

# IRISH REVIEW

A Magazine for Alumni, Family, and Friends of O'Dea High School

Spring 2022 | ODEA.ORG





“O’Dea means we stand together, learn to do what is right, go out and help others around the world, discovering and doing the will of God.”

Tim Murphy '70



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear O’Dea Community,

As our academic year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on all that we have achieved this year to enrich the student experience and advance our mission in the tradition of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education. Our faculty and staff members, families, and proud alumni have much to celebrate as a Catholic school community.

Throughout this edition of the Irish Review, I am confident that you will gain a further appreciation for these many accomplishments and for the positive difference we continue to make in the lives of young men of O’Dea. I am energized and optimistic about the upcoming school year as we turn our attention to *Honoring the Past and Building the Future* in recognition of O’Dea’s centennial celebration.

As we approach our 100th anniversary, I look forward to the upcoming commemorative events and an opportunity to celebrate O’Dea’s proud legacy of Catholic education with the members of our school community. I also recognize the significance of the centennial to look forward strategically and make certain O’Dea continues to fulfill the founding mission in meaningful and tangible ways.

Together we accomplish great good, and I am proud that O’Dea remains distinctively significant among high schools in our region. Not only as the only all-male Catholic college-preparatory high school in the Pacific Northwest, but in every aspect of our student’s experience. O’Dea inspires a thirst for knowledge, a resolve to win with honor, and cultivating and nourishing God’s faith.

Thank you for your partnership in realizing O’Dea’s mission and your faithful support of our school programming and students as we strive to inspire the young men entrusted to our care to live lives grounded in Character, Faith, and Service.

Peace and Roll Irish,

Jim Walker  
Principal  
O’Dea High School

## CONTENTS

- 03 Message from the Principal
- 04 Honoring the Past, Building the Future
- 06 Serving Our Community
- 08 Student Life
- 12 Fall Athletics
- 14 Winter Athletics
- 16 Alumni
- 18 Advancement
- 22 Where Are They Now?

Irish Review  
Spring 2022

O’Dea High School  
802 Terry Ave  
Seattle, WA 98104  
206-622-6596  
odea.org

Principal  
Jim Walker  
jdwalker@odea.org

Chief Financial Officer  
Laura Weinand  
lweinand@odea.org

Advancement Director  
Allie Thomas  
athomas@odea.org

Alumni Director  
David Mazzeo  
dmazzeo@odea.org

Director of Marketing & Communications  
Amanda Stevenson  
astevenson@odea.org

Designer  
Keith Russell Design

Printer  
Savage Color

If you would like to send a letter to the editor, update your information, or contribute a written piece for consideration in the Irish Review, please send an email to Amanda Stevenson, Director of Marketing & Communications, at [astevenson@odea.org](mailto:astevenson@odea.org).

# HONORING THE PAST, BUILDING THE FUTURE



## ST. PAUL FIELD: PLANTING A SEED FOR THE FUTURE OF O'DEA

As announced in a community-wide letter mailed in January, we are in contract to purchase the athletic field at St. Paul Parish. Purchasing this field is an historic opportunity for O'Dea. It will be the first land O'Dea will own in its 100-year history. And most importantly, it will significantly enhance the experience of our student-athletes, the athletic program, and O'Dea High School as a whole.

The field will help support the challenges we face due to the rising costs and decreasing accessibility of athletic fields in Seattle. It will ensure teams have a place to practice and enable student-athletes to return home earlier in the day. It also will be available for us to use for other school activities and events that require an open space.

We look forward to starting the process of restoring the field from its current condition so we can begin to make use of it. As a Catholic, mission-based school, it is important for us to be good neighbors, so we also look forward to discussions on field usage with St. Paul Parish and the surrounding neighborhood once the restoration is complete.

While there is much for us to consider as we move into the future, we trust our community shares our enthusiasm for the possibilities of this exciting initiative!

## MRS. LINDA THORNTON: CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO O'DEA



Linda Thornton was just five years old the first time she stepped foot on the O'Dea High School campus. Her brother, who is a member of the class of 1956, was going to a basketball game and he brought his little sister along. After that, it seemed there was always a connection to O'Dea, whether it was her sister going to the O'Dea prom or children she was close to in her neighborhood who attended O'Dea. Finally, when she was an O'Dea parent herself, she was given an opportunity to work at the school, beginning an unmatched legacy at O'Dea.

Linda is now retiring after forty years of service to O'Dea. She is known for the compassion and support she brought so many families as the Director of Financial Aid, but beyond that she has played numerous other roles to advance O'Dea. She was the Executive Assistant to the Principal for six different principals and helped create the

Mother/Son Blessing, which is a highlight for mothers of the senior class. In addition, she organized the Senior Prom for 37 years, directed our Admissions program, worked in Campus Ministry, ran school dances, organized chocolate bar sales, and so much more. During her time here, she has left a lasting mark on O'Dea, our students, and our families.

While she will be missed, we are so grateful for the many talents she has shared with us over the years. In her honor, the Linda Thornton Scholarship Endowment Fund was established at the Celebrate O'Dea Auction this year. (See page 18.) This fund will help us continue to provide students with need based financial aid in her name in perpetuity, with the same compassion and thoughtfulness Linda has shown our community for so many years. Thank you Linda, for your years of selflessness and service!

Congratulations! You have been a pillar of strength and love to all the students who traveled the halls of O'Dea on our 4 year journey of discovery. You were a huge part of my O'Dea journey as well as so many of my 1986 classmates and brothers. Thank you for your untiring dedication and service to everyone who's lives you have touched. Enjoy your retirement!

- Adam Othman '86

Mrs. Thornton, thanks so much for your years of service. I remember working with you on the yearbook committee (among other activities) and your dedication to the young men of O'Dea will be impossible to replace. Thanks for your involvement in my development and to your commitment to fostering a community of strong young men and community leaders.

-Marques Warren '01

Linda, thank you for being a shining light and best possible role model for servant leadership. The impact you have had on the O'Dea community is immeasurable, and your impact will continue to benefit all the boys, teachers, and administrators who you influenced. Congratulations on your retirement!

-David Ursino '87

Linda left a mark on me during my involvement with the school while my son was there. She has a heart of gold and wants nothing but the best for every single O'Dea gentleman who comes through those doors. Congrats on 40 years of service!

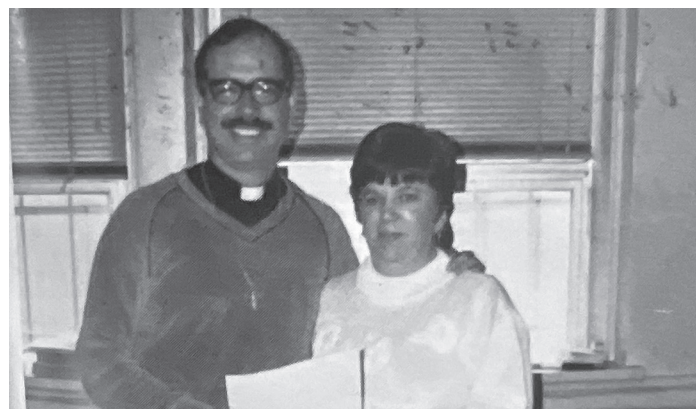
-Andrea Cruz, Parent of 2017 Graduate



# FAITH & SERVICE.

## ENCOUNTER RETREAT

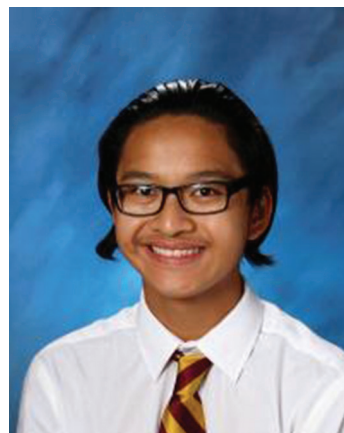
Founded by former Campus Minister Fr. Tim Sauer in the Fall of 1985, the Encounter Retreat is a unique element of the O'Dea experience. After 38 years, we are so delighted Fr. Tim has continued to attend and support the retreats. Now a longstanding tradition at O'Dea, the 101st Encounter Retreat will be held in December 2022! **Thank you to Fr. Tim for believing in the young men of O'Dea and bringing this wonderful opportunity to O'Dea!**



"Before going on Encounter 99, I was quite nervous. I had doubts about myself and was afraid that I might not like it. I was also concerned that, being an introvert, it would be geared more toward extroverts. However, during the retreat, hearing my peers opening up about their

thoughts and feelings helped me gain the courage to open up, as well. Having quiet time to reflect in small groups reduced my anxiety. This has been my favorite retreat yet!"

- Aiden Sumner, '23



"The Encounter retreat allows you to be yourself with your classmates in a way that we don't experience at school. Encounter is quality time to talk about things unrelated to the classroom and a chance to be real with our classmates. This retreat also allowed me to form new friendships and

strengthen old ones. Encounter is a fantastic experience!"

- Andrew Nguyen '23

## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

We are so excited to be back out in our community safely serving those around us. Members of the Dublin House partnered with Green Seattle for a Golden Gardens Forest Restoration project. Students removed invasive weeds and planted native species to help return the forest to a natural ecosystem.

Students also volunteered with the First Hill Improvement Association, Freeway Park Association, and Seattle Public Utilities during the First Hill Autumn Clean Up. Students gathered a dozen bags of garage during the project, helping keep our neighborhood clean!



## STUDENT SERVICE SPOTLIGHTS



**Riley Conn '22**

Inspired by the legacy and history of military service, Riley built and painted 100 crosses for the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapter in Issaquah. After completing the crosses, Riley went to the Preston Cemetery and the Issaquah Cemetery and individually placed a cross at each designated veteran's tombstone. The VFW collected all the crosses and plan to use them each year on Memorial Day as part of their Veteran's Day ceremony.



**Noah Bissmeyer '25**

Noah began a personal service project working with Seattle YouthCare, an organization working to end youth homelessness. After collecting many travel-sized toiletries while traveling across the country for lacrosse, Noah was inspired to provide toiletries and similar items to those in need. He began organizing what he had collected and donating to Seattle YouthCare while also bringing collection boxes to his lacrosse practices as well. Last year, Noah collected and donated 90 pounds of toiletries.



# STUDENT LIFE

## THE LIGHTNING THIEF

Congratulations to O'Dea Drama for a wonderful production of The Lightning Thief, The Percy Jackson Musical. O'Dea Drama participants included **Nate Hopper '23, Aidan Dalberg '23, Reeves Davidson '22, Nathan Hathaway '22, Matthew Slobodzian '22, Jonathan Unruh '22, and Andre Ricard '22.** O'Dea students were also joined by ladies from Holy Names Academy.



## NW ACDA CHOIR

Congratulations to **Andre Ricard '22** who was accepted into the Northwestern American Choral Directors Association Tenor/Baritone Choir. This choir performed at the 2022 ACDA Conference in Spokane, WA in early March. Andre also serves as our School Chaplain.



## HONORING DR. KING

On Friday, January 14th, the O'Dea community came together to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student leaders planned a dynamic virtual assembly, with a goal of including student voices and providing a call to action to students to be active in living out the mission of Dr. King. **Charlie Horey '22** gave a thoughtful reflection on what Dr. King's legacy means to him as a young man at O'Dea and encouraged his peers to do the same. **David Mazzeo '99** and **Nate Hopper '23**, performed their own pieces of spoken word. Seattle Fire Department Chief Harold Scoggins also spoke to the students about personal examples of living out the words of Dr. King in his life and work.

## WELLNESS WEEK 2022

The O'Dea Counseling Team hosted our annual Wellness Week in March, providing opportunities for students to take time to focus on their mental and physical well-being. Activities included therapy dogs, yoga, and guest speakers including **Michael Powell '19** and Emily Bader from the JED Foundation who spoke on the importance of mental health.



## MOCK TRIAL

The American Legal Systems course has recently been applying their classroom learning to real-life applications. Lawyers and alumni parent Terry Lynch (**Daniel '13 and Trevor '16**), current parents Kerry Keefe (**Eamon '21 and Kellan '25**) and Becca Boatright (**Brendan '25**), and alumni **Patrick Lynch '85** have volunteered their time to help our students feel prepared to compete in Mock Trial competitions. In February, the O'Dea Mock Trial team competed at the Snohomish County Mock Trial Competition. There were four total trials lasting 16 hours over the two days. O'Dea performed well with a strong 4th place finish, the highest finish since Mock Trial began six years ago.

Photographed Below: (L to R):

**Back Row: Patrick Lynch '85, Faculty Member Joe Cronin, Zach Frankenberg '22, Kayat Taydas '22, Jamison Saxton '22, Mason Wisen '22, Lucas Engles-Klann '22, Terry Lynch**

**Front Row: Becca Boatright, Gabriel Harris '23, Maximilliano Valladares '22, Keegan Fox '22, Andrew Koch '23, JJ Abner '23**



# STUDENT LIFE

## DECA

DECA, one of O'Dea's newest clubs, prepares students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, entrepreneurship, and management. The club itself assists in educating students about business and marketing concepts, trains them to be strong leaders, and offers opportunities to grow communication skills while participating in role play, written, and virtual competitions. At the regional competition in January, twenty-six DECA members competed at the Area 2 Conference. **Tayin Pillay '22** and **Luke Lamoria '22** took 1st Place in the Marketing Management: Team Decision Making category. They were among the eighteen members who qualified for the State Career Development Conference (SCDC). At the state level, **Hugh Macaulay '22** and **Peter Casaschi '22** placed 2nd in the Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making category, qualifying for the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Atlanta! Congratulations to Hugh & Peter for finishing in the top 20 in the country and qualifying as finalists at the DECA ICDC!



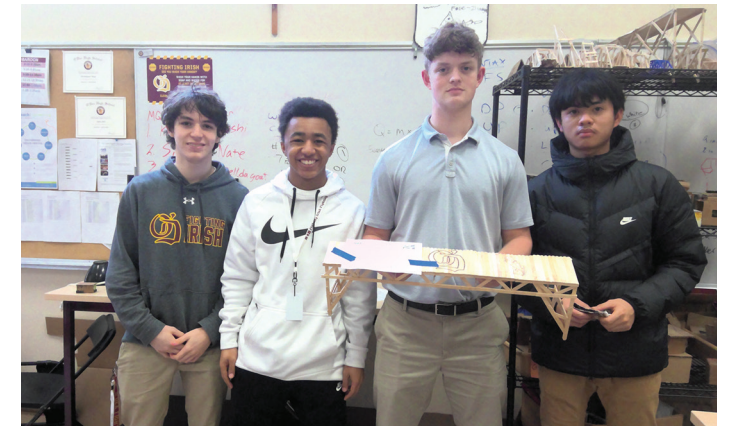
## BEARDS FOR BROS

Beards for Bros returned this past spring with the most successful campaign yet! Starting in 2015, O'Dea students come together each March to raise money for the Seattle Children's Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program. Since the O'Dea Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer Junior Guild joined Seattle Children's Guild Association in 2016 they have raised over **\$71,200** for the Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program. **Thank you to the O'Dea community for your support and helping us raise over \$20,000 for Seattle Children's in 2022!**



## ASCE POPSICLE BRIDGE COMPETITION

Congratulations to 16 O'Dea students who participated in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 27th Annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition. Four O'Dea groups participated in the virtual event, competing against eight other teams in the Seattle area. **John Orm '23**, **Tylen Bell '22**, **Max Rosenfeld '23**, and **Joseph Castillo '23** took home 1st place in the video competition!



## DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Five O'Dea students attended the Diversity Leadership Summit held in March along with other nearby high school students. The conference was centered around building student leadership skills through understanding diversity, equity, and inclusion. Students in attendance included **Jack Suk '23**, **Beckett Swanson '23**, **Thomas Seiwert '23**, **Tylen Bell '22**, and **Connor Lofy '23**.





# FALL ATHLETICS

## FOOTBALL

With a quick turn-around after the delayed 2021 spring season, the Fighting Irish Football team compiled an 8-3 record, going 4-1 in conference play, and making it to the 3A state quarterfinals. Led by a strong senior class, the Irish held onto their team values of hard work, character, and dedication to continue the legacy of O'Dea Football. Congratulations to **Mark Nabou Jr. '22** for being named All-Metro Mountain Division Linemen of the Year and **Jason Brown '24** for being named All-Metro Mountain Division Offensive MVP.

**Captains: Oliver Braitsch, John Kohler, Mark Nabou Jr., Trey Stokes, Jonias Utu**



## GOLF

O'Dea Golf went nearly undefeated for the 2021 season, finishing 2nd in Metro competition and 4th in districts. Congratulations to **Brady Foster '23** for being named 1st Team All-Metro. The team looks to continue their success into the State tournament in May in Spokane.

**Captains: Zach Frankenburg, Joe Githens**



## CROSS COUNTRY

The Fall Cross Country season saw great success and tremendous leadership from fourteen seniors! The Irish finished 3rd at the Metro Championships and qualified three individuals, **Zach Berta '22, Peter Leary '22 & Luke Meyer '22**, for the State Championships.

**Captains: Zach Berta, Fanus Beyen, Anthony Cabrera, Peter Leary, Luke Meyer**





# WINTER ATHLETICS

## SWIM & DIVE:

O'Dea Swimming rebounded after a season with no competitions, placing 2nd at the Metro Championship, 5th at District, and returning to state, finishing 9th. **Jack Skarda '24** placed 2nd at State in the 100 Breast and 3rd in the 200 IM. **Sean Ahearn '22, Aidan Schutte '22, Owen Weber '22, and Charlie Horey '22** were named NISCA Academic All-Americans.

**Captains: Sean Ahearn, Francisco Palacian, Owen Weber**

Congratulations to Coach Tom Schutte for being named Washington State 3A Coach of the Year!



## WRESTLING:

O'Dea Wrestling held strong this season, finishing 9-1 overall and highlighted by a 2nd place finish at the Metro Tournament with 8 students qualifying to the state tournament. Led by 8 seniors, the wrestling team looks to continue a strong tradition of success.

**Seniors: Rogan Bruce, Jack Farmer, Mason Flaar, John Haralson III, Georgios Kotsakis, Conner Richardson, Anthony Tish**



## BASKETBALL:

A young team led by four strong seniors, O'Dea Basketball finished the season with a 20-8 record, returning to the state tournament for the 34th time in school history. The team battled many loser-out games to work their way through a tough district tournament.

Congratulations to **Owen Moriarty '22 and Mason Williams '23** for being selected as 2nd Team All-Metro!

**Seniors: Sam Lipscomb, Russell MacFarlane, Owen Moriarty, Takeo Staten Sylvester**





# ALUMNI

## CAREER DAY 2022

Our annual Alumni Career Day continued in a virtual format, which enables alumni from all over the country to participate in sharing their work experience with our students. Career Day kicked off with a keynote address from **James Ward III 2006**, Netflix. A big thank you to our 2022 Career Day speakers:

- Tom Goedde 1988** – EA Sports, DraftKings
- Roderick Thompson 1994** – Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Lt. Col Jonathan Czarney 1998** – USAF
- Joseph Brazier 1999** – Microsoft Education
- Albert Jaimes 1999** – Seattle Mariners
- Ty Eriks 2001** – Eriks Dental Group
- Jeffrey Jin 2002** – University of California, Irvine
- Brady Henderson 2004** – ESPN
- Patrick McHugh 2005** – Lockton Companies
- Marcus Wong 2015** – Philadelphia Flyers & Wells Fargo Center
- Sam Johnson 2016** – Swedish Medical Center



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual O’Dea Golf Tournament was a success this past summer, safely bringing together over 100 alumni and supporters of O’Dea at the Golf Club at Newcastle. Thank you to those who participated—we look forward to seeing you **Monday, June 14th for the 2021 Tournament!**



The 2022 O’Dea Golf Tournament is now sold out! Thank you for your support!

## REMEMBERING CHARLIE GREENE '63

The O’Dea community mourns the loss of **Mr. Charlie Greene '63**. An Olympic gold medalist, Greene was an Army officer, serving as sprint coach at West Point and head coach of the All-Army team. After retiring from the Army as a major, he became a director for Special Olympics International in Washington, DC. Mr. Greene is a member of the first class in O’Dea’s Athletic Wall of Honor (1998) and was a distinguished guest speaker at various O’Dea events. Embodying Character, Faith and Service, Mr. Greene will be remembered as a major part of the fabric that makes up O’Dea. May he rest peacefully.



## ALUMNI MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

In partnership with O’Dea Campus Ministry, the Annual Alumni Memorial Prayer Service was held this past January featuring **Mr. Gene Kranc '63**. Our senior class attended the event in person while the rest of our school community tuned in virtually from classrooms. We also welcomed alumni guests and community members. We appreciate those who attended and tuned in and may God bless our deceased O’Dea loved ones.



# ADVANCEMENT

Celebrate!  
O'DEA



## 50TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE O'DEA – THANK YOU!

We are grateful for our O'Dea community! Thank you for coming together on March 19th to help us honor one of the treasures of O'Dea High School, Linda Thornton, as she retires at the end of this year after 40 years of service to the young men of O'Dea.

We hosted Celebrate O'Dea with 380 guests in the Bishop Thomas Gill Gymnasium, and 500 guests online from all over the world! Our in-person guests enjoyed food, activities, and drinks in classrooms themed through the decades while at-home guests viewed a pre-show with fun videos, trivia, and interviews with on-site guests. Then together, we honored Linda and her dedication to the families of O'Dea.

**Together, we raised more than \$700,000 in support of our families who require financial assistance to provide the O'Dea experience to their young men!**

Thank you to our amazing parent and student volunteers, led by our co-chairs, Nicole Nyblod (**Oliver '22 & Quentin '25**), and Jennifer Livingston (**Griffin '22 & Owen '25**) for creating a fun and exciting event. We are thankful for your service to our community

**Please Save the Date for our 51st Annual Auction, on Saturday March 18th, 2023!**



## DONOR WALL

We invite our O'Dea community to come check out the newest edition on the first floor! Our new donor wall recognizes those who have supported O'Dea with significant cumulative gifts, are part of our Legacy Society, and have been honored with an endowment in their name. **Thank you to all who have made continuing to enrich the lives of our young men possible with your generous gifts!**



### ENDOWMENTS:

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| The Patrick Burns '55 Memorial Scholarship                | The Friedel Family Scholarship              | The Cameron Mikami 2017 Scholarship                         |
| The Kevin Patrick Chandler '82 Memorial Scholarship       | The Hardy Family Scholarship                | The Edward John Myers '62 Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund |
| The Don and Ann (Kevin) Connolly Family Scholarship       | The Leo & Rita Heye Scholarship             | The Jerry L. Newman '50 Scholarship                         |
| The Nicolas L. Daquila '49 Scholarship                    | The John Robert Hiltenbrand '36 Scholarship | The Brother J.S. O'Keefe Endowed Scholarship                |
| The William '49 & Margaret DeForeest Memorial Scholarship | The Aleatha and Hang Iacolucci Scholarship  | The Barbara Phillips Scholarship                            |
| The Richard Dodd '63 Scholarship                          | The John Kerschner '63 Scholarship          | The Andy Slatt '57 Scholarship                              |
| The Fred Dore '43 Scholarship                             | The Charles J. McGlynn Scholarship          | Class of 1988 Scholarship                                   |
|   | The Patrick McKenna '46 Scholarship         | Class of 2005 Scholarship                                   |
|   | The Paul J McKillop Memorial Scholarship    |   |

## THE O'DEA LEGACY SOCIETY

The O'Dea Legacy Society was formed in 2018 and includes those that have named O'Dea as a beneficiary of all, or a portion of their estate, trust, life insurance policy, retirement account, or other planned gift will. The Legacy Society recognizes members of the O'Dea community who are committed to our mission and continuing the tradition and values of a Catholic education at O'Dea High School. It also ensures gifts are administered as the donor wishes. We encourage you to make the O'Dea mission part of your legacy and experience the joy of giving!

### LEGACY SOCIETY:

- |                                    |                                      |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Sharon Aldueso                     | Dr Robert '47 & Susan Hedequist      | Ralph Moorman '71                                  |
| Joseph Anderton & Diane Lostrangio | James Henney '86 & Jennifer Overlock | Ronald '54 & Donna Murrish                         |
| James 2001 & Lauren Andrews        | Charlie 2005 and Kara Herche         | Greg '79 & Ann Marie Nelson                        |
| Vince & Kelly Bosa                 | Tom & Mary Herche                    | Steve '73 & Kathryn Phillips                       |
| Daniel '56 & Patricia Brotherton   | Dr Edward '49 & Phyllis Hopfner      | John '79 & Therese Platt                           |
| Brian '89 & Conne Bruce            | William & Therese Jackson            | Andrew '84 & Keri Read                             |
| Michael '62 & Patricia Connors     | Ronald Jones '63                     | Dr Albert Smith '60 & Dr Kristine Brynildsen-Smith |
| Charles Cox '56                    | James '54 & Donna Keene              | Brian '93 & Jennifer Sollom                        |
| John DeRocco '74 & Eileen Ryan     | Adam Kures 2017                      | James Spagnole '62 & Sharon Stiles                 |
| Kiyohiko & Diana Dickerson         | Alexander Kures 2014                 | Eugene '47 & Patricia Styer                        |
| Bryan Ellis 2001                   | Matthew LePley '95                   | Dr John '70 & Jennifer Swegle                      |
| Mark and Sarah Ellis               | Thomas '56 & Mary Pat Lord           | Douglas '80 and Tuija Thatcher                     |
| Joseph Fabre '86                   | Neil '38 & Elaine McCluskey          | Dana Tonkin Chapman                                |
| Thomas & Teresa Flor               | Michael & Linda McMahon              | Andrew Tracey '53                                  |
| Susan Fox                          | Duncan McNab '60                     | Brian '76 & Candy Ursino                           |
| Paul L. Gibson '75                 | Daniel '86 & Sydne Mead Smith        | Jeffrey & Melissa Williams                         |
| John '83 & Elizabeth Golubiec      | Gerry '65 & Janet Michael            | John & Joan Winslow                                |
| Robert '49 & Janet Hardy           | Greg Miller                          | Dr Joseph '66 & Carole Zohn                        |
| Kenji Harman 2004                  | Daniel Moody '80                     |  |

## BROTHER J.S. O'KEEFE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

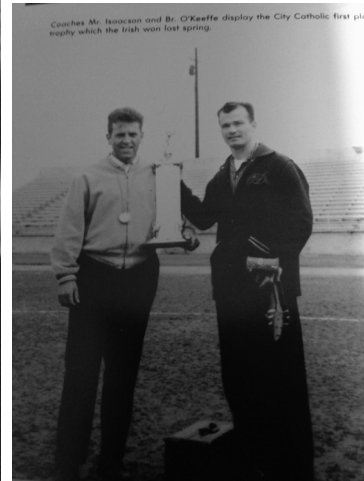
The Brother J.S. O'Keefe Endowed Scholarship was established to commemorate the lifetime of service, teaching, and coaching of a remarkable Christian Brother of Ireland.

Brother J.S. O'Keefe, commonly known as "Steve", was an honorable role model who embodied the qualities of a true O'Dea gentleman. He worked well with people from all racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds, drawing from his down-to-earth New York City upbringing. He inspired and motivated each person he encountered to harness their strengths in life. He was also respected and admired by all who had the pleasure of interacting

with him. Brother O'Keefe demonstrated such a noble combination of spiritual values: compassion, patience, humility, humor, forgiveness, passion, gratitude, loyalty, and friendship.

This scholarship was created by alumni brothers from the 1960's, with the hope that the student recipient appreciates the tradition of excellence and aspires to use opportunities to make the world a better place in the memory of Brother J.S. "Steve" O'Keefe.

**If you would like to contribute in honor of Brother O'Keefe, contact Allie Thomas at [athomas@odea.org](mailto:athomas@odea.org).**



## SUPPORT O'DEA

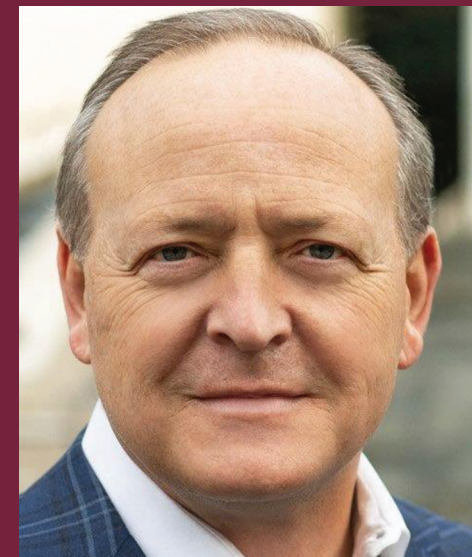
For more information on making your gift to O'Dea, contact Allie Thomas, Advancement Director at [athomas@odea.org](mailto:athomas@odea.org) or 206-923-7540..

## O'DEA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION BOARD

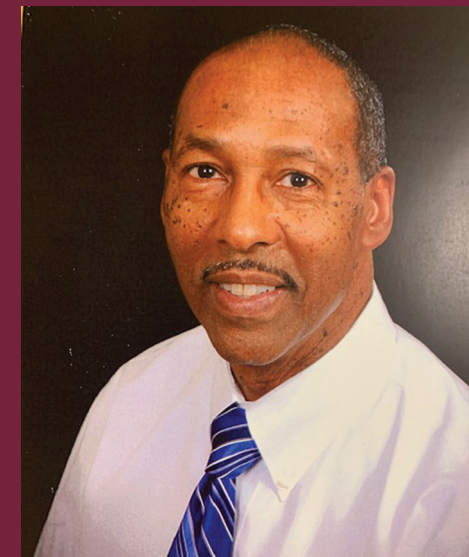
Did you know that O'Dea High School has a Foundation that provides financial support to O'Dea? According to the Articles of Incorporation filed on July 9, 1985, the Foundation was established to provide "assistance for charitable, religious, and educational purposes" to O'Dea. Original board members including Dr. Robert Fouty '49, Lucy Salle, George Zamberlin '47, Frank Lafazia and Fran Maguire were given the responsibility to "wisely and prudently manage and use funds" in the Foundation to benefit O'Dea. The funds' primary purpose was to provide support for students in need of financial aid, but other support could be provided if needed by the school.

Today, the Foundation is governed by six alumni Board members with expertise in the finance and risk management sectors. The Foundation's assets have grown by 60% since 2016 and now total approximately \$11 million. Based on the Foundation's spending guidelines, the Board members approved a gift of \$522,000 for the 2022 – 2023 school year, which will help offset the expected cost of nearly \$2 Million in aid.

**We are fortunate to have such an outstanding group of alumni providing direction for the future of the Foundation!**



Rich Cuff '83



Gary Melonson '71



Glen Simecek '83



Geoff Urbina '95



Pat Welch '65



Joe Zavaglia '66

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



A very happy (belated) 98th birthday to Mr. Ed Welch '42, who is always representing the maroon and gold! Mr. Welch still comes by to visit O'Dea and attends football and basketball games when he is able. Four of his sons and multiple extended family members have graduated from O'Dea.



Congratulations Michael Rittman '04, and wife, Linda, on celebrating the birth of their second child and first son, Avery Michael. We hope to see him walking the halls of O'Dea in 15 years!



Paolo Banchemo '21, the Atlantic Coast Conference's Freshman of the Year, helped guide Duke University to the NCAA Final Four in New Orleans. After cutting down the nets in an Elite 8 victory over the Arkansas Razorbacks in San Francisco, he posed with brother, Leo '26, mother, Rhonda, father, Mario '92 and sister, Mia.



MAJ. GEN. (RET.) PAT BRADY  
NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

On March 25th, The National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation broke ground on the Arlington museum. The one-of-a-kind museum is in recognition of the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor in combat beyond the call of duty. On hand at the ceremony was Major General (Ret.) Pat Brady '54, who said, "We know that what we did to earn the Medal is less important than what we do with it. It does not make us special, but it allows us to do special things; and there is nothing that we have ever done that is more special than this museum. Young people will learn they can be heroes and they don't have to go to war to do it."



Earlier this year, Zachary Malloy '11 graduated from the University of San Francisco's Sport Management Master's Program. Malloy then accepted an Account Executive role with LEARFIELD in Eugene, Oregon.



Congratulations Trevor McKoy '10, on being the first Black applicant in Wright State University's Medical School history to match Urology at the University of Washington where he will be a 2022 Urology Intern.



THE POWER LIST:  
BLACK MEN  
IN TECH

**JAMES WARD III**

Manager,  
Multicultural Publicity  
Netflix

James Ward III '06 was featured in the February edition of "The Quintessential Gentleman's," Power List: Black Men in Tech. Ward is the Manager of Multicultural Publicity at Netflix after spending time working at the Oprah Winfrey Network.

#QGPPOWERISSUE



O'Dea High School  
802 Terry Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

*Change Service Requested*

NON-PROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
SEATTLE, WA  
PERMIT #1445

# Welcome Class of 2026 to the O'Dea Brotherhood as we celebrate 100 Years of Catholic Education!



The start of the 2022-2023 school year will kick off O'Dea's Centennial Celebration! This year-long celebration will honor and highlight the past 100 years of educating young men on First Hill. The Centennial will also provide an opportunity to look to the next 100 years. Students and community members will have opportunities to participate in Centennial themed events, service projects, and more! Be sure to follow along on social media for more Centennial updates as the next school year approaches. Email [ODEaCentennial@odea.org](mailto:ODEaCentennial@odea.org) with your O'Dea story!

**ODEA.ORG**