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Greetings from the new alumni director

As the new director of alumni relations, I am delighted to extend my warm wishes to the SAS alumni community. I have been in my position for two months and have already had the pleasure of meeting many alumni. I am impressed with the love SAS alumni have for the school, the strong connections alumni have with each other, and the eagerness of alumni to give back to our community. Read more>>

Alumni and School News



Blair Berg, class of 2002: Coming full circle on the court

The last time Blair Berg was here, he tri-captained his second ISAS volleyball championship team. With bleach-tipped hair, standard late 1990s puka shell necklace, and the bravado of a three-team varsity athlete, Blair helped sweep the gold out of the hands of the International School of Manila (ISM) Bearcats in three straight sets. Read more >>



Niket Desai, class of 2005: Reluctant middle schooler turned entrepreneur

Niket Desai sat down in the same chair he used over 15 years ago. Taking off his sunglasses, he scanned the middle school library hung with colorful flags from around the world and filled with neat rows of bookshelves. For the young teenagers hanging around the middle school library, it was hard to ignore Niket's nostalgic smile as his mind raced through memories of friends, teachers, and life-changing experiences. Read more >>



Mr. Hoe's catering: Then and now

Mr. Ho Tee Jam began catering at Singapore American School in 1965, preparing favorites from his time cooking for the British military such as fish and chips, sweet and sour pork, and char siew noodles. Read More>>



Gifts support improvements for SAS's rainforest

Alumni from the 1990s may remember the efforts of students and faculty to preserve the school's rainforest when the Woodlands campus was being developed. Today, the 1.58 acre rainforest on campus continues to be a valued part of our community and thanks to the nearly SGD $2 million in gifts received in 2014-15, $300,000 was allocated to protect and restore this unique outdoor learning space. Click here to read more about the rainforest project and click here to read the 2015-16 Impact Report.

Alumni Gatherings



Alumni in Nashville celebrate SAS's 60th anniversary

Nearly 100 alumni gathered in Nashville in July to reconnect with SAS friends and to celebrate the school's 60th anniversary from afar. Thanks to Lauren Kuhbander Thomas '89 and Julie Vail-Freedman '87 for planning this great event! Click here to see the Facebook post and photos from this gathering.



Alumni network and hear reflections in New York City

On October 20, 40 alumni and friends joined Dr. Chip Kimball, superintendent, Ms. Sarah Morris, chief advancement officer, and members of the SAS US Foundation Board to hear SAS alumni discuss the impact Singapore and attending SAS had on their lives. To see photos, click here.



Save the date: February 1 and February 2!

Do you live in the Houston or Dallas/Fort Worth area? If so, please join Dr. Chip Kimball, superintendent, Ms. Sarah Morris, chief advancement officer, and Ms. Beth Toole, alumni director, on February 1, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Houston and February 2, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Dallas to learn what's new at SAS and mingle with SAS alumni and friends. Registration for these events will open in December. Please check the SAS alumni Facebook page and the SAS alumni events website for updates on the location of the events.

Attention Peace Corps volunteers!

We want to hear your story

Have you served or are you currently serving in the Peace Corps? If so, we would love to hear about your experience so we can share your story with other alumni. Please send an email to communications@sas.edu.sg with your name, class year, and a brief description of your experience in the Peace Corps.

Remember when...



ASSISTS social service club in 1985: ASSISTS (American School Students In Service To Singapore) members visited and planned activities for the Vietnamese refugee camp, volunteered at the Home for the Aged, and sponsored the "Mail for Tots" program. This was the first year of this club. Students at SAS today continue to have a strong commitment to community service. Click here to share your memories of ASSISTS and other service groups you were involved with as a student or faculty member at SAS.

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