

[riordan] Fwd: 2021 Spring Alumni Newsletter

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## SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT



MONDAY, APRIL 26



LAKE MERCED GOLF CLUB

We are very excited to announce our first-ever Spring Golf Tournament on Monday, April 26 at Lake Merced Golf Club. Due to a high demand for sponsorships and popularity of last fall's tournament, purchase a limited number of [Golf Registrations](#) before they sell out. A la carte [Golf Sponsorships](#) are still available, and all proceeds will support the [Tyrone L. McGraw '06 Scholarship](#).

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## Giving Day: April 27-28



Last year 371 alumni gave more than \$138,000 on Giving Day alone. **Simply put, our alumni community helps our students rise.** These Crusaders have the drive, passion, and commitment to be successful, and your generosity is essential for them to achieve their goals. When you make a gift this year be sure to list your graduation year and spread the word to your classmates. **The classes with the highest participation** (most # of donors) **and generosity** (most amount raised) **will receive a hosted post-**

**Covid cocktail party at Original Joe's** (Westlake or North Beach), date TBD.

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## Alumni in the News

### Jordan Jimenez '16 Snaps Famous Ballers

Imagine being able to accomplish a personal dream of photographing and interviewing Golden State Warriors great, Steph Curry? Jordan Jimenez started honing his craft during high school, and is now working with some of the top players in the NBA.

[Read More](#)



**Michael Vezzali-Pascual '88**  
Marianist Lay Affiliate

### Michael Vezzali-Pascual '88 Becomes Lay Marianist Affiliate

After months of study and discernment, English teacher Vezzali-Pascual became a Lay Marianist Affiliate in February. He commented: "This celebration marks both the culmination of a wonderful spiritual journey I began last year, and the beginning of a lifelong commitment to the Marianist mission of bringing Christ into the world as Mary did. In particular, the Affiliates at Riordan are focused on continuing the Marianist mission at our school."

Watch a video of his ceremony [here](#).

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## Alumni Journalists Shining at the Next Level

Former Editor-in-Chiefs of *The Crusader* are raising the bar on journalism at their respective colleges. **Roman Peregrino '18** is the EIC of *The Georgetown Voice* and **Steven Rissotto '20** is the News Editor of the *Skyline View* at Skyline College. Rissotto is also the NorCal student director on the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Board. [Latest Issue](#)

Pictured: Roman Peregrino '18

Pictured: Steven Rissotto '20



**Miguel Guerrero '12** spearheaded the 'Voters Win' campaign for the Warriors. [Read More](#)

For his work with the SFPD, other first responders, and victims of trauma, **Fr. Mike Quinn '70** was a featured presenter at the San Francisco Interfaith Council's event on community chaplaincy.

**Roger Gargano '64** delivered an outstanding musical tribute and pandemic reflection at the Hibernian Newman Club's St. Patrick's Day Event. [Listen](#)

Gus's Market proprietors, **Dmitri '00 and Bobby '01 Vardakastanis**, reopened a beloved neighborhood store. [Read More](#)

Have some alumni news to share? We'd love to hear from you.  
Email [alumni@riordanhs.org](mailto:alumni@riordanhs.org).

## Riordan's First Virtual Gala: A "Throwback" Success!



Leave it to the Riordan community to make the most of the times. On February 27, alumni, parents and friends of Riordan gathered virtually to **raise more than \$250,000 for tuition assistance and classroom renovations!** Thanks to all who were able to support this wonderful event.

## News From the School

It's been a season of firsts for **Riordan Athletics**, with the inaugural women's teams competing, and athletes and coaches embracing atypical schedules. But they keep grinding. Football opened the season with a 34-20 home win over Sacred Heart Cathedral, and basketball, track & field, baseball and other sports are starting their seasons. While we are unable to accommodate spectators at this time, look for updates on how you can watch livestreams of these games!



On the admissions front, under the direction of **Danny Curtin '08**, we are posed to welcome one of the largest and most academically talented freshman classes in over 40 years! Even during this year there has been significant growth in school applications, admissions, and entrance exam scores.

Following the success of our **Engineering Program**, Riordan is excited to expand STEM offerings with a new Biomedical Sciences track within the Science Department. This project-based curriculum will allow students to explore basic life and physical science concepts via the lens of biomedicine. Riordan will also be partnering with the Bay Area biomedical sciences community to build mentorship opportunities and further support the passion and future careers of our students.

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## Other News

### Submit an Alumni Note

*Interested in a virtual reunion?*

*Any new baby Crusaders come into the world?*

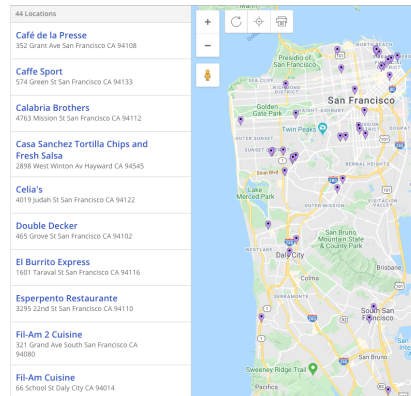
*Have a personal or professional update to share with the Riordan community for the next Alumni Newsletter or Future Magazine?*

Email [pcronin@riordanhs.org](mailto:pcronin@riordanhs.org). Go Crusaders! #WeR

View a copy of the latest edition of *Future Magazine* [here](#).

Riordan's Spring Musical Coming Soon: WE WILL ROCK YOU!

### Keep Supporting Riordan Restaurants



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 Easter Season.



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