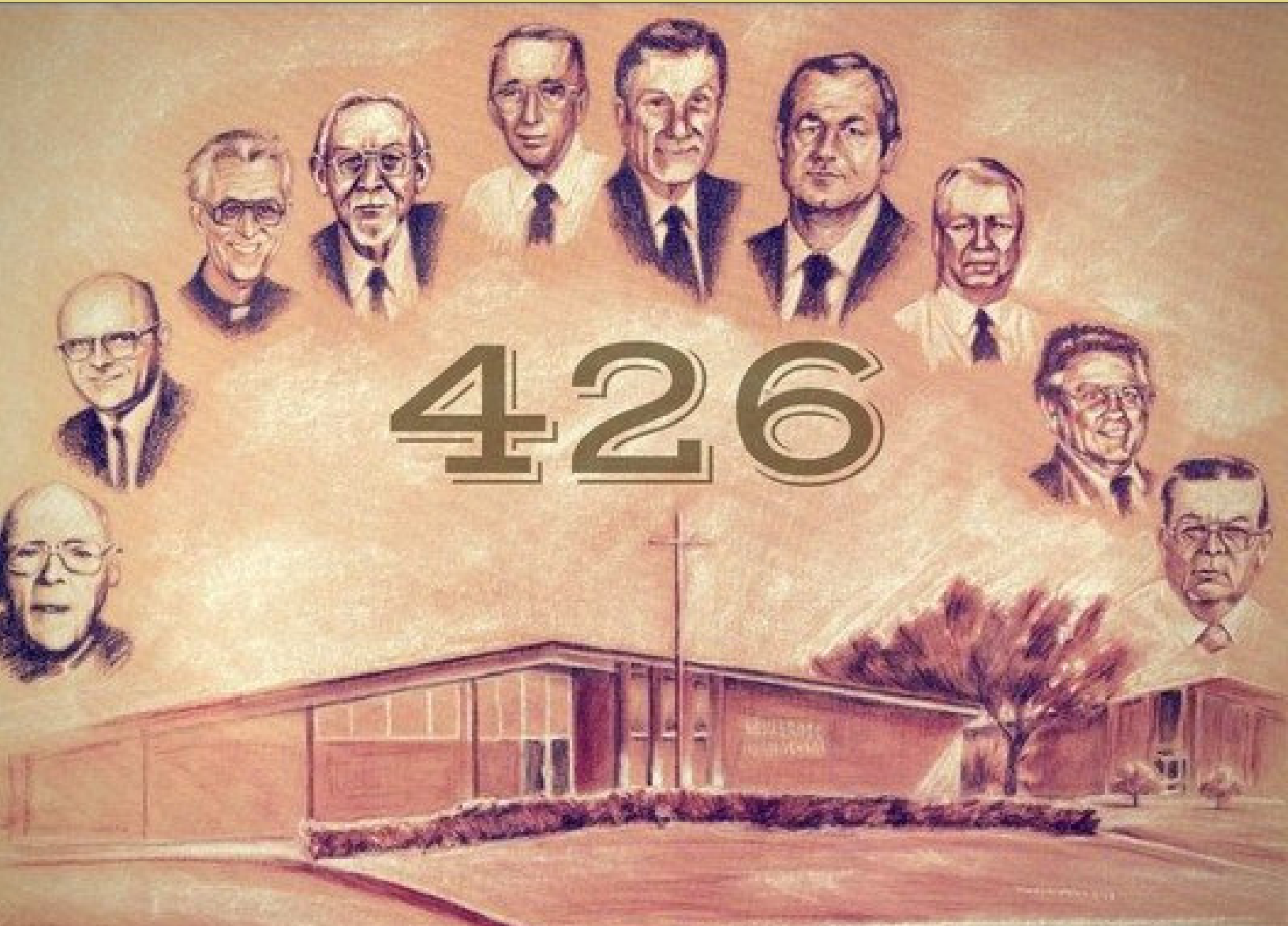


# The 426

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OLLU Partnership  
Providing the University  
Experience While in High School

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Jonathan Garcia '19  
Faith and Ambition:  
A Holy Cross Combination

# THE DUAL CREDIT EXPERIENCE



For 62 years, Holy Cross of San Antonio has been traditionally likened to such words or phrases as: college preparatory, athletics, fun, and family. While all are still true -- as evidenced by our students' readiness for collegiate success, football victories over both of our Catholic school rivals, and our close Holy Cross Family bonds that extend well after graduation at our Annual Alumni Softball Tournament -- Holy Cross has added a layer to its definition with its Dual Credit Experience.

In its fifth year, the Dual Credit Experience with Our Lady of the Lake University and Holy Cross has blossomed. Through the vision of administrators from both institutions, this past fall semester saw the largest enrollment in dual credit courses since its inception, 31 students. Collectively, these scholars have earned a 3.6 grade point average over 59 classes taken at Our Lady of the Lake. "Holy Cross students are performing extremely well in their college courses here at OLLU. We are very pleased with their level of preparation and work ethic," said Dr. Rosa Hainaj, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs for Our Lady of the Lake University.

This semester, the Dual Credit Experience continues to gain momentum as it fosters a sense of accomplishment through students' focus on hard work and diligent study. According to senior Jessica Quinones, "My Dual Credit Experience, though challenging, has given me the opportunity to build on the foundational concepts of success that I came to know at Holy Cross. My success at Our Lady of the Lake proves to me that my high school years at Holy Cross have prepared me for collegiate success." Ms. Quinones's testimony and the general feeling of accomplishment she and her classmates feel are, in large part, what is responsible for students wanting to be a part of next year's cohort of dual credit students.

Holy Cross Principal Dr. Rene Escobedo said, "Our founder, Fr. Basile Moreau, said, 'Our students should not be ignorant of anything they should know.' We feel that our Dual Credit Experience fulfills this part of our mission and we are excited to see our students grow on both campuses because of our partnership with Our Lady of the Lake." To this idea of students experiencing as much as they can in their Dual Credit Experience, Holy Cross seniors are able to take courses outside of normal high school graduation requirements such as Art Appreciation, Mexican American Studies, Fundamentals of Communication, various music classes, or an extra year of Advanced Spanish or Social Studies. This allows them to graduate with up to 38 college hours that will contribute to, on average, 35 high school credits -- 7 past the normal high school graduation requirement for Texas. With this data in hand, we are confident that our students will not only be able to enter a university setting but will also be successful while there.



# CURRENT 426 MEMBERS

Paul Heffernan '62  
Anonymous '63  
Charles Pena '63  
Raul Martinez '63  
Lawrence Noll '63  
Augustine Cerna '65  
Mike Hack '65  
Robert Mena '65  
John G. Gutierrez '66  
Daniel Morales '66  
Ricardo Castro '67  
Robert Ramirez '67  
S. Clark Webre '67  
Roger Hernandez '67  
David Nava '67  
Thomas Alejandro '68  
Gilbert Rodriguez '69  
John Krajewski '70  
Frank Gonzales '71  
Joe Butcher '71  
Ruben Garza '71  
Gabriel Perez '72  
Oscar Rodriguez '74  
Ernest Molina '74  
David Torres '75  
Joe Trevino '76  
Hector Sanchez '79  
Angel Cedillo '80 ♠  
Arnold Martinez '80  
Gabriel Rios '80  
Rudy Ramos '81  
Vincent Padilla '81  
Mark Rivera '85  
Santiago Aguirre '89  
Robert Arguello '90  
Mark Ortega '91  
Brian de la Pena '91  
Juan Vasquez '92  
Robert Pequeno '92  
Adrian Rincon '92  
Louis Lopez '93  
Philip Sanchez '93  
Ruben Garza III '94 †  
Gilbert Rodriguez III '94  
Roger Gonzalez '94  
Ernie Elizondo '94  
Eric Alaniz '94  
Ricardo Granado '95  
Daniel Sanchez '95  
Daniel Rodriguez '95  
Orlando Calderon '96  
Michael Ramirez '97  
Jesse Cantu '97  
Jesse Rodriguez '97  
Brian Contreras '97  
Albert Lopez '97  
Rafael Garza IV '97  
Richard Vasquez '98 ♠  
Alexander Villagomez '98  
Gabriel Gutierrez '98  
Nathaniel Turner '98  
Frank Zavala '99  
Nicholas Huerta '99  
Benito Solis '99  
Fabian Castillo '99  
Lucio Vasquez '00  
Gabriel Castillo '00  
Frederico Vogiatzis '01  
Andrew Romero '02  
Mario Salazar '03  
Angel Ipina '03  
Robert Pelayo '04  
Frank Gonzales '04  
Manuel Olguin '04  
Andrew Trevino '04  
Marcus '05 & Erin Martinez  
Hector Guzman '06  
Daniel Cedillo '08  
Samuel E. Vasquez '08  
Andrew Collazo '09  
Steven Zumaran '09  
Michael Trevino '09  
Stacey Arguello '10  
Marisol Ortega '15  
Steven Villela '15  
Christopher Rodriguez '15  
Imelda Trevino ♠  
Maria Cedillo ♡  
Joseph Forman ♠  
Henry Galindo ♡  
Mike Harrison ♠  
Patricia Rodriguez ♡  
Stephen Rodriguez ♡  
Helen Morales ♠  
Rolando Salas ♡  
Rosario Villanueva ♠  
Joseph Burrow ♡  
Marissa Jimenez ♡  
Holy Cross Employee ♠  
Friend of Holy Cross ♡  
In Memoriam †

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## WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE HOLY CROSS OF SAN ANTONIO

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AP Courses Available

**36**

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**15:1**

Student Teacher Ratio

**100%**

College Acceptance

**11,000+**

Service hours logged in 2017-2018



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24-Hour Access to Material  
Access Assignments Anywhere  
Online Books  
Bring Your Own Device Campus  
Technology Friendly



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### OLLU DUAL CREDIT

Classes at OLLU Campus  
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Starts Summer after Sophomore Year



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Baseball, Basketball, Bowling,  
Cheer, Cross Country, Dance,  
Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer,  
Softball, Tennis, Track & Field,  
Volleyball



### CLUBS

Art Club, Band, Campus Ministry,  
DASA - Debate Academics Speech &  
Art, Liturgical Choir, Ñ Spirit Club,  
National Honor Society  
Robotics, Student Council, Yearbook

### KNIGHTS ABROAD

Pilgrimage to Montreal, Canada,  
Summer Leadership Conference in Austin,  
TX, Summer Immersion Programs

## SCHEDULE YOUR PERSONAL TOUR!

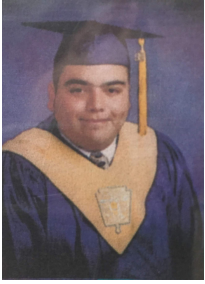
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# MEET THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

## PRESIDENT - DR. FRANK ZAVALA



Frank Zavala is a member of the class of 1999 and now serves on the Holy Cross Alumni Association Board as President. He has been in public school education for 16 years recently serving as Vice Principal at the elementary school, middle school, and high school levels. He has also worked as a high school and college coach as well as an Adjunct Professor at different universities in San Antonio. He looks forward to great things the alumni board has planned. There are many things he would like to accomplish as the board President, two that deem mentioning are ensuring that the 426 Scholarship Program is extremely successful and to encourage all classes to get involved with the Alumni Association. His administration looks forward to providing transparency and allowing voices to be heard in order to encourage engagement. Frank is open to dialogue with all graduates and believes that everyone can, and should, play a role in the success of the Alumni Association.

## VICE PRESIDENT - GILBERT RODRIGUEZ



Gilbert “Pollo” Rodriguez is a member of the class of 1994 and now serves on the Holy Cross Alumni Association Board as Vice President. He has been married for eighteen years to his wife, Christina Rodriguez, who is a Holy Cross employee. As a young child he was introduced to Holy Cross by his father who is also a graduate from the class of 1969. Gilbert is the proud father of a Christopher, a graduate in the class of 2015 and a daughter Caitlyn, who will be graduating this year with the class of 2019.

Gilbert’s youngest child Cynthia, will be a future Knight graduating with the class of 2025. As a parent, Gilbert served as the Holy Cross Athletic Booster Club president from 2013-2015. He is the proud owner of G3 Capital LLC and Texas Silkscreen & Embroidery.

As the Vice President of the Holy Cross Alumni Association he hopes to use his perspective as parent, graduate and the husband of a Holy Cross employee to help create a better relationship with all our alumni. As a board member he hopes to create a strong working relationship with our school administration as well as all our proud alumni. One of his goals as a board member is to have every graduate become a member of our 426 scholarship program. He is focused on working to bring back those graduates who for whatever reason have been disconnected from the school. He understands there is a lot of work to be done and knows this won’t happen overnight, but believes we have the greatest group of graduates that love this school just much as he does.

## PARLIAMENTARIAN - SAMANTHA MAGALLANEZ



Samantha Magallanez is a member of the class of 2009 and now serves on the Holy Cross Alumni Association Board as Parliamentarian. Sam attended Our Lady of the Lake University, double majoring in Media Arts and Journalism with a minor in Photography. She continued her education at Kaplan College where she earned a Medical Billing & Coding certificate. She is proud to be one the first female students to register and attend Holy Cross back in 2005 when Holy Cross announced it was enrolling female students. She feels extremely honored to have walked the same halls as her uncles (‘78, ‘84, & ‘94) and brother (‘06).

As a member of the Alumni Association board she plans to encourage her fellow alumnae to become more involved. To create a forum for Holy Cross Ladies where they can stand together and have their voices heard in alumni matters. She wants our alumnae to become stronger in their knowledge of the mission of Holy Cross so that they may inspire future alumni sisters in faith, respect, pride, integrity, ambition, and wisdom.

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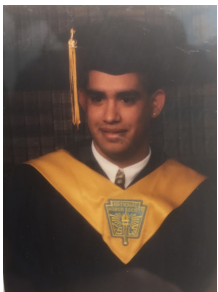
## SECRETARY - OSMAR ALANIZ



Mr. Osmar Alaniz is a member of the class of 1992 and now serves on the Holy Cross Alumni Association Board as Secretary. He currently works as the Base Cultural Resource Manager for the Department of Defense, US Air Force, Air Education & Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland AFB, TX. He manages over 500 historic resources safeguarding their use with compliance to national and federal laws and policies. Before his civilian career with the Department of Defense, Mr. Alaniz was commissioned into the US Air Force after graduating from Texas Tech University. He is a combat veteran with multiple deployments to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He served as a Logistics Readiness Officer until separating from the US Air Force in 2009.

Mr. Alaniz holds a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota and a master's degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Southern California. He hopes to serve Holy Cross and the Alumni Association by enhancing the methods in which alumni, family, and friends can serve the Holy Cross community. He is committed to fostering and developing the bond between all Holy Cross Alumni and that our alma mater has the potential to become the most influential catholic school in the region and state.

## TREASURER - ADRIAN RINCON



Mr. Adrian Rincon is a member of the class of 1992 and now serves on the Holy Cross Alumni Association Board as Treasurer. He currently works as a Senior Analyst for the Department of Defense, US Air Force, Headquarters Air Education & Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph AFB, TX. He manages a \$385 million dollar portfolio and is responsible for the overall financial strategy and synchronization of all technical training and force development resource activities throughout the US Air Force. Before his civilian career with the Department of Defense, Mr. Rincon enlisted in the US Air Force after graduating Holy Cross. He is a combat veteran with multiple deployments to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Northern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He retired from active duty military service in 2012, culminating a 22 year military career.

Mr. Rincon holds various degrees in business and organizational leadership to include a masters in Organizational Development & Leadership and an MBA. He is currently a doctoral student in the Business Administration program at the University of the Incarnate Word. He hopes to serve Holy Cross and the Alumni Association by strengthening the bond between both organizations and by synchronizing alumni efforts with Holy Cross's mission. He is committed to increasing Alumni Association membership and participation. He also sees the 426 Scholarship Program as an opportunity to ensure future Knights will have the resources necessary to experience, learn and grow spiritually at Holy Cross.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**February 6, 2019** Alumni Softball Meeting - 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria.



# JONATHAN GARCIA CLASS OF 2019

With a 3.6 cumulative GPA in the most rigorous sequence of courses at Holy Cross, Mr. Jonathan Garcia has been able to share his gift of leadership and mechanically inclined nature to the state qualifying Holy Cross Robotics Team as Build Team Lead, a major competitor on the cross country team, and a track team leader.

This past summer, Jonathan attended the Holy Cross Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Canada. On this trip he learned much about the life of St. Brother Andre Bessette and immersed himself into the spiritual nature of the trip. "Watching Jonathan in prayer was inspiring," said Richard Vasquez, organizer of the trip. He went on to say, "Jonathan's reverent presence helped set the tone for the trip and the other pilgrims looked to him for spiritual peer leadership throughout."

Everyday, Jonathan strives to be a better person than he

he was before and this extends especially to his life in faith. He is a great example of a Holy Cross student who uses the tools he learned at Holy Cross to be a positive spiritual influence to all he encounters. This will take him far next year at the university of his choosing.



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# 2019 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

- 7 Senior Portraits
- 8 Early Dismissal – 12:00 p.m.  
Acceptance Day
- 18 President's Day – Inclement Weather Day
- 22 Panoramic Senior Class Picture

## MARCH

- 7-12 Senior Ski Trip
- 11-15 Spring Break - No School
- 19 Blood Drive
- 20 Parent Conference Night
- 26 8th Grade Parent Academic Night

## APRIL

- 1 Summer Enrichment Registration Opens
- 6 Junior/Senior Prom
- 18 Holy Thursday -- Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.
- 19 Good Friday – No School Progress Reports Issued
- 22 Easter Monday – No School
- 25 Early Dismissal – 12:00 p.m.
- 26 Battle of Flowers - No School
- 28 Junior Ring Ceremony

## MAY

- 16 Final Exams (8th & 12th) – Periods 4, 5, 6, & 7
- 17 Final Exams (8th & 12th) – Periods 1, 2, 3  
Last day of school 8th & 12th grades
- 19 Senior Baccalaureate Mass – Convocation Center
- 20 Senior Graduation -- Laurie Auditorium
- 21 8th Grade Graduation – Convocation Center
- 22 Final Exams – Periods 1, 2, 3, 4  
Early Dismissal - 12:00 p.m.
- 23 Final Exams Periods 5, 6, 7  
Early Dismissal - 11:00 a.m.
- 24 Final Exam Make Up Day Early Dismissal - 11:00 a.m.  
Last Day of School  
End 2nd Semester/4th quarter

## JUNE

- 3-28 Summer Enrichment

For information on more events, visit our website:  
[www.holycross-sa.org/vcalendar/](http://www.holycross-sa.org/vcalendar/)



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