VERBUM DEI
JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

Work Hard. Play Hard. Pray Hard

Dear Friends of Verbum Dei Jesuit,

This is a remarkable moment in Verbum Dei's history. For the first time in sixty years, our campus is undergoing transformative renovations — a renewal that has already brought new life to our classrooms, chapel, and athletic field. This fall, our community gathered for the first home football game in two decades on our renovated field — a celebration not just of sports, but of the spirit and resilience of our students and families.

What makes Verbum Dei truly distinctive, however, is not just new buildings — it is our Jesuit heart. Today, SIX JESUITS serve daily on our campus as teachers, mentors, chaplains, and spiritual leaders. In a world where Jesuit presence in schools is becoming increasingly rare, this is a tremendous blessing. They bring the intellectual rigor of the Society of Jesus into our classrooms, guide students in prayer and discernment, and model what it means to live as "men for others." Even as our facilities transform, their presence ensures that Verbum Dei remains rooted in the mission that has defined us since our founding.

We believe these are transformative years for Verbum Dei Jesuit High School. Our new spaces and resources will open doors for students in ways our founders could only imagine. Yet our guiding purpose remains the same: to form "men for others" — leaders rooted in faith, committed to justice, and prepared to succeed in college and in life.

Your generosity makes this possible. You help us bridge the tuition gap, sustain our Jesuit mission, and ensure that every Verbum Dei student not only dreams of the future, but has the opportunity to achieve it.

Please join us in this historic moment by making a gift to Verbum Dei Jesuit High School. Together, we honor the past, embrace the present, and build a future filled with faith, excellence, and hope.

With gratitude,

Travis Russell, SJ

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President

FUN FACT:

Verbum Dei Jesuit proudly has the most working Jesuits on-campus across the nation!

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The Architecture of Brotherhood

by Darshan Hernandez '25

The Corporate Work Study Program changed everything for me. At first, I thought of jobs as just work, but my placement at HED opened my eyes to the beauty of architecture—how buildings carry history, design, and purpose. That spark, combined with the brotherhood of baseball, the life-changing Kairos retreat, and the encouragement of teachers who helped me turn hardship into art, has shaped my Verbum Dei journey. Soon, I will graduate as the first in my family to attend college, where I strive to major in Architecture. I will forever be proud of where I came from and even prouder of where I am going.

LA's best kept secret!

11 on-campus Alumni leading Verb's Mission

96% of our Corporate Partners renew our students' employment contracts

84% of our student population has a fully-funded job

$15K average household income per capita for our famlies

Full Circle at the Verb!

Angel Soto '14, *Dean of Students*

"I've lived nearly every chapter of the Verbum Dei story—first as a student, then as an integral team member of the Corporate Work Study Program, and now as Dean of Students. I've seen Verbum Dei grow from what felt like stagnation to transformation, and today I proudly call this new chapter a Verb for a new generation of Eagles—one that continues to honor the rich history and values that make this place so unique. It will take a village, but the Verb will be a product of all of the love poured into this mission!"

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