Ryan Jones '09**. Get inspired by Ryan's work with students and learn fitness tips on Instagram [@Crusader_Strong](https://www.instagram.com/Crusader_Strong)

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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