



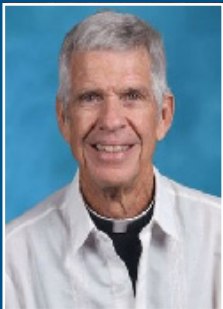
Verbum Dei High School  
The Jesuit Work Study College Prep in Los Angeles

# Annual Report

## 2019-2020



“Class of 2020, writing their own script”



*Rev. Stephen A. Privett, S.J.  
President*

“Something old, something new; something borrowed, something blue” is the ditty that describes a bride’s traditional accoutrement. If you drop “borrowed/blue,” you catch something of the “magic” of Verbum Dei. The Jesuits assumed responsibility for Verbum Dei in 2000 at the request of then-Archbishop, Cardinal Roger Mahony. Jesuits were “new” to Verbum but the school was an “old” and trusted member of the Watts community. The newly arrived Jesuits brought to Verbum Dei a 500 year old tradition and a reputation as “the school masters of Europe” that traces back to the sixteenth century.

A shorthand way to talk about the Jesuit tradition is education for information and transformation. Jesuit education is about students acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in college and live satisfying lives, while contributing to the betterment of society. Jesuit education is not just about students—it is about them--and about what they will do with that education for others. Our current experience with the pandemic, the economic collapse, the social unrest and the failure of leadership can leave no doubt about the nation’s need for persons who will look beyond the concerns of any individual or group to promote the common good of all.

In Jesuit education, “information” is not just facts, figures and formulas, but also self-knowledge that generates confidence and freedom that supports our students’ transformation into the full, unique persons that God calls them to be. A Verbum Dei student’s reflections about his tendency to give-up demonstrates learning that reaches beyond history, literature, math and science to include that deeper knowledge of oneself that promotes positive personal development and lays a solid foundation for life. He writes:

“All my life I’ve given up. Whether it’s in sports or even academics. When things get too hard, I tend to run away and not have to deal with it altogether. I look at my parents and grandparents and see nothing but perseverance...I’ve always been scared to fail. I don’t want to come home one day and my parents will be disappointed in me.

However, recently I’m noticing, what good is it to give up? What do I get out of that? I’d rather fail and say I tried than wonder my whole life about ‘what could’ve been.’”

I want you to think of your contributions to Verbum Dei as I do: less about maintaining an institution and more about transforming boys into competent, self-confident young men empowered by their Jesuit education to pursue their dreams and make a difference in the world. Thank you for your generous support of Verbum Dei Jesuit High School’s efforts to inform and transform the next generation of leaders. You’re partnering with the great, longstanding tradition that is Jesuit education.

God bless you and those close to you during these difficult times.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steph A. Privett, SJ". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Stephen A. Privett, SJ  
President

### **Our Mission:**

Verbum Dei is a Jesuit Catholic, Cristo Rey high school that offers young men from supportive families of limited resources a college prep curriculum, corporate work experience, and faith formation that prepare them to graduate from college as men-with-and-for-others who serve their communities and pursue a more just and humane world for all.



Dr. Brandi Odom Lucas  
*Principal*

Even with the challenging year, Verbum Dei has been extremely blessed. The Class of 2020 continued the tradition of hard work and perseverance right up to a non-tradition drive-through graduation day. On average the Class of 2020 scholars submitted 26 college applications each. This resulted in acceptances to 6 University of California's, 7- Catholic, 8- Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 11- Jesuit, and 16- California States Universities along with a host of private and public universities nationwide. Not to be outdone, the Class of 2021 and Class of 2022 have the highest number of students applying and enrolled in our honors program in recent years. And our incoming freshmen of 75 are more academically prepared and diverse than their predecessors.

As you are aware, Verbum Dei is not only about academics. Our mission is to create the next generation of Spirit-filled leaders, and our students are well on their way. Their performance in the Corporate Work Study Program and Christian Service programs are all evidence of that fact, even in these particularly challenging times. Our students are presenting, creating, and performing in ways we could never have

imagine.

Of course, this would not be possible without the support of our benefactors, donors, corporate partners, community leaders, and parents. We are grateful for this amazing community of believers. As we continue to focus our 2020-2021 efforts on innovation and impact. Please continue to pray for us as we continue this most important work while navigating uncharted waters. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Thank you for investing in our Verbum Dei scholars.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. O. Lucas".

Dr. Odom Lucas

### **Profile of the Verbum Dei Graduate at Graduation**

Open to Growth \* Intellectually Motivated \* Spritual \* Loving \*  
Committed to Doing Justice \* Work Experienced

## Revenues:

Tuition/fees	\$408,192
Grant from Catholic Education Foundation	\$363,000
Grant from Corporate Work-Study Program	\$1,784,288
Contributions	\$4,386,905
Other income	\$326,450
	<u>\$7,268,835</u>

## Expenses:

Education/instruction	\$2,327,329
Administration	\$966,538
Facilities, maintenance and depreciation	\$879,914
Student activities and support services	\$735,661
CWSP	\$693,876
	<u>\$5,603,319</u>

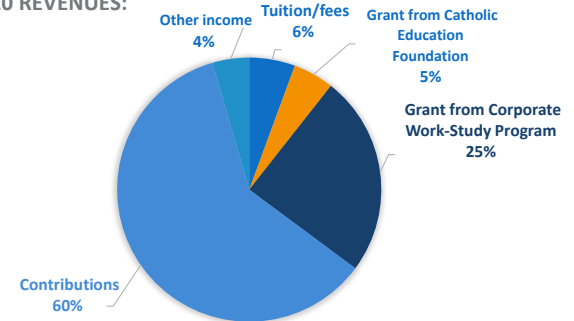
## Contributions:

	Total
Individual gifts	\$2,416,483
Corporate gifts	\$57,772
Foundation grants	\$1,434,081
Events	\$478,569
	<u>\$4,386,905</u>

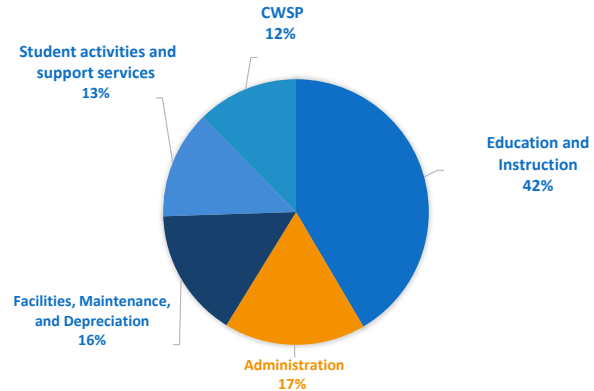
## Source of funding cost per student

Tuition and fees paid	\$1,208
Tuition assistance	\$1,777
Work-Study Program	\$5,279
Scholarship grant	\$8,314
Total Sources of Funding Cost per Student	<u>\$16,578</u>

## 2019-20 REVENUES:



## 2019-2020 EXPENSES:



This has proven to be a remarkable year and we are so proud of the strides our gentlemen have made academically, professionally, and spiritually. The community, staff, faculty, volunteers, students, and parents really stepped up to the plate for the 2019/20 academic year and will leave an indelible mark. Yet, as you well know, Verbum Dei High School would not be where it is today without the caring, concern and support of donors like you. The following are a few highlights from our 2019/2020 school year:

### **President's Gala 2020**

Our 2020 President's Gala was to be held on Thursday, March 12th, 2020 at the L.A. Grand Hotel, Downtown. Due to rising concerns around the Coronavirus, we were very disappointed that the Gala could not take place for the health and safety of everyone involved with the event. We send a very special thank you to our 2020 honorees:



#### **Joanne and Robert Smith**

Joanne and Robert Smith have always taken a strong interest in social justice and giving back to the community. Since 2012, they have been active in Verbum Dei's Adopt-A-Student Program, Rob serves as President of Sierra Leasing and President of the Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation; under his tenure both organizations have been staunch in their support of the school.

#### **Judy and Tim Smith**

Judy and Tim Smith have been active supporters of the Verbum Dei for 18 years. They initially became involved through the "Friends of the Single Wing," a group formed by Tim's high school football coach, Lew Stueck. Since 2012, Tim and Judy have enjoyed participation in the Adopt-A-Student program. In addition, Bob Smith BMW-Mini-Volvo, where Tim serves as President/Owner, has been a sponsor of the Verbum Dei Galas.



#### **Msgr. John Barry/American Martyrs Parish Community**

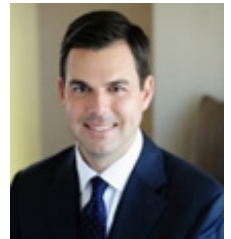
For the past 36 years Monsignor John F. Barry has had a vision of faith, welcome and community as Pastor of American Martyrs Catholic Community in Manhattan Beach. He continues to foster a spirit of lay leadership and pastoral ministry embracing Catholic education, faith formation, service and outreach to those in need. In 2019, American Martyrs joined Verbum Dei as a Corporate Work Study Partner becoming the first parish to hire a team of four students.

#### **Verbum Dei Class of 2020**

Since entering Verbum Dei in 2016, the class of 2020 has diligently applied themselves to their course work, their work study jobs, their personal development, and their quest to become men for others. And just as the eleven graduating classes preceding them, they received a 100% college acceptance rate.

### **Board of Directors Chairman, Joe Viola**

In 2019 Verbum Dei was fortunate to have a passionate member of the Board of Directors appointed as its new chair. Joe has been an active supporter of Verbum Dei for over 14 years, initially supporting The Verb through the recruitment of corporate partners to the Corporate Work Study program. As the Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Management Committee of Crescent Capital Group LP, a CWSP Partner of Verbum Dei for 7 years, he also mentors students at work. Joe and his wife, Emily, also are Adopt-A-Student Program sponsors. Two years ago, Joe was instrumental as the chair for the presidential search committee for our new president, Fr. Stephen A. Privett, S.J.



# Class of 2020 College Acceptances

The University of Akron Main Campus  
Alabama State University  
Allegheny College  
Anna Maria College  
Arizona State University-Tempe  
Arizona State University-Tempe (Fine Arts)  
The University of Arizona  
Arkansas Baptist College  
Avila University  
Azusa Pacific University  
Baylor University  
Boston College  
California Baptist University  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
California State University-Bakersfield  
California State University-Channel Islands  
California State University-Chico  
California State University, Dominguez Hills  
California State University, East Bay  
California State University-Fresno  
California State University-Fullerton  
California State University, Long Beach  
California State University-Los Angeles  
California State University-Northridge  
California State University-Sacramento  
California State University-San Bernardino  
California State University-San Marcos  
California State University-Stanislaus  
University of California-Berkeley  
University of California-Davis  
University of California-Irvine  
University of California-Los Angeles  
University of California-Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
Canisius College  
Carroll College Montana  
Carroll University  
Cazenovia College  
Cerritos College  
Chapman University  
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science  
University of Charleston  
University of Chicago  
Coe College  
Colorado Mesa University  
Concordia University-Irvine

Concordia University-Portland  
Concordia University-Saint Paul  
Creighton University (College of Business Administration)  
University of Detroit Mercy  
Dillard University  
Dominican University of California  
Drexel University  
El Camino College  
Fairfield University  
FIDM-Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising-Los Angeles  
Fisk University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
George Mason University  
Gonzaga University  
Grambling State University  
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hampshire College  
Hampton University  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Holy Names University  
Hult International Business School - London  
Humboldt State University  
University of Idaho  
Indiana University-Bloomington  
Iowa State University  
Johnson C Smith University  
Kansas State University  
Kent State University at Kent  
La Salle University  
La Sierra University  
University of La Verne  
Langston University  
Long Beach City College  
Los Angeles Southwest College  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University Maryland  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Lycoming College  
Marquette University  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
Marymount California University  
Menlo College  
Michigan State University  
Mississippi State University  
University of Mississippi

Montana State University  
Morehouse College  
Morgan State University  
Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
University of Nevada-Las Vegas  
Northern Arizona University  
Northwest Nazarene University  
Notre Dame de Namur University  
Ohio University-Main Campus  
Old Dominion University  
Oregon State University  
Pacific Union College  
University of the Pacific  
University of the Pacific (School of Engineering and Computer Science)  
Pasadena City College  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Philander Smith College  
Saint Johns University (with College of Saint Benedict)  
Saint Joseph's College of Maine  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Mary's College of California  
Saint Peter's University  
Salisbury University  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco State University  
University of San Francisco  
San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University  
University of Scranton  
Seattle University  
Seton Hall University  
University of South Carolina-Columbia  
University of Southern California  
Southern Methodist University  
Saint Edward's University  
St. John's University  
Stevenson University  
Texas Christian University  
The University of Texas at Arlington  
Ohio State University-Main Campus  
Tuskegee University  
NASCAR Technical Institute  
University of Oregon  
University of Oregon - Clark Honors College  
University of Providence

Vanguard University of Southern California  
Vanguard University of Southern California  
The University of West Florida  
Westminster College - UT  
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