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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 for what's in store for the future!

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said..." Matthew 28:6



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Happy Easter to you and your family! Our month has been filled with anticipation of Easter and celebrating the risen Christ.

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Alumni Highlights

Engagements



Katelyn Heying and Ben Hagenkord got engaged two weekends ago on 2/19/22! They were class of 2017! They began dating their junior year at Aquinas.

CAREERS

Scott Collin 1989 After years of helping advertising agencies win business and awards, my Art Director partner of over 11 years and I launched The Creative Cartel -- A full Service advertising agency focused on strategic, insightful ideas that work across all mediums

Burton Harding '00 is the County Attorney for Linn County, Kansas.

Kyle Stingley 2004
I am starting an affordable housing low-income housing tax credit financing program at my employer.



Mara Sabatini, '08, Named Among 40 Under 40 by the Milwaukee Business Journal.

WEDDINGS



Here's a group of STA/ St. Joseph alumni at Spencer King's ('09) wedding in Park City Utah in September of 2021.

Back row- Ryan Campbell 2009, Hayden King 2016, Gabby King bride non alumni Spencer King 2009 Groom, Mitch Newhouse 2009, Tyler Setter 2008, Neil Tally 2009, David Hutchins 2009
Front Row: Amy Soetaert Rainey Aquinas 1982, Julie Soetaert King St Joseph 1980, Julie Saxer 2009, Carolyn Putman 2009 Haley King Evans 2008.



Cody Paradise Smitka, '04, Bridal party was filled with Alumni. Left to right: Sam Paradise O'Malley, '03, Courtney Zande Weber, '04, Melissa O'Neill Schlisser, '04, (Bride) Amy Fowler Grow, '04 & Lauren Gates, '04.

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Reunions

UPCOMING: CLASS OF 2001



April 9th, 2022
Aquinas - Commons
6pm - Cocktail
7pm - Dinner
Contact:
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Reunion Contacts

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1972 - Annette Mirocke Evans
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1971 - John Patrick
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your next reunion**

Reunion Celebrations

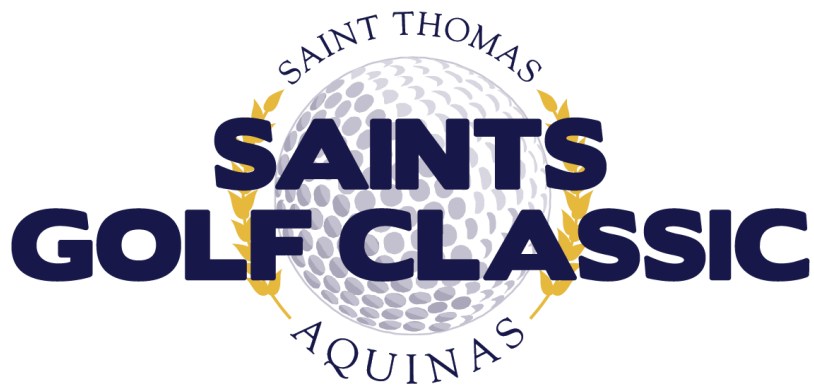


**Class of 2011 had a fantastic
showing for their 10 year reunion
this past fall! We love seeing our
Saints community reunite and
create more memories!**



Samantha Paradise
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Events



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Monday, May 23, 2022

Lunch @ 11:00 AM

Shotgun start @ 12:30 PM

Buffet & Awards to Follow

Trivia Challenge Highlights



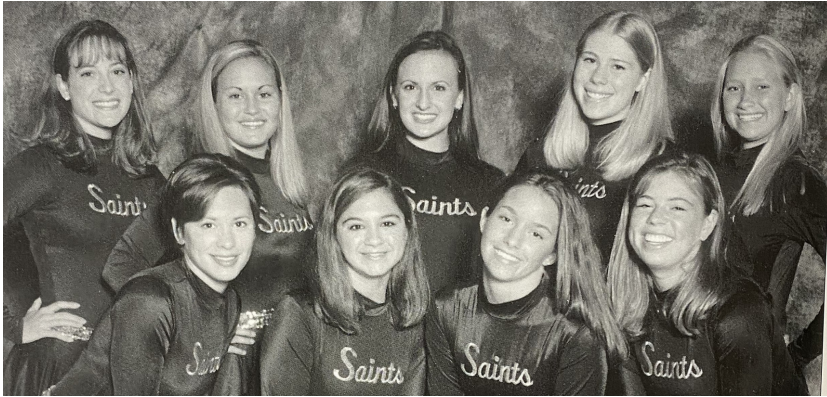
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Alumni Corner

Let's Talk



Let's Talk, Kellie Pyle Strube, '01

When I think back to my senior year of high school in 2001, I remember being so incredibly excited. Senior year is such a transitional year and while I had made some incredible friends, grown in my faith and learned so much, I felt prepared to step into the next adventure. I was ready to gain more independence and think even more about my future goals and what I wanted for my life. I have since obtained my Master's degree in Counseling Psychology, become a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and have worked for the past 16 years in the mental health field.

I feel firmly planted in my faith and have Aquinas and my Catholic education to thank for helping to mold me into the person I am today.

As I help plan and prepare for my 20 year reunion (which is a year late due to Covid), I can't help but reflect back and feel a deep sense of gratitude for my time at Aquinas. I have very fond memories with my classmates, many of whom I have stayed in touch with and I have enjoyed staying connected with the Saints community through bartending each year at the Aquinas Extravaganza, coming up to campus periodically, going to the occasional football game with my family and sending my boys to some of the

sports camps. I love walking into the school and seeing how it has expanded, but at the same time, there are many things that are the same which floods me with memories. I also love seeing the success and growth that continues to take place year after year in education, faith and athletics. Aquinas is an incredible school and I light up when I talk about what the experience was for me. I want to provide my children with the same opportunity I was given and can't wait to send my kids here and continue the Saints tradition!

Kellie Pyle Strube, '01

Get Involved

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

**Click the link to join our
Alumni Speaker Series**



Janine DiVita Del Bello, '03, joined the series discussing her life on Broadway, the music industry, T.V. series, movies and screen writing! She is also a Saints Hall of Fame Inductee!

**Click the link to join our
Alumni Mentor Program**



Brian Savoy, '01, joined the mentor series because he wants to give back to the school that gave so much to him. He brings a lot of knowledge and wisdom to our students!

Alumni Business Directory

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School News

BASKETBALL



The Saints Girls Basketball went to state for the 28th year in a row, winning their 10th title, making that 6 in a row!

DANCE



The Dance Team went to Nationals March 26th! They placed 1st in Game Day/Pep Rally among many other honors!

MOMENTS OF THE MONTH



Check out the moments that made our March "Madness"!



A message from Alumni Director Samantha Paradise

Hello fellow Alumni! It has been a whirlwind of an experience stepping back through those high school doors. The school has had many changes but the atmosphere of the building carries a familiar feeling. I am excited to be in this new role, creating more memories for our Alumni. Be on the lookout for "New Events" for our Alumni to take part in! We are so excited for what's in store for the future! We just had our Trivia Challenge with friendly competition and fun! We look forward to seeing you more and want you to know you are invited to all things happening here at your Alma Mater. Once a Saint, Always a Saint!

In Memory

*"Now is your time of grief, but I will
see you again and you will rejoice"
John 16:22*



On March 25th, the Saints lost a friend and alumni parent - Bob Foote. Bob & Gail's four (4) children graduated from Saint Thomas Aquinas: Scott, '94; Bradley, '95, Colleen, '98 (deceased) and Greg, '05 (married to Laura Cindrich Foote, '05).

Jeremy Patino, class of '05 has passed away. Jeremy was a quiet kid with a passion for theater. When he left Aquinas he went to Loyola in Chicago to pursue acting. There was a small ceremony in LA recently to honor his life.

