



# News From 802



Summer is officially here, and as we wrap up another school year at O'Dea, I want to take a moment to say thank you. The 2024-2025 year was a big one, packed with fun events, strong alumni turnout, and continued support for all things O'Dea. From football games to Career Day to Celebrate O'Dea to the golf tournament, it's been awesome seeing so many of you show up and stay connected. We're already looking ahead to the 2025-2026 school year and will be spending the summer planning ways to make it even better. Stay cool, enjoy the summer, and as always, Go Irish!

— David Mazzeo '99, Alumni Director

## MILESTONE

FOR CLASS YEARS ENDING IN "0" and "5"



## REUNION

**Saturday, August 23rd**

Enjoy Food & Refreshments  
Guided Tours of O'Dea  
Meet & Greet with Faculty & Staff  
Explore the New O'Dea Bus  
Fun for the Whole Family  
Shop O'Dea Gear & Merchandise



We're gearing up for one of our newest annual traditions, the O'Dea Milestone Reunion, happening Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm here at O'Dea. This open house-style celebration is for all classes marking a milestone reunion this year, with class years ending in a "5" or a "0." You can expect to see familiar faces, including faculty and staff like Principal Walker, Coach Kohler, and others planning to stop by (pending availability). Mark your calendars, rally your classmates, and get ready to head back to 802 Terry. [RSVP now!](#)

## Celebrating Fr. Ryan's Four Decades of Service



After nearly four decades at the helm, V. Rev. Michael G. Ryan is retiring as pastor of Seattle's St. James Cathedral. Throughout his tenure, Fr. Ryan has been a steadfast supporter and spiritual guide to the O'Dea community. His presence at school liturgies, especially his thoughtful and relatable homilies, has left a lasting impact on generations of O'Dea students, faculty and staff. In recognition of his deep connection to O'Dea, Fr. Ryan was named an honorary graduate in 2018 and inducted into the O'Dea Hall of Fame in 2024. To honor Father Ryan and his lasting legacy at O'Dea, we have established The Russell '26 and Marjorie Ryan Endowment in honor of his parents. To make a donation in his honor to the endowment please [CLICK HERE.](#)



## Honoring the Past, Fueling the Future

The Celebrate O'Dea Auction was an incredible night, and another packed house! Alumni, current and past families, and members of the O'Dea community filled the room with energy, generosity, and love for the school. During the evening the 2025 Hall of Fame Class was inducted; Joe Fugere '79, founder of Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria; Liz Swift, Holy Names Academy teacher/coach/Head of School; and Pat Welch '65, a standout scholar and athlete at O'Dea who went on to become a successful CEO while staying deeply committed to Catholic education and O'Dea's mission. Thanks to our amazing supporters and generous sponsors, the night was a huge success ensuring a bright future for O'Dea.

## Classrooms to Boardrooms: Alumni Share Their Journeys

Career Day 2025 was a big success! Huge thanks to our alumni who came back to share their stories, insights, and advice with the entire O'Dea student body. CEOs, engineers, electricians, pilots, nurses, and business leaders, all showed our students what's possible with hard work and passion. We were thrilled to welcome back Adonis Ducksworth '93, Sean Standley '97, Joe Brazier '99, Patrick Lavin '99, Eddie Lincoln '00, Regi Vengalil '00, Dr. Jordan Jin '09, Dan Nelson '11, Danny Strick '13, Will Schmidt '13, Declan Moran '15, Sam Johnson '16, Charles Hamaker '19 and John Misel '19.



**CELEBRATE  
O'DEA!**

## 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.](#)



## Annual Golf Tournament

The 2025 O'Dea Golf Tournament was a day to remember, perfect 80-degree weather, plenty of laughs, and a strong showing of Irish pride on the course. Alumni, friends, and supporters came together for a great time at The Golf Club at Newcastle. Congrats to our tournament champions, who carded an impressive -17 (gross score of 54): Jason Benn '02, Matt Brace '02, Joe Greene '02 & Jason Williams '88.



## A Golden Day for the Class of 1975

A month ago, we welcomed back the Class of 1975 for a very special 50th reunion luncheon, and what a memorable day it was! The celebration was made even more historic as it happened to fall on the same day our new Pope was named. Before lunch, the class joined the entire student body, faculty, and staff for Mass at St. James Cathedral.

Afterward, they heard from student speaker Briggs Ellis '25 and Principal Walker, who shared updates on today's O'Dea and its continued growth. It was an honor to have them back on campus and a meaningful reminder of the lifelong bond our alumni share with the O'Dea community.



## Class of 2025 Joins the Alumni Brotherhood

The day before graduation, we hosted the annual O'Dea Alumni-Senior Class Brotherhood Luncheon at the Washington Athletic Club, officially welcoming the Class of 2025 into the O'Dea Alumni Association. We were honored to have Myles Gaskin '15 as our keynote speaker. He shared his journey from O'Dea to the NFL, reflecting on what it means to step into manhood, not just through responsibility, but in how you carry yourself, treat others, and stay true to your values. Special thanks to the alumni who returned to support the class of 2025: Greg Nelson '79, Tim Greenan '80, Kristian Patterson '01, Patrick McHugh '05, Tyler Mooney '11, Myles Gaskin '15, Race Porter '16, Christian Sailer '18, Jason Fridge '21, Sean Thomas Jackson '21, Ubaldo Trejo-Luna '21, John Kohler '22, Samuel Lipscomb III '22, Jamison Saxton '22, Jahsiah Matthews '23, and Luke Hardy '24.



## 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 at 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 [www.capitalcampaign.odea.org](http://www.capitalcampaign.odea.org).



## THE O'DEA CAMPAIGN

BUILDING OUR NEXT 100 YEARS

### Save The Date

Save the date to join us in honoring the 2025 Wall of Honor Inductees on Thursday, October 9, 2025, in the O'Dea gym.

