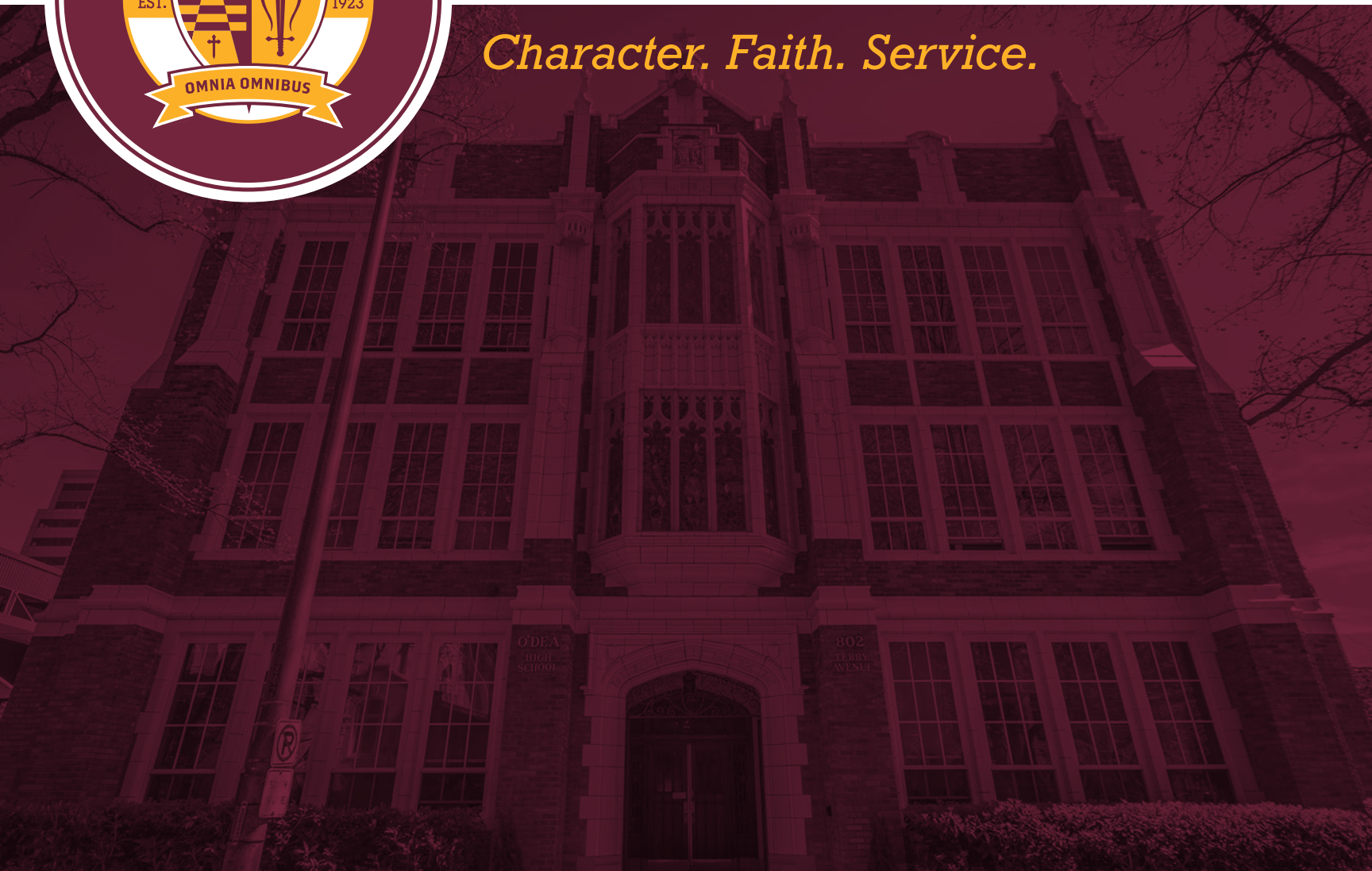




*Character. Faith. Service.*





# THE O'DEA EXPERIENCE

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

O'Dea High School is committed to developing our students into young men of character, faith, and service. Theology coursework, liturgies, retreats, community service, campus ministry and character development are integral components of O'Dea's faith-filled education.

## COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMICS

O'Dea High School is the only all-male Catholic college-preparatory high school in the Pacific Northwest. As an all-boys school, our faculty employs an approach to teaching tailored specifically to the way young men learn. Through Advanced Placement, Honors, College in the High School, and college-prep courses, O'Dea prepares each student to succeed at a post-secondary institution of their choice.

## DIVERSITY

Diversity has been a signature strength of O'Dea's student body since the school was founded in 1923. Our student body reflects the cultural, ethnic and socio-economic diversity that exists in the greater Seattle region. This diversity is a fundamental part of our community.



## BROTHERHOOD

The O'Dea experience fosters unparalleled bonds of brotherhood among students. Our unique all-male student body enriches these bonds through shared experiences, including participation in the House System, a program dedicated to developing leadership skills and connecting students with each other, their school and the community. These bonds last well beyond graduation, spanning decades, lifetimes, and generations.

## TRADITION OF WINNING, WITH HONOR

Athletic success is a longstanding tradition at O'Dea. With this tradition comes the responsibility to compete, with honor. Success is achieved with hard work and discipline, and is celebrated with sportsmanship and a selfless focus on the team. O'Dea athletes constantly strive to represent the school and community with pride and dignity.

## URBAN CAMPUS

O'Dea's urban campus elevates the traditional high school experience through our location in a vibrant intersection of city life. O'Dea is located across the street from St. James Cathedral, between premier medical facilities, art museums, and college campuses. Our students are exposed to stimulating inner-city experiences that enrich their education.

## THE O'DEA MISSION

O'Dea is a Catholic high school whose mission is to educate young men and prepare them to be men of character, faith and service.

### OUR PHILOSOPHY

O'Dea High School provides young men with a Catholic, college-preparatory education. In the spirit and tradition of the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education, O'Dea's diverse, single-gender learning environment lays a rich foundation for the academic and social development of our students.

### ALL BOYS

O'Dea High School, the only all-male Catholic college preparatory high school in the Pacific Northwest, is a unique and special place for young men. Our educators intentionally use teaching practices designed to support the way young men learn. Through Advanced Placement, Honors, College in the High School, and college prep courses, O'Dea prepares each student to succeed at a post-secondary institution of their choice. We combine the best traditional teaching practices with movement and competition in the classroom to engage our learners. These teaching strategies, along with newly designed classrooms with innovative educational technology, and the House System, provide our young men with an exceptional education and unparalleled bonds of Brotherhood that will last a lifetime.



### Jamelle McMillan '07

Assistant Coach, New Orleans Pelicans, NBA  
Arizona State University

"O'Dea provides a community built rich in spirit, bound to service, and lifelong brotherhood. It gave me tremendous discipline, developed me with professional character, and fueled a motivation to celebrate in the success of others more than that of myself. This has been the foundation of my coaching career and has provided me with amazing opportunities."

# HOUSE SYSTEM

O'Dea offers a multitude of opportunities for authentic student leadership and personal/social development.

## THE HOUSE OBJECTIVE

At the core of O'Dea's culture is the House System, dedicated to developing leadership skills and connecting students with each other, their school, and the community. O'Dea's motto "Four Houses, One Brotherhood" refers to each student's membership within one of four Houses; these Houses come together to form one O'Dea Brotherhood. Upon entering O'Dea High School, students are placed with a Mentor Teacher from the Faculty/Staff. These groups meet each morning and are together throughout their four years, encouraging interpersonal relationships amongst peers from every grade level and their dedicated Mentor Teacher. The academic, emotional,

and social support throughout the House System provides students with the necessary tools to become young men of character, faith, and service.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The House System at O'Dea offers a multitude of opportunities for authentic student leadership. Students from every grade level fill the 50 leadership positions that support the House, including School Captains, Mentor Group Captains, and School Chaplains. Together, these students collaborate with their House Dean, House Director, and Mentor Teacher to engage the student body in social, spiritual, and competitive events.



## IRISH CUP

O'Dea's Irish Cup is awarded each year to the House that demonstrates excellence in five areas: Academics, Service, Spirit, Citizenship, and House Games. The goal of the Irish Cup is to promote healthy competition that encourages academic success, boosts spirit, and enhances school pride.

**"THE HOUSE SYSTEM BRINGS CONNECTEDNESS AND UNITY WITHIN ALL GRADES AT O'DEA HIGH SCHOOL."**

**Gerardo Apin '16**  
*University of Washington, Bothell*

## Four Houses, One Brotherhood

VISITORS



### Dominique Gates '17

*United States Naval Academy*

"O'Dea is more than just a school. It is a unique place that shapes young men into the future leaders of tomorrow. Words can't describe how much O'Dea has prepared me to enter the professional environment at the Naval Academy."

### Casey Moriarty '01 Attorney

*Yale University  
Seattle University, School of Law*

"O'Dea High School challenges the students who walk its halls to be men for others. In this way, the faculty and staff at O'Dea teach more than academic subjects, but rather instill the spirit of service and Christian brotherhood into its graduates. I am so thankful for everything that I have learned at this great school."



# ACADEMICS

O'Dea commits itself to preparing each of our students for college and beyond.

College preparatory courses at O'Dea are grouped into eight academic focus areas.

## Arts

- Band I, II, III, IV
- Choir I, II, III
- Introduction to the Fine Arts & Music
- Photography/Yearbook
- Studio Art I, II

## English

- AP English Language
- AP English Literature & Composition
- English 9
- English 9 Honors
- English 10
- English 10 Honors
- English 11
- English 11 Honors
- English 12
- English 12 Honors
- Heroes of Our Times
- Literature in the Digital Age Honors

## International Language

- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- Spanish I, II
- Spanish III Honors

## Mathematics

- Algebra I
- Algebra II Honors
- Algebra II/Trigonometry
- AP Calculus AB
- Geometry
- Geometry Honors
- Precalculus Honors
- Statistics

## Physical Education / Health

- Advanced Physical Preparedness
- General Physical Preparedness

## Health I, II

- Introduction to Sports Medicine
- Strength & Conditioning

## Science

- Anatomy & Physiology
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Physics
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry
- Chemistry Honors
- Environmental Science
- Forensic Science
- Introduction to Robotics
- Physics
- Physics Honors

## Social Studies

- Accounting
- American Legal System
- AP US History
- AP US Government & Politics
- Conflict in the 20th Century
- Contemporary Problems
- Modern American History
- Modern World History
- Modern World History Honors
- Personal Finance
- Poverty in America Honors
- US History

## Theology

- Theology 9
- Theology 10
- Theology 11
- Theology 12

## HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Placement in the Honors and Advanced Placement courses is selective and is based on a student's grades, standardized test scores and recommendation by each department.

### Honors Courses

- Algebra II Honors
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- English 9 Honors
- English 10 Honors
- English 11 Honors
- English 12 Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Literature in the Digital Age Honors
- Modern World History Honors
- Physics Honors
- Poverty in America Honors
- Precalculus Honors
- Spanish III Honors

### AP Courses

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP Physics
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP US History
- AP US Government & Politics

## MATTEO RICCI PROGRAM

O'Dea has a partnership with Seattle University to offer college-level courses to our students. We have two courses through the Matteo Ricci College at Seattle University: Poverty in America Honors and English 12 Honors. These courses are taught on our campus by our faculty who receive curriculum guidance and support from the faculty at Seattle University.



**BEARDS FOR BROS – FIGHTING IRISH, FIGHTING CANCER**  
“THE BEARDS FOR BROS CAMPAIGN AT O'DEA HIGH SCHOOL SERVES AS A REMINDER OF HOW YOUNG PEOPLE CAN HAVE A TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF OTHERS.”

Jim Walker  
Principal

# FAITH & SERVICE

O'Dea is committed to developing our students into young men of character, faith, and service.

At O'Dea we believe that Faith and Service are inextricably related. We cultivate the Faith of our students through academics and the efforts of the Campus Ministry team so that we might foster a love for God that hungers to be expressed in works of service. Our service learning opportunities open the minds and hearts of our students and enable them to put their faith into action in a meaningful way.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE LEARNING

The objective of Christian Service Learning at O'Dea High School is to connect classroom curriculum with community issues and needs. Through preparation, service, and reflection, we inspire our students to feel a sense of responsibility and compassion for those who are vulnerable, and put our faith into action.

## LITURGIES

The celebration of liturgy is a special way in which our community connects with God. Students can get actively involved in liturgies through the Campus Ministry program. Students serve as Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, and Lectors. Liturgies take place in St. James Cathedral or the O'Dea High School Gymnasium.

## RETREATS

### Welcome Retreat

This retreat is a great chance for the freshmen to become better acquainted with their classmates, and learn more about O'Dea and the O'Dea Brotherhood.

### Sophomore Retreat

The Sophomore Retreat focuses on service to others as Christ taught. But we don't just talk about it, we live it through direct service at Northwest Harvest.

### Encounter Retreat

The Encounter Retreat is for juniors and seniors and has been called the “ultimate O'Dea experience.” Students are invited to encounter themselves, others and God in a profound way.

### Senior Retreat

All seniors are invited to reflect on their experiences at O'Dea and look towards their future with God.

## O'DEA IS A MICROSOFT SHOWCASE SCHOOL

As a recognition of excellence in transforming our students' learning environment to deliver more personalized education, O'Dea High School was the first school in Seattle to be named a Microsoft Showcase School! As a Showcase School we are in an exclusive community of more than 850

premier schools from around the world, celebrating our pioneering efforts and innovation in rethinking teaching, learning and assessment in order to drive deep 21st century competencies.



**"O'DEA IS A PLACE THAT BUILDS STUDENTS UP THROUGH MENTORSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND INSTRUCTION. IN FOUR YEARS I CAN PROUDLY SAY THAT O'DEA MOLDED ME INTO A CONFIDENT, WELL-EQUIPPED YOUNG MAN, READY TO TAKE ON ANY CHALLENGES LIFE THROWS MY WAY."**

**Christian Sailer '18**

*University of Washington, Foster School of Business*

## STUDENT LIFE

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O'Dea students have many opportunities to interact and socialize with students from other schools, including the young women at Holy Names Academy. O'Dea and Holy Names student leaders work together to plan a variety of social events and service opportunities to engage both student bodies. Some of these activities include: dances, socials, assemblies, concerts, music festivals, fundraisers, community service, drama productions, and co-ed sports.

### CLUBS

#### General Interest/Service

Chess Club, Junior State of America (JSA), Knowledge Bowl, National Honor Society (NHS), Service Club, Student Ambassadors

#### Cultural

Asian/Pacific Islander Cultural Club, Black Students United for Excellence (BSUE), Celtic Heritage Cultural Club, Korean Cultural Club, Latino Cultural Club

#### Arts/Technology

Cathedral Choir, Chamber Ensemble, Digital Media Club, eSports, Improv, Rhythm & Poetry, Technology Club

### ARTS

O'Dea High School believes that the arts is an integral part of the development of each of our students. Our growing Visual and Performing Arts Program showcases the many artistic talents of the young men at O'Dea, and allows our students to explore, understand, and appreciate the importance of artistic expression. Opportunities to participate are offered both as classes and after school activities.

#### Choral Music

The O'Dea Men's Choir focuses on singing in varied styles and from varied historical periods. The selected literature is chosen from songs, concert literature, and liturgical pieces written or adapted for male voices, and often includes original arrangements by the instructor, and/or students. Skills developed include pitch and tone, sight singing, rhythm, unison and part-singing, diction, languages, critical thinking and listening, concert etiquette, and rehearsal technique. Additionally, these young men develop their knowledge in music theory, history, general music appreciation skills, and performance concepts and styles.

#### Band

O'Dea's Band moves freely between Jazz, Rock, and Pep Band styles of music. Our musicians are adaptable to nearly any situation from sporting events, and assemblies to school liturgies and fund raising events. The O'Dea Band plays over 30 events every year, and holds 2 concerts a year. Band is a 0 period class and rehearses 4 days a week before school. Band students can also earn a Varsity Band Letter.

#### Drama

The purpose of O'Dea Drama is to help students discover leadership, language, public speaking, analytical, and teamwork skills in the context of providing an authentic, structured, theatre production experience.

#### Visual Arts

Creating visual art as personal and spiritual expression takes O'Dea students through Studio Art I and II where they learn the elements of design, explore many different media, and complete projects for display.

## ATHLETICS

A tradition of winning, with honor.

Athletics is an integral part of the school community at O'Dea High School. The athletic program is an extension of the school mission; participation prepares our young men to be men of character, faith, and service. Coaches strive to teach to the whole self and make athletics a learning environment both on and off the field. Athletic success is a longstanding tradition at O'Dea High School, and with this tradition comes the responsibility to compete, with honor. The Fighting Irish have brought home 22 State Championships, 10 Academic State Championships, and 32 Metro League All Sports Titles. This success is achieved with hard work and discipline, and is celebrated with sportsmanship and a selfless focus on the team. We constantly strive to represent our school, and our community, with pride and dignity.

### STRENGTH & CONDITIONING PROGRAM

The O'Dea Fighting Irish Strength & Conditioning Program focuses on the following core values: BELIEF, ACCOUNTABILITY, TOUGHNESS, and LEADERSHIP. These values are enforced through a mentally and physically challenging process that encourages students to work together to develop their physical performance, confidence, self-esteem, and collaborative skills in a positive and productive atmosphere.



**"O'DEA TAUGHT ME ABOUT BROTHERHOOD AND HOW TO GROW AS A PERSON. THE LESSONS LEARNED AND THE OVERALL O'DEA EXPERIENCE HAS HELPED ME EXCEL BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD."**

**Myles Gaskin '15**

*Miami Dolphins, NFL*



## 2018-2019 STATE CHAMPIONS

· Basketball, Lacrosse, Wrestling (Dustyn Camacho '20)  
· State Runner-Up: Baseball, Football



### ATHLETIC OFFERINGS

Fall: Cross Country, Football, Golf

Winter: Basketball, Swim & Dive, Wrestling

Spring: Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis, Track & Field

### 2019 GRADUATES PLAYING IN COLLEGE

#### Football

Ruperake Fuavai - University of Washington  
Preston Helwege - Idaho State University  
Tama Ma'alona - Mt. San Antonio College  
Mishael Powell - University of Washington  
Alexx Schmidt - Fresno State University  
Emonte Scott - Portland State University  
Thomas Tabor - Linfield College  
Sonat Taydas - Macalester College  
Michael Ulugalu - Montana State University Northern

#### Basketball

John Misel - University of Puget Sound  
Noah Williams - Washington State University

#### Baseball

Jack Folkins - University of Portland  
Ben Patacsil - University of Portland  
Max Samson - Oregon State University  
Ben Schulte - Bellevue College  
Jake Snyder - Creighton University

#### Lacrosse

Calvin Henninger - California Polytechnic State University  
Ben Luke - Elmhurst College  
Luke Martin - Illinois Wesleyan University

#### Rugby

Mark Tafia - Central Washington University

#### Rowing

Sean Wiley - Oregon State University

# STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

## ALL-MALE STUDENT BODY

O'Dea High School is the only all-male Catholic college preparatory high school in the Pacific Northwest. There are 480 young men enrolled in grades 9-12.

## URBAN CAMPUS

O'Dea is centrally located on First Hill, which overlooks downtown Seattle. This central location allows for a student body drawn from the entire metropolitan area, including young men from 84 zip codes. Students come from 136 different partner schools.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

64% of our students are Catholic. Students come from 58 parishes and 42 Catholic partner schools.

## DIVERSITY

Our student body reflects the cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic diversity that exists in the greater Seattle region.

57% Caucasian	3% Pacific Islander
19% Multi-Racial	1% American Indian
13% African American	1% Hispanic
6% Asian	



### Tony Flor '17

University of Montana

"At O'Dea it doesn't matter what your background is, where you're from, or what your interests are. We all come together to better ourselves and our community. Every student is valued and contributes to the incredible O'Dea Brotherhood."

# APPLICATION & ADMISSION

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### 1. SCHEDULE A VISITATION

Schedule online at odea.org

### 2. ATTEND OPEN HOUSE

November 6, 2019 or January 8, 2020

### 3. ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

Online at odea.org

### 4. SCHOOL FORMS

School Report/Transcript Request & Teacher Evaluation

### 5. ADMISSIONS EXAM

(applicants to the 9th grade only)

December 7, 2019 or December 14, 2019

Register online at odea.org

### 6. FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Online at odea.org

## IMPORTANT DATES

### VISITATION DAY

October - February

### OPEN HOUSES

Fall: November 6, 2019, 6:00 PM

Winter: January 8, 2020, 6:00 PM

### ADMISSIONS EXAM

December 7, 2019, 8:00 AM

or

December 14, 2019, 8:00 AM

### ADMISSIONS APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 8, 2020

### FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 8, 2020

### Patrick Lavin '99 Attorney

Harvard College  
University of Washington,  
School of Law

"I am very proud to be a product of O'Dea. O'Dea helped make me the man I am today. Many of my closest friends are O'Dea classmates. I benefit every day from being a part of the larger O'Dea community, and it is very important to me to continue to be involved with O'Dea."

### Evan Kirschner '99 Emergency Medicine Physician

St. Mary's College, CA  
Creighton University, Medical School

"O'Dea was a great educational and personal experience. The curriculum prepared me well for college, helping ease the transition to university level courses. O'Dea not only exposed me to what would ultimately become my career through the community service program, it also introduced me to great friends that continue to be part of my life."

## QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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# O'DEA FIGHTING IRISH

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