

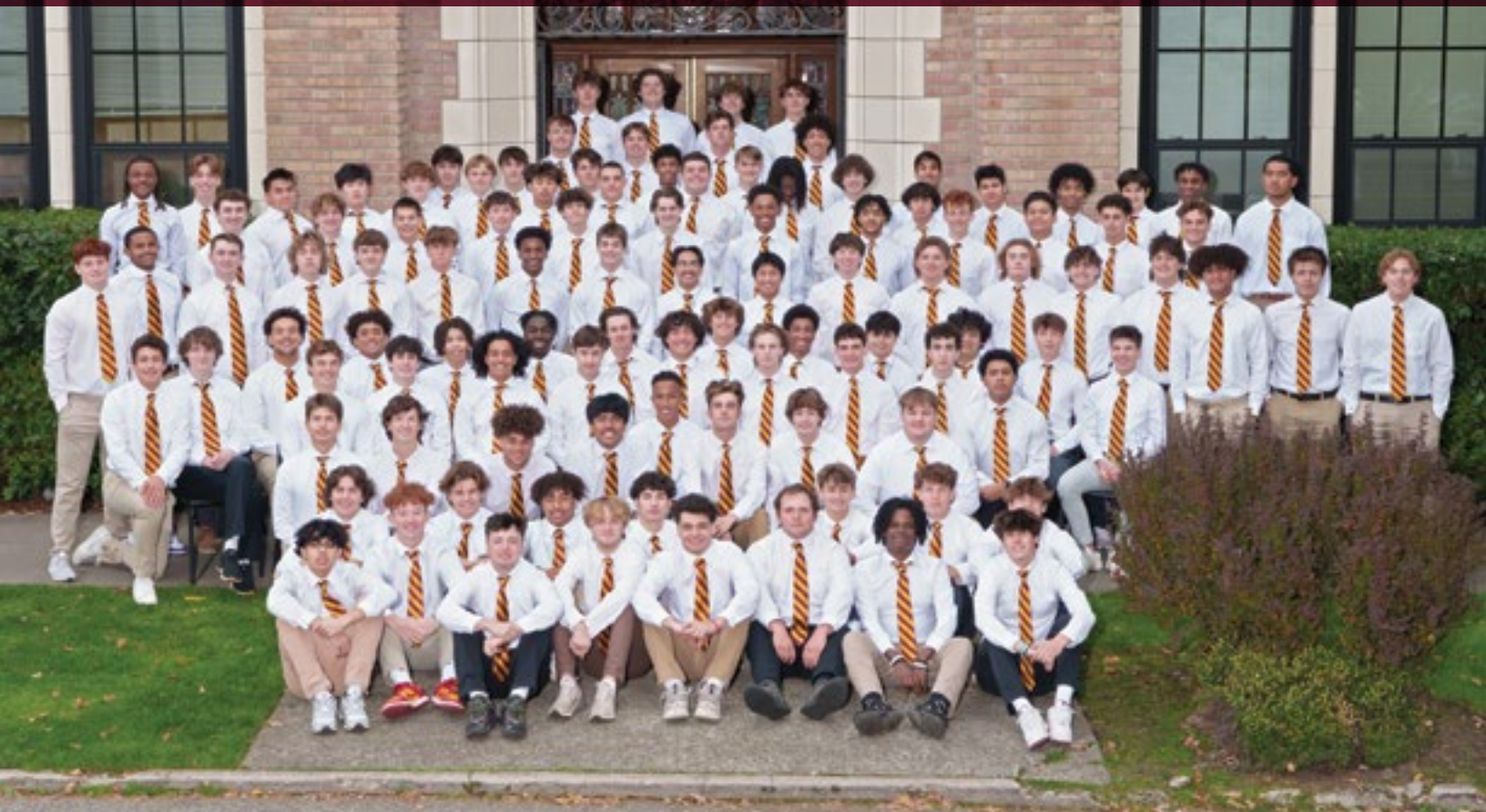
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# Congratulations to the Class of 2024!



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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

O'Dea Community,

As we stand on the threshold of a new era and look forward to our future, we are excited to share with you this edition of the Irish Review and the many impressive achievements of our community.

During this year, our School Board and staff have been developing a new strategic plan, which will guide us through the coming years with intention and purpose.

In this plan, we will affirm that establishing and celebrating a sense of belonging is central to the O'Dea experience, ensuring that within our vibrant tapestry of brotherhood, no student will walk alone. Mentorship programs, inclusive student organizations, and shared experiences will continue to form connections. The O'Dea students will engage in meaningful service experiences, understanding their responsibility to uplift others.

Our classrooms will buzz with curiosity and innovation as we explore interdisciplinary approaches to learning, invest in leading-edge technology, and foster community partnerships. Our commitment to academic excellence, rigorous programs, relevant coursework, and personalized experiences will prepare our students for a dynamic, ever-evolving world.

O'Dea students and staff will learn from one another, celebrate uniqueness, foster greater understanding



and respect, and acknowledge that our differences enrich the O'Dea school community. We will celebrate together, ensuring every voice is heard and valued.

We will honor Edmund Rice's enduring legacy and vision of education, which is rooted in compassion, justice, and service, and will remain a school where faith thrives and love connects each of us.

As this school year closes, we congratulate the young men who will graduate with knowledge, compassion for others, and a sense of purpose. They are ready to lead, serve, and contribute positively to their world.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our generous community. Your unwavering support of O'Dea's mission and the young people we serve is extraordinary and speaks to your commitment to Catholic education. Together, let us embrace the future, where O'Dea's proud legacy of an Edmund Rice Education shines brighter than ever.

Peace and Roll Irish!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J.D. Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Jim Walker  
Principal



# EDUCATION FOR ALL LEARNERS

O'Dea prides itself on its commitment to meet students where they are in their academic journey, tailoring an approach that empowers each of them to their next level of success. Whether it's providing support for students with learning differences or challenging those who seek to transcend traditional high school curriculum, O'Dea cultivates a dynamic educational environment that fosters growth for all young men. Below are examples of two programs that help our students reach their full potential.

## **BUILDING SUCCESS & INDIVIDUALIZED GROWTH**

One of our primary initiatives is to increase the range of student learning styles we can support at O'Dea through our Educational Support Program.

Led by Angie Gebhart (HNA Class of 2008), our Educational Support Program provides instruction and assistance to students with documented learning differences. Students are supported in reaching their goals and becoming independent learners with an individualized educational support plan. Services include

offering classroom support, tutoring, and executive functioning instruction. To enhance our support for this diverse group of learners, we have increased our team to four full-time staff members — Angie, Jackson Derby, Pierre LeDorze 2013, and Rebecca McPharlin (mother of Joshua '99 and Jacob 2001). These incredible faculty members ensure that all students in the program are provided with the tools they need to succeed in the classroom and thrive as independent learners.

The program's primary aim is to identify where students are academically, create goals with them, and work together to find the best types of support that will help bridge the gap for a successful career at O'Dea and beyond. The team works closely with families and faculty members to align available accommodations and maximize student outcomes, while teaching students to advocate for themselves and their learning. We also rely on our 1:1 Surface program, utilizing many accessibility tools to provide growth opportunities for all students.

As we look to expand the program, we will continue to utilize innovative ways to help our students grow and realize their full potential.



“O’Dea’s Educational Support Program was key to supporting our son with ADHD. The teachers in the program quickly earned his trust and taught him strategies for homework and test taking, allowing him to truly excel in subjects where he previously struggled.”

- Class of 2027 Parent

## SEATTLE UNIVERSITY & O’DEA CONTINUE PARTNERSHIP

O’Dea continues to expand its long-standing partnership with Seattle University’s Matteo Ricci Institute to offer college courses in our classrooms. Courses offered include English Honors, Difference, Power, and Social Change, and Calculus. We are currently exploring an expansion into world languages and lab sciences in the near future.

Through this program, our faculty work directly with a mentor at Seattle University (SU). Our students have access to the full SU digital library of resources. Due to our proximity to SU’s campus, we also have the chance to engage in unique learning opportunities in their state-of-the-art facilities. We are grateful to SU for providing incredible financial support to our students already receiving need-based financial aid at O’Dea, making the Matteo Ricci program more accessible. We look forward to a continued partnership with SU and helping our students advance their future education.

**25**

COLLEGE CREDITS AVAILABLE  
TO O’DEA STUDENTS

**160**

O’DEA STUDENTS ENROLLED  
IN MATTEO RICCI COURSES

**\$17,000**

GIVEN BY SU TO COVER  
TUITION COSTS

# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Clare Prowse, Biology teacher, is in her second year at O'Dea and captivates students with engaging and innovative lessons. Clare brings a unique perspective to her role as she teaches and fosters a love for the living world in her students.

After obtaining a Postgraduate Certificate in Education, Clare taught at an all-boys school in Buckinghamshire, England. Mentors there helped her develop different methodologies and approaches, shaping her understanding of effective teaching, and education strategies tailored to young men.

Clare's favorite part of teaching extends beyond the classroom instruction. She finds joy in curriculum planning and discovering innovative ways to engage her students. However, the true highlight for her is witnessing her students respond positively to a lesson and actively engage with the material.

Clare appreciates the support she receives from her colleagues and enjoys collaborating with other science faculty at O'Dea. The sense of community and shared commitment to education she has found at O'Dea has made her teaching experience particularly rewarding.



O'Dea has recently been recognized by Microsoft for its innovative use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the classroom. Scan the QR code to read on how Clare has used AI in her lessons.



# HALL of FAME

*Honoring Character, Faith, and Service*

## 2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Congratulations to our 2024 Hall of Fame inductees! The Hall of Fame is an honor given to those who have made significant contributions to the greater community and/or O'Dea, while representing our mission of Character, Faith, and Service. We are thrilled to recognize and celebrate Mr. Peter Bacho '68, The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan, and Father Tim Sauer, who were inducted into the O'Dea High School Hall of Fame during this year's auction.

Peter Bacho '68



### PETER BACHO '68

Peter is an educator, renowned novelist, and short story writer. He has been honored with many awards including the American Book Award, Washington State Governor's Writers Award, and the Murray Morgan Prize. His most recent book, *Uncle Rico's Encore*, is a collection of autobiographical essays that pays tribute to Filipino Seattle. The essays speak to Peter's life growing up in Seattle's multi-ethnic neighborhoods, including his years at O'Dea.

Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan



### VERY REVEREND MICHAEL G. RYAN

Fr. Ryan, pastor at St. James Cathedral for more than 35 years, and honorary graduate of O'Dea, creates a welcoming world with his sensitivity and compassion, love of family, and voice for those in need. Fr. Ryan has formed a strong partnership with O'Dea, providing opportunities for our students to serve in the Cathedral Garden and Kitchen. He is a strong advocate, religious leader, and friend, continually helping O'Dea remain grounded in faith and confident in our future.

Father Tim Sauer



### FATHER TIM SAUER

Fr. Tim is a longtime pastor, community advocate, and leader, whose compassionate work has had a profound impact on generations of people throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. As Campus Minister, he founded O'Dea High School's Encounter for Christ Retreat in 1984, which remains one of O'Dea's longest-standing faith-based traditions. This work, and his continued involvement, has provided invaluable guidance to the young men of O'Dea.

## Celebrate Their Legacy!

We are pleased to announce that a need-based financial aid scholarship endowment has been started in honor of both Fr. Ryan and Fr. Tim. All are invited to contribute to these endowments in honor of these two very special people!

### THE VERY REVEREND MICHAEL G. RYAN ENDOWMENT



Todd and Ann Vacura (Alumni Parents of Joey 2018) created the Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan Endowment to honor Fr. Ryan and his devotion to making a positive difference in the lives of others. Their gift recognizes all Fr. Ryan has meant to so many in our community, while also supporting the young men who attend O'Dea.

### THE FR. TIM SAUER ENDOWMENT



The Vacura and Alishio families created the Fr. Tim Sauer Endowment in recognition of his exemplary spirit and compassion. Paul Alishio '88 recognizes Fr. Tim as a mentor and advocate for countless young men at O'Dea, as well as a special person to Paul and others in his family. This endowment is their way of saying thank you for all he has done for so many people.

# STUDENT LIFE

## O'DEA eSPORTS: MORE THAN JUST VIDEO GAMES



Xavier Patajo '24, center, with eSports team

The O'Dea eSports team, led by **Xavier Patajo '24**, captain, and Paul Marengo, eSports Moderator, provides a supportive community for students to grow in critical areas of life.

While the main activity of esports is to compete in video games, the overarching goal of O'Dea eSports extends beyond the game. Its goal is to create well-rounded individuals who can communicate effectively, work collaboratively as a team, and strive for success in all aspects of life.

The team provides various roles beyond playing video games, such as commentating, graphic designing, stream managing, and montage editing. This not only makes the eSports experience more dynamic but also allows students to explore and contribute to the team in ways that align with their interests and skills.

Over the years, O'Dea eSports has witnessed remarkable growth. Since Xavier joined as a freshman, the team has doubled its member count and expanded its game offerings. The team's success has also led it to become an official House Games activity.

Highlighting the benefits of participating in eSports, Xavier underscores the parallels with traditional sports in terms of teamwork, practice, and commitment. There is even an opportunity to earn college scholarships from eSports.

As a longtime participant in O'Dea eSports, Xavier has had memorable experiences and lessons. He emphasizes the importance of teaching underclassman camaraderie, wisdom, and leadership; characteristics that will impact members throughout their entire lives.

## CATHOLIC LIFESAVER CORPS

Four O'Dea students, **Nick Burroughs '24**, **Zach Dieteker '24**, **Carter Gribble '24** and **Benjamin Valladares '24**, have been active participants in the Archdiocesan Catholic Lifesaver Corps (CLC) program. CLC is a unique peer-to-peer suicide prevention program that certifies high school students as facilitators of safeTALK, a four-hour suicide prevention workshop. These students then offer regular trainings in their respective schools and nearby parishes to educate fellow students on the signs of suicidal ideation and the necessary steps to keep their peers safe. O'Dea is proud to acknowledge our four CLC members who have trained 40 O'Dea students and parents, 50 students at a Confirmation workshop, and the O'Dea



faculty and staff. The O'Dea group of CLC facilitators is the most active group in the Archdiocese, having trained the most students of any other group.

## SCHOOL SERVICE DAY

On the last day of school before Christmas break students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to give back to the community by cleaning our First Hill neighborhood, making sandwiches for homeless people served at St. James' Cathedral Kitchen, and wrapping presents contributed by students, faculty, and staff for families who needed support at Christmas.



## ACTION LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

**Davonn Abaga '25, Dylan Smith '25, and Ryan Toomey '25**, along with Will Chambers, O'Dea faculty member, traveled to the ACTION Leadership Workshop in New Jersey to grow as student leaders. They were joined by other Edmund Rice Christian Brother School students from 5 countries. Together, they attended workshops focusing on service and advocacy for those in need and completed projects focusing on social justice.



## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY OF BROWNSVILLE

**Joseph Benavides-Gutierrez '27, Harrison Finestone '26, and Michael Roney '27**, joined Michaela Vaccari, Campus Minister, on a service trip to the US/Mexico border, spending a week in Brownsville, Texas. Our students joined five other Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Schools working at various locations in the area. Their tasks included feeding lunch to hundreds, playing with children while parents rested, and working the "Pharmacy", which provides supplies such as soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, diapers, formula, and other basic needs to people in need. Students also worked at the food pantry, packing bags of food and providing meals.



## 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the cast of the "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" who performed this musical in February alongside students from Holy Names Academy. The interactive musical also featured special guests, including Principal Jim Walker and O'Dea parent & alumni father Al Scanlan.

Cast: Jacob Counas '27, Andre Franklin '26, Isaac Lewis '25, Griffin Reed '25, Josiah Scanlan '26, and James Vaccari '27.



## GRADE SCHOOL VISITS

We are thrilled to continue to build our relationships with our friends at Catholic elementary schools. Recently, students spent time with kindergarteners, reading, and playing at recess. Thank you to St. Therese, St. Madeline Sophie, and St. Joseph for engaging with our students.



## DECA CONTINUES TO FIND SUCCESS



Congratulations to the 34 members of O'Dea DECA for their great performance at the State DECA competition in early March! Nine O'Dea students finished in the Top 15, and **Jacob Newman '25**, **Dylan Smith '25**, and **Zach Schuyler '25** qualified for the International DECA Competition in Anaheim this spring!

As the largest club at O'Dea, DECA has provided nearly 100 students opportunities to grow in public speaking, project management, and strategic business tactics that will help them far beyond high school.

## YOUTH OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Congratulations to **Julian Thomas-Goodson (Gobi) '25** on his Boys & Girls Club of King County's Youth of the Year Nomination! Gobi has been involved

with Boys & Girls Club of King County since the age of 6 and considers it a pivotal stepping stone of his youth. He has dedicated many hours of community service to the club along with playing basketball and assisting with youth programming, especially giving time back during the pandemic. Michael Victor, Teen Director of Boys & Girls Club remarked that Gobi's mannerisms, leadership skills, mentoring to younger children, and all-around attitude represent Rotary at a high level. Congratulations Gobi!



Gobi and his mother, Julie Thomas at the Youth of the Year Ceremony.

## REFLECTIONS FROM O'DEA STUDENTS



Each month at the end of Mass, the O'Dea community has the privilege of hearing a student reflect on his faith. We are proud to feature an excerpt of **Quinn White's '24** reflection.

### MY FAITH BY QUINN WHITE '24

My faith.

My faith to me is more than a Sunday at church.

My faith is more than a quick prayer before I go out into the day.

My faith is more than asking God for help when I find myself in a storm.

My faith to me is a vital instrument to living my life.

My faith brings me peace in times of trouble.

My faith brings me healing in times of pain.

My faith gives me joy even on my dark days.

For the past 4 years I have experienced the blessing of being a part of the Catholic community of O'Dea. Coming from a non-denominational church, where I am involved with youth and preaching to peers my age, O'Dea was a new experience for me. Not only has the Catholic faith opened my eyes to experience the different ways people express their faith, but it's drawn me closer to the works and crafts of our God. I experienced this first-hand while attending the Encounter Retreat last year.

Through my experience at O'Dea, I've grown, I have matured in my faith, and am able to understand our God on a deeper level. When Jesus died for our sins on the cross, He wasn't thinking about what denomination we would choose. Rather, he was thinking about you and me, and restoring our intimate relationship with God the Father.

Most importantly, regardless of our faith denomination, we are all united and children of Christ. I am proud to share in this amazing experience with all of my O'Dea brothers.

*Quinn will be attending Colorado College this fall and plans to study business and play on the lacrosse team.*



## COMPETING...





...WITH HONOR

# ATHLETICS

## ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Congratulations to **Isendre Ahfua '24** and **Jason Brown Jr. '24** for being named 2024 High School All-Americans, joining the best 100 high school football players in the nation. Jason was also named All-American Bowl Offensive Player of the Year. After graduating, Isendre will continue playing football at Texas A&M and Jason will play at Arizona State University. Go Irish!



## HANDS ON HELP

Mr. Ryan Horton, Athletic Trainer and O'Dea's Sports Medicine class faculty member, offers internships for students in his classes to assist during O'Dea athletic practices and games. Student interns gain hands-on experience working with student-athletes to help with injury management, evaluation, treatment, stretching, and taping. While service hours are available for student interns, many do it because they are interested in exploring a career in healthcare, and this gives them the opportunity to learn more about the field. Thank you to **Zack Dietiker '24**, **Finn Greenan '24**, and **Cameron Forman '25** for devoting their time on the sidelines this year, helping our student-athletes stay healthy and assisting with injuries that arise during practice and games!



Jason Brown '24, Monte Kohler, and Isendre Ahfua '24.

## SNIDER FAMILY COACHING LEGACY

Since beginning the O'Dea Lacrosse program in 2014, the Snider Family has led the Irish to 4 state championships. Led by Will Snider, Head Coach, and assisted by Drew Snider '06 and their father Kris Snider, National Lacrosse Hall of Fame Member, O'Dea Lacrosse has established themselves as a top competitor in the state. Thank you to the Snider Family for your support of O'Dea Lacrosse.



Will, Kris, and Drew Snider.

Monte Kohler



Ke'Andre Magee '03



Jason Kerr



## O'DEA COACHES WIN TOP HONORS

Congratulations to the following award-winning coaches at O'Dea! We are so lucky for their dedication to our student-athletes and O'Dea High School.

**Monte Kohler:** Best High School Coach - 2023 Best of Western Washington viewers poll as voted on by King5

**Ke'Andre Magee '03:** District 2 Freshman Football Coach of the Year - Washington State Football Coaches Association

**Jason Kerr:** 2023-24 Metro Co-Coach of the Year - All Metro Boys Basketball League Awards



## COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Congratulations to the 30 members of the Class of 2024 who have committed to playing their respective sport at the collegiate level. Here are some of the highlights!

**Isendre Ahfua**

Football, Texas A&M University

**Lawson Barton**

Rugby, University of Oklahoma

**Jason Brown Jr.**

Football, Arizona State University

**Malcolm Clark**

Basketball, Air Force Academy

**Patrick Galvin**

Baseball, Seattle University

**Kai Holec**

Football, San Diego State University

**Eli Hough**

Rowing, US Naval Academy

**Kyan McDonald**

Football, Arizona State University

**Simon Olech**

Cross Country/Track, Seattle University

**Seku Sanders**

Cross Country/Track, Seattle University

**Jack Skarda**

Swimming, University of Wisconsin

**Jed Stange-Tregear**

Baseball, University of Maryland  
Eastern Shore

**Nathan Stoullil**

Rowing, Cornell University

**Julius Suber**

Soccer, Duke

# ADVANCEMENT



Pictured left to right: Laura Weinand, Chief Financial Officer; Ethan Greenberg, Advancement Associate; Allie DeLong Thomas, Advancement Director; David Mazzeo '99, Alumni Director; Lauren Andrews, Advancement Manager.

Dear O'Dea Community,

For nearly seven years, I've had the privilege of working close to our community to raise vital funds for O'Dea. Seeing our community embrace philanthropy and come together to support this great school has been inspiring and has propelled our fundraising program to new levels. Your consistent support helped establish the fun and successful Give Gold Day—a day of giving dedication specifically to

O'Dea. In addition, we continue to honor our traditional fundraising events such as our Annual Auction, now in its 53rd year. This is a true testament to how much our community values the continuation of O'Dea's legacy. Through your collective efforts, you've shown all of us the true spirit of character, faith, and service, which defines O'Dea.

While fundraising supports, and enhances, many elements of the O'Dea experience, one area we consistently discuss is financial aid. When I started at O'Dea in 2016, we were providing \$1.2 million of aid to 32% of our families. **This year, we are providing \$2 million in need-based aid to over 40% of our families.** To support this increase, the Advancement Team has enhanced our focus on raising money through an endowment for financial aid.

Increasing this endowment ensures financial stability and the longevity of O'Dea. It also allows O'Dea to direct more of its operational budget toward other vital needs, such as faculty and staff recruitment and retention.

Many people who give to an endowment have chosen to do so in the name of someone they love or respect. In the last seven years the number of these endowments has grown from 9 to 44. Listed below are the named endowments that support our students. **Time after time, we come to you for help, and as a community you always show up.** For this and all you do to support O'Dea, I, and the entire Advancement Team, thank you.



With Appreciation,

Allie DeLong Thomas  
Advancement Director

## NAMED ENDOWMENTS

Christopher Aldueso '91 Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Banchero Family Scholarship  
Joselito Barber '98 Scholarship  
Lance M. Burns '57 Scholarship  
Patrick Burns '55 Memorial Scholarship  
O'Dea Centennial Endowment  
Kevin Patrick Chandler '82 Memorial Scholarship  
Class of 1988 Scholarship  
Class of 2005 Endowment  
Don and Ann (Kevin) Connolly Family Scholarship  
Nicolas L. Daquila '49 Scholarship  
William '49 & Margaret DeForeest Scholarship  
DeRocco Family Endowment  
Richard Dodd '63 Scholarship  
Fred Dore '43 Scholarship  
Friedel Family Scholarship  
Hardy Brothers Scholarship  
Herche Family Endowment  
Leo & Rita Heye Scholarship  
John Robert Hiltenbrand '36 Scholarship  
Aleatha and Hank Iacolucci Scholarship Fund  
John Kerschner '63 Scholarship  
Kirschner Family Endowment  
Charles J. McGlynn Scholarship  
Patrick McKenna '46 Scholarship  
Paul McKillop Scholarship Fund  
Cameron Mikami 2017 Scholarship  
Edward John Myers '62 Endowed Memorial Scholarship  
Jerry L. Newman '50 Scholarship  
Bill and Carolyn Nirk Endowment  
John L. O'Brien '29 Scholarship  
O'Dea Faculty & Staff Endowment  
Brother J.S. O'Keefe Endowed Scholarship  
Partington Family Scholarship Fund  
Barbara Phillips Scholarship  
Father Michael G. Ryan Family Scholarship Endowment  
Father Tim Sauer Endowment  
Andy Slatt '57 Scholarship  
Southern-Edwards Family Endowment  
Randy Stupey 2000 Scholarship Fund  
Linda Thornton Endowment Fund  
Christopher Suazo Waldref '09 Endowment  
Andrew Walker 2018 Memorial Scholarship  
Patrick '65 and Mary Welch Endowment

TO CONTRIBUTE TO  
ANY OF THE ABOVE  
ENDOWMENTS, PLEASE  
SCAN THE QR CODE!



# 2024 CELEBRATE O'DEA – THANK YOU!

On March 16th our community came together to celebrate our school and raise money to support need-based financial aid at O'Dea. A sold-out crowd of over 400 people joined us for a night full of fellowship, food, and bidding! A special thank you to our Auction Committee and Auction Event Chairs, Molly Burdeen (mother of Miles '26 and Easton '28) and Megan Turner (mother of Lincoln '26) for their work and dedication to making the evening so special!



SHOWING SPIRIT AT THE O'DEA AUCTION



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## ONE DAY FOR O'DEA

# Give GOLD

TRADITION MEETS GENEROSITY

## Thank you O'Dea Community, for Giving GOLD!

Each year we ask our alumni, supporters, past and present families, faculty, and staff to come together and Give **GOLD**. And year after year, we are amazed by the generosity of our community. Your support of the young men of O'Dea is proof that the Brotherhood extends far beyond 802 Terry Avenue. A special thank you to Mr. Roy F. Simperman for his longstanding support of Give **GOLD** and our students through his annual matching gift. **Together we raised \$240,500 from 498 donors!** The O'Dea family cannot thank you enough for your overwhelming generosity and support of Give **GOLD** Day!

# ALUMNI



## ITALIAN DINNER 2024

Our 57th Italian Dinner was a fantastic celebration, with over 300 people coming together in community. Thank you to all who supported this annual tradition and a special congratulations to our two award winners.

### MATT SKALLY

*Terrance Johnson Father of the Year Award Winner*



Matt Skally, father of Dominic 2024 and Christian 2026, has played a pivotal role leading the Fathers' Club and volunteering extensively at O'Dea activities. To promote more father and son activities and service he launched the Father and Son

Service Night, partnering with Food Lifeline Seattle to sort and package food during the holiday season for those in need. He also leads by example to ensure our community remains strong. Matt continually models O'Dea's values of character, faith, and service. We are grateful for his support and dedication to the O'Dads.

### COLM MCGLYNN '83

*James Bosa '98 Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award Winner*



Colm McGlynn '83 has shown unwavering commitment to O'Dea for countless years by helping ensure our school campus is the best it can be. He has acted as a pro-bono consultant on numerous school enhancement projects, providing his expertise to

help see our projects through to completion. Beyond his professional contributions, Colm is a steadfast supporter of O'Dea events and athletics. His enduring legacy is one of leadership and service. Colm epitomizes excellence, embodying the spirit of an O'Dea gentleman and contributing significantly to our community.



We were thrilled to honor James Bosa '98 at a school-wide assembly by naming our Alumni Volunteer of the Year award in his honor. James has been a steadfast believer in the importance of his education at O'Dea and he provided a tremendous amount of work on our new athletic field, which will support generations of O'Dea students well into the future. Thank you, James!

# WALL OF HONOR

BUILDING UPON THE TRADITION OF ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

On December 7th, we came together to honor our 2023 Wall of Honor Inductees, recognizing the outstanding achievements of our alumni student-athletes. In the afternoon, students had the opportunity to hear from the inductees during a school-wide assembly, where they were encouraged to work hard and appreciate the opportunities they have because of O'Dea. During the evening, together with members of the O'Dea community, we raised funds to purchase a new bus to replace our 30-year-old bus. During the program, it was evident how much our inductees meant to the crowd, and Monte Kohler, Athletic Director. This special event is always an evening full of nostalgia, memories, and school spirit. Thank you to all that joined us to support our Athletic Program and these incredible inductees!



Erasto Jackson '92



DeAndre Yedlin 2011



Jim Skurski '97



Mark Green '96



2004 State Champion Basketball Team

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023  
WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES!

# CLASS NOTES

## 1940's

**Ed Welch '42** celebrated his 100th birthday and visited O'Dea for a tour of the school, where he delighted students and staff alike with captivating stories from his days as a student.

At 99 years old, **Raymond Nissen '43** attended the O'Dea Italian Dinner where he shared a table with his son, Alan '73, and other members of the Class of 1973. The crowd recognized his presence with a heartfelt standing ovation.

**Willard McLaughlin '49** & wife, Marie, recently celebrated 73 years of marriage last November.

## 1950's

**Major General Patrick Brady '54**, a Medal of Honor recipient, was honored at a November Dallas Cowboys game for his heroic actions and service to the country. Earlier that year, he visited and toured O'Dea with Monte Kohler, Athletic Director.

## 1970's

**Edward Sinclair '71** is enjoying retirement after selling the Kaufer Company (Spokane), a Christian book and supply store, after four generations and 110 years of ownership in his family line.

Lily Gladstone, daughter of **Howard Gladstone '72**, made history as the first Native American woman to win a SAG award and be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress for her portrayal of Mollie Kyle in Martin Scorsese's "Killers of the Flower Moon."

**Michael Yaguchi '76**, currently serves as the Vice Chairman, Board of Directors at Armed Forces Insurance and is a member on the Board of Directors Japan-America Society of the State of Washington.

## 1980's

**Dr. Joe Gladstone '80** leads an engaging Indigenous business ethics course within the prestigious Indigenous Business Leadership certificate program

at the University of Melbourne Business School.

**Bobby McLaughlin '85**, whose inspiring story was recently featured on KING 5, donated a kidney and has since summited the world's highest peaks, all to raise awareness for organ donation.

**Mark Varela '89** recently started a new position as Addictions System of Care Liaison at Coordinated Care where he provides training, clinical consultation, and practice transformation support to substance use disorder providers.

## 1990's

**Joe Vizzare '90** and his team at Ken's Market on Queen Anne won Best Mom & Pop Grocery Store 2023 in the Best of Western Washington King 5.

**Cole Langdon '95**, father of Zach Langdon '27, was recently named Chief of Police of Lynnwood Washington's Police Department.

**Kevin Burleson '98**, head coach of the Rio Grande Valley Vipers won the G League (minor league organization of the National Basketball Association) Coach of the Month for January 2024.

## 2000's

**Bryan Ellis '01** and **Jeff Liboon '01** opened Messina Modern Italian Kitchen in lower Queen Anne near Climate Pledge Arena in Seattle. **Ron Dino '90** operates as the bar manager.

**Derek Bugge '02**, Chef Consultant at Harbor Foodservice, led the kitchen at The Salvation Army - Seattle Temple for their Thanksgiving Day meal, serving over 200 guests and showcasing his dedication to community service.

**Kevin Wrenn '03** was selected by U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal to attend this year's State of the Union as her guest, recognizing him for his impactful activism.

**Kai Brown '04** is the Defensive Line Coach/Recruiting Coordinator at Oaks Christian School in Los Angeles, CA.

**Dr. William Jackson '05**, Principal at Nathan Hale HS was recently named

Washington's Secondary Principal of the Year by the Association of Washington School Principals, receiving a record-breaking number of nominations.

## 2010's

**DeAndre Yedlin '11**, MLS Soccer Player, was traded earlier this year from Inter Miami to FC Cincinnati. Yedlin has over 400 professional appearances across Europe, MLS, and the US Men's National Team. He also made time to visit O'Dea during the 2023 Wall of Honor where he was not only inducted, but had a chance to speak to the student body.

**Bryce Mooney '13** engaged members of the O'Dea eSports Team with a talk and Q&A session, sharing his journey from O'Dea graduate to a successful YouTube content creator with over 1.6 million subscribers.

**Jack Oman '13** was recently promoted to Associate Vice President at Morgan Stanley.

## 2020's

**Paolo Banchemo '21** was selected to his first NBA All-Star game, representing the Orlando Magic.

**Thomas Endashaw '21** was awarded the USC Black Alumni Association 2023 BT20 List Black Trojan Twenty Award, given to students who are difference makers and game changers positively impacting their fields, communities or our university.

**Hayden McDonald '21**, a Columbia University student-athlete, is a 2024 D-League Fellow at the Make A Play Foundation. He was selected from a competitive pool for an eight-week fellowship preparing under-resourced athletes for professional success, including a final case competition with a Fortune 500 company.

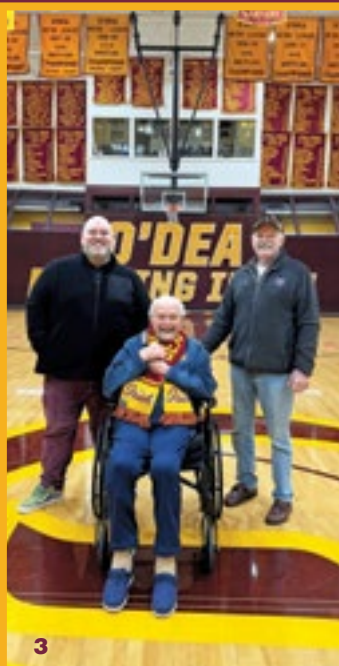
Congratulations to **Tylen Bell '22** who was initiated into the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at USC, joining a legacy of influential members such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Frederick Douglass, and Jesse Owens.



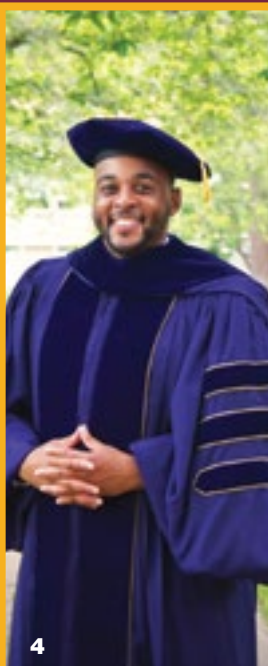
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1. MG Patrick Brady '54 with Monte Kohler.
2. Tylen Bell '22 (L) pictured with fellow O'Dea brother, James Ward III '06, also a member of the same fraternity and chapter.
3. Ed Welch '42 (center) with Alumni Director, Dave Mazzeo (L), and Tim Welch '70 (R).
4. Dr. William Jackson '05.
5. Bobby McLaughlin '85 with a friend in Tanzania.
6. Kevin Burleson '98.
7. Cole Langdon '95.
8. Bryce Mooney '13 (center) with members of the O'Dea eSports team.
9. Michael Yaguchi '76.
10. DeAndre Yedlin '11.



# MEMORIES OF O'DEA

We reached out to our alumni to get their takes on the moments that helped define their time at O'Dea! Have an answer to these questions? Share it with Dave Mazzeo, Alumni Director at [dmazzeo@odea.org](mailto:dmazzeo@odea.org).



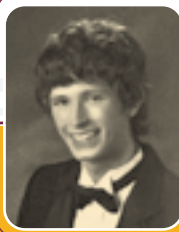
Couldn't beat lunch at Dick's Drive-In. Their fries with tartar sauce and vanilla shakes with three burgers... simply irresistible.

- Michael Brosio '75

**What was your favorite spot to eat lunch during your time as an O'Dea student?**

I ate in the lunchroom in exchange for washing dishes and working the serving line. This experience was great preparation for my summer gigs at the Harbor Club, Top of the Town, and the Sand Point Country Club, where I waited tables.

- Dr. Robert Flor '61



The only correct answer is Yoshino's Teriyaki.

- Anthony Jensen '06

Taco Del Mar down Madison. I think James Dilley, Michael Davidson, Brian Burns and I ate there so much we should have been part owners!

- Hawkins DeFrance '95



Can't go wrong with a sandwich from George's!

- Nikolao Manu '11



## What was “the big game” during your time as a student at O’Dea?



In 2008 when O’Dea won its first golf state team title with the help of Cory Mehl, Tyler Kato, and Sandy Vaughan — all top 15 finishers in state.

- Ehrett Ramey '07

My admiration for O’Dea began at 10 years old, when I avidly followed the 1993 O’Dea Basketball team. Their remarkable season culminated in a state championship. Witnessing their journey ignited my desire to attend O’Dea.

- Patrick Geraghty '02



Winning the 2000 swimming state championship!

- Marcus Roberts '03



The 1998-99 state basketball playoffs in the Kingdome. The O’Dea student section was cheering so energetically they toppled over the guardrails onto the court, making the local news that night.

- Phillip Conover '99



In 1968, we faced off against Seattle Prep in a basketball game with the Catholic championship at stake, and we emerged victorious!

- Peter Bacho '68



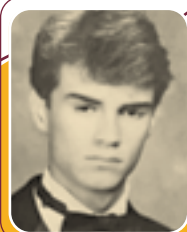
1990 State Soccer final to win O’Dea’s 1st State Championship!

- Ron Dino '90



The 1985 cross country district championship, when we beat the field.

- David Cormier '86





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