

O'DEA TODAY

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Message from the Principal

"How is O'Dea doing?" is the question I hear time and again from alumni, donors, and former O'Dea parents. O'Dea is doing well, very well, evidenced by the continued positive enrollment, selfless donors, and engaged alumni. Our students, staff, faculty, and administrators continue to embrace the principles established by the Christian Brothers while remaining focused on the future of our school.

The bridge we are building between our past and future becomes stronger each day. As we work daily to advance our mission of providing young men with a quality Catholic education, we demonstrate this success through our robust enrollment and retention numbers. But it is not only about enrollment. The principles of Character, Faith, and Service remain meaningful and continue to serve as the foundation of O'Dea's 93-year old legacy. Our dedicated faculty conveys these principles in ways that empower our students to become contributing, thoughtful, and motivated leaders beyond the halls of O'Dea.

The bridge to the future is also built through the continued financial support of the O'Dea community, as witnessed by the generous contributions now totaling over \$600,000, in support of this summer's Model Classroom project. This project will allow us to upgrade classrooms and advance our school programming through technology improvements and additions. To help further this effort the newly created position of Director of Educational Technology will coordinate a team of six carefully selected faculty members to serve as lead teachers. This passionate team of educators will serve a two-year term teaching in one of the six Model Classrooms. The team will work to enrich their instructional strategies through a desire to increase technology adoption in their courses while working to support and model these new strategies to other faculty members.

As we look ahead to the future, we must also reflect on where we have come as several members of the O'Dea community complete their service to our school. Will Jackson, having concluded his administrative coursework at Seattle University, is pursuing a position with the Seattle Public School District. Frank Lazarek is moving to Reno, Nevada where he will start a new adventure as an administrator and coach at Bishop Monogue Catholic High School. Dedicated Spanish instructor Jose Martin is returning to Eastern Washington to continue his teaching career closer to his family. Larkin Temme will continue her service to the Seattle Archdiocese as Principal of Holy Family Bilingual Catholic School. And Joanne Varney is retiring to travel with her husband, Greg Varney ('80) and embrace the many joys of being a grandparent. Although each will be missed, their positive influence will live on in the thousands of students they taught and families they have served.

The service of these staff members, and the thousands of you who support O'Dea, is evidence of the fact that our foundation is stronger than ever, and we have paved our bridge to the future with a caring, generous and passionate school community.

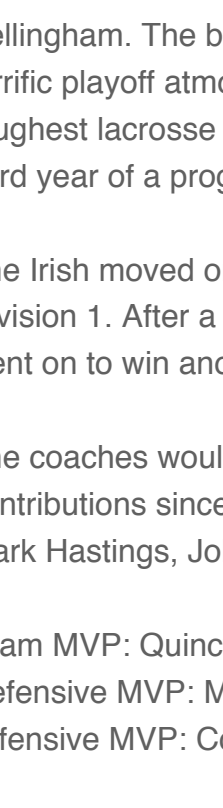
James Walker

Principal

Character. Faith. Service.



Monthly Calendar



June 1st: Class of 2016 Graduation, 7pm @ St. James
June 13th - June 16th - O'Dea Youth Basketball Camp
June 13th - June 17th - Irish Jazz Camp
June 20th - Alumni Golf Tournament, 1:30pm @ Newcastle
June 20th - June 23rd - O'Dea Youth Basketball Camp
June 22nd - June 24th - O'Dea Youth Football Camp

[Click here to view the full O'Dea calendar!](#)

Athletics

Golf

Senior Sam Edmonds proudly represented O'Dea in the 3A state boys golf tournament last week at The Creek at Qualchan Golf Course in Spokane. Thanks to an unexpected visitor, O'Dea got some great press as well.

[Loose Moose, O'Dea Golfer have close encounter at 3A boys tournament in Spokane.](#)



Baseball

The O'Dea Baseball program finished up a successful 2016 campaign, with a combined (Varsity, JV, Freshman) record of 40-17. Varsity finished with the fourth best Metro league regular season record, and JV ended the season at an impressive 19-1. The Varsity team saw three members be recognized by the Metro League coaches on the All League Team: Spencer McCabe '17- 1st Team DH, Jacob Hirsh '16- 2nd Team OF, Marques Titilli '17- 2nd Team P. Also, McCabe and Titilli will represent the Irish in the Metro League All Star Baseball game on June 2nd at SWAC. Festus Gilligan '16, Jack Fox '16, Nick Miller '17, Ben Patacsil '19, Gabe Ornt '17, Seth Delgado '17 were all recognized as Honorable Mention. Even after the graduation of 6 great seniors, the Irish look poised to compete once again next year in a highly competitive Metro League. We are already looking forward to the 2017 season with anticipation!

Lacrosse

The Fighting Irish Lacrosse Program completed a very successful campaign in 2016. In only the third year of the program, the Irish finished with an overall record of 8-6, and a METRO conference record of 7-2.

Upon completion of the regular season, the Irish earned their first post-season playoff game and from there drew a tough WESCO conference opponent... #2 ranked Sehome-Bellingham. The boy's travelled up to Bellingham's Civic Stadium and prevailed 10-8 in a terrific playoff atmosphere. This win placed the Irish in the "elite eight" of Division 1, the toughest lacrosse program in the state. No other program has achieved this in only it's third year of a program!

The Irish moved on to the quarter-finals and faced Bellevue, the #1 ranked team in Division 1. After a tremendous effort by the Irish, the Wolverines came out victorious and went on to win another state championship.

The coaches would like to thank the Seniors of the Class of 2016, for their tremendous contributions since the inception of the program three years ago: Riley Adair, Will Dean, Mark Hastings, John Hyatt, Quincy Milton, Siam Owen, and Siever Walker.

Team MVP: Quincy Milton
Defensive MVP: Mark Hastings
Offensive MVP: Cole Daninger

First- Team All Metro:
Mark Hastings.....Defense
Cole Daninger.....Midfield
Sam Dracoby.....Attack

Track & Field

Congratulations to the Irish Track Team that placed 8th at the state track meet this past weekend. Race Porter placed 8th in the hurdles after an injury forced him out of the long jump and high jump. The 4 x 100 team made up of Logan and Landon Armstrong, "Bensain Bolt" Johnson, and Evan Maflias placed 5th. Logan also placed 7th in the 100, and Peter Jones took 6th in the high jump. Repeating as state champion in the 400 was Evan Maflias with a personal best time of 48.45. Evan also took second in the 200. Great job to all that competed!

Soccer

Congratulations to the Irish Soccer team for finishing the season with an 11-3-2 record. The team finished first in the Sound Division and with the best regular season record in Metro. The team had the stingiest defense in the league and the third most prolific offense league wide before enduring a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to Lakeside in the Metro Playoffs.

Several players received postseason recognition with senior Sam Johnson being selected to the Seattle Times Star Times team. Joining Sam on first team All-Sound Division were sophomores Teddy Nickerson (Goalkeeper), team MVP Derivan Dockett (defender), Banks Telkamp (forward) and junior John Swann (forward). Receiving second team recognition were seniors Brendan McGonigle (defender), Mac Earle (midfielder) and Adrian Andersen (forward). Freshman Aaron Craddock and sophomore Stephan Scheer were both selected as Honorable mention midfielders. It was a great season and the Irish will be working hard in the off-season to capture the Metro and state titles next year. Go Irish!

Tennis

Congratulations to the O'Dea boys and Holy Names Girls Co-Ed tennis team who just completed a very successful season. The Fighting Irish entered the Metro League tournament as a 6th seed but were able to upset 3rd seeded Bainbridge in a tight 6-5 match. Led by Freshman Will Yallup at #1 singles, our team lost to the metro league runners up Seattle Prep in the semi-finals. Yallup went into the post-season individual tournament as the 4th seed and ended up finishing in 3rd place. Yallup then qualified for the district tournament where he knocked off the metro league champ in the semi finals and went on to take 2nd place. He now goes on to the state tournament in the tri-cities as a strong contender for the title.



House System

House Spirit Day

Article written by Jacob Cepollina '16

The second annual O'Dea House Spirit Day was a huge success. Continuing with the theme of unity from various house events throughout the year, the student body and faculty came together in a day of fun, bonding, and brotherhood.

The day began in the gym for the final house game of the year, volleyball, which the Waterford house won for their third house games victory of the year. Then the rotations began with two houses in the gym, one in the street, and one in the school. In the gym, there was a 3v3 basketball tournament between the two houses. Outside there were inflatables, including a bouncy house, jousting ring, and life-size football. The biggest hit of all, however: the dunk tank. Three teachers or faculty members from each house participated. Some of the highlights included Mr. Olinger, who changed into a button up shirt and slacks before being dunked, Mr. Schutte, a popular choice for seniors, and, of course, Dean Magee. While inside the school, students could play video games, board games, and sing karaoke with their house. After two rotations, the entire school met in the parking lot for an hour long catered lunch with burgers, hot dogs, sides, and an ice cream truck. There were two more rotations after lunch before the student body met back in the gym for the final assembly in which the Irish Cup was presented. Before the winner was announced, senior Justin Murphy led the school in a unifying singing of the fight song. After their strong performances in house games and academics, the Waterford house won the Irish Cup for the 2015-2016 school year!



Inside the Classroom

Computer Science Principles

The Computer Science Principles Honors class has been an educational and enjoyable work in progress for its first year. The class originally was set to begin as an AP class, however the Advanced Placement College Board opted not to offer the class until the 2016-2017 school year. As a result, O'Dea honors students have taken a major role in shaping the class to meet the AP guidelines that are anticipated to begin next year.

Next year will be the first year that it is offered by the Advanced Placement College Board, which puts O'Dea at the forefront of some innovative AP coursework.



Faith & Service

Dragonslayer Seattle Walk for Sarcoma

On Saturday, April 23 the O'Dea Varsity Baseball team participated in the 12th Annual Dragonslayer Seattle Walk for Sarcoma at Green Lake Park. The walk is held in honor of those who have battled sarcoma, as well as to raise money to fund the programs of the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation. The Baseball Team has participated in this event the last three years, joining Kiyo and Diana Dickerson and their team JD2, in remembrance of their son and our O'Dea Brother Josh, who passed away from rhabdomyosarcoma in July of 2012. This event has been one of great pride and participation by the Varsity Baseball players, to show unity with the family of one of our own. Team JD2 was recognized in the 2015 Dragonslayer Walk with the "Team Spirit" Award, for all the enthusiastic support from our O'Dea Baseball Players.

St. Vincent De Paul - Blue Dress Breakfast

On May 9th St. Vincent De Paul put on a clever fundraiser, the Blue Dress Breakfast. This fashion show breakfast was designed to raise funds for SVDP's many wonderful programs. It was highly anticipated by our O'Dea gentlemen who volunteered to showcase the second hand clothing from St. Vincent De Paul's thrift stores and strut their stuff down the runway. Joined by Holy Names and Diana Dickerson and their team JD2, in remembrance of their son and our O'Dea Brother Josh, who passed away from rhabdomyosarcoma in July of 2012. This event has been one of great pride and participation by the Varsity Baseball players, to show unity with the family of one of our own. Team JD2 was recognized in the 2015 Dragonslayer Walk with the "Team Spirit" Award, for all the enthusiastic support from our O'Dea Baseball Players.

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Student Life

Freshman Jackson Allison: "House Dean for a Day"

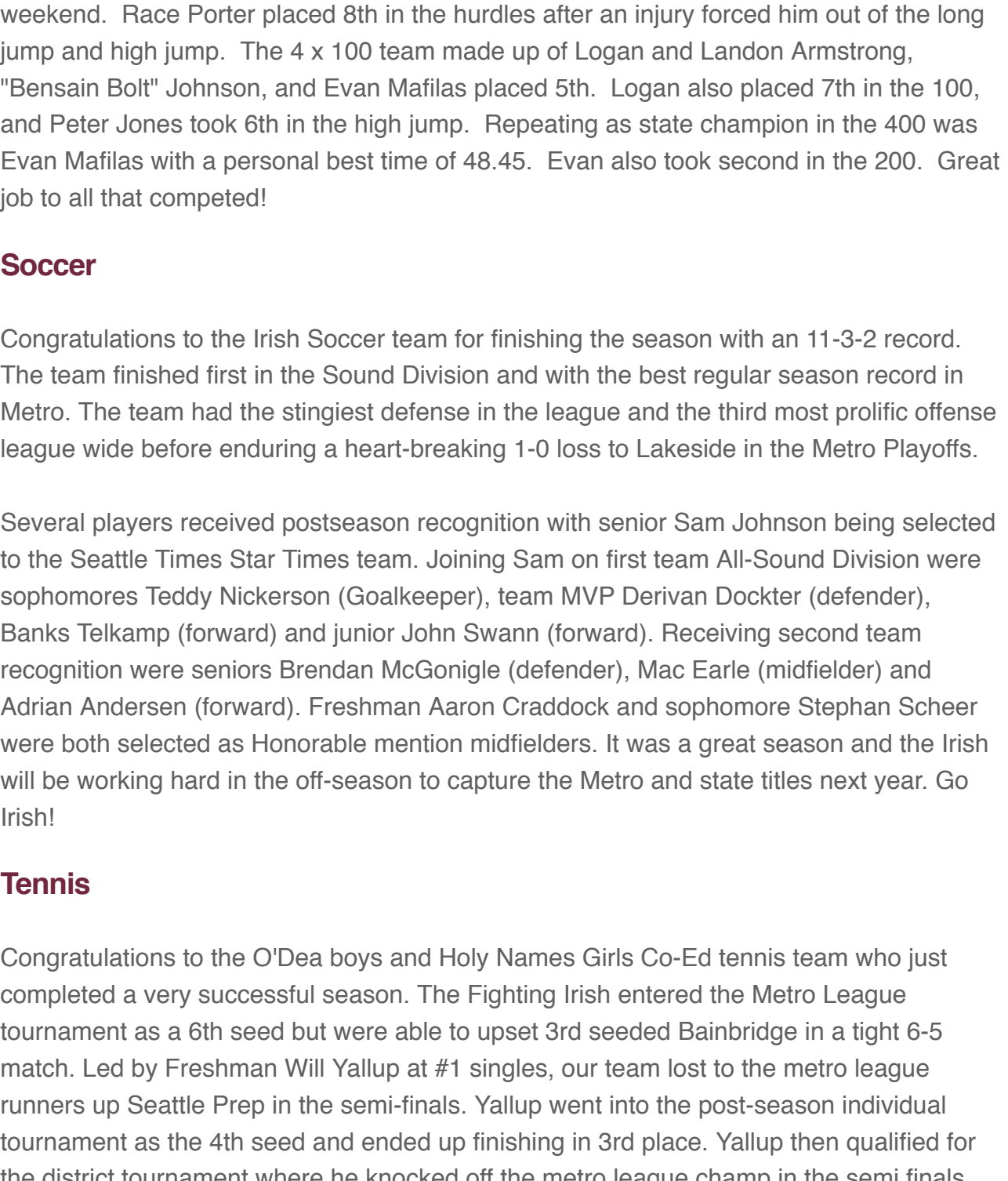
At this year's POSH auction, a new auction item debuted: "House Dean for a Day." Limerick freshman house captain Jackson Allison's family came out as the top bidder, meaning Jackson was named the first "House Dean for a Day."

In that role, he designated Northwest Harvest (Washington's only statewide food bank, and the Limerick service partner) as the beneficiary for the May "Relaxed Dress Day," and even hand-delivered the check to a development official when he volunteered there with his Limerick classmates. "I loved seeing the look on her face," Jackson said.

Jackson was also able to choose two mentor groups – Team Lara v. team Doyle – for a dodgeball challenge, with the winning group enjoying a pizza party, courtesy of the Wiley family. To round out the experience, Jackson proclaimed a free Limerick Pride Relaxed Dress Day on Friday, May 27, which was a fun way for all the Limerick gentlemen to end the week.

"Overall, being House Dean was a great experience for me – a fun and worthy item," Jackson said.

Thanks to all involved in supporting this auction item and making this happen – look for this item to return during O'Dea's POSH Auction 2017!



Freshman Jackson Allison (center) relaxes with friends Max Dullanty (left) and Jake Porter (right) during the "Limerick Pride Relaxed Dress Day" that he designated in his role as "House Dean for the Day."



Admissions

30th Annual O'Dea Golf Tournament

The 2015-2016 admissions cycle was a successful one for the O'Dea Admissions Office. It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I welcome the 150 young men who will join the Class of 2020 this coming fall! Diversity has always been a signature strength at O'Dea and this class further emphasizes that. The Class of 2020 includes students from 30 Catholic grade schools, 7 private schools, and 22 public schools. I have every confidence that the O'Dea experience will provide these young men with an exceptional Catholic education and prepare them to be men of character, faith, and service.

I am so proud of our school community and grateful to all those that helped make this a great year for admissions. I especially want to acknowledge the dedication, commitment, and leadership of our Admissions Team and Financial Aid Office. If you, your family, or friends are interested in joining the O'Dea community, please contact me at kpatterson@odea.org or (206) 622-1308. Have a wonderful summer!

Go Irish!

Kristian Patterson
Director of Admissions

Alumni

30th Annual O'Dea Golf Tournament

Registration for the 30th Annual O'Dea Golf Tournament is now open!

When: Monday, June 20, 2016
Where: Golf Club at Newcastle
Time: 1:30PM Shotgun Start
Cost: \$175/golfer

The last three years we have sold out, so make sure to get your registration in soon! This event is open to anybody 21 years and older. Please register now on our website: <http://www.odea.org/alumni/golf-tournament/>.

Not a golfer? Become a Tournament Sponsor with a tax-deductible gift. Proceeds from the tournament will fund the Edmund Rice Leadership Awards; individual \$1,000 awards to be presented to young men graduating from a Catholic grade school who will be entering O'Dea in the fall. The awards will be granted for excellence in the classroom and service in the community and will be applied to each student's tuition during their Freshman year at O'Dea. To date, 30 students have received \$1,000 scholarships. Please contact David Mazzeo at dmazzeo@odea.org or 206.622.0722 for more information.

50th Reunion for O'Dea Class of 1966

The O'Dea Class of 1966 reunion will be held at the Jefferson Park Golf Course Clubhouse on Beacon Hill from 5 to 10 pm on Saturday, August 27th. Event cost will be \$60 per person. All checks should be made out to O'Dea Class of 1966 and mailed to the following address:

O'Dea HS Class of '66
c/o Dan Taylor
1639 Harbor Avenue SW, Unit 304
Seattle, WA 98126

Hors d'oeuvres will be served and attire will be informal. Attendees should bring a camera, any memorabilia and yearbooks... and brush up on the class anthem!

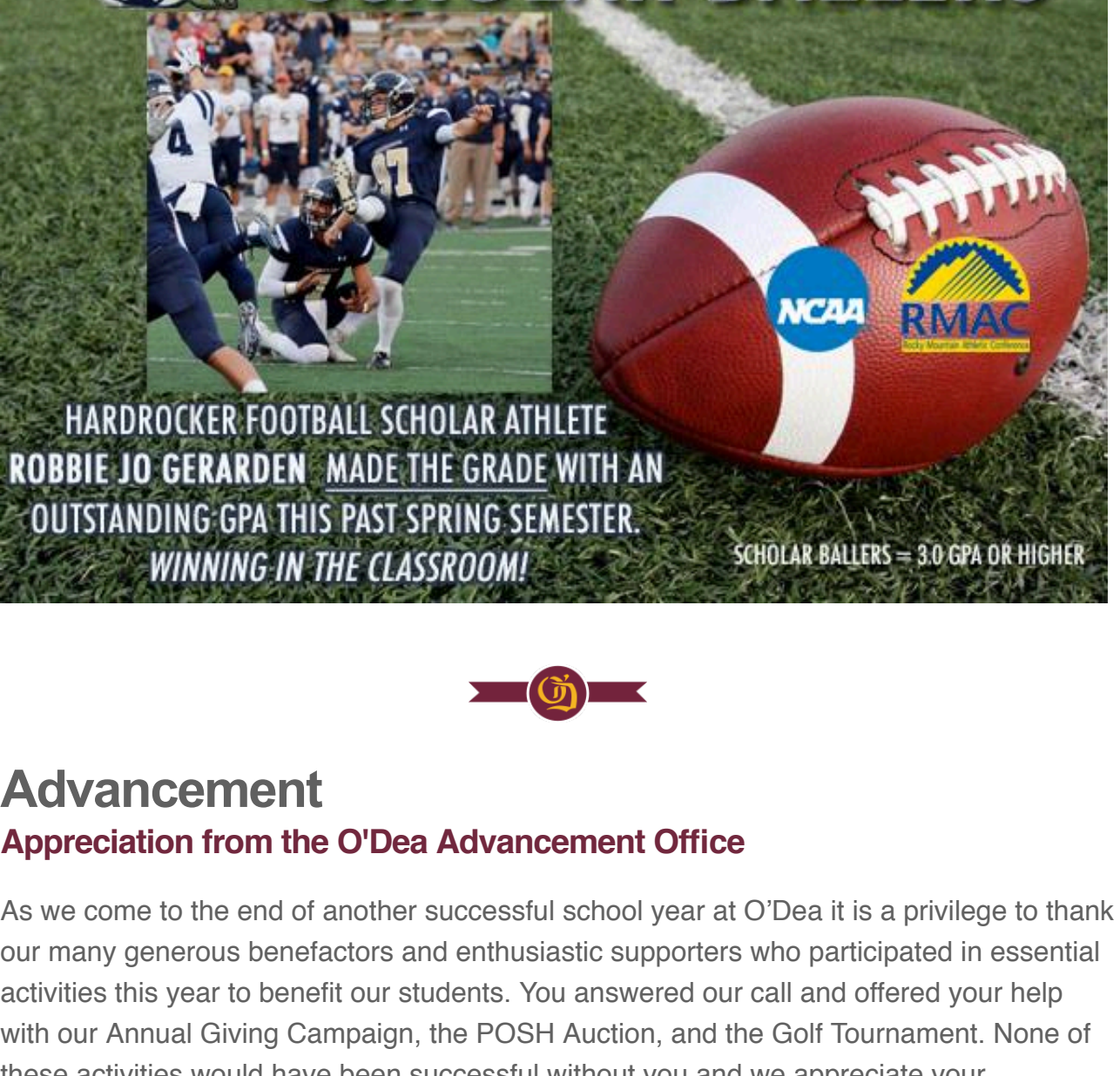
Alumni Class Notes

O'Dea Alumni everywhere are celebrating milestones and making positive impacts in their communities. Here are just a few of the more recent accomplishments or momentous occasions to be celebrated:

Way to go **O'Dea Class of 1966!** For their 30th reunion, over 70 graduates showed up to O'Dea for a school tour, and later to Primo, Max Borthwick's (class of 1988) pizzeria down the hill. The stories shared and times had by all were truly a sight to see.



Congratulations **Kevin Palacpac '99**, and wife, Sarlyn Palacpac, on the birth of their first child, daughter, Reyna Sapida Palacpac. Baby Reyna was born on Sunday, May 15 at 5:53pm.



Congratulations to **Connor Williams '13**, a Junior at University of Michigan, as he will be staying in Ann Arbor over the summer after accepting an internship with the Strength & Conditioning department for the Michigan Football Team.

Robbie Jo Gerarden '15, excelled both on the field and in the classroom during his Freshman year at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology. Gerarden was twice named the GNAC Player of the Week during the Football season (as the kicker) and maintained a 3.4 GPA while taking classes in the Engineering School.

Advancement

Appreciation from the O'Dea Advancement Office

As we come to the end of another successful school year at O'Dea it is a privilege to thank our many generous benefactors and enthusiastic supporters who participated in essential activities this year to benefit our students. You answered our call and offered your help with our Annual Giving Campaign, the POSH Auction, and the Golf Tournament. None of these activities would have been successful without you and we appreciate your involvement. Thanks to all of you we are able to continue with our mission to ensure students of diverse socio-economic backgrounds have the opportunity to receive an O'Dea education and become part of our brotherhood. In addition, our new classrooms will become a reality within the next few months and are guaranteed to enhance the educational experience for all of our young men. Come check them out when they are completed and we know you'll agree they are an important and necessary addition to the future of our school. We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer with your families and friends and look forward to seeing you!

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