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WHAT'S INSIDE

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!

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The second semester is in full swing and we're rounding the corner to Spring with the much-anticipated Spring Break followed quickly with Easter, then Prom, and before we know it graduation! Many of you can remember how fast the last semester flies by! Here's a capture of what's happening at your Alma Mater!



Alumni Highlights

BABIES

Beth (Tompkins) & John Kearney '02 welcomed a baby girl into the world in August 2021, with special delivery assistance by fellow 2002 graduate, Dr. Genie (Markovich) Pierson; all are healthy and doing well.



CAREERS



Beth Evers Guerra, '99, was recently named a Partner with Sanders Warren Russell & Scheer LLP. She was chosen to receive: "The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Award for Personal Injury, Litigation - Defendants." in addition to "The Best Lawyers in America to Watch (2021 Edition)." Beth has assisted in and tried over 20 jury trials. She has experience practicing before the Kansas Court of Appeals and Kansas Supreme Court. Beth transitioned her courtroom skills to civil practice, focusing upon the defense of individuals and companies involved in litigation.

Jovana Mirabile Mullins '07 is the co-founder of ALIVIA, a womenswear fashion brand whose artwork is designed by artists with developmental disabilities.

WEDDINGS

Lainey Van Blaricum, '17 & Marcus Meyer got married February, 2022. As Lainey shared, "Marcus was a foreign exchange student from Germany my Junior year of high school. We met in Mr. Droge's class & started dating shortly after. Once he left, we dated long-distance for 6 years until just two month ago when his US visa was approved."



Have some news click [here](#) to share!

Reunions

Class of 2001



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

2002 - Adam Dolski
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1972 - Annette Mirocke Evans
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1971 - John Patrick
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your next reunion**



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Reunion Celebrations

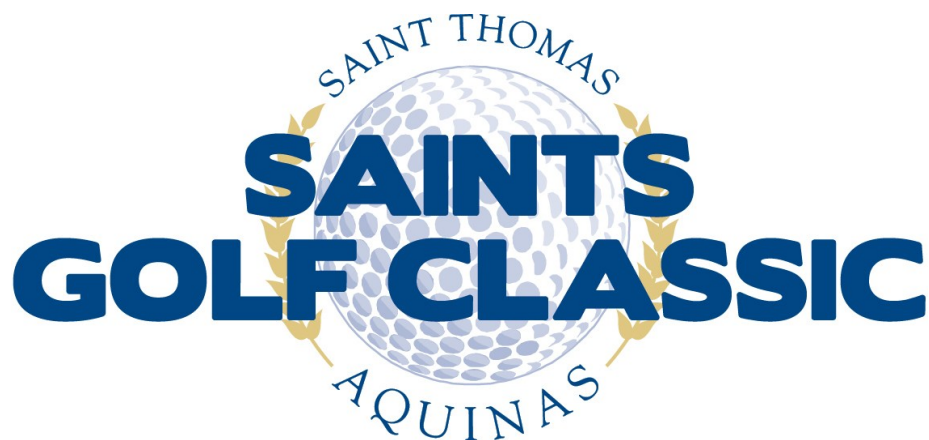


**Class of 2016 had a fantastic
showing for their 5 year reunion
this past fall! We love seeing our
Saints community reunite and
create more memories!**

Events



Click Link
TRIVIA CHALLENGE



May 23rd at Falcon Ridge

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Alumni Corner

Let's Talk



Ryan Gitobu
Class of
2022

As my senior year comes to a close, I am both excited and sad at the thought of leaving Saint Thomas Aquinas. Aquinas has given me a ton of opportunities and resources to grow such as the KU Engineering Competition, the Project Management Program, and the HALO Broadcast Team. I am sad to be leaving this amazing community but I look forward to college knowing that Aquinas has prepared me well. Going to college only two hours away means I can easily come back home to see not only my biological family but also my Aquinas family. I look forward to heartfelt reunions but am fully aware that hard-to-say goodbyes come first. I am appreciative for all Saint Thomas Aquinas has done for me and can't wait until the day I can give back to all the wonderful teachers and staff that have formed me into the man I am today.



Nick DiCarlo
Class of
1996

As I reflect back almost 30 years to my senior year at Saint Thomas Aquinas, I had no idea of the impact that my time at that school would have on the rest of my life. I had no idea how so many of the relationships I built during this time would sustain through the decades to come. Some would evolve, and others change very little. It was impossible for me to have the perspective at 18 that I now have at 45. But today I am so glad to be back and closely connected with St. Thomas Aquinas. I enjoy giving back to this place that gave so much to me...the foundation of my Catholic faith, an excellent education, and relationships that I treasure to this day. I enjoy taking advantage of any opportunity I may have to help current students recognize how special a place Aquinas is, and how special a time in their lives this is and to never take it for granted.

Get Involved

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

Click the link to join our Alumni Speaker Series



Lisa Finholm, '02, came back to her Alma Mater to share some wisdom and advice about her journey into Marketing! Over 50 students attended to gain better insights for their own career choices!

Click the link to join our Alumni Mentor Program



John Kuhlman, '03, joined our Mentor Program to help our current students receive 1 on 1 advice to help better prepare them for their own future's! Our students love the opportunity to speak with our Alumni and receive valuable life wisdoms!

Alumni Business Directory

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Non-profit ice cream and coffee shop that provides meaningful employment to the uniquely-abled.

School News

THEATER

The winter play was "Dearly Beloved" - the sequel to "Southern Hospitality" which was performed in 2011.



DANCE

Dance Team: Winter Finale showdown was February 26th!



SPORTS

Bowling: 1 bowler made it to state!

Wrestling: Dylan Elmore took 1st in the 160 weight class. 5 total wrestlers finished in the top 10! The team took 6th!

Basketball: Both teams start sub-state this week! Beatrice Culliton scored 1000 points!

Swimming: State wrapped up last weekend Darren Mallot set new records in the 200 IM and 100 Breast!

SHOW CHOIR

Show Choir took 3rd place at the BV showdown!



A message from President Brian Schenck

Hello, Saints! We are excited to share our story with you because you helped write it. We hope our communication with you gives you a chance to see the legacy you built is still going strong. Always remember...Love Conquers All!

In Memory

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



Taylor Alexander Thorup, '06, age 33, of Overland Park, passed away on August 30, 2021, from cancer. Taylor is survived by his wife, Kymberly, son, William, his parents Kim & Jim Thorup, brother, Ryan, '04 and sister Jessie, '12.



Iris Elaine Flournoy, beloved Saints Biology and Chemistry teacher from 1994 – 2014, passed away on October 13, 2021 at the age of 70. Iris is survived by her husband Ralph, daughter Mary, '99 (Blake) Lemberg, son Andy, '04 (Caitlin Lee, '04), and five grandchildren.



Christopher George, Jr., '72, age 67, from Olathe, passed away on August 18, 2021, from glioblastoma. Chris married his high school sweetheart, Lisa Compton George, '73, and they have five children, Megan, '98, Caleb, '00, Christopher, '02, Brianna, '05, and Lexie, '08. Chris is also survived by his eight grandchildren, five brothers, and four sisters, many of whom are St. Joe and Aquinas alumni.

