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Elizabeth (Pyle) Mortimer, '02



Ava Garcia, '23 & Oscar Garcia, '17

Hello Saints Alumni!

Moments of the Month

November was a month of giving thanks for all that we have and are able to give.

Click the video below to see what is happening at your Alma Mater!



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Alumni Highlights

Shout-Out



Hannah Bellau, '21

Hannah was initiated into Alpha Kappa Psi at Kansas State University! Alpha Kappa Psi is a Professional Co-ed Business Fraternity created in 1904.



Mikey Needleman, '02

Mikey Needleman takes in another Midwest honor by being named by Kansas City Magazine - Best of Kansas City 2022 - Best Vocalist.

Highlights



Charlotte O'Keefe, '22, traveled back to KU to take on the Jayhawks. She got her first start with lots of fans to cheer her on! She currently plays for University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley!



Ava Martin, '22 was named the BIG EAST Freshman of the Year as a Creighton Bluejay! She logged 221 kills and averaged .256 kills with 236.5 points!



Alumni from the class of 2016 met up this past holiday. We love to see our Alumni coming together and celebrating one another. Once a Saint, always a Saint!

Have some news? Click here to share!



Reunions

Class of 1993

Kate Kratofil Koehnecke
Kkoehnecke@gmail.com

Class of 1998

Brooke Johnson Derby
brookederby@icloud.com

Amber Krumbholz Shreiber

Class of '68, '69, '70

Everett Fritz, II
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Click [here](#) to plan your next reunion.

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Reunions

Reunion Contacts

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Pattyregan@aol.com

1997 - Shane Borth
shaneborth@gmail.com

2012 - Brogan Moroney
bmoroney@minneties.com

2013 - Baile Winslow Stephenson
Bailewinslow@gmail.com

Program Reunions



**Click the button if you
would like to attend
reunion events for your HS
sports & activities**

**Check out this video of our school history!
1928 - Present**



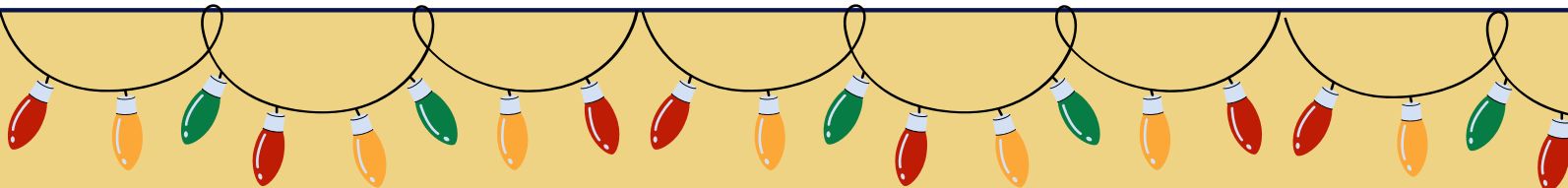
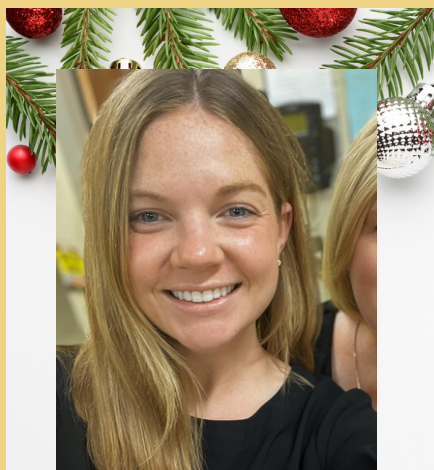
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Alumni Corner *Let's Talk*



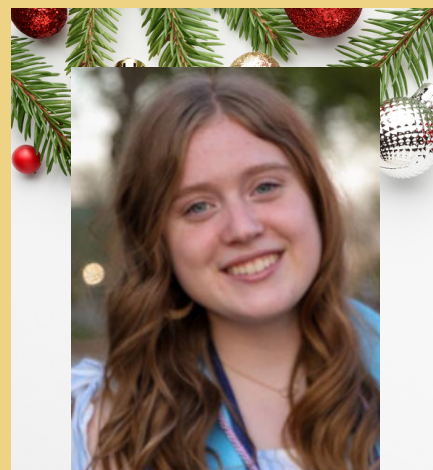
Allie Dierks, '14

I enjoy going to Christmas midnight mass with my family. Also, every year my five siblings do a secret Santa gift exchange, so it's always fun to buy a gift suited for a specific siblings.



Brian O'Connor, '97

It's all about the matching family PJ's in my house, the cheesier the holiday print, the better. My 5-year old loves it, and we'll milk this tradition for as long as we can. Merry Christmas!



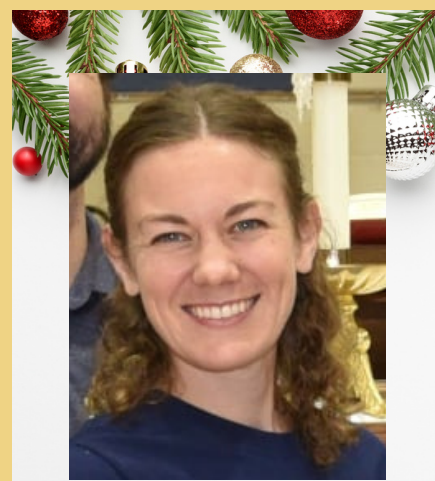
Colleen Follis, '17

My favorite tradition with my family is decorating the tree. My mom gets us a new ornament every year, and it is so fun to see what our interests were growing up.



Caitlin Lee Flourney, '04

Every year my family goes to Christmas In The Sky at Longview lake on Thanksgiving Eve and we watch the fireworks over the lake as we listen to Christmas music.



Emily Majerle Trader, '08

Baking Christmas cookies and driving around to look at lights with my cousins.

Events

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, January 28th, 2023

Setup Time: 6:30PM

Time: 7:00PM

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS - GYM

Sign up NOW! Spots are filling up!



SAVE THE DATE:

ALUMNI BASKETBALL REUNION

January 13th vs. Bishop Miege

Girls 5:30PM Boys 7:00PM

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Alumni Speaker Series & Alumni Mentor Program



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- Job Recruiter
- Corporate Marketer
- Broadway Star, Film Producer
- Cinematographer
- Logistics Professional
- Medical Professionals
- Entrepreneurs/Business
- Real Estate
- Insurance

WHAT ALUMNI ARE SAYING

"Aquinas prepared me for both college and for my professional life by providing opportunities and challenges that shaped me as a young person and developed critical thinking, relationship building, and public speaking skills that I use and exercise to this day. As an alumni, I feel it's critical to give back to the next generation of Saints."

-Nick DiCarlo, '95

The Alumni Speaker Series offers our Alumni the opportunity to share their knowledge with our current students to better prepare them for their future!

We welcome any Alumni to come back and continue to leave their legacy!



WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"When I first heard of this I got so excited, and after I got done I was literally jumping from joy. Thanks for this opportunity, it was a really great experience and it helped me learn so much."

~ Freshman Student

EVENT DETAILS

The majority of our Alumni Speakers will present during our STA period in the Theater.

All students, staff, parents and other Alumni are invited to attend.



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School News



A message from Alumni Director Samantha Paradise, '03



Merry Christmas fellow Alumni! This semester has flown by! I see the senior faces in utter disbelief that they only have ONE semester left in their High School journey. Of course, they can't wait for the break but you can hear their chatter on the bittersweetness of it being their last Christmas Break as high school students.

With that said, we all have memories from our time here at Saint Thomas Aquinas. We are on a journey to tell the story of all our memories here as Saints. We are working hard to raise funds for a future "Legacy Hall" that will be a showcase of our past as St. Joe, Aquinas and Saint Thomas Aquinas.

We are steadily embarking on 100 years of Catholic tradition. We hope you will want to partake in this journey with us! We want to tell our story so the past, current, and future students will fully understand the long lineage of excellence, tradition, and richness of our 100-year history.

Please email sparadise@stasaints.net if you are interested in donating to the "Legacy Hall"



In Memory

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



Robert Baty, '87, passed away on Thursday, October 20th, 2022. He is survived by his alumni brother, Rich, '89.



Matthew John Paden, '00, passed away Sunday, November 20, 2022 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his sister Melissa Franzen, '05.

Katie Luttrell, '94 passed away Thursday, October 27th, 2022. She is survived by her alumni sisters Amy, '92, and Meghan, '00.

