



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

Annual Report

2021-2022



“Embracing the Future”

A Word from our **President**



Rev. Travis Russell, SJ
President

It has been a busy year at Verbum Dei Jesuit High School. On July 1, 2022, we became a private Catholic school, added “Jesuit” to our name, and set a new ambitious course for the future. It’s hard to believe how much we have accomplished in twelve short months, and there is still more to go. It’s exciting. It’s exhausting. And we are just getting started!

It’s hard not to get swept up in the excitement. Yet, as St. Ignatius Loyola recommends, to remain grateful, every now and then we should take time to review our experiences and count the hidden graces and blessings. It’s a method of reflection and prayer called the Examen, and it’s one the Verbum Dei Jesuit community practices often.

The gifts we received are truly an Examen of the past year. Each gift represents a community of generous, like-minded friends who support Verbum Dei Jesuit’s mission. They also represent a belief – a belief that every child, no matter their zip code or circumstance, has the same potential as any other child. For this community I am truly grateful.

At Verbum Dei Jesuit, we hold the belief that we can be the best college prep school in Los Angeles. When I tell people this, they laugh in disbelief. “How can a school in Watts be the best college school in Los Angeles?” they ask. It doesn’t make sense. The two aren’t supposed to go together.

By giving to Verbum Dei Jesuit, you directly support this audacious belief. You provide an extraordinary Catholic Jesuit education to students who would otherwise not be able to afford such an education – an education that sets the standard of excellence for secondary schools not just in Los Angeles but throughout the country and globally.

I am grateful for your support and your belief. I look forward to working with you to find new ways to advance our mission *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*.

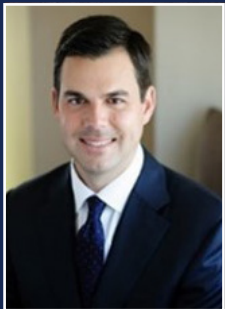
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Travis Russell, SJ". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Rev. Travis Russell, 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.

A Word from our **Chairman of the Board**



Joe Viola

Dear Verbum Dei Jesuit High School Community,

As the Chair of the Verbum Dei Jesuit High School Board of Directors, I am pleased to share important updates for the 2022 fiscal year. Through the hard work of many, we successfully completed key strategic objectives we believe positions Verbum Dei Jesuit for long-term success enabling us to positively impact our students for generations to come.

Most notably, the school transitioned from a Los Angeles Archdiocesan school to an independent Jesuit-sponsored institution, now known as Verbum Dei Jesuit High School. This milestone grants us autonomy to tailor programs to meet the unique needs of our students, families, faculty and staff. This was a years-long effort that involved countless hours of work and coordination by many and we are excited to chart a new path as Los Angeles' second Jesuit high school.

Another significant achievement was the installation of Father Travis Russell, S.J. as our President. Father Travis joined in June 2022, bringing a fresh perspective and new energy while upholding our mission's commitment to excellence. With Father Travis' leadership we have developed new strategic goals that will ultimately have a meaningful impact on all facets of life at Verbum Dei Jesuit.

As an independent institution, our chief objective is transforming Verbum Dei Jesuit into the premier college preparatory school in Los Angeles. Through a rigorous academic program, comprehensive support services, competitive athletics and innovative programs, such as the Corporate Work Study Program, students at Verbum Dei Jesuit are afforded unique opportunities foundational to lifelong success. We believe being independent will enable the president, the board and other key stakeholders to operate in an efficient manner that will maximize results.

Our gratitude for these accomplishments this past year extends to the Verbum Dei Jesuit community, dedicated faculty, staff, board members, generous benefactors, enthusiastic students, and families, each of whom has played vital roles in our success. Together, we have increased Verbum Dei Jesuit's potential to meaningfully impact our students inside and outside of the classroom enabling them to develop into men for others.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Your support, dedication and belief in our mission inspire us to reach new heights.

Sincerely,

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Joe Viola

Chair, Verbum Dei Jesuit High School Board of Directors

Profile of the Verbum Dei Jesuit Graduate at Graduation

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

Statement of Activities

VERBUM DEI JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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Revenues:

Tuition/fees	\$417,872
Grant from Catholic Education Foundation	\$427,464
Grant from Corporate Work-Study Program	\$1,159,000
Contributions	\$7,665,643
Payroll Forgiveness & EANS	\$149,001
Other income	-\$233,534
	<u>\$9,585,446</u>

Expenses:

Education/instruction	\$2,523,020
Administration	\$1,541,899
Facilities, maintenance and depreciation	\$932,865
Student activities and support services	\$1,059,735
CWSP	\$849,894
	<u>\$6,907,413</u>

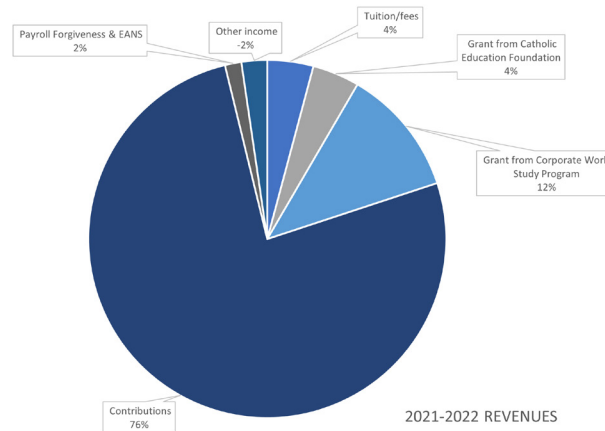
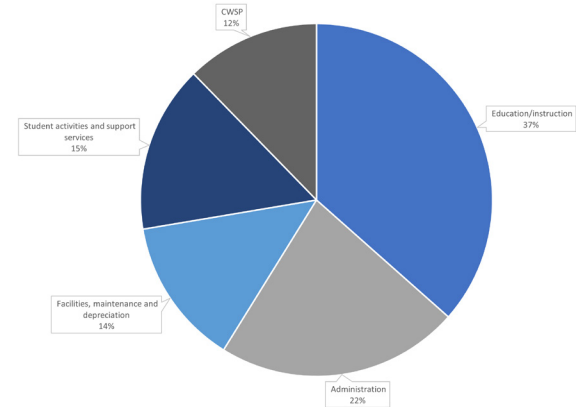
Contributions:

	Total
Individual gifts	\$5,294,100
Corporate gifts	\$451,218
Foundation grants	\$1,235,175
Religious	\$56,300
Events	\$628,850
	<u>\$7,665,643</u>

Source of funding cost per student

Tuition and fees paid	\$1,259
Tuition assistance	\$1,726
Work-Study Program	\$3,491
Scholarship grant	\$14,329
Total Sources of Funding Cost per Student	<u>\$20,805</u>

2021-2022 EXPENSES



2021-2022 REVENUES

Reflecting on the past year at Verbum Dei Jesuit High School, we are filled with a deep sense of pride and gratitude for the journey we've shared. As we embark on a new chapter, we do so with gratitude for the past and hope for the future. Together, we will continue to inspire these young men to be leaders of integrity, empathy, and purpose.

Welcome Fr. Travis

The Board of Directors of Verbum Dei High School Monday announced the appointment of Fr. Travis Russell, SJ. as President. Fr. Russell was inaugurated as the 6th President of Verbum Dei Jesuit High School on September 9, 2022.



Chairman's Gala 2022

The Chairman's Gala on May 5, 2022, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum stands as a testament to the extraordinary impact that can be achieved when a community comes together with a common purpose. It is an embodiment of our Jesuit ideals – men and women united in igniting change, fostering growth, and shaping the leaders of tomorrow. As we look back upon this remarkable evening, we carry forward the echoes of camaraderie, the resonance of shared values, and the unwavering determination to empower young minds and transform lives.



Commitment Day

The Verbum Dei Class of 2022 has worked for 4 years to come to the most exciting day at The Verb, Commitment Dei! On April 29th, we held our annual Commitment Day on campus Family and friends were in attendance to join the student body, faculty, and staff to celebrate the seniors. Kevin Garcia, College Counselor said, "We are excited to have once again reached 100% college acceptances this year! Beyond this stellar acceptance rate, we are proud to have our students represent Verb at Gonzaga, UCLA, Notre Dame, UC Davis, UC Berkley, and many more amazing schools."



Employee Adopt-a-Student Program

Verbum Dei piloted the first Employee Adopt-a-Student Program (EAASP) workplace-giving campaign on June 13, 2022, with corporate partner, Crescent Capital. The two-week fundraising campaign allowed Crescent's employees to pool their support in a collective effort to sponsor the education of their student interns. The EAASP grants companies the opportunity to help bridge the funding gap for the students they see weekly. Crescent Capital and its employees set the precedent for how a campaign should run and quickly became the gold standard. At the end of the two-week campaign, Crescent and its employees gifted a remarkable \$30,000 donation!

Class of 2022 **College Acceptances**

Augustana College
Caldwell University
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
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-San Bernardino
California State University-San Marcos
Chapman University
Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science
College of Saint Benedict
Columbia College Hollywood
Concordia University-Irvine
Creighton University
Dillard University
Dominican University of California
Emmanuel College
Fordham University
Fresno Pacific University
Georgian Court University
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Iowa State University
Jackson State University (Jackson, MS)
John Paul the Great Catholic University

Kansas State University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland
Marquette University
Marymount California University
Menlo College
Michigan State University
Mississippi State University
Montclair State University
Morehouse College
Ohio State University-Main Campus
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pacific University
Pepperdine University
Portland State University
Regis University
Rio Hondo College (Whittier, CA)
Saint Johns University
Saint Louis University
San Francisco State University
Santa Clara University
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Southern Methodist University
St. John's College
St. John's University-New York
Stockton University
SUNY Oneonta
The University of Texas at Arlington
Tuskegee University (Tuskegee, AL)
Universal Technical Institute Long Beach
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Los Angeles

University of California-Merced
University of California-Riverside
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of Houston
University of Idaho
University of La Verne
University of La Verne
University of Minnesota-Duluth
University of Mississippi
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of New Haven
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of Utah
Washington State University
Westmont College
Whittier College
Woodbury University
Xavier University



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Operating Engineers
Western Asset Management
Cal State LA
California Hospital Medical Center
Charles Drew University
Crisp Imaging
Express Employment Professionals
Shea Properties
Operation Progress
Carroll Kelly Trotter Franzen
Partner Engineering and Science
Salsbury Industries
Star View
St. Mary's Medical Center
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Bird & Marella
Causeway Capital Management
First Republic Bank
Fox Rothschild
Hogan Lovells
Kirkland & Ellis
Panish Shea & Boyle
St. Paul's
Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services
Crescent Capital
Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy
Loyola Marymount University
St. Joseph Center
We are Bond

Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services
Underground
Allied Universal
The Aerospace Corporation
American Martyrs Catholic Church
CalPrivate Bank
St. Claire Law
Wedgewood
Wood Expressions
USC-ICT
Buchalter Nemer
California Medical Pharmacy
California Science Center
Capital Group Companies, Inc.
Catholic Charities of Los Angeles
FINRA
Foley & Lardner
Jonathan Club
LA Voice
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Law Office of Glenn Kawahara
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