

# SAINTS CONNECTION

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## Alumni News

Hello Alumni! Check out this month's edition of the Saints Connection. This is an online Alumni Newsletter to share what's happening in our Alumni world and our Saints Community!

If you have some news to share or know of an Alumni accomplishment please click the link below to submit the Alumni Highlight! Thank you for all that you do to continue to leave your Legacy here at Aquinas!

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Community  
Relations Director  
**Samantha Paradise, '03**



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## Inside News

### Saints Community Fund

#### ONE GIFT-ONE GOAL

The annual giving through the Saints Community Fund plays a vital role in our students' success in the classroom, through campus ministry, on the stage, and on the field. We are combining our efforts to meet both the needs of our campaign and our annual giving through the ONE GIFT-ONE GOAL initiative, aiming to raise \$1.2 million. Your prayerful consideration of the impact you can make is greatly appreciated. Your contribution will also help us achieve a \$1 million match.

Make a  
difference  
HERE!

## Highlights



Erin Rosenthal, '00 was named President of PMA Engineering at the end of last year and this year 2024 NextGen Leader by KCBJ

Drake Stobie, 2015, recently commissioned into the Navy as a Judge Advocate in the JAG Corps after graduating from Notre Dame Law School. He has reported to his first duty station in Yokosuka, Japan where he will work as a command services attorney, legal assistance attorney, and trial counsel over his first tour.



Javier Derritt ('19) and Jared ('97), Josh ('98), Justin ('00), and Jordan ('02) Smith on a team at the Rock Chalk Roundbowl supporting the Magnificent 7 recipients of the Rock Chalk Roundball Classic donations. Son of Josh, Calvin (4 yrs old), is one of the Magnificent 7 and is honored to be benefitting from the generous donations from these 2 events.

#### FUN FACT:

Our school 's mascot was formerly known as the Blue Streaks!



# EVENTS



Check out last  
year's fun  
HERE:  
Click the Video  
on the website!

## Sept. 14th, 2024 SOCCER ALUMNI GAME

- 5:00 PM Alumni Game
- 6:00 PM Food, Drinks, Memories

**RSVP HERE:**

## FUTURE EVENTS

# REUNIONS

## THE CLASSES OF 66, 67, 68, 69 & 70

OCTOBER 12, 2024  
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL IN  
SHAWNEE  
FROM 7-10 P.M.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASS OF 2004 REUNION

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS ON SEPT 27 & SEPT 28.

SEPT 27 @ AQUINAS  
FAMILY FRIENDLY FOOTBALL TAILGATE BEFORE THE  
HOMECOMING GAME

SEPT 28 - EVENING EVENT  
TBD LOCATION  
ADULTS ONLY

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASS OF 1974 REUNION

REUNION DATE – OCTOBER 19TH  
LOCATION SHAWNEE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL  
TIME: 6:30 PM  
ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH  
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS FOOTBALL GAME AND TAILGATE PARTY –  
TAILGATE BEGINS AT 5:30 PM/GAME TIME 7:00 PM

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## School History

Check out this [video](#) of our school  
history! 1928 - Present

## Active Reunions

- Classes of 66-70
- Contact Butch Fritz II  
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## 1994

30th Class Reunion

**September 27th**

Friday night Homecoming  
Tailgate at Saint Thomas  
Aquinas!

**September 28th**

Saturday at Maloney's in  
downtown OP.

If anyone has questions  
have them email me at  
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## PLAN A REUNION

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# PRAYER LIST

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

## REST IN PEACE

Ben F. King, an alumnus of St Joseph in 1955, passed away in New York on May 9, 2024. Ben was an internationally known ornithologist, having graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison KS and Loyola University. He was a U S Navy veteran and went on to become a recognized expert on birds of Southeast Asia and China, spending a couple of years there in research after his separation from the Navy. On returning to the U. S. he went to Cornell in New York. He became known in birding circles for his detailed research studies and formed a firm called "Kingbird Tours" which ran birding tours to Southeast Asia and China for years. He used those travels to further his research and began to write articles and even a couple of books. Over the years he became internationally known and regarded as "the" expert on Asian bird species.

He was also associated with the New York Museum of Natural History for years and still worked with them until his health began to fail several years ago. He had lived in NYC for many years, finding it a convenient base for his touring business which he closed several years ago.

He never married and friends in NY and the Museum are working with his extensive archive of research work which I understand is at the Museum.

Ben and I were pretty good friends in school and he attended 2 or 3 of our small class reunions, and always stayed at my home. We were a small class, only 36 in 1955, and sadly quite a few less these days.