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Jesuit Parents’ Newsletter

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From the Office of the President

Michael Earsing

Jesuit is about the formation of the student as a whole person. We consistently talk about the six attributes of our Profile. As professional adults, we believe that we, too, should strive to model this well-roundedness. Certainly, our proclivities come out in the form of Science teachers gravitating towards discussions on science, Social Studies teachers being inclined to talk politics, Coaches talking about the sport they love, etc. We are not always perfect, but we strive to model that our educators are more than just a particular discipline.

To exemplify my assertion, one of our coaches recently referred me to an article about Theodore Roosevelt. The article was called *Thirteen Reading Tips from Theodore Roosevelt*. Being a bibliophile as well as an admirer of the former President meant that this piece was addressed perfectly to me.

Mr. Roosevelt starts out by advising us to begin reading at a young age—a piece of wisdom that fortunately most of us as parents knew from the beginning. If you wish to raise intelligent, focused, educated children, you read to them early and often. This practice also models our enjoyment of reading and begins to help them appreciate the joy that reading brings. It was hard for me as a parent to get too upset when my children were called out in elementary school for reading a novel they had brought from home.

The former President points out that we should read what we like. He believed that personal taste is as powerful in reading as it is in eating.

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From the Desk of the Principal

Tom Garrison

What is your mission? What is your son’s mission?

I’ve been asking myself this question since we came back to school at the start of January. Before your sons returned, our faculty and staff engaged in a day of reflection together. During that day of reflection, we were presented with several different opportunities for reflection and conversation. One of those opportunities in our morning session was the opportunity to watch a movie from 1986, *The Mission*, and then discuss it.

The Mission stars Robert Di Niro, Jeremy Irons, and Liam Neeson. The movie made it to VHS sometime during my time as a

student at Jesuit, and I know I watched it at least twice during my time in high school. There were several scenes and themes that have stuck with me since then, but I had not seen the movie since I was your sons’ age, and I was surprised by the emotions that I felt while watching this movie that I hadn’t seen in thirty years. During the viewing in one of our classrooms earlier this month, I found myself revisiting old feelings that I’d forgotten that I had ever had, but that I now realize were part of my formation into whatever it is that I have become as an adult.

Any brief synopsis that I’d provide here would not do the film justice, but I will

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From the Parents' Executive Board

Peter Scott '90, President

This is my seventh newsletter to write as Jesuit Parent Executive Board President. Every time I think about what to write, I cannot help but reminisce about my four years at 12345 Inwood Road. Having two boys that have grown up in the same neighborhood that I grew up in and attending Jesuit some thirty years later, I am very pleased to observe some of the same patterns that I experienced some three decades ago. As they now make their way through the hallowed halls and beyond, I am experiencing my version of history repeating.

In 1986, I was a skinny, long haired kid that, despite my moderate acne, thought I was pretty cool. My initial decision to attend Jesuit was, honestly, more to please my mother than to challenge myself academically or intellectually. I didn't like the fact that I would have to wear a coat & tie, the fact that I would have to keep my hair cut reasonably short, or the fact that there were going to be no girls to meet or talk to at school. I showed up as a freshman barely knowing anyone else that would be a part of my class, the class of 1990. As was the case for almost all four of my first semesters, I was fully ready and prepared to quit Jesuit and return to Lake Highlands and all of my public-school friends. However, to my surprise, slowly, a funny thing started to happen. I discovered there were a lot of boys just like me. I started to make friends with people I didn't know (several of which are life-long friends to this day). I started to not mind the coat and tie and appreciate the fact that there were no girls around. I genuinely started to like taking classes that challenged me as opposed to wanting the easiest blow-off classes. I started to crave teachers that forced me to think for myself. No longer did I try to just memorize answers that I thought teachers wanted to hear. I looked forward to the weekly prayer services that enriched my young life in so many ways. By the time I was a Junior and especially a Senior, I was fully indoctrinated and completely on board with everything Jesuit.

Fast forward thirty years. I was very hopeful that my sons would want and get to have the same

experience that I had with the class of 1990. Not surprisingly I was met with some of the exact same reservations that I myself had thirty years prior. As with me, some gentle parental persuasion intervened, and both were convinced to at least give JCP a shot. Luckily, I have seen almost the exact same progression and transformations in them. Both my boys entered as unsure and lacking conviction about their choice. Both have shown immense growth as I knew they would. I couldn't be more pleased with the outcome, both mine and theirs, in the faith filled decisions to become part of the brotherhood of Men for Others.

We have all witnessed these transformative powers over our boys' time at Jesuit and we should all be thankful to the outstanding faculty, staff and parent volunteers. Rest assured that none of the molding of your young men that takes place happens by accident. As a parent and certainly as a student I certainly took a lot of things about the school for granted. Before having access to some of the behind the scenes details, I had no idea of the careful consideration that goes into daily decisions with our boys' development in mind. The faculty, staff, and countless volunteers aren't thanked or recognized nearly enough for all that they contribute. Without them the entire experience would not be the same. We are all very blessed to get to have our sons be a part of it.

We must always try our best to ask God's help:
He is the One from whom all
healthy opinions and sound advice come

St Ignatius of Loyola



From the Desk of the Assistant Principal of Academics

Molly O'Sullivan

It is hard to believe the second semester is already underway. Fall Semester report cards are available on RangerNet and the honor roll listings are available on the website. The Report Cards on RangerNet reflect the most accurate records but please encourage your son to reach out to me if there are any issues. Congratulations to all students for their first semester achievements, especially those earning distinctions on the Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll.

Reflecting on the Fall Semester

As we move into the second semester, I encourage you to spend time with your son reflecting on his fall semester. You might use the following questions as a framework:

- Where did you find success during the semester? Where did you struggle?
- Which goals did you meet during the fall semester? Which goals were not met and why?
- Where were you most challenged to step outside of your comfort zone during the fall semester?
- How did your understandings of the world change over the course of the last five months?
- How have your goals changed for the spring semester?
- What resources do you need to engage during the spring to meet all of your goals? What steps do you need to take to make sure the resources are in place?
- What are you most looking forward to during the spring semester?
- What do you need from me (parent)?

In addition to listening to his responses, share your own answers and perceptions with him. Let him answer all of them first, but let him know what you have (and haven't) seen in his development. He will appreciate it. If needed, remind him to meet with teachers and counselors, visit the math lab, and take advantage of other available resources.

Looking Ahead to the Spring Semester

Jesuit is blessed with being able to provide your sons with many options throughout his academic and personal formation that afford him the opportunity to try something new and explore new talents. During this first semester at Jesuit, I have had the opportunity to talk to students about global, academic, cultural, and social justice immersion trips as well as the opportunities they have experienced through their courses here on campus. To that point, students are beginning the process of researching and requesting courses for the summer and next year. After reflecting on the fall semester with your son you should both be able to better identify the areas of interest you want to address through course selection.

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors met in their guidance session on January 28 to talk with administrators and counselors about the options available and selection process. I encourage you to find time and talk with your son about his perception of where he stands and how he envisions his goals for summer, next year, and his remaining time at Jesuit. Recent guidance sessions have helped students look at their progress thus far and upcoming classes in relation to their goals for college. The 2019-2020 Course Catalog is available on the website and clearly provides the prerequisites for electives and advanced courses.

As you talk to your son about his course selections, please help him think through the following factors: the family schedule, including transportation and outside commitments; mental, spiritual, and physical health; the balance of rigor and time; formation, especially of the values outlined in the Jesuit grad-at-grad profile; his goals, both short-term and long-term; and his potential. He should be seeking a course-load that challenges him while allowing him to maintain balanced relationships and emotional health. Such a course load should allow him to experience enjoyment, success, and confidence. Guidance counselors are an excellent resource to assist with the planning.

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From the Desk of the Assistant Principal of Student Affairs

Daniel Dion

On March 4, the Spring Ignatian Day will open online. This Ignatian Day continues the themes from our Fall Ignatian Day as we move from the experience of love of self to love for others. The goal of Ignatian Days is to give families an experience of elements of Ignatian Spirituality linked to their everyday lives, which undergirds the mission of the school. Through these days, families are invited to reflect on certain concepts of Ignatian Spirituality alongside the testimonies of faculty and students who have been inspired by these elements in their own lives. In addition, the students bring the conversations of the Ignatian Days back into their Theology classrooms. As a school, we round out the Ignatian Day experience with a school-wide prayer service focused on the theme. Students are encouraged in the prayer service to deepen their own reflections and make specific goals or action plans to apply what they have learned.

The off-campus Ignatian Days this year take their inspiration from the tenet of the Profile of the Jesuit Grad at Graduation: Loving. In the 2019-2020 Student Handbook, this tenant is described in the following way: "At graduation, the Jesuit student, well on the way to establishing his own identity, has also begun to move beyond self-interest and self-centeredness in human relationships...He has experienced being loved and cared for by others and being a part of the Jesuit

school community. These experiences have led him to go outside of himself and to find real happiness and joy in the love, friendship, and companionship of other people" (p. 11). Last semester, you and your son were invited to reflect together on care or love of oneself, expressed through the Ignatian term *cura personalis*, care for the whole person. As you may recall, we invited families to explore the ways in which each individual cares for oneself, how they experience love in their life, and areas where they may need to grow in how they care for themselves.

In preparation for the next Ignatian Day in March, we ask that you take some time to reflect on your Fall experience so that you might build on those conversations. Some questions you can ask in conversation with your son and family members are: What was that experience like? Were there any clear benefits that we noticed in the weeks or months that followed? What promise or commitments did we make at the end of the activities? Were we able to follow through with our action plans, or did other things come up that required our attention? The link to last semester's Ignatian Day is below, if you would like to have a refresher of the material as you reflect on these questions.

Link for Ignatian Days: <https://sites.google.com/jcpstudents.org/ignatiandays/>

O'Sullivan, continued

Finally, please note that our first Parent/Teacher Conference will take place on February 20. The online sign-up will open at 7pm on February 11 and close at 7pm on February 18. If you need any guidance or assistance between now and the conference date, do not hesitate to reach out to the teachers, counselors, or me. We are glad to help.

Thank you for a great start to the spring semester.



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Garrison, continued

say that it is a story about Jesuit priests founding missions in South America in the mid-seventeen hundreds. Their initial mission is to convert the native Guarini tribes to Christianity; or, in the words of Saint Ignatius, 'save souls.' Their mission eventually evolves into an attempt to save them from enslavement by the Portuguese, who acquired the land that the missions occupy during the Treaty of Madrid in 1750.

The effect that the movie had on me when I was a student was profound. I was taken by both Jeremy Irons' and Robert Di Niro's characters, and I wondered if I could ever be as brave as they were, as committed to something as they were. I wondered if I might have a calling to a vocation as a priest or some other form of religious life. It was a question that stayed with me for years after I graduated and, now as I look back, I guess I'm not surprised by the trajectory that my life has taken.

To be sure, these thoughts did not come only from the movie; but being exposed to that movie at that age, along with my Jesuit education, my parents' influence, and myriad other factors have brought me to where I am today. I am so grateful to work in a place where I can do something that I love, with people I love, in a school that I love.

And it's made me wonder about your sons. Where is our influence, yours, the school's and everything else that they are encountering right now in their lives taking them? It's not a question that we can answer right now, but it is one that we should be actively aware of and thinking of. Our sons are engaged in activities right now that are shaping who they will be for the rest of their lives, and we should always keep that in the center of our thoughts about them. I know you know this. Right now, it is your mission.

A mission can be a lot of different things. A mission can be a place, such as a settlement built around a church in 1750. It can be a short-lived task with a known beginning and a desired end point; it is the steps along the way that realize that end point. It can also be something so much larger; it can be our reason for getting up every day and the direction in which we choose to go for the rest of our lives.

Father Pedro Arrupe says it so much better than I ever could in his 'Fall in Love' Prayer:

"Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

My prayer for your son as we start the spring semester is that he finds this thing that he loves. When he finds that, he will also have found his mission.

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From the Office of Campus Ministry

Gretchen Crowder

CAMPUS MINISTRY



FORMING MEN OF GOD

Happy New Year! For the last three years, I have started the new year with a word to guide my year. This year my word is “grace.” I came across this word over the break, and it just felt right to start this year recognizing God’s grace more in the people and events around me. The personal prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola ends with a line that highlights how important recognizing and asking for grace was to his life: “Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.” As we begin this year together, I invite you to pause and recognize moments of grace in your own life and in the lives of your sons.

Grace surrounded the preparation of our January prayer services this year. A team of juniors and seniors thoughtfully and prayerfully considered what their brothers needed to hear as they started a new semester. They focused on the themes of loneliness and togetherness. The first prayer service they planned centered around the idea that everyone feels alone at some point in their lives. Speakers shared their own experiences with loneliness and did an excellent job of showing how, through their own lives and with God’s help, they were able to combat the loneliness they encountered. The second prayer service came right after the global Week of Christian Unity in Christian churches. Thinking about this theme of unity, the students invited individuals to speak about how unity is essential using examples of sports, music, and building robots. I am so proud of the thoughtfulness with which these young men considered these important topics and created something beautiful for their brothers.

Grace also surrounded the preparation of our first Kairos retreat for the Spring. As I am writing this newsletter, the students are well into day two, and I can already feel God’s presence moving at Montserrat in and through them. We have four more Kairos retreats this semester, one of which is our Junior Kairos where members of the class of 2021 will start to prepare to lead their brothers in retreat their senior year. Over 45 juniors are already preparing their

minds and hearts for this experience coming up in March.

As I look toward the rest of the semester, I am excited for what the future holds as I continue to notice grace moving in and through your sons. The Campus Ministry homeroom has plans to share their faith experiences with both freshmen and sophomores in guidance later this Spring. Campus Ministry will also be partnering with the art classes to produce original images of the Stations of the Cross for Lent. Our third annual Father/Son Lenten Day of Reflection will occur on March 29 - a couple weeks before Holy Week, and the Faculty/Staff Lenten blog will post every day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. In so many ways and through so many mediums, the members of the Jesuit Dallas community will be sharing their faith with one another this Spring. How can you share your faith with your sons?

Family Suggestions:

St. Ignatius invites us to start our prayer, every time we pray, asking God for a “grace.” This entails asking God up front for something you need from God at this moment - what do you most desire from God right now? Maybe you need more patience with your sons or yourself. Maybe you need more courage to make a big decision. Whatever it is, Ignatius says ask God for it. God wants to know what you need. Check out this article for more on “asking for a grace” and consider adding it to your prayer this spring:

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/asking-for-grace-to-want-the-grace/>.

Stay tuned for details on the Lenten Father/Son Day of Reflection in the Jesuit Now.

Kairos

(kai-ros)

(n) A perfect, delicate, crucial moment; a time when conditions are right for the accomplishment of a crucial action or decision.

Earsing, continued

His admonition was not to force yourself to read what you do not like. (I'm sure that he actually read many things out of necessity that he did not necessarily enjoy.) He also believed that we should take book recommendations with a grain of salt, proportionally valued as well, as the recommender knows us intimately.

I found Mr. Roosevelt to have an accurate knowledge of human nature when he recommended that we train ourselves to enjoy the classics and focus on books of permanent value, however difficult, rather than succumb unaware to a diet of trashy, viscous or worthless stuff. Roosevelt makes the point that books are almost as individual as friends and similarly can have a great impact on the development of our moral character.

Roosevelt recommends that a person find a little time each day to read and use vacations to enjoy heavy

books when one would have the time. He found reading a great respite from the pressures of life.

A person's mood should dictate what he reads and should be interesting to the particular reader at that particular time. Roosevelt felt it was not a problem to lay a book aside if you are not in the right mood for that particular read.

Theodore did not believe in the value of limiting yourself to some pundit's list of the hundred best books or the recommended five-foot library. Rather, a reading list should be one that changes and adapts to your needs as you go through your life.

By the way, there is an art exhibit on campus in the Historical Library. *Historic American Pop*, January through the middle of March. The artist is Laura Roosevelt, the great-granddaughter of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

JPATS—Jesuit Parents Appreciating Administration, Teachers & Staff

The JPATS November Appreciation event hit the mark as the committee provided a \$10 Target gift card for each teacher and staff member as the holidays approached. Thank you to the parents who contributed gift cards for the incredible Jesuit teachers and staff: **Tracy Aaron, Cathy Almond, Veronica Ayala, Nancy Benefield, Amy Bowers, Angie Brackbill, Gillian Bramlett, Vicky Bret, Suzanne Crawford, Rhonda De La Rosa, Samantha Elms, Meaghan Evanich, Gini Florer, Cindy Freeman, Michelene Galbraith, Lisa Gilbert, Gloria Gooch, Kristina Hallam, Amelia Hartmann, Jennifer Hirschbrich, Heather Holman, Maureen Hoofard, Beth Ann Huber, Lynette Jackson, Melanie Lane, Julie Larson, Gretchen Linn, Dena Mathis, Heather McClure, Tina Vielma Morales, Christine Murillo, Mimi Naquin, Marcy O'Neill, Patricia Orendain, Amanda Paredes, Suzette Parrish, Felicia Poarch, Julie Porter, Kisha Quinn, Tom Reeves, Brigid Rose, Martha Shoultz-Arroyo, Christy Singhanian, Susy Smith, Jeanette Stringer, Sara Tchoukaleff, Julie Toppins,**

Norma Walker, Lisa Wierwille, Kelly Wilson, and LeAnn Wray.

Volunteers went above and beyond again during finals week to create a delicious and memorable "Christmas Morning Breakfast." Committee members baked their family's favorite Christmas morning dishes to treat teachers and staff for the December appreciation event. The breakfast buffet was filled with savory egg casseroles, a zesty vegetable frittata, breakfast tacos, cinnamon rolls, monkey bread, and coffee cakes made from scratch, fruit, delicious coffee punch, and so much more!

Thank you to all of the parents who baked early in the morning, contributed Starbucks gift cards, and volunteered for the breakfast: **Tracy Aaron, Veronica Ayala, Nancy Benefield, Jamie Benson, Angie Brackbill, Gillian Bramlett, Nancy Cave, Staci Chavez, Suzanne Crawford, Meaghan Evanich, Cindy Freeman, Michelene Galbraith, Gloria**

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Community Service & Social Justice

Richard Perry

Urban Plunge -

Applications Open Online January 31

The Dallas Urban Plunge experience is a daily leadership service and justice program being offered this summer (June 17-20 for rising sophomores; August 3-7 for rising juniors). Using a combination of direct service and guided reflection, it provides a unique opportunity to experience social injustice in our own city. Students are given an opportunity to make a direct impact at several different organizations and agencies that serve as some of our most important community partners. These organizations include Catholic Charities, the Resource Center of Dallas, elder care facilities, Austin Street Center, Incarnation House, and others. At the conclusion of each day students have the opportunity to reflect and pray with their fellow classmates while discussing ways that they can work to improve the lives of the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized in our community. Rising sophomores and juniors can complete the program to satisfy their grade level service and justice experience requirement. Throughout the week, students will engage with the themes of Catholic Social Teaching through reflection, prayer, and discussion. Each day, we will prepare, serve, and enjoy a meal and/or fellowship time with a variety of marginalized populations in the city, while making new friends

and better understanding the challenges that are faced by many of our neighbors. In order to complete the grade level requirement, students must:

- Commit to the entire program for their specific grade level (note that rising sophomores program includes three half days in afternoon that do not interfere with summer school, as well as one full day on Saturday. Please note that rising juniors program is Monday to Friday, approximately 8 hours per a day)
- For rising sophomores, participation in the program will also require several follow-up lunch meetings to discuss the program themes. This will replace their social justice guidance period practicum commitment during the school year.
- Complete the journal (reflective educational piece)

Program cost is \$400. Financial aid is available.

Questions? Please contact Michael Riemer or Rich Perry in the Office of Service and Justice at Jesuit.



New Semester, Same Power of Prayer

Find out what 175,000 moms around the world have discovered—that anxiety and stress around your son's high school experience (plus any other need) can be replaced with peace, hope and, of course, JOY!

Moms in Prayer impacts children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray. Each **Wednesday that school is in session**, we meet in the **Jesuit chapel at 9:30am** for about an hour. Check in at the front desk. We pray for our boys, our teachers, staff, and our community.

For more information, contact: Suzanne Moran or Angela Jackson.

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From the Desk of the Director of Student Formation

Dr. Mark Knize

For those who were able to join us during our parent nights in January, we hope the meeting time was informative and valuable. Mr. Fitzsimmons, our director of guidance, and Mr. Shoemaker in college counseling reminded us that the college process is not unlike all other developmental experiences for our students. It is a journey.

Freshmen are called to dream, a stage of absorbing the numerous possibilities Jesuit offers to be involved. College possibilities will come to fruition in due time. For now, look for Jesuit activities and groups that meet your interests. Work diligently to focus on your coursework and grades. Review your PSAT score report to determine how best to improve. Build relationships with your teachers, coaches, and peers through academic and extra-curricular involvement.

Sophomores are challenged to explore, a stage of engagement that dives deeper into extra-curricular involvement, leadership opportunities, and community service. Focus on improving PSAT by using online tools and relevant practice. Keep account of your accomplishments and think about short-term action items that augment grades, involvement, and leadership. Continue to build on academic goals and develop self-advocacy as a means to reach those goals.

Juniors are encouraged to plan. It is time to determine what classes you should take during senior year to put yourself in the best position to meet your goals. Use online tools to dive deeper into college matches, including what may or may

not be affordable. Make an appointment with your counselor to generate an initial college list. Organize your schedule for important tests like the SAT and ACT.

Our students remain in varying stages of student life. Dreaming, exploring, and planning may be convoluted and overwhelming for a teenager if the process is not organized into doable chunks. It is important to focus on small pieces at a time.

Writing down concrete actions helps an adolescent from being overwhelmed by a long-term process or the abstract. Focusing on specific action items can be the key to a less stressful student life, especially as he begins to explore all the possibilities available to continue his education beyond Jesuit.

When students visit my office this time of year, I offer them the following advice:

1. Write down 2 goals for this semester
2. Write down a reasonable timeline to accomplish the goals
3. Write down the actions you must take to make the goals happen

It is important to schedule time for study, time for extra-curricular activities, time for family and friends, and time for self. It is most important to enjoy the moments as much as possible. As reminded during the parent nights, the counseling offices serve as great resource in helping your son navigate his goals. Thank you for the partnership.

JPATS, continued

Gooch, Elizabeth Henderson, Jennifer Hirschbrich, Angela Jackson, Lynette Jackson, Tammie James, Shannon Karicher, Susan Kassen, Melanie Lucido, Dena Mathis, Christine Murillo, Marcy O'Neill, Felicia Poarch, Julie Porter, Sondra Puorro, Tom Reeves, Brigid Rose, Christy Singhanian, Susy Smith, Lisa Wierwille, Kelly Wilson, LeAnn Wray,

Skippy Tan Yu, and Jenny Zhang.

Lastly, thank you to the generous parents who contributed funds for the future JPATS events: **Teri and John Gordon and Bindu Gujjarlapudi.** (Please note that this listing is from 12/21/19 through 1/16/20.)

Our teachers and staff are so appreciative of your generosity.

Jesuit Women's Auxiliary

Jacque Delkus, President

December was a busy and blessed month for JWA! Starting with our festive annual **Christmas Bazaar** on December 7 with over 100 vendors and many, many shoppers eagerly bustling throughout the campus - making it our most successful bazaar ever!

Congratulations to co-chairs, **Lisa Madden** and **Michelle Trevino** and their hardworking team: **Julie Porter** (Volunteers), **Amelia Hartman** (Concessions), **Katie Lengyel** (Bake Sale), **Mary Ann Barnett** (Raffle), **Shannon Summers** (Publicity and Signs), **Catherine Foxworth** and **Angela Jackson** (Vendor Check In), **Susan Risinger** and **Julie Sudderth** (Photos with Santa), **Christel Morrison** (Program) *Special thanks to: Mrs. Linda Soich, Mr. Hector Ramirez, Mr. Richard Ryan, Mr. Rob McGee, Mr. Mike Earsing and Mr. Tom Garrison.*

And a big thank you to all of those who supported us by volunteering, baking and shopping!

We extend another "job well done" to our JWA Bazaar Basket co-chairs, **Lillian Curran**, **Amy Moini** and **Tina Morales**. These ladies hit it out of the park creating close to 100 themed gift baskets. Thank you for the countless hours you gave to gathering donated items and assembling beautiful baskets.

Appreciation also goes to our Community Outreach dynamic duo, **Patti Smith** and **Barbara Williamson** who hosted the annual Notre Dame Dance. Jesuit students created a beautiful winter wonderland and danced the night away with over 100 students and alumni from the Notre Dame School. It was truly a magical night!

Patti and Barbara are now making plans for our "**Be the Match**" bone marrow drive on **Thursday, May 7** at Jesuit. This is a great time to volunteer with your Senior sons. Background check is required, contact Patti (partyofsmiths@gmail.com) for more information. Be on the lookout for details coming soon.

JWA was also blessed in serving through Adopt-A-Family on Dec. 15th. It would not have been possible without the kind hearts and endless service of co-chairs, **Suzy Diamond** and **Eileen Sherman**. Many, many thanks to them and their team: **Valery Needham**, **Lezlie Vlasimsky**, **Ellen Fernandes**,

Tracy Brandes, **Rebecca Zink**, **Angela Jackson**, **Diane Ponzio**, **Margo Isbell**, **Nancy Benefield**, **Suzanne Wade**, **Sharon McNeary**, **Dana Garner**, **Amy Moini** and **Tina Morales**.

We could have not run so seamlessly without our beloved Jesuit alumni, football players, and Jesuit community who helped make AAF so special this year.

During this season (and continuing through Easter), our Spiritual Enrichment Chair, **Susie Andrews**, hosted a spiritual retreat on Tuesday morning and evenings using the book Finding Christ in the World, by Fr. Joe Tetlow, SJ and Carol Ackels. Through this program, participants are invited to draw closer to the Lord and enter into a more intentional and disciplined form of prayer.

Susie is also organizing our upcoming **Lenten Day of Reflection**. All women in the Jesuit community are invited to attend on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020**, at the Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Dallas. Sign-ups will be online as announced in Jesuit Now. The day will begin with a light, continental breakfast at 8:30am. Fr. Anthony Borrow, SJ, Director of the retreat house, will be the presenter. The day will include prayer presentations, the opportunity for silent prayer and reflection, Reconciliation and Mass. Bring your own lunch, beverages will be provided. The day will conclude by 1:30pm. JWA members may attend at no cost. It is \$30 for non-members. Watch Jesuit Now for more information and sign-ups.

JWA is pleased to announce **Lillian Curran** as our **2020 JWA Women of the Year!** Lillian has a legacy of service and leadership and has generously given countless hours in various roles at Jesuit. Lillian has been involved in the Celebration Auction as co-chair of car raffle sales, kickoff and wrap-up parties, Christmas brunch, Ladies' Bingo, Father/Son casino night and to top it off...co-chaired the Celebration Auction in 2011. She has also served on the Jesuit Parent Executive Board, Jesuit Museum Art League and volunteered for the Magis Golf Tournament and Jesuit Crew SWEAT events. Lillian has also worn many hats within JWA including JWA President, Women of Year Luncheon chair, and Bazaar basket

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Elizabeth Hunt Blanc, Director

Laura Roosevelt “Historic American Pop”

January 16 – March 12, 2020

The exhibition opened on Thursday, January 16, 2020 with a great crowd and excellent talk by the artist. Laura Roosevelt, Franklin and Eleanor’s great-granddaughter, specializes in abstract mixed media painting. These pieces incorporate iconic photographs of FDR, Eleanor Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, and others with textured, abstract backgrounds, reshaping the experience of those moments frozen in time. The exhibit “Historic American Pop”- A Collaborated Historical Perspective of Abstract Art and the Words of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt” features Roosevelt’s art along with Eleanor and Franklin’s words, chosen by her sister Elizabeth Roosevelt Kelly and their late great-aunt Chandler Roosevelt Lindsley.

The Jesuit Dallas Museum continues to loan works to other institutions for exhibitions. Currently the

sculpture, Titer – Tooter, is included in a 100-year retrospective of the sculptor Heri Bert Bartscht (1919 – 1996) at The University of Dallas. Father J.B. Leininger commissioned Bartscht to create the Stations of the Cross for the Jesuit Chapel. These metal sculptures, constructed of welded steel with copper plate and patina, grace the chapel walls today.

Save the Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:00pm – 8:30pm. ArtQuest will be a festive event with cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and silent auction and music by a students’ jazz ensemble. ArtQuest is vital to the museum’s success and makes it possible to conserve the quality of the collection, sponsor exhibits, acquire new works for the collection, support educational programs and provide educational resources for students and visitors.

Docents continue to provide excellent tours of our collection and new tours are created to support the curriculum of our students. To schedule a tour of the collection or to see “Historic American Pop”, please contact Elizabeth Hunt Blanc, Museum Director, ehuntblanc@jesuitcp.org or call 972-387-8700 ext 383.

JWA, continued

co-chair. She has assisted with the Christmas Bazaar and start-up of St. Ignatius’ Closet. Lillian is also heavy involved with Catholic Charities and Mater Filius of Dallas.

We will be honoring Lillian at our **Women of the Year Luncheon** on Wednesday, February 12 at the Park City Club. Co-chairs, **Jill Reagor Smith** and **Susy Smith**, have a beautiful and delicious luncheon planned with the reception beginning at 11:00am and lunch at 11:30am. Our Class of **2020 Senior Moms** will also be recognized, take a group portrait and receive a special gift! Register now at: www.jesuitdallas.org/parents/jwa/events/woman-of-the-year-luncheon.

New events in the New Year, mark your calendars:

- Women of the Year & Senior Mom Recognition: Wednesday, February 12, 11:00am, Park City Club
- Lenten Day of Reflection: Wednesday, March 11, Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House
- JWA Appreciation Social: Wednesday, May 6
- “Be the Match” Bone Marrow Drive: Thursday, May 7, Jesuit campus



Jesuit Auction News

Jill Reagor Smith, Auction Chair



The Celebration Auction Committee continues to work tirelessly to make Midnight in Morocco a huge success that builds our community and supports scholarships for our boys!

The big event will be here before we know it... **March 28th at the Omni Downtown!** Please be sure to save the date and plan to attend. This year promises to be SO MUCH FUN for everyone! Look for invitations in the mail mid-February and tickets go on sale February 14. Just a reminder that proceeds from the auction and related events benefit the Jesuit Endowment which provides need based financial aid for approximately **25%** of our deserving young men.

Underwriting is an excellent way to support the auction and has officially kicked off. As an underwriter, you will receive preferred seating, special recognition and other benefits at the event. It is the surest way secure a seat to the traditionally sold out evening. Please reference the underwriting opportunities online at <http://www.jesuitdallas.org/>

[auction/participate](http://www.jesuitdallas.org/auction/participate). **YOUR support will make a difference!**

Don't forget the 2020 BMW raffle... Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online or at any of our events. We only sell 1,000 tickets and over 770 tickets have already been sold. <http://www.jesuitdallas.org/auction/car-affle>. Fun fact: Car raffle revenue makes up approximately **10%** of the net amount raised through auction.

There are many ways to get involved and support the auction: underwriting, item donation, volunteering, and attending the event.... For more information about the auction, please visit <https://www.jesuitdallas.org/auction>, like us on Facebook at Jesuit Celebration Auction and follow us on Twitter at #JesuitDallasAuction.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who attended our **Ladies Bingo Night** on January 28. The tables were spectacular! As in years past, the event was a sell-out and a great time was had by all. A very special thank you to Bingo Chairs **Shelly Aldinger** and **Susan Neri** and their wonderful committee who made this a FABULOUS event!



PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

Lord, teach me to be generous.
 Teach me to *serve* you as you deserve;
 To *give* and not to count the cost,
 To *fight* and not to heed the wounds,
 To *toil* and not to seek for rest,
 To *labor* and not to ask for reward,
 Save that of *knowing* that I do your will.

— St. Ignatius of Loyola

You're Invited to the Jesuit Mother Son Mass & Brunch



Sunday, February 23, 2020

Westin Park Central, 12720 Merit Drive Dallas, TX 75251

Photos & Coffee from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Ballroom Doors Open 9:15a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m.

Followed by Brunch and Speakers

Register on Jesuit website through February 19.

Photos: online and mail-in form are on registration page of Jesuit's website.

Deadlines: Pre-order online photo, due Feb. 3; Mail-in order, due Feb. 17.

Photo cost not included in brunch cost.

Parking: Limited Free Garage Parking. Overflow Free City Parking at Banner and Merit Drive (look for pink balloons). Hotel Valet parking \$12.

Attire: Boys coat and optional pink/purple tie. Moms pink/purple optional.

Lauren Law llaw001@tx.rr.com & Cheri Auletta cheriauletta@yahoo.com



JESUIT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY INVITES YOU
TO OUR 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

Honoring JWA Woman of the Year

Lillian Curran

- and recognizing -

*Mothers of 2020
Graduates*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020
PARK CITY CLUB
5956 SHERRY LANE SUITE 1700
DALLAS, TEXAS 75225

11:00 A.M. RECEPTION
11:30 A.M. LUNCHEON

Please RSVP by February 5th to: principalassistant@jesuitcp.org

Parking is located in the Sherry Lane Place parking garage adjacent to the building, just past the front plaza. Please bring your parking ticket with you for validation. Handicapped parking is located on Levels 3 and 4 of the garage and provides direct elevator access into the building lobby.



Omni Dallas Hotel
March 28, 2020

UNDERWRITING CONTRACT & BENEFITS

Date _____

Individual / Firm _____

Name as you would like it to appear for recognition

☐ I do not wish to be recognized.

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please check benefits you wish to receive:

☐ I am unable to attend and/or do not wish to receive benefits.

☐ **Platinum \$20,000 and Up (value of benefits \$1957)**

- ☐ Table for 12 with Finest Seating
- ☐ Champagne with dinner
- ☐ Hotel Room- Night of Auction upon request
- ☐ Underwriter's Reception with the President of Jesuit
- ☐ Recognition on Website and Program
- ☐ Personal Delivery to your home of auction items purchased

☐ **Gold \$10,000-19,999 (value of benefits \$1659)**

- ☐ Table for 10 with Preferred Seating
- ☐ Champagne with dinner
- ☐ Hotel Room- Night of Auction upon request
- ☐ Underwriter's Reception with the President of Jesuit
- ☐ Recognition on Website and Program
- ☐ Personal Delivery to your home of auction items purchased

☐ **Silver \$5,000-\$9,999 (value of benefits \$1659)**

- ☐ Table for 10 with Select Seating
- ☐ Hotel Room- Night of Auction upon request
- ☐ Underwriter's Reception with the President of Jesuit
- ☐ Recognition on Website and Program

☐ **Bronze \$2,500-\$4,999 (value of benefits \$596)**

- ☐ 4 Tickets to Auction with Donor Seating
- ☐ Recognition on Website and Program

☐ **Patron \$1,000-\$2,499 (value of benefits \$298)**

- ☐ 2 Tickets to Auction with Donor Seating
- ☐ Recognition on Website and Program

☐ **Sponsor \$500-\$999**

- ☐ Recognition on Website and Program

☐ **Friend - Any Other Amount**

- ☐ Recognition on Website

Underwriting Amount \$ _____

Personal Family

Endowment Name (if applicable) _____

Check # _____

(Payable to Jesuit Celebration Auction)



Account # _____

Exp. Date _____ Billing Code _____

Special Instructions _____

Signature: _____

Payment must be received
by Feb. 21, 2020
to be included in Auction Program

Please return contract to:

Jesuit Celebration Auction

12345 Inwood Road
Dallas, TX 75244
972.387.8700 x418
auction@jesuitcp.org

Jesuit College Preparatory School is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization

WHITE – Office

YELLOW – Donor



What is the Celebration Auction?

The Celebration Auction is a Jesuit Dallas tradition of raising support for need-based financial aid for deserving Jesuit students. Approximately 25% of the students at Jesuit receive some kind of financial assistance.

Save the Date

This year's event will be held at **Omni Dallas on Saturday, March 28, 2020**. A thirty-six year tradition, the auction year culminates in the spring by bringing the Jesuit community of parents, alumni and friends together for a red carpet style evening of dinner, dancing to the sounds of Emerald City All Star Band, bidding on fabulous prizes, and playing casino games to support the important mission of providing need-based financial aid to deserving young men.

There are many ways to get involved and support the auction and we invite you to be one of a special group of supporters who underwrite the Auction. Any amount of support is appreciated and will greatly benefit the students and faculty. Your generosity makes the gift of a Jesuit education possible for deserving young men regardless of their ability to pay, and reinforces the trust you have in our timeless mission of forming **Men for Others**, just like your son.

For more information about the Auction, please visit the Jesuit website, www.jesuitdallas.org/auction. You can also like us on Facebook at **Jesuit Celebration Auction**. We have included an underwriting contract on the reverse side of this for your convenience.

Celebration Auction
972-387-8700 x 418
auction@jesuitcp.org



2020 Jesuit Celebration Auction
benefiting students and faculty of Jesuit

**\$100 per ticket
OR
6 for \$500**

Winner does not need to be present and is responsible for tax, title, license and any additional equipment options. No cash value. See website for complete raffle rules. Actual auction car may differ from ones shown. Drawing to be held on March 28, 2020 at Omni Dallas Hotel
Order online at www.jesuitdallas.org/auction
Or mail order form below to: Jesuit Auction,
12345 Inwood Road Dallas, TX 75244

CAR RAFFLE

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2020 Jesuit Celebration Auction Car Raffle

Name _____ # of tickets _____ amount _____

Address _____ City, State and Zip _____

Phone (winners are contacted by phone) _____ Email _____

Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check (made out to Jesuit Auction) ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Amex

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration _____ ☐ Square last 4 digits _____

Signature _____ Seller _____



RANGER CONNECTION

The official store of Jesuit Dallas

2019-2020

Regular School Year Hours

Monday – Friday

10:30AM – 4:00PM

Ranger Connection News and Information

- Follow us for news on special store hours, new merchandise, store updates, and sales
 - o Facebook: Jesuit Ranger Connection
 - o Twitter: @RangerConnect
 - o Instagram: RangerConnect
- Shop online for Jesuit merchandise: <https://www.rangerconnection.org>
- Store contact information
 - o Email: RangerConnection@jesuitcp.org
 - o Phone: 972-387-8700 ext. 336

New items are arriving daily in preparation for Graduation and the new Class of 2024.

Stop in the store during store hours or check us out online*.

GIFT IDEAS

- Spring Break items are coming soon, follow us on social media so you don't miss out!
- Southern Tide Short Sleeve t-shirts
- Vineyard Vines: ties and belts
- Alumni Mug & T-Shirts
- Tervis Drinkware
- Tricia Ryan Jewelry
- Smathers & Branson: belts, key fobs, cotton twill hat
- Knit Scarves, Beanies, Infinity Scarves and Sweaters
- Spring Polos and Fishing Shirts
- Sweatshirts, ¼ zips, jackets, vests
- Blankets: sweatshirt, sherpa, and fleece
- Hats & Visors
- Travel accessories: pillows, blankets, luggage tags, dopp kits, tote bags, chargers, etc.
- Graduation Gifts: frames, flags, pens, leather goods
- Gift Cards
 - o Funds not used on initial transaction will be put on a store account to be used in the future
 - o Purchase a gift card to be used in the Ranger Connection***
 - o Available in \$10 and \$25 denominations
 - o Cannot be redeemed for cash
 - o Store receipt or validation marking must be present on the card to redeem

And MUCH MUCH MORE

Remaining special store hours for 2020**

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, 2/5	Closed	Faculty In Service
Monday, 2/17	Closed	No Classes
Thursday, 2/20	10:30AM – 7:30PM	Parent Teacher Conference
Wednesday, 3/4	Closed	Faculty Day of Reflection
3/16 & 3/20	Closed	Spring Break
4/9 & 4/13	Closed	Easter Holiday
Wednesday, 4/29	10:30AM – 8PM	Class of 2024 Welcome Barbeque
Friday, 5/15	Closed	Faculty In Service
Monday, 5/25	Closed	Memorial Day
5/26 – 5/27	9AM – 12PM	Exam Hours
5/28 – 5/29	9AM – 12PM	Exam Hours

**All items are NOT available online and are subject to inventory confirmation*

***Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram for any added special hours or announcements about new merchandise*

****Cards are for in store use only (cannot be redeemed online)*