



# News From 802



It's hard to believe we're already a few months into 2025, but there's been no shortage of things happening around 802 Terry Ave, and I'm looking forward to the chances we'll have to connect this spring. Come out and join us for one of our upcoming events, whether it's the Celebrate O'Dea Auction, the Annual Golf Tournament, or take in a spring sports game. And of course, we'd love to hear what's new with you, whether it's a career move, family update, or anything you'd like to share with the O'Dea community. Go Irish!

— David Mazzeo '99, Alumni Director

## Italian Dinner

The "Taylor Swift of O'Dea Events," selling out in less than two weeks, was another unforgettable night at St. Anne's on Queen Anne Hill! Over 300 O'Dea alumni, families, and supporters packed the gym, coming together for an evening filled with laughter, love &



community. We honored this year's award recipients: Mr. Mario Banchemo '92, father of Paolo '21 and Lio '26, who received the Terrence Johnson Father of the Year Award, and Mr. Peter Jones '17, who was named the James Bosa '98 Alumni Volunteer of the Year. Thank you to both men for their service to the O'Dea community. A huge thank you to our Italian Dinner committee, our amazing raffle basket donors, our emcee for the evening, Mr. Donny Jones, our O'Dea student volunteers, and members of our O'Dea parent clubs who gave their time to make this event such a success.

## Alumni & Friends Open Gym

It was another fun day at the annual Alumni & Friends Open Gym! From pickup games to catching up, it was great to see a bunch of familiar faces back at Phil Lumpkin Court. Both Coach Kerr and Coach Kohler were in attendance, hanging out, laughing, and swapping stories with everyone. Thank you to all who came out, see you next year!



## Capital Campaign

O'Dea's new field will be a lasting tribute to Monte Kohler, whose profound impact on our community continues to inspire. By making a gift or pledge of \$10,000 or more, you can have your name proudly displayed on Kohler Field, cementing your legacy alongside Monte's and ensuring your place in O'Dea's history. This is your opportunity to leave a permanent mark on the future of O'Dea, helping to create a space that will shape generations of O'Dea gentlemen. You can even come together with your family or class to make this gift and celebrate the collective strength of the O'Dea community. To learn more and be part of this incredible opportunity, reach out to Allie DeLong Thomas at [athomas@odea.org](mailto:athomas@odea.org) or visit [capitalcampaign.odea.org](http://capitalcampaign.odea.org)



### Irish Review

If you haven't yet read the latest edition, The Irish Review is a semi-annual publication that highlights the many accomplishments of our students, alumni and community. To catch up on all the great things happening at O'Dea, [click here](#).

## Alumni Mass of Remembrance

During January, the O'Dea school community gathered for the annual O'Dea Alumni Mass of Remembrance at St. James Cathedral. This event is a powerful way to honor and remember our deceased O'Dea alumni in a special tradition of reflection and prayer. Our student speaker, Jack Gonzalez '28, delivered an excellent reflection on his family's fourth-generation legacy at O'Dea (his great-grandfather, grandfather, father, and uncles all graduated from here). "Just like the alumni before me, I strive to live in a way that honors their memory and the values that O'Dea is known for." After the Mass, some of our attendees joined us for a tour of the school, reconnecting with the spaces that have shaped so many O'Dea stories. It's always a meaningful experience when we come together as one community to celebrate the lives and legacies of those who came before us.



We are saddened to share the passing of O'Dea Hall of Famer, Mr. Roy F. Simperman. A devoted friend and supporter of O'Dea, Mr. Simperman cared deeply about our young men and the well-being of our school community. In recognition of his nearly 40 years of involvement, he was awarded an honorary diploma as part of the O'Dea Class of 2019. In 2023, during our Centennial celebration, he was inducted into the O'Dea Hall of Fame.





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## CELEBRATE O'DEA AUCTION

Celebrate O'Dea is just weeks away, with only 50 tickets left, so be sure to get yours now and showcase your support at O'Dea's party of the year on Saturday, March 15th! Celebrate O'Dea is a fun filled evening for the O'Dea Community.



## 2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Be sure to mark your calendars for the O'Dea Golf Tournament on Monday, June 9th, at the Golf Club at Newcastle – China Creek. This event fills up quickly, so once registration opens in April, make sure to secure your spot as soon as possible.



## MILESTONE REUNION

Celebrate with your classmates at O'Dea this August. We look forward to celebrating alumni from classes ending in "0" and "5" and their families, with tours of the school, reconnecting with O'Dea staff, music, swag, and activities for all ages. More info to come.

