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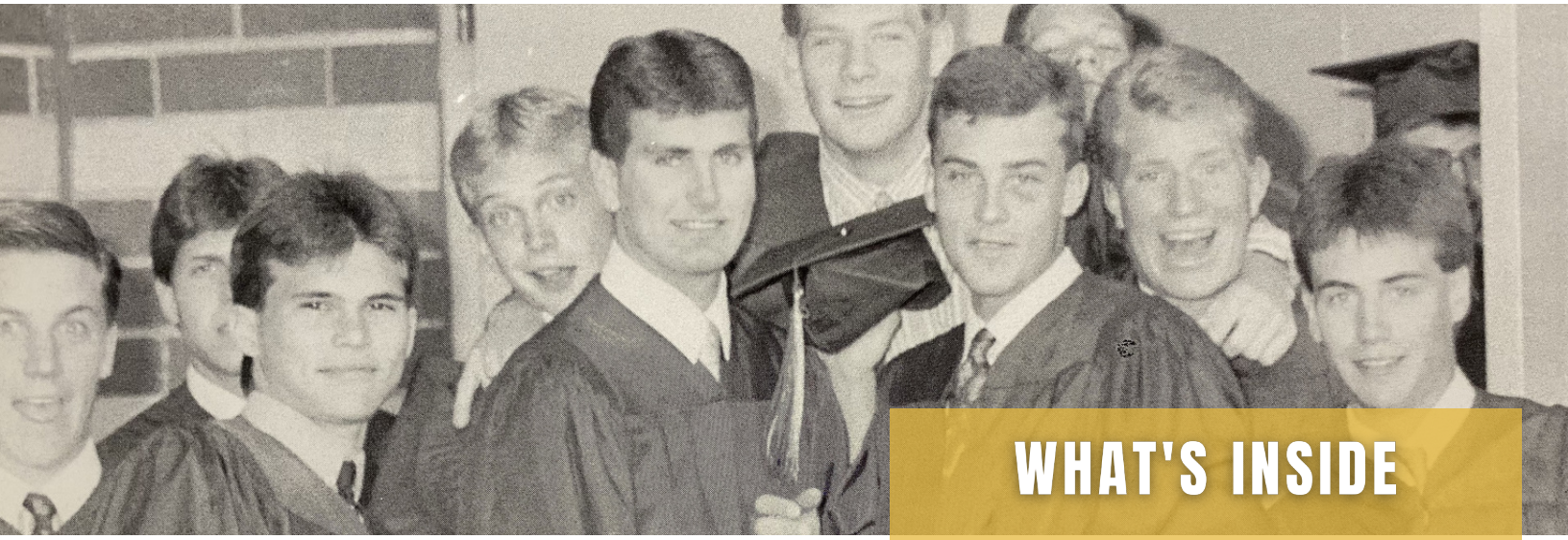

Hello Saints Alumni!

Welcome to the Saints Connection!
This is your go-to resource for all the latest and greatest news from your Alma Mater. We are officially moving away from the Saints Spirit Magazine, providing you with news and updates in a more timely manner. We are excited about what's in store for the future!

April Showers, Bring May Flowers

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Spring Olympics are over, Dinner Theater has wrapped up and Summer is quickly approaching! There are lots of activities on the horizon!

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Alumni Highlights

CAREERS

Skylar Bird, '17 recently graduated from UC San Diego, and started a career in research. She was nominated for the Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship and received a Fellowship offer which she accepted. This fall she will be attending KU Medical Center hoping to study protein engineering or molecular and integrative physiology.

Emily Pesek Coast, '03 completed a 27 month stent with The Peace Corps after graduating from the University of Kansas. After The Peace Corps she obtained a Masters in Social Work with an emphasis in Animal Therapy.

CAREERS

Scott Collin, '89, Co-founded & launched a creative-driven advertising agency in Northern Virginia. The Creative Cartel uses strategy, insights and years of experience to produce award-winning creative campaigns that drive business. "In addition to the work on their site, we're currently working with a new bar and restaurant group, a green energy group focused on modular nuclear energy solutions, and the first JW Marriott Luxury Condominiums in Virginia, which just broke ground".

Sarah Alsbrooks Cisper, '02, was recently named in Ingram's "40 Under 40" for her impact in Engineering. She worked on 18 major initiatives impacting 8,000 employees.

Education

Erin Sturd '18 will be attending MIT in the fall for a Ph.D. program in chemical engineering. She will be working on making sustainable plastics by tuning the monomers to make the degradable plastics.

WEDDINGS

Julie Tompkins, '14 & Joseph Haas, '14, were married April 30, 2022, at Curé of Ars Catholic Church. "Joe and I were actually friends in our 2014 Aquinas class, but did not start dating until we were juniors at Kansas State University!"

Have some news? Click here to share!

Reunions

Class of 2002

October 15th
Aquinas - Commons
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Reunion Contacts

2012 - Brogan Moroney
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1972 - Annette Mirocke Evans
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1971 - John Patrick
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1977 - Rose Rieke

1962- Joan VanHee
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Click here to plan your next reunion

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Reunion Celebrations

Class of 2001 celebrated their 20th High School Reunion April 9th at Saint Thomas Aquinas in the Commons! Covid may have held it off for a year but they still made time to make it happen with over 90 people in attendance! They had an incredible Reunion Committee that worked tirelessly to create a memorable expereince for all.

The St. Joseph Class of 1975 held their 45-year class reunion on October 2, 2021, at Tanner's Bar & Grill in Shawnee. The reunion was postponed from the previous year due to COVID-19 and it was great to see many former classmates reconnect. There was also a memorial for those classmates who had passed away since graduation. "We know they were present in spirit for all of the memories that flooded back and shared with hugs, tears, and lots of laughter."

Events

Get in on the action!

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
SAINTS GOLF CLASSIC

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Monday, May 23, 2022
Lunch @ 11:00 AM
Shotgun start @ 12:30 PM
Buffet & Awards to Follow

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Alumni Corner

Let's Talk

CLASS OF 2003 ARE SEEING DOUBLE

Ashley Ballweg Magnusson

Caitlyn Meyers Kaczmarcyzk

Carolyn White Olis

Katie Buser Lewis

Sam Paradise O'Malley

Danny Kanatzer

Kendall Lange Martin

Brandon McKinzie

LeighAnne Huppe Gray

10 ALUMNI FROM THE CLASS OF '03 HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH TWINS!

John Kuhlmann

Get Involved

We would love for you to take part in our Alumni Programs!

Click the link to join our Alumni Speaker Series

Rob Cowdrey was a part of our Engineer Panel. He and 2 others spoke on their journey through Engineering and the work force!

Click the link to join our Alumni Mentor Program

John Kuhlman joined the program to share his business knowledge and life experiences to guide our current students in their futures.

Alumni Business Directory

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School News

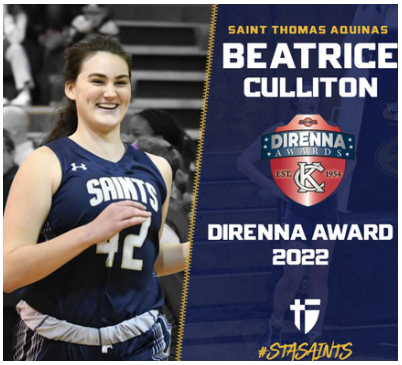
Graduation

Senior Mass
May 6th, 9:15AM
Aquinas Gym

Baccalaureate Mass
May 10th, 7:00PM @
St. Michael Archangel
Parish

Graduation
May 11th, 7:00PM
Aquinas Gym

Basketball

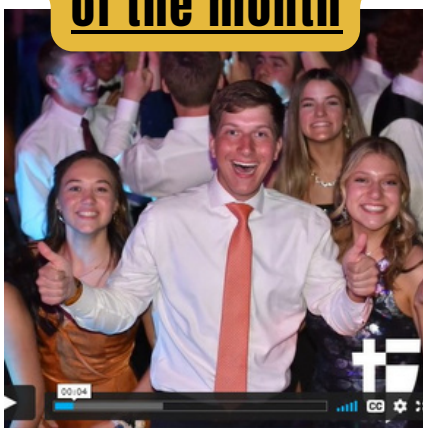


Beatrice Culliton is the DiRenna Award winner. 1st in School History.

SOCCER

Girls' Soccer won the MOKAN Tourney!

Click here Moments of the month



Dinner Theater

2022 Dinner theater is a wrap!

Spring Olympics

Chariot Races - Junior take 1st but Seniors WIN BEST Class Trophy and honors!

A message from Alumni Director

Samantha Paradise, '03

Wow, I can't believe how fast my first school year back at Saint Thomas Aquinas has gone! I keep telling our seniors to savor the moments left, don't rush it, just enjoy it! The fun part of the job is seeing our Alumni's kids as students. It's an incredible experience watching their kids living out the traditions that were started by many of you. The long tales of how some traditions were started keep me laughing. My favorite would be hearing about all the "Pranks" each senior class has done, like the cow who made it up the stairs but never down. The legendary stories live on. We may have different students, but the memories of our past are still very present.