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# SAINTS CONNECTION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS



## WHERE A GIFT BECOMES A FUTURE

*"I don't know where I would be without Saint Thomas Aquinas. I know I wouldn't be in college. I also wouldn't know God in the way that I do."*

*— Chloe Karges, Class of 2025*

For Chloe, Aquinas was more than a school. It was a place that gave her direction, faith, and the support she needed to take her next step into college. Through the generosity of donors, a financial scholarship helped ease the burden on her family and made a Catholic education possible. That support quite literally changed the course of her life.

Stories like Chloe's are why giving to the Aquinas Endowment matters. Our goal is to keep tuition affordable for families who desire a Catholic education, even as the cost of living and operating expenses continue to rise. We are working diligently to offset future tuition costs so that no student is turned away because of finances.

A gift to the Endowment is an investment in lives, in faith, and in the future of Aquinas. It ensures that students like Chloe, and many others, continue to have access to the life changing support, community, and education that define Saint Thomas Aquinas. We invite you to make a difference and help open doors for generations to come.

**One Gift, One School. One Changed Life! Donate Today!**



## No Lecture Halls. Just Leverage. An Untraditional Route to Real Results.

Adrian Delaney, '21

### **He did not take the traditional college route.**

That decision changed everything.

While others sat in lecture halls, he was in the field learning in real time with real stakes. He launched a marketing agency from the ground up, sold high ticket offers across door to door, retail, and remote environments, produced content, closed life insurance deals, and built backend automations and CRM systems that drove real growth.

There were no syllabi. No safety nets. Only execution.

Those experiences provided something most classrooms never could clarity. He discovered where he thrives building scalable teams and systems that turn chaos into consistency. From SDR level prospecting and lead qualification to pipeline management, branding, and growth focused content, he understands how to turn attention into trust and trust into revenue.

Today, his focus is B2B SaaS and AI sales, helping high growth companies enter new markets, scale pipeline, and close enterprise level deals. He excels in competitive environments, takes feedback seriously, and blends storytelling with data driven strategy to connect with prospects and decision makers.

At the core of his work is one obsession growth.

Growth for himself.

Growth for his team.

Growth for the businesses he helps scale.

The path was not traditional but the results speak for themselves.

## Alumni in Sports



### Ashton Higginson, '22

Coach Justin Wrigley was in Boulder, Colorado, for a coaching clinic but took time to support Aquinas alumnus Ashton Higginson at an indoor meet. Ashton currently runs for the Air Force Academy. Coach Wrigley watched and cheered Ashton on as he finished 7th in his section of the mile and 14th overall.



### Allison Mayfield, '08

Allison Mayfield signed to play professional volleyball with Grand Rapids Rise located out of Vegas. If you want to catch Allison in action she will be in Omaha, Nebraska, March 20<sup>th</sup>!



# Serva Fidem:

Serva Fidem is Latin for "keep the faith" and it began at a high school in Iowa called Dowling Catholic. It exists to fill the gap between head knowledge and heart knowledge in regard to faith and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It's an optional small group ministry where groups of 5-6 students come together each week with a volunteer adult faith mentor. Our hope is that these small groups provide an authentic space for each student involved to ask the deepest questions in their hearts and to establish a lasting, personal relationship with God, and their friends, that they can carry with them for life.

How can you help and support?

First, we ask for your prayers. We have a daily prayer team that prays for this ministry and we believe it is prayer that will truly help this ministry bear fruit. I would invite you to consider signing up [Serva Fidem Mentorship Team](#)! You'll continue to receive updates on how the ministry is going and monthly prayer intentions.

Our next step is to discern and personally invite students to join a group with their friends. The goal would be to start several small groups this semester with growth in the second semester. We hope you will prayerfully consider making a difference in our student's faith journey!

# Hall of Fame: Induction Class of 2026

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School is proud to recognize the 2026 Saints Hall of Fame inductees. The Saints Hall of Fame honors alumni, parents, and friends whose lives of service exemplify our mission and advance the legacy of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Through their witness, these honorees inspire our community to live the Catholic faith and to use their God given gifts in service to the Church and the world.



## Alumni Award

The Alumni Award is presented to alumni who have exemplified dedication and faithfulness to the mission and ideals of Saint Thomas Aquinas through exceptional personal or professional accomplishment.

- Fr. Jaime Zarse '05
- Robby Cowdrey '13

## Marian Award Winners

The Marian Award is presented in recognition of 30 years of dedicated and distinguished service to the students of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School.

- Betsy Collins
- Laura Cline Oliva
- Cathryn Radiel

## Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to individuals who, by their example, represent the beliefs and ideals of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School.

- Teresa Ahrens
- Bill Blaise
- Mark Radetic

## Legacy Award

The Legacy Award is the highest honor bestowed in the Saints Hall of Fame.

This award is given to individuals, families, groups, or organizations in recognition of a long term commitment to the mission of Saint Thomas Aquinas and our greater Catholic Church community.

- Veronica and Peter Mallouk

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