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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Timothy A. Reardon,
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Dear Crusader Family,

I love the sound of jackhammers in the morning. It sounds like victory!

Movie references aside, I’m extremely excited that the summer work on our *Student Life Enhancement Project* has come to a close. Our library space and main courtyard have been reimaged and built to accommodate the needs of our expanding community.

While there is still work to be done on the cafeteria, the parking lot, and the promenade in the summer of 2024, the other aforementioned projects have, like Mayer Family Field, transformed the campus.

In the former library footprint, the students will now enjoy a remodeled wing that features conference space, a Riordan historical exhibit, a visual arts classroom, and a video production room. The study area will include not only a copious amount of reading material but also a lounge area, tiered seating, and pods for every variety of research and study.

The main courtyard will maintain the integrity of the original design with the statue of Mary in the center, but we have upgraded the concrete and landscaping while designing new spaces for students to use during the school day and for parents and alums to gather for community events.

In short, because of our astonishing increase in enrollment over the past three years, we have redesigned and updated the spaces that the students use most frequently for socialization and study. We wouldn’t have been able to begin these projects without the generous contributions from our supporters, the consultative guidance of board members like Brian Spiers ’75 and Tony Sanchez-Corea ’80, and the hard work and creativity of our architect, Tony Pantaleoni ’70, the Director of Facilities, Brandon Ramsey, and the Operations Manager, Cara Garcia.

Thank you all for your generosity and loyalty to our beautiful school. We have an incredible new class of students who entered this fall, and I’m looking forward to another amazing school year, during which our community will continue to thrive. Please come out to campus to experience a game, a theater production, or a community event. It’s always fun to watch our talented kids in action, and a visit will give you an opportunity to view these updated spaces and feel the positive vibes of a thriving community as we celebrate our 75th year.

Go Crusaders!

Tim Reardon
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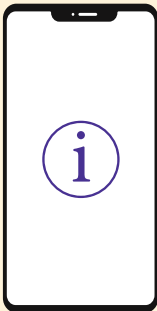
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For those without a smartphone, we added the URL link.

We hope you enjoy these new magazine features, and we appreciate your active participation!

Congratulations, Class of 2023!

On May 20, 2023, our 212 graduates received their diplomas during the Graduation Ceremony on Mayer Family Field - the third-straight year of this new tradition. Joseph Zuloaga, attending Columbia University, gave the Valedictorian address during the ceremony, while India Bowles, attending UCLA, delivered the Salutatorian address following Baccalaureate Mass on May 19.

Our graduates will be attending some of the top universities in the nation, with 42% of the class being First-Generation-to-College. New and notable college acceptances include: Boston University, UC Berkeley, UCLA, University of Chicago, Clemson University, Columbia University, Davidson University, Northeastern University, New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts, University of Notre Dame, Parsons School of Design (The New School), University of Southern California, Vassar College

Students also earned these prestigious scholarships:

- Marine Corp ROTC Scholarship: Full Tuition Scholarship to attend U of San Diego
- Questbridge Scholarship to Columbia: Full Tuition, Room & Board to Columbia University
- Alan and Jane Scholarship: Full tuition, room, and board to U of Rochester
- U of San Francisco, Black Scholars Program: Full Tuition Scholarship

This class is full of scholars, artists, and athletes who will do amazing things in the future! Congratulations, Class of 2023!



2023 Graduation
Photo Gallery

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<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAF3yE>





Class of 2023 List of Attending Colleges

We congratulate our graduates and thank all of our Class of 2023 families for their trust and support during the college application process and beyond.

The members of the Class of 2023 will be attending the colleges and universities below.

*Indicates more than one student will be attending the college.

Amherst College	• Maritime Academy*	Lewis & Clark College*	University of Rochester
University of Arizona*	• Monterey Bay	Loyola Marymount University	Saint Mary's College of California*
Arizona State University	• Northridge	College of Marin*	University of Saint Thomas
Boston University	• Sacramento*	Macalester College	University of San Diego
Butte College	• San Bernardino	Menlo College*	University of San Francisco*
University of California,	• San Diego*	University of Minnesota, Twin	College of San Mateo*
• Berkeley	• San Francisco*	Cities	Santa Clara University*
• Davis*	• San Jose*	University of Montana	Seattle University
• Los Angeles*	• Sonoma*	Mount Saint Mary's University	Skyline College*
• Merced*	Chapman University	University of Nevada,	University of Southern California*
• Riverside*	City College of San Francisco*	• Reno	Southern Oregon University
• San Diego*	University of Chicago	• Las Vegas	St. John's University*
• Santa Barbara	Clemson University	New York Conservatory of	University of St. Thomas
• Santa Cruz*	Columbia University*	Dramatic Arts	Texas A&M University
California Polytechnic State	University of Connecticut	Northeastern University*	University of Toronto
University,	Davidson University	University of Notre Dame*	Tulane University
• Pomona*	Dominican University of	University of Oregon	University of Utah*
• San Luis Obispo*	California*	University of the Pacific*	Utah Valley University
California State University,	Fordham University	Parsons School of Design, The	Vassar College
• Channel Islands	Gonzaga University	New School	
• Chico*	Grand Canyon University*	Pepperdine University	
• East Bay	University of Hawaii, Manoa	Purdue University	
• Fresno	Hawaii Pacific University*	Reed College	
• Fullerton*	Lewis University		
• Long Beach			
• Los Angeles			
California State University, cont'd			



BLESSED JAKOB GAPP, SM AWARD
Exemplifying the Betterment of Society in the Marianist Spirit

- Odalis Alvarez
- Jameson Datoc



EDWARD FENNELLY AWARD
Exemplifying Athletic Excellence as a Riordan Crusader

- Zachary Jones
- Marcella Fabre



TYRONE MCGRAW '06 AWARD
Exemplifying the Spirit of Excellence lived by Tyrone McGraw

- Mason McKee
- India Bowles



JESSE CORTEZ '90 AWARD
Exemplifying Commitment and Loyalty to the Archbishop Riordan Community

- Angie Levano
- Bryan Santana



BILL BLANCHARD '71 AWARD
Exemplifying the Marianist Spirit as a Riordan Crusader through their Association with Athletics

- Hailey Westall
- Mele Vaihola
- Michael Schulz



ACHIEVE PROGRAM
We thank the Achieve Program for its steadfast dedication to supporting Crusaders each year with scholarship opportunities

Special recognition to these seniors:
Jose Lopes, Alexander Robinson, Abram Ali, Oscar Hernandez, Joseph Zuologa, and Makai Hunt.



JOE DOMINGUEZ '87 SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD
Exemplifying the True Spirit of a Riordan Crusader

- Hannah Bitonio
- Jose Aguliar



JAMES SABOLBORO '78 AWARD
Exemplifying Excellence in the Arts

- Lancelot Givant
- Gina Zevallos

TIME CHANGES...THE DREAM STAYS THE SAME



Over the past seven years, Riordan has been transformed in fundamental ways. Since becoming a coed school in August of 2020, Riordan has reinvigorated every part of our school facility, from rebuilding our athletic facilities and classrooms to remodeling our bathrooms and hallways. As we head into the 2023-24 school year with a new Strategic Plan, Riordan is anticipating a student enrollment of 1,150 students, an all-time high.

As we prepare for our largest student enrollment ever, we have three pressing needs. These needs are shaped by the ever-changing ways that students learn as well as the urgent ways that Riordan is working to create a student community as we continue to support the evolving needs of our students.

CURRENT NEED

- 1 Create academic and study spaces to match the new ways students learn.
- 2 Create new and flexible spaces to accommodate our growing student enrollment.
- 3 Modernize student life spaces for flexibility, comfort and community.

The Student Life Enhancement Project will complete the refurbishing of all academic spaces and match the renovations to our athletic facilities—vital improvements to our 73-year-old campus.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- ✓ **Student Learning Center** SEPTEMBER 2023
Remodel our current library into a new academic wing with new classrooms, featuring a new video production room, and a new library and study center
- ✓ **Courtyard** SEPTEMBER 2023
Refresh and furnish outdoor courtyard spaces to accommodate our growing student population's need for gathering spaces outside of the classroom



We deeply appreciate the generosity of the Riordan community. Please scan this QR Code or visit our website at www.riordanhs.org/student-life-project to support the ongoing Student Life Enhancement Project.

2016	2019	2021	2022	2022	2022	2023
Gym renovation Completed \$850,000	Field project Completed \$3.3 million	Locker room Completed \$1.45 million	Bathroom renovations Completed \$1.47 million	Roof repair completed \$2.03 million	Office updates / student dorm renovation Completed \$800,000	Classroom renovations (since 2018) \$1.10 million

IN THE CLASSROOM

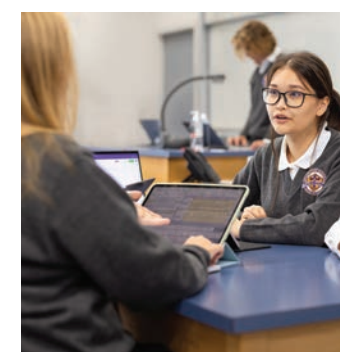
Academic excellence has been a hallmark of Riordan High School since its inception. However, there may never have been a time in its history when the academic achievement of the students was higher.

The average GPA for a Riordan student was close to 3.5 this year. Our AP and Honors classes are packed, even though we have added new sections of each this year. The academic successes of our seniors is most visible in their acceptances to prestigious universities such as Columbia University, UCLA, University of Chicago and USC.

Our academic programs continue to grow and expand as interest in the Engineering and Biomedical programs is at an all-time high since the programs launched a few years ago. Several new leading-edge programs and courses were added this year to our already robust curriculum including: Civil Engineering and Architecture, Principles of Biomedical Science, Math for Business, Sports and Theory, Psychology, Leadership, and more.

Riordan's faculty remains committed to 21st-century learning by leading curricular innovation and exploring alternative instruction and assessment. Our faculty is dedicated, knowledgeable, and compassionate, guiding all students to reach their academic and personal potential.

This year, Riordan created the role of Deans of Academics as a way to deepen the continuity between subjects and programs, creating an outstanding Crusader Experience that current and prospective families recognize as the one of the primary reasons that students reach their potential as a Crusader!



STUDENT LIFE



Thanks to the focused efforts of several alumni faculty and staff and others, Riordan experienced an infusion and revitalization of Crusader Spirit throughout the school and during our athletic games.

The Spirit Club - led by Brian Kosewic '16, and other educators - has organized students into Spirit Captains and Ambassadors who organize rallies, gatherings, and school spirit events. Student-leaders also launched The Gauntlet which now serves as the student section at Riordan sports games - bringing the energy and hype to support their fellow Crusaders.

The House System - led by Benny Willers '08, Director of Student Life - continues to be integrated into the daily lives of students as Riordan strives to build community across grades and between students and adults. Created in 2017, the House System further enhances our Marianist mission by developing student leaders, providing mentorship, and strengthening relationships between students and faculty. In addition, the House System encourages interpersonal relationships and increases school spirit through the annual accumulation of House points, which are awarded through academics, competitions, service, citizenship, leadership, and community attendance at various events.

"Four Houses, One Roof" is the motto of the House System, and students have friendly competitions between Houses during the year to accumulate points and ultimately secure bragging rights by capturing the Chaminade Cup - the annual trophy given to the winning House.

The Crusader Spirit is strong across campus!



BOARDING

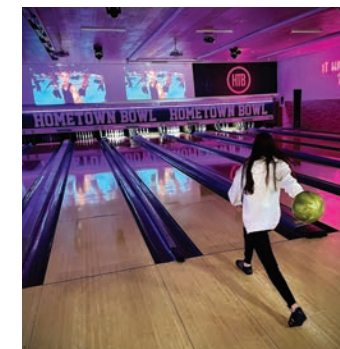
Riordan welcomed 64 young men and women to “R Home” for the 2022-23 school year. These students come from all over the world including Vietnam, South Korea, Japan, China, Spain, Portugal, Serbia, Cameroon, Italy, Montenegro, New Zealand, Germany, Hungary, France, Armenia, United States, Czech Republic, and Ukraine.

While enjoying a regular high school life at Riordan, students are exposed to life in San Francisco and the Bay Area. Throughout the year, students visited universities such as UC Berkeley and Stanford, attended Giants games, and community-building activities like miniature golf, bowling, and regional hikes.

Our Director of Boarding, David Lin '99, and his team of six Resident Advisors bring a wealth of experiences, interests, and talents to the only boarding program in San Francisco. The co-ed community focuses on each student's growth and development, through support in academics, athletics, and a structured student life experience.

During summer 2022, the dorms and living space—which is the former residence of the Marianists on the upper floors of the school building—underwent upgrades including a renovated kitchen and recreation space.

While it can be tough being far from home, our students grow to become independent and overcome many obstacles through this experience. Our Resident Advisors build a culture of learning focused on collective capacity building and accountability by fostering responsibility in our shared beliefs and systems for continuous improvement to drive growth.



THE ARTS

The 2022-23 school year was the first time in three years that the Riordan Band, Choir, and the student-actors of the Drama Department could take center stage with a full season of shows and performances.

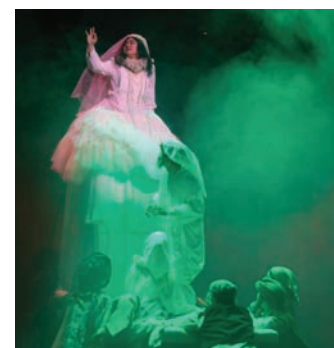
In his first year as Drama Director, Greg Callaghan produced two marquee events - the Fall Play: *The Book of Will* and the Spring Musical: *Fiddler on the Roof*. Thanks to our Riordan community, *Fiddler on the Roof* was the best attended show since *West Side Story* in 2010.

The Crusader Choir had a full performance schedule this year that included two successful outings at corporate business parties. Student singers received outstanding compliments from the VIP clientele as well as the employees at these events. The group also performed at an event for Archbishop Corlieone as well as during school-wide masses, the winter and spring concerts, and other assemblies.

Our band program continues to create and shape student-musicians. This year, dozens of students were recognized for their outstanding efforts throughout the year during the spring concert: "Portraits of the West." This year, students presented music that evokes the themes of the Western United States. The concert was the culmination of work that Instrumental Music Ensemble (Beginning Band), Concert Band, and Intermediate band have done this semester.

Awards were also presented to senior and student band members. Pebble Ekhaus '23, Ethan Hunter '25, Tommy Galvin '24, Moon Lin '25, Santiago Moreno '23, Andreas Flores Fok '24, Chris Enriquez '23, and Jameson Datoc '23. Additionally, Datoc received national band awards, including the John Phillip Sousa Award, the highest award for high school band students nationwide.

Our Marching Band continues to radiate Crusader Spirit across the Bay Area and the world! Members of the band and color guard marched in several parades including the Italian Heritage Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the Pacifica Fog Festival. Later this year in December, the group will have the distinct honor of marching in the New Year's Parade in Rome, Italy.



FAITH FORMATION

The Family Spirit at Riordan is strong as Campus Ministry continues to be at the core of the Crusader Experience. This year, students were immersed in numerous opportunities to live the Marianist values of faith, community, inclusivity, service, and justice through collections, blood drives, retreats, Kairos, and much more.

Our incredible Campus Ministry team, led by Alex Datoc '87, Leo Magnaye '05, and Deacon Chris Mariano, is flourishing as more students than ever are becoming student-leaders, including the first-ever all-female team of retreat leaders during Kairos #110 in March 2023.

The LIFE Team (Living In Faith Experience) members planned dozens of community gatherings throughout the year, and led monthly Marianist Life Communities (MLCs).

Our Liturgy Team—responsible for all school-wide liturgies—is a team of sophomores and juniors who managed 5 schoolwide Masses, several prayer services, including special concelebrant Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone during the Lenten Mass. Fr. Martin Solma, chaplain of Chaminade University, Honolulu, HI., also joined as special concelebrant for mass on Blessed Chaminade's Feast Day in January 2023.

Helping individuals and families both locally and across the globe, the CORE Team is a group of juniors and seniors responsible for all Riordan service drives and brings awareness about local, national, and international causes and needs through monthly service drives. These Crusaders held two blood drives, an AIDS Penny Drive, a Food Drive in November, a Toy Drive in December, assembled hygiene kits for the homeless, and held a spring fundraising drive for Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi, Kenya.

The presence of Christ and love for our Blessed Mother are radiated throughout the school day and across campus thanks to the tireless efforts of our Campus Ministry team and student leaders!



ATHLETICS

This year, Riordan offered 12 sports with 40 teams - with robotics and sailing becoming teams next year. With an upgraded weight room and state-of-the-art athletic track and field facility, student-athletes have excellent opportunities to perfect their craft and advance their personal growth.

Our dedicated athletic department staff and coaches - led by ADs Jay'Sen Morris '08 and Bob Greene - have elevated our student-athletes to several individual and team accolades and achievements this year.

Varsity Boys Basketball captured the West Catholic Athletic League Champions with a 23-7 record - the third-straight year with at least 20 wins for Coach Joey Curtin '01 and his program. Our Varsity Girls Basketball team finished the season ranked 2nd in Central Coast Section Division IV by MaxPreps and both Girls Basketball and Girls Volleyball will be joining the West Catholic Athletic League Championship in the 2023-24 season.

In Track & Field, Zachary Jones '23 claimed the West Catholic Athletic League championships in the Long Jump and 100 Meters. Jones, and Hannah Bitonio '23, qualified for the Central Coast Section Championships. Mason McKee '23 set a school record in the 1600 Meters following another standout Cross Country season last fall.

Alden Thai '23 qualified for the Central Coast Section Championships in Boys Golf. On the court, Varsity Girls Tennis won six of its final eight matches, including a victory over Sacred Heart Cathedral, while Varsity Boys Tennis swept the season series against Sacred Heart Cathedral and won the Freedom Invitational Tournament.

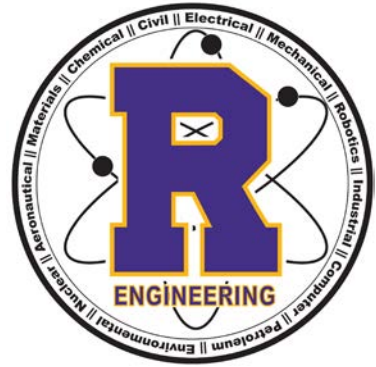
In a special ceremony on February 1, surrounded by friends and family, three football players signed letters of intent with D1 schools:

- Isiah Chala - Fresno State University
- Zachary Jones - UC Davis
- Zion Wells - Davidson University

This is the first time a Crusader has signed with a D1 university since 2009 when Ryan Jones '09, current strength and conditioning coach, signed with San Jose State University.

During the ceremony, Coach Adhir Ravipati said, "As a head football coach here at Riordan, thank you guys for setting a course for this program moving forward. There are a lot of players who are going to be signing with colleges after you, but you really are trailblazers in setting a new standard with how you conduct yourself at school, on the field, and in the classroom."

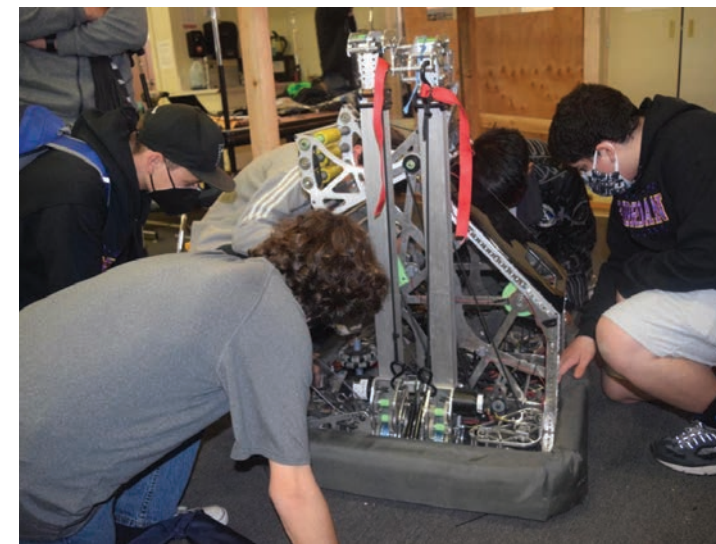




This has been a stellar year of growth and achievement for the Engineering Department. Our curriculum is ever growing, accommodating not only our Engineering students, but also students in the overall population.

From Introduction to Engineering design to Civil Engineering and Architecture to Creative Engineering (Formerly Fab Lab), our students learn about the many ways that Engineers bring ideas to reality. Whether it is how a city's infrastructure works, learning to design in 3D or designing and building lamps using a laser cutter and software, our students are learning invaluable skills that will inform their thinking and give them new skills.

This year, we formed two new teams that earned the respect of our community, as well as their respective communities of competitors at large. Earning awards and exceeding expectations, both our Riordan Robotics and Rocketry clubs have shown all of us that hard work, dedication and discipline pay off not only with awards but also, most importantly, with the growth of self-confidence in our students individually and as a team.



Our Robotics team, named Armor Robotics, won numerous awards including the Image Award, Finalist Award, Rookie Inspiration Award, and the Highest Seeded Rookie Award. Our Rocketry program qualified to go to the finals in Washington, D.C. as one of 100 teams out of a field of 800 nationally.

This year, we moved into the new Innovation Studio and it has been immensely beneficial to our program. With a larger space and access to a courtyard, students can now work more productively. We are constantly making Improvements to the inside and to the outdoor space as well. We are in the process of developing "farmbot," a device that utilizes solar panels for power and a robot to enhance agricultural practices.

Students and faculty are really excited for this and the other aspects of the program to flourish and grow! If you find this or any aspect of the program of interest, please feel free to email Frank Torrano at ftorrano@riordanhs.org for opportunities to be a part of this growing venture!



Profile: Greg Callaghan

From the first time he stepped on the stage as a student at St. Cecilia's School to now being the Drama Director at Riordan, Greg Callaghan is no stranger to the bright lights of Lindland Theater.

"I was lucky enough to join the cast of Riordan's spring musical, Mame, and spent the second semester of my 8th grade year acting, singing, dancing, and falling in love with all things theatre," he said. "I had performed for years before, but learning from (former Drama Director) John Fennell really made me want to become a high school drama teacher."

As he begins his second consecutive year as Drama Director, Callaghan joined Future Magazine for an in-depth look at the Drama Program and how he is building on the storied legacy of Crusaders who have shined on the stage and in the production booth.

Q: What is one pleasant surprise and one challenge that you overcame in your first year?

Callaghan: Whenever I tell people I am the Drama Director at Archbishop Riordan, they always say "Riordan does the best plays!" It's really nice to know this program is respected and remembered across the city. I've met a number of alums who now have children and in some cases grandchildren who participate in Riordan Drama. It's been awesome to hear how the program shaped their high school experience and how they hope their sons and daughters get the same experience.

Riordan had not done a fully staged spring musical since 2019. We had to build normal from the ground up because the students didn't get a chance to fully experience it before, especially around the technical components. A fantastic group of students showed up for the stage crew and completely took charge. They're the best crew I've ever worked with in my career.

Q: What do you hope students will achieve when participating in a production whether they are actors or production staff?

I hope all students involved in Riordan Drama – onstage, backstage, and everywhere in between – learn the importance of collaboration. Riordan Drama is like a team sport where each member of the company is as important as the next. Each



member of the cast and crew has a specific job to do that is part of a bigger picture. I also hope all Riordan Drama students feel the Crusader Family Spirit. We spend a lot of time together in rehearsals and during the production. Our doors are open to everyone!

Q: How do you want alumni to get involved and why is that important?

I know we've had a number of alumni who've pursued careers in every aspect of the entertainment field as actors, stage managers, customers, stage hands, designers, and more. I think it's important for current students to hear from alumni about their lives and what influence Riordan Drama had in the career paths they choose. I hope those alums will come back to Riordan and share their stories with our current students to show that there are so many ways to be involved in the arts after high school.

I hope alumni will come back and see our shows and remember just how special this place is. We've got a wall covered in posters from the last 73 years – come take a picture with your poster and fill us in on what you've been doing.

Q: What excites you the most about the future of Riordan and how does Drama fit into that future?

I am so excited by Riordan's growth and prominence in the community. Riordan has always been a great school, and now people are starting to recognize it! I am excited for us to do all the things that made Riordan special on a bigger scale with more eyes watching all the great things. I'm excited that my extended family is already talking about Riordan as a possibility for the youngest generation. I'm excited to work with a generation of students who may not have considered a career in the arts and to expose them to all the ways what we do in the Lindland Theatre relates to any profession they may have in the future. Theatre is all about the 4C's of 21st Century Education: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication.

Q: What can people expect when they attend a Riordan production?

Riordan has the best and biggest high school theatre in Northern California and I want to show it off! I think we set the bar very high with last year's productions of The Book of Will and Fiddler on the Roof and I want to keep our momentum going. Attendees can see committed acting, beautiful sets and costumes, and a well-oiled machine of a stage crew. They'll see a company of actors and crew members who work together to create two hours of magic. Theatre is really the only artform where everybody – performers and audience alike – breathe the same air and feel the same feelings at the same time. We can't wait to see you!



Dear Crusaders & Alumni Community,

You will be happy to know that our beloved Alma Mater is thriving in big ways and it is definitely a great time to be a Crusader!

You, our Alumni, have been absolutely amazing in supporting our mission and witnessing our transformation into the fastest growing Catholic high school in the Bay Area. From Giving Day and the Purple & Gold Gala to Class Reunions and the Downtown Lunch, alumni engagement, participation, and donations are at an all-time high and the buzz is real. Since being able to come back to campus in August 2021, the demand to visit, see, and hear about all the wonderful improvements and state of the school is massive.



Paul Cronin '93, Director of Alumni Relations

Just this past school year, we successfully held five class reunions with four being on campus. The outpouring of joy was fantastic as hundreds of Alumni reunited to enjoy memories and fellowship.

We brought back the Athletics Hall of Fame for football and basketball, which had been dormant for 11 years. It was a lot of fun honoring fellow Crusaders and having them back on campus.

The always popular Downtown Lunch was held last November after a three-year hiatus due to Covid shutdowns.

Golf was another incredible gathering - with a record-breaking sellout in 40 hours. Dozens of new Alumni players and sponsors cruised the links at TPC Harding, having a great time celebrating Riordan.

Finally, Alumni also contributed 60% of all Giving Day donations, most in the history of Giving Day at the school.

Like I said, it's a great time to be a Crusader!

The 2023-24 school year is looking great and I encourage you to come by and see the school. Most of you know about Mayer Family Field and Restani Court improvements, but we are also renovating classrooms, remodeling the library, and building in two new classroom spaces to support our 1100 students (highest enrollment in more than 40 years), as well as updating Chaminade Hall and redesigning the Chaminade Courtyard this summer.

It is such an exciting time for Riordan and it would be great to see you back on campus and experience it all. I hope to see you all soon. Go Crusaders!

Regards,

Paul Cronin '93
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

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ANTHONY QUIMBO

— CLASS OF 2009 —

For Anthony Quimbo, Class of 2009, his desire to join the San Francisco Police Department can be traced to his high school days at Riordan.

"There was that sense of brotherhood that the police department had that definitely correlated to the brotherhood from the hallways at Riordan," Quimbo said. "It was a no brainer."

Quimbo has served on the force for four years now, and said he's "experienced everything that you could possibly think of." But his favorite moments from the job come from serving the community.

Quimbo recalled an instance in the Fillmore District at an event called Peace Hoops, a local recreational basketball event for the children in the area, where participants reported feeling unsafe. Quimbo said police officers from his district station came down to the event, to shoot hoops and provide a protecting presence for the children.

"A lot of the parents thanked us for being there and just having a presence so their kids can just focus on playing basketball," Quimbo said.

Because of Quimbo's commitment to protecting the community, serving others and having a good attitude – he was named Officer of the Year for 2022 for the San Francisco Police Department.

"I was shocked," Quimbo said when he heard the news that he'd been selected to receive the award. "There are a lot of good officers in the department, so to hear that your name was selected above other people who you recognize as good officers – it was very humbling."

Quimbo said his experience at Riordan shaped him into the man and the officer that he is today.

"Pride, purpose and performance – that's still ingrained in me," he said.

As a member of SFPD, Quimbo said he has pride in the badge and the uniform that he wears. He is mindful that his purpose is to serve others in the best way possible. And because he has pride and purpose in his work, the highest level of performance at his role comes naturally.

"What I learned at Riordan led me to where I am now," he said. "Without the Riordan experience, I wouldn't

have nearly the same amount of accomplishments as I do now."

Being an active Crusader didn't end after Quimbo got his diploma. In fact, he returned to lead multiple Kairos retreats for Riordan seniors years after graduating.

Quimbo said his Kairos experience "was very, very powerful. And I wanted other people to experience that too."

Quimbo also named Mr. Michael Vezzali, Coach Liam Watters, Coach Frank Oross and Mr. Frank Ross as teachers at Riordan who helped shape him into the man that he is today.

Since Quimbo started on the force four years ago, he said that he's heard his fair share of taunts and insults because of his uniform. However, Quimbo said that he doesn't let the negativity bother him because he understands his main objective in his job is to help people.

"I'm Officer Quimbo, but I like to introduce myself as Anthony. I wear the uniform because it's part of the job, but I'm not above you. You're not below me. We're equals and I will do what I can to help you," Quimbo said.

He said "helping people" in his job happens in many different ways – including responding to traffic collisions, comforting victims and their families, and sometimes being a social worker.

On one occasion, Quimbo had to talk a man down from a ledge on a 10-story apartment. Quimbo said that he

came up to the roof and had a five hour conversation with the man about life, his struggles and reasons to keep on living.

"You just try and talk to them from a person-to-person level and help them realize that although you're sad

right now, and you're going through whatever you're going through, it will always get better," he said.

Quimbo said that he was able to talk the man down from the ledge and get him checked out at a hospital where he would get the mental health support that he needs.

"It starts (at Riordan),"

Quimbo said. "Your work ethic, and how you handle situations, starts there at Riordan. Once you get a good grasp of what you want to do and what interests you – keep hold of it and it'll help guide you to your future."

"What I learned at Riordan led me to where I am now. Without the Riordan experience, I wouldn't have nearly the same amount of accomplishments as I do now."





TERRY WOOD

— CLASS OF 1997 —

Terrence Wood, Class of 1997, likes to think of his work helping young men prepare themselves for the next level athletically and academically as “a labor of love.”

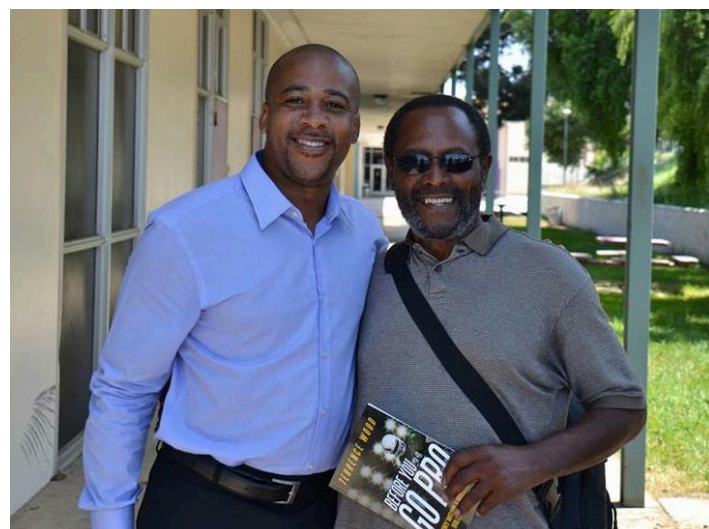
“I look at it as my ministry,” Wood said.

As the founder and CEO of a program called Before You Go Pro, Wood leads a mentoring company designed to help promising high school football players with challenges that they may face on and off the field.



The mission of Before You Go Pro, is “to teach young football players the X’s and O’s on and off the gridiron. To mentor and groom the person, before the player,” according to the company’s website. The program has helped high school students across the country prepare for football at universities, junior colleges and the National Football League.

“I have a passion for seeing young men succeed and create opportunities for themselves,” Wood said.



Wood said he “unofficially” started the program in 2006, while he was a coach for Riordan. As a coach, he noticed many student-athletes were underserved when it came to preparedness for trying to get to the college level.

“I feel like that could be detrimental if you leave college feeling like you didn’t take full advantage of it,” he said. “And I didn’t want young men feeling that way.”

Wood played as quarterback at Riordan before transitioning to collegiate football at the University of Colorado. Even though he felt more prepared than most student-athletes entering college, having a program like Before You Go Pro would have helped him tremendously at the next level.

Last October, Wood was inducted into Riordan’s Athletic Hall of Fame for his incredible accolades as a Crusader. During his time, Wood was named First Team All-Bay Area and honorable mention All-State in Football in 1997, while also starring on the Track & Field team – winning the WCAL 400-meter title in the spring of his senior year.

And when Wood returned to Riordan to coach in 2006, the football team won the 2006 CCS Championship. Wood said he was surprised to get the call, but the induction was “an honor.”

“I obviously think extremely highly of my alma mater,” Wood said. “It really is a jewel in San Francisco and has been well respected, and just so many amazing people have come through those same hallways.”

In April, Wood returned to Riordan and offered a seminar to students and parents on college athletic recruitment, focusing on increasing one’s attractiveness to colleges looking for high school talent.

“It seemed like (the students and parents) were catching on to everything,” Wood said. “Hopefully they were because there’s possibly a lot of money on the line.”



The talk included advice for student athletes on how to put themselves in the best position academically on and off the field so that they can secure possible name, image, and likeness deals in college.

“I was happy to do it because for so many years, Bay Area talent has been overlooked,” he said. “And this was an opportunity to say, ‘Hey, you guys got to be proactive.’”

“[Riordan] really is a jewel in San Francisco and has been well respected, and just so many amazing people have come through those same hallways.”

Wood said that he chose Riordan because the discipline and accountability that the school instills in their students were exactly what Wood needed growing up. The biggest lesson from his Crusader experience was being surrounded by peers “that wanted to do something special with their lives” and

teachers who pushed them to do so.

“Riordan is a very special place,” he said. “We were always pushing each other and always talking about where we would end up, and I think you only get that in a special incubator like Riordan.”



JOEY CURTIN

— CLASS OF 2001 —

For Riordan Boys Basketball Head Coach Joey Curtin, Class of 2001, winning is just the tip of success.

The 2022-23 boys basketball team capped their season by winning the WCAL title with a 23-7 record and ending on a “nice playoff run” to the regional semifinals of the CIF State Championship tournament.

With all the highlights of the season, Curtin consistently teaches his players that it’s during the losses they learn the most.

“The best way to look at losses are as lessons, instead of as something that’s devastating,” he said. “How can I take this and make things better from it and use it in a positive way?”

In fact, one of the accomplishments that Curtin is most proud of for the varsity team is that they’ve refused to give up back-to-back losses at any point over the last two seasons. To the head coach, that statistic outlines that his players are learning the right lessons from losses while still keeping their confidence.



But viewing losses as lessons to learn wasn’t a natural mindset for Curtin, who said that he hates losing at anything – whether it be ping pong, monopoly, chess or basketball.

“I think it just ate me up, every loss,” he said. “But I think (when I was) coaching junior varsity for a long time, you realize it’s less about the wins and losses. It’s more about development.”

Character development is now a cornerstone of the program, as Curtin focuses on teaching his players the right lessons through the wins and losses of a season.

For Curtin, his journey to leading Riordan’s basketball program began when he donned the purple and gold as a Crusader student-athlete.

“As a player, I was always kind of like a coach on the floor. It always felt second nature to me,” he said.

Riordan won the freshman championship during Curtin’s first year. Curtin went on to make the JV team and work his way up to varsity by his senior year, where they made it all the way to the CIF State Championship game in 2001.

“It was just a great experience from beginning to end,” he said.

Not long after graduating, Curtin got a call from his high school coach asking if he wanted to help coach Riordan’s freshman team. And as soon as he graduated college, Curtin jumped at the chance. He went on to lead the junior varsity team and freshman team as a coach for the next 10 years, and has been leading the varsity team as head coach for the past six years.

“Having enjoyed a lot of success while I was at Riordan with the basketball program, you want that feeling to continue for others,” he said. “That’s what drew me to coaching overall, and also coaching at Riordan specifically.”

Coaching at Riordan is a family business for the Curtins, as he felt drawn to the clipboard because both his mom and dad coached his youth teams growing up.

And at Riordan, Curtin works with both his sister,

Jennifer – who serves as the Dean of Students and head coach of the girls volleyball team – and brother, Danny – who works as the Vice President of Enrollment and Strategy.

“It’s great. We’re a pretty tight knit group, so it’s very natural and it’s great to see them every day,” he said.

Since taking over the varsity program, Riordan has won about 72% of

their games. Over the past five seasons, the Crusaders haven’t finished less than 2nd in the WCAL.

“The program being this good year in and year out is really hard to do. And these student athletes that play for me and the coaches that coach for me, they give a lot to do it,” he said.

Teaching young men how to bring in the right mindset and the right energy to practices, workouts and games has been one of the most important lessons that Curtin’s coaching staff has preached throughout each season.

“To be the best, you have to play the best,” he said. “You cannot fear anyone, you have to just go out there and compete every day.”

In fact, striving to be the best version of yourself is a value that Curtin said that he picked up at Riordan as a student and as an athlete.

“You’re representing your community, so do your best to be a good representation day-in and day-out,” he said. “You’re not always going to be your best, but if you’re striving for that, and you’re conscious of it, you’re going to do the right thing most of the time.”





FRANK JORDAN

— CLASS OF 1974 —

Frank Jordan, Class of '74, who recently retired in December 2022 after 42 years with New York Life Insurance, is now jumping into his personal passion as a self-described history buff.

With a particular interest in the battlefields of World War I and the European theater in World War II, Jordan has enjoyed a lifetime of learning since his family trip to Normandy, France at age 10, where his father landed by parachute on D-Day.

"One day, we were at the Ranville British Cemetery,

near Pegasus Bridge, where some of his comrades were buried. It was the first time I recall seeing my dad cry," Jordan said.

Jordan's father later explained to him that he was grieving one of his friends killed on D-Day. Growing up, Jordan's father shared many war stories with the family that sparked his interest in military history. Ever since that trip to Normandy, Jordan's interest and research eventually led him to leading dozens of battlefield tours in France and Belgium.



Soldiers' experiences and the theme of "remembrance" are what Jordan enjoys passing down. So when Riordan reached out to him this spring to guest lecture in AP U.S. History, it was an opportunity he couldn't refuse.

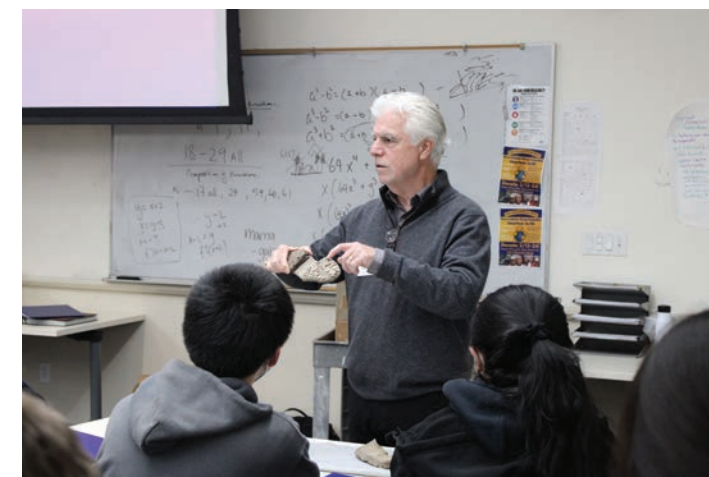
"It was awesome and judging by the feedback I received from the students, they got a lot out of it as well," Jordan said. "Some even commented that they would never get that type of information from their regular history teachers."

For the 86 total students split between two classes, Jordan said he shared battle stories, famous quotes, poems, "then and now" battlefield photographs, and dozens of artifacts he's collected over the years, including artillery shells, fuses, bullets, spent cartridges, canteens, barbed wire, and trench digging picks and shovels.

One prized possession Jordan shared was a wooden 2' x 4' World War I German headquarters sign (Ortskommandantur Belloy) which he received from American folk music legend Pete Seeger in 1998. Pete's uncle, poet Alan Seeger, was killed at Belloy on the Fourth of July 1916, fighting with the French Foreign Legion.

"Anytime you can share personal stories or literally allow students to touch history, I think they get more out of it," he said.

Jordan said sharing the history and knowledge he's accumulated with more students is "absolutely" something he'd love to keep doing.



In the spirit of giving back, Jordan was one of the first Crusaders to join Riordan's Planned Giving program - a new donation program that gives parents and alumni a chance to support future Crusaders.

"It's just another way to give back to the school that helped set me on the right path in life," he said.

If Jordan could sum up what he learned from Riordan in one word, he said it would be discipline.

"The Catholic education, playing sports, and learning to respect one another have stood me well throughout my life," he said.

Jordan played on the Riordan football team his junior and senior years, making the All-Northern California team as a field goal kicker.

He went on to kick at USC and hit a 38-yard game-winning field goal in 1977 against UCLA that knocked their rivals out of the Rose Bowl. Then, in his senior year, he hit another game-winning 37-yard field goal against Notre Dame on the team's way to a National Championship.

"Of course, I was on Cloud Nine. It's what you dream of," he said. "You always dream of kicking a last second field goal to win a game and I was fortunate to be put in a position to do it twice and on the biggest stage against our two biggest rivals (in front of 90,000 fans and a national television audience.)"



RIORDAN'S BEST

Riordan's Best is a long-time tradition at Archbishop Riordan High School in which students are rewarded monthly for their accomplishments and success in the four main areas of the Crusader Experience: Academics, Activities, Athletics, and Ministry. This award system creates an uplifting competitive environment in which all students strive to be the best they can be and foster an atmosphere that encourages students to embody: Think More. Do More. Be More.



Andrei Magno '23

Andrei has many excellent qualities, but most notable is his intellectual curiosity. Andrei is not afraid to ask questions in order to understand the concepts and skills he is learning in class.



India Bowles '23

India is one of the top students at Riordan academically. Her energy, demeanor, attention to detail and creativity exemplify exactly what we want to see in our culture of learning at Riordan.



Jordan Clark '23

Jordan has been one of the top students at Riordan during his 4 years. His work ethic, curiosity, kindness and desire to achieve is infectious and raises the level of those around him.



Joseph Zuloaga '23

Joseph is a diligent student with a strong work ethic who inspires others with his positive attitude. He approaches every task as a challenge, not a chore, never settling for simply completing tasks, but rather making sure the results shine.



Thi Nha Luong '23

Thi Nha has earned the respect of her classmates because of her pleasant demeanor and kind heart, always willing to assist her peers. She is mature beyond her years, and certainly one of the top students at Riordan.



Mandy Chung '23

Mandy chose to take four AP tests this past year (AP Chinese Language, AP English Language, AP Environmental Science, and AP Economics). She does not shy away from a challenge.



Ludovica Nocioni '23

Ludovica is one of the most dedicated and academically gifted students at Riordan. Her depth of knowledge and level of maturity has already placed her on a collegiate level. Ludovica can think critically beyond her years.



Alexander Robinson '23

Alex is a very gifted young man who excels in many areas, most notably academics. Over the course of his four years, he maintained all A's in every class! Alex is a very well rounded, academically talented young man who has been an amazing member of our community.



Will Parker '24

Will has dedicated hours of his time as a member of the Student Parliament. As head of the advertising committee, Will has led his team in creating an active Instagram, leading to a huge growth in followers.



Hana Wadlow '25

Hana is always offering her help and support with anything going on around the school. People look to Hana because of her ability to make them comfortable and push everyone to be their best.



Gina Zevallos '23

Gina is a role model to the younger students in the program by arriving early to every rehearsal and performance. Her characters came alive in the fall play because she put in time and effort and was willing to make a few mistakes in order to grow.



Octavio Honglund '25

Octavio is one of the most skillful and enthusiastic students here at Riordan. Octavio has shown to be creative, spontaneous, and passionate in his commitments. He also juggles being an announcer for our volleyball and basketball teams.



Santino Martinez '24

Santino is essential in making our sports rallies and house games a fun and lively environment. He has the tools and the skills to encourage our student body to cheer, and get involved with the competition at hand.



Xavier Rauls '24

Playing the role of our Crusader Mascot for most of the school year, Xavier has been essential in making our school rallies, house games, sporting events, carnivals, and other external school events a fun and entertaining environment.



Lance Givant '23

Lance has been an indispensable member of Riordan Drama and was incredible as the leads in our fall play and Spring Musical. He is quiet and focused and is a grounding presence for the cast and crew.



Diane Lai '24

Diane is an amazing student and is an important part of the Band program. She served as a student historian and photographer for band as well as the color guard captain. Diane is an inspiring student leader and role model with a huge heart.



Elizabeth Saavedra '24

Elizabeth is a key contributor on the most successful girls varsity volleyball team in program history this fall. She has impacted the team and school community in a positive way during her time at Riordan



Zachary Jones '23

Zachary overcame adversity in the football season when he went down with an injury. Because of his determination and grit, he was able to battle back and finish out the season strong for the Crusaders.



Mason McKee '23

Mason is a four-year member of the cross country team and three-year varsity runner. In addition, Mason is a back-to-back qualifier for the state meet. This season, Mason battled through adversity and injury to lead his team.



Marcella Fabre '23

Marcella leads by example and is one of the hardest workers in the room. She has a high level of commitment and positively holds teammates accountable. Marcella went undefeated in her first wrestling tournament to earn a gold medal.



Achilles Woodson '23

Achilles' buzzer-beating acrobatic layup to beat Serra 44-42 on January 10, 2023 was one of the great athletic highlights of the 2022-23 school year. He has played quality basketball against the tough competition of the WCAL.



Christian Wise '23

Christian was a star on the varsity boys basketball team with as his highlight dunks electrifying crowds. His momentum-changing blocks and rebounds helped the Crusaders post a 23-7 overall record and claim a WCAL championship.



Ethan Vargas '23

Ethan was a team leader and solid performer during the varsity baseball season. His .341 batting average led the team, helping the Crusaders to a 6-0 start and remain in the hunt for a CCS playoff berth in the season's final weeks.



Hannah Bitonio '23

Hannah capped her stellar track & field career with a strong finish to her final season. The sprinting star qualified for the Central Coast Section Championships for the second consecutive year, cementing her spot as one of the best female athletes during the launch of our girls programs.



Jan David Ella '24

Jan David shares his gifts and talents through art with the posters we see around the school and has answered the call to say, "Yes", as Mary did to bring Christ to the world through service, justice, and peace.



Christopher Enriquez '23

Christopher strives to make his community and the around him better. Christopher produces promo videos for MLC's and find ways to improve the overall experience for the rest of the student body.



Riley Manlulu '24

Riley has a consistently positive and energetic family spirit. She steps up beyond her roles in multiple drives and takes initiative in being present and accountable. Riley is a great communicator and active listener who keeps the team informed.



Rose Kim '25

Rose is present at every meeting, communicates effectively, and is the first to volunteer during masses. Rose stands out because of her dedication to our team, her piety, and her courage to live out her faith.



Kaya Manglona '23

Kaya is very patient as an individual and makes regular contributions to our teams. Kaya is the first student at every meeting and is always present, generous, and has a positive attitude with good energy to share with everyone.



Juan Jackson '23

Juan is always finding ways to help beyond his duties by stepping up when others are not able to. He sacrifices his time and energy to make sure that Campus Ministry and the CORE Team are successful.



Elizabeth Savage '25

Liz has been present at all the Liturgy Team meetings and volunteers to read at every mass. She has creative themes for each mass, and helps create the posters that are displayed around the school. She always goes the extra mile.



Jose Lopez '23

Jose is a prime example of a reflective and courageous leader in Campus Ministry. As a senior on his way to graduation, he didn't lose focus, kept the CORE Team mission at heart. His leadership was kind, creative, witty, inclusive, and faithful all year long.

CHAMINADE AWARD WINNERS

Archbishop Riordan High School is pleased to present the 2023 Blessed William Joseph Chaminade Award—our highest honor—to Jack and Marie Fitzpatrick for their impactful and transformational leadership and service to the Riordan community, benefitting Crusaders for generations to come.

Married for 34 years, Jack is a San Francisco native having attended Catholic education from elementary school through college, while Marie emigrated from Ireland in 1981 before taking her first teaching job in America at St. Thomas More School as a sixth grade teacher.

When told they would be honorees, Jack called the recognition “humbling knowing that people think we are following the image and criteria this award represents.” Marie added that it’s “an honor to be considered in this group of past honorees who have made huge contributions to Riordan over the years.”

For the past 21 years, Jack has served as the Executive Director of The Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation, where he provided critical grants to Catholic schools and Catholic Charities. Jack was instrumental in forging a connection between the Foundation and Riordan that's best reflected in the naming of our Athletic Complex as well as our Ministry and Technology Center. This also includes a total of \$4.6M to Riordan with the most recent gift of \$2.25M coming last November.

Jack shared that “it's been fun to participate on this ride because it's all been basically straight up except for a few plateau periods,” and that it was only when he arrived at the Foundation that “I really understood what Catholic education was all about and the struggles that they were facing.”

Much like her husband, Marie has understood the power of education since starting her teaching career in Ireland in 1978. She arrived in America in 1981, and in her mid 20s, she spent the next couple of years traveling the states before taking the teaching role at St. Thomas More.

Now after 35 years at St. Thomas More, Marie is retiring as the principal, joking that “after all these years, it is a great time to leave before someone said, ‘You taught my grandmother,’” noting that her former students either have kids attending the school or they now work as faculty and staff.

Riordan was blessed to have Marie join our Board of Directors, and now in her seventh year, she continues to be an incredible advocate for Riordan. Marie championed our school by writing, calling, and encouraging other Catholic elementary school principals to share Riordan with their communities.

Marie noted that, “my goal was to forge a stronger connection between the elementary schools and the high schools.” Having the vision and the commitment to make our school better, Marie was a cornerstone in Riordan’s co-ed transition, providing critical leadership and support.

While retirement is close, their work in the Catholic community will continue. Thank you to Jack and Marie, on behalf of a grateful Riordan Community.



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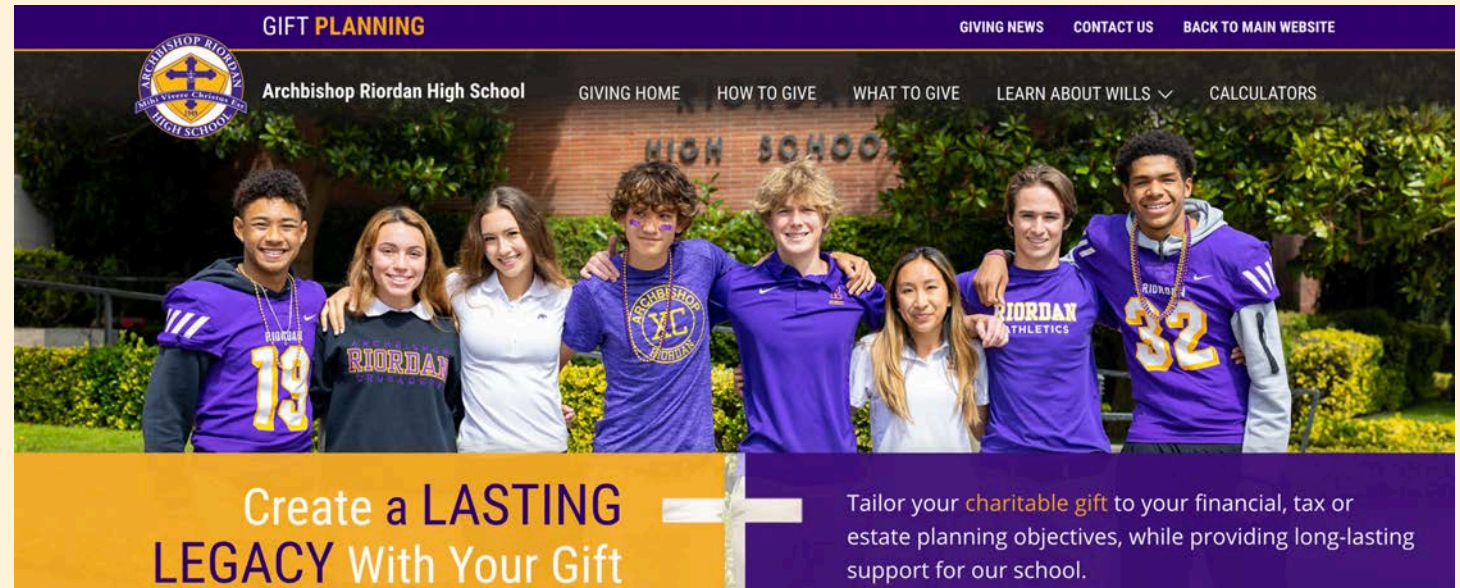
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It was an incredible outpouring of support from our community on Saturday, May 1, to celebrate the 2023 Purple & Gold Gala!

Our sellout crowd at Bimbo's 365 Club and MC Franco Finn - hype man for the Golden State Warriors - helped us make this one of the most successful galas in recent years.

This year, all Fund-A-Need proceeds supported the Student Life Enhancement Project which focuses on renovating current student spaces and creating new social and academic spaces.

Thank you for supporting our students as we continue to shape and improve the Crusader Experience!



2023 Purple & Gold Gala
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SAVE THE DATE!

*The 2024 Purple & Gold Gala will be on Friday, March 8,
at Bimbo's 365 Club, 1025 Columbus Ave., San Francisco.*



Celebrating Football Greats

Riordan celebrated four Crusaders as Inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2022 during a halftime ceremony on October 29 against Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Michael Brown '76 Terrance Wood '97
Rodney Glover '91 Tyrone McGraw '06

The three men were joined by Tyrone's Godmother, Cherell Hallett, as they served as Honorary Captains for the coin toss before accepting the awards during halftime. Congratulations, Crusaders!



Football Hall of Fame Photo Gallery
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Recognizing Basketball Excellence

On February 10, Riordan inducted Crusaders into the Riordan Hall of Fame during a halftime ceremony against Bellarmine.

We celebrated the contributions and accomplishments of:

Individual Honorees

John Tofi '02 Marquise Kately '02

Team Honorees

2001 Team (WCAL Champs, NorCal Champs)

Dennis Alaba Brandon Sturdivant
Jeff Balderramos John Tofi
Joe Belfrey Josh Vergara
Ryan Bruno Marc Walker
Joey Curtin Coach: Rich Forslund
Orlando Hodges Asst Coach: Peter Pollat, M.D.
Adam Hoffman Asst Coach: Buckner
Myron Jackson
Marquise Kately
Robert Reclus

2002 Team (WCAL Champs, State Champs)

Joe Belfrey Matt Straus
Philip Bell Brandon Sturdivant
Ryan Bruno John Tofi
Nick Carter Josh Vergara
Jamir Davis Demond Williams
Adam Hoffman Coach: Rich Forslund
Philip Humphrey Asst Coach: Peter Pollat, M.D.
Myron Jackson Asst Coach: Buckner
Marquise Kately Team Manager: Peter Gatherings
Christian Moreno
Robert Reclus



Basketball Hall of Fame Photo Gallery
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Jack Cleary was joined by fellow Crusaders at his granddaughter's wedding last fall. It was a special moment of Crusader spirit and pride. Pictured from left to right, **Carl Spirz, '78; Brian Delahunty, '77; Greg Holl, '79; Jack Cleary, '51** (who's granddaughter, Michelle, was the bride at the wedding); **Steve Murphy, '80; Brian McCarty, '79**, Sitting is **Mario Balestrieri, '76**.



1989

Terrence Davis finished his first year as Superintendent of Banning Unified School District and was recently named to the Marquis Who's Who—a national list that has chronicled the lives of the most accomplished individuals and innovators since 1899. Terrence previously served as the assistant superintendent and superintendent of human resources for Banning USD and as the assistant superintendent of human resources for Beaumont Unified School District.



1992

Jalil Kawas and his brother Raja '94 recently celebrated five years of owning the Hearth Bar on Geary Street. Jalil recently held a 30-year reunion for his class at the bar.

1994

Raja Kawas and his brother Jalil '92 recently celebrated five years of owning the Hearth Bar on Geary Street.

1995

Miguel Martinez became Assistant Principal at Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School in Oakland's Fruitvale District in July 2021. The school is in its fourth year and they graduated the first group of seniors in June 2022. Miguel shares, "my experiences as a Riordan student, teacher and administrator have definitely shaped my approach to leading the academic program of my school. Go Crusaders!"



1998

Larry Jackson was recently named Billboard's R&B/ Hip-Hop Executive of the Year for the work he's done to launch his entertainment company, Gamma, which is backed by \$1B in funding. The former Apple executive focuses his company on Black culture and releases classic hip hop and R&B music through Gamma's streaming service. Larry was featured on the cover of Billboard magazine on August 5, 2023.



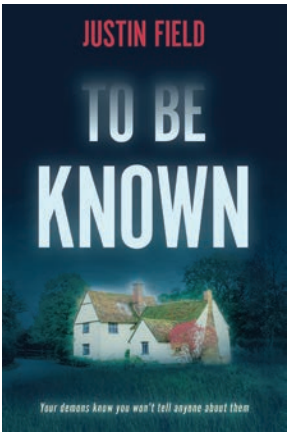
2000

Kevin Estrada and his wife, Alexandra, welcomed their daughter Phoebe Lou Estrada to the world on August 5, 2023. Kevin and family are all happy and healthy and resting at home. He said, "I'm looking forward to spending time with and learning how to raise my family, and I'll be looking forward to the next time I get to see everyone at Riordan!"



2002

Justin Field and his wife recently welcomed their third son a few months ago, and he also recently published a novel called "To Be Known," which is available on Amazon.



2009

Dr. Connor Thomas Alhbach recently published a college math textbook titled *Euclidean Linear Algebra*. Connor is currently a professor of mathematics at Texas State University, San Marcos, before graduating from Harvey Mudd College and the U. of Washington, where he earned his Ph.D. Connor was a member of the team that won the San Francisco division of the California Mathematics League in 2009.



2020

Steven "Rizzo" Rissotto is now a senior majoring in journalism at San Francisco State and will be managing editor of the *Golden Gate Xpress* in the fall. In his free time, he still conducts podcasts on "RizzoCast" and covers the Giants for *SF Bay Media* and *Sports Illustrated* via Fan Nation. Steven was also the recent recipient of the Bill King Scholarship which was established in memory of Bill King, long-time legendary Bay Area Sports Announcer. The purpose of this scholarship is to support a student who plans to pursue a career in journalism or broadcasting. Steven will be honored in a pre-game ceremony on August 19 at the Oakland Coliseum.



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