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## Fwd: December Alumni Newsletter

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Here you go. Happy New Year!

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# FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE



On behalf of the Riordan Alumni Association, we wish all Crusaders a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## Golf Tournament A Success!

The Riordan community was thrilled to safely bring together a great group of alumni and friends for this year's golf tournament at Lake Merced on October 19. A few things looked different from years past, but the Crusader spirit remained strong, and our sponsors and players helped us raise \$25,000 for Athletic Facilities. View photos [here](#).

Due to the demand and success of this year's tournament, stay tuned for a Spring Golf Tournament in 2021!



Joe Shasky '75 pictured

## Campus Updates During Times of Change



Despite all the challenges we faced the last several months, the Riordan faculty, staff and student body were able to experience some positives and see some light at the end of the tunnel. We look forward to 2021 and getting back to our normal routines.

- With Riordan transitioning to coeducation this year, some new traditions began, including alumni whose daughters now attend Riordan. See picture above of **Ernest Trapsi '92 with his son Andrew '15 and daughter Sophia '24.**
- The faculty and staff worked tirelessly to understand health processes and protocols to re-open the campus. **We were able to hold in person classes in November and December.** It was great to see the young men and women in the halls once again and look forward to seeing the students back in January.
- We are excited to announce **Phase 1 of the Locker Room Project was completed** and we received many generous gifts to help fully fund the project.
- Campus Ministry did a wonderful job holding virtual **Senior Kairos** and **Junior Retreats** for our students.
- Riordan was optimistic about fall sports returning in December and were able to leverage the new Mayer Family Field with workout and practice cohorts. Recently **CIF did Postpone WCAL Sports Until 2021.** Read more [here](#).

## Join the Under 40 Crusader Challenge!

[Riordan's Annual Fund](#) was recently launched and we have received many wonderful gifts to support Riordan students. A very generous, anonymous donor put a **\$5,000 gift if Alumni from classes 2000 - 2020 donate 150 individual gifts.**

CLASSES OF 2000-2020  
WE NEED YOUR HELP

## UNDER 40 CRUSADER CHALLENGE

Make a donation of any amount to help us  
unlock an anonymous \$5,000 gift!

No matter what amount you decide to donate, this is a great opportunity for 20 years of Riordan Alumni to come together and be part of something special.

Let's go Crusaders! #WeR

### Alumni News



#### Remembering Bruno Andreatta '41

Faithful alumnus Bruno Andreatta passed away on November 26. The Andreatta family holds a unique St. James-Riordan legacy across four

generations, including son **Don '68**, grandson **Don '87**, great-grandson **Anthony '19**, and great-granddaughter Sabrina (Mercy '14) who is currently working at Riordan as an ASL instructor. In a 2015 interview for Future, Bruno noted his joy from sharing the Riordan connection with his progeny because at the end of the day, "Family is number one."



#### Dominic Nolfi '96 & The Doo Wop Project Performs

Love the classic sounds of Frankie Valli, The Drifters, The Del Vikings? Dominic Nolfi and the Doo Wop Project brings that unparalleled authenticity of sound and vocal excellence to recreate some of the greatest music in American rock and pop history. Check out one of their amazing performances [here](#)



#### Rommel Reyes '93 Is Center 'Stageit'



#### SF State Recognizes Two Crusader Alumni

The pandemic has had its negative impacts on the entertainment industry which makes it almost impossible for people to come together and watch their favorite artists perform. Reyes, an Emmy award winning Producer/Director and multi-media production professional is now Executive Producer for [Stageit](#), an online venue where artists can perform live, interactive, monetized performances for their fans via laptop. Look for the full article on Rommel's life and success in the next *Future Magazine* coming soon.

Since the 1970s, San Francisco State's Gator Gridiron Club has come together with players, coaches and fans to remember its championship football legacy. This year, two Crusaders were inducted; **Bob Celeste '64** who played Offensive Line from 65-67 and **Jim Moore '68** who played Center in 1970. Due to the pandemic, the ceremony went online but turned out fantastic. Please view the induction ceremony [here](#)

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## Remembering Magic Moments



Who needs some magic right now? Relive the joy of basketball notable **Dominic Stevens '20** (pictured), and a great youth football story from **Ray Ross '85** of the SF Brown Bombers, from our partners at the Olympic Club Foundation. See video [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### Save the Date, 2021 Riordan Gala Coming Soon!



### Other Events

#### Riordan Fall Play "Our Town," A Virtual Hit

First-Year Theatre Director, Stefania Pierruci, cast and crew did an outstanding job performing Thornton Wilder's 1938 classic. Click [here](#) to see the performance.

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### Submit an Alumni Note

Any interest in a virtual reunion?

Any new baby Crusaders come into the world?

Have a personal or professional update to share with the Riordan community for the

## We all need something to look forward to!

Riordan's first-ever virtual gala will take place on February 27, 2021.

Look for details, ticket information, and sponsorship opportunities coming soon in early January or contact Karin Haskell, [khaskell@riordanhs.org](mailto:khaskell@riordanhs.org).

next Alumni Newsletter or *Future Magazine*?

We would love to hear from you. Email [pcronin@riordanhs.org](mailto:pcronin@riordanhs.org). Go Crusaders! #WeR

## Other News



### Celebrating Crusader Greatness

2020 marks the anniversary of many successful athletic teams that represented so many great Crusader athletes over 7 decades. We look forward to the future and eager to get our athletics programs back in action and producing more championship teams. Congratulations to the following teams:

1955 CAL Track & Field Champs  
1955 CAL Baseball Champs  
1960 CAL Basketball Champs  
1965 CAL Cross-Country Champs  
1970 WCAL Cross-Country Champs  
1970 WCAL Basketball Champs  
1970 WCAL Track & Field Champs  
1975 WCAL Baseball Champs  
1975 WCAL Soccer Champs  
1980 WCAL Basketball Champs  
1985 WCAL Basketball Champs  
1990 WCAL, CCS, Norcal Champs, State Runner-Up  
2000 WCAL Football Champs

### Keep Supporting Riordan Restaurants

44 Locations
<b>Café de la Presse</b> 352 Grant Ave San Francisco CA 94108
<b>Caffe Sport</b> 574 Green St San Francisco CA 94133
<b>Calabria Brothers</b> 4763 Mission St San Francisco CA 94112
<b>Casa Sanchez Tortilla Chips and Fresh Salsa</b> 2898 West Winton Av Hayward CA 94545
<b>Celia's</b> 4019 Judah St San Francisco CA 94122
<b>Double Decker</b> 465 Grove St San Francisco CA 94102
<b>El Burrito Express</b> 1601 Taraval St San Francisco CA 94116
<b>Eserpento Restaurante</b> 3295 22nd St San Francisco CA 94110
<b>Fil-Am 2 Cuisine</b> 321 Grand Ave South San Francisco CA 94080
<b>Fil-Am Cuisine</b> 66 School St Daly City CA 94014

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

### Reflections by our Chaplain

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



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