

**SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION**

ALUMNI CORPS

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-HANDBOOK-
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MISSION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

INVITE, INVOLVE AND INFORM

The Alumni Association seeks to develop a lifelong bond between Saint Thomas Academy and all of its alumni in order to:

- Support the interests of Saint Thomas Academy by establishing relationships between it and its Alumni which ensure that the spiritual, intellectual and material resources of the Alumni will be provided to the greatest extent possible; and,
- Preserve and augment personal connections and traditions formed by the Alumni during their school years.

MISSION OF THE ALUMNI CORPS:

To provide an effective and efficient communication link among the graduating classes of Saint Thomas Academy. Alumni Corps members are ambassadors of the Alumni Association who act as representative class leaders and direct information about each member's class, its activities, and the activities of the Alumni Association and Saint Thomas Academy.

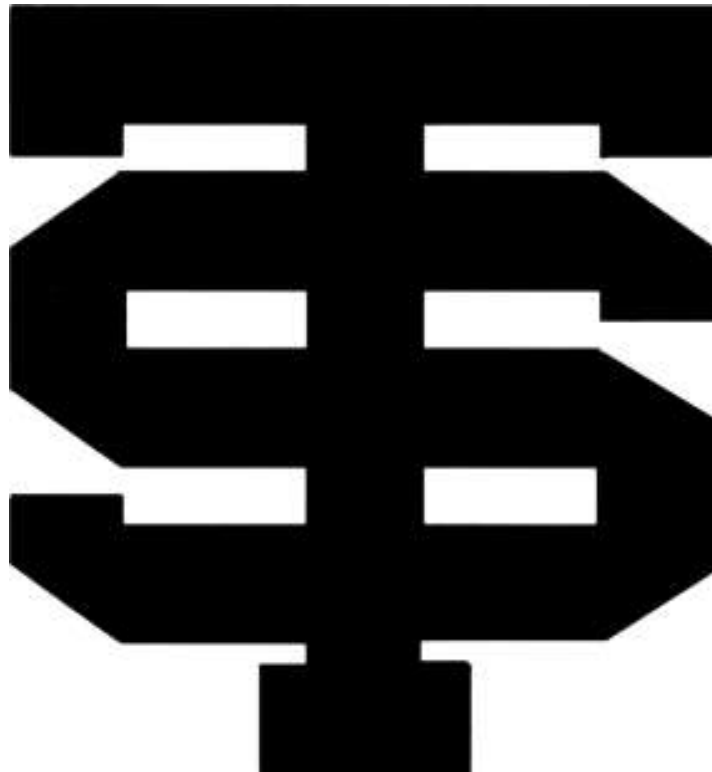
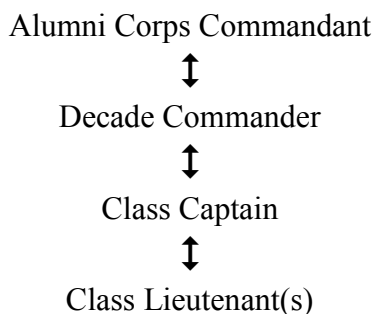


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Section 1 Chain of Command



Alumni Corps Commandant:

The Commandant shall be the current President of the Saint Thomas Academy Alumni Association. The Commandant shall be responsible overall supervision of the Alumni Corps.

Decade Commander:

A Commander is responsible for class relations within the decade of classes (e.g. 1990-1999); serves as a conduit of information and fosters communications among classes, chiefly through their respective Class Captains. They function as a liaison between the Captains and the Alumni Association and will serve as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. A Commanders term of service shall be 3 years. Commanders may, at his option and with notice to the Board of Directors, extend his term in 3 year increments thereafter. Commanders shall cooperate with the Commandant in identifying his replacement prior to the end of his term of service.

Class Captain:

Captains act as the chief representative of their respective graduating class. Each class will have one Captain whose primary responsibility is to foster communications among his classmates, plan, coordinate and execute class activities, events and meetings. Primary focus shall be to encourage participation of his fellow classmates in support of the activities surrounding the Alumni Homecoming weekend. Captains are a direct line of contact between their respective classes; the Commander and Alumni Association. Each Captain will have a Lieutenant, or Lieutenants to assist him with his responsibilities. A Captain shall serve a term of 3 years. Captains may, at his option and with notice to the Board of Directors, extend his term in 3 year increments thereafter. Captains shall cooperate with the Commander and Commandant in identifying his replacement prior to the end of his term of service.

Class Lieutenant:

Lieutenants will support his Captain in fostering communications between classmates and assist in planning, coordinating and executing class activities. It is recommended that there be one Lieutenant to maintain and update class contact information. A second Lieutenant would assist in coordinating class events and activities. Lieutenants shall serve a term of 3 years. Lieutenants may, at his option and with notice to the Board of Directors, extend his term in 3 year increments thereafter. Lieutenants shall cooperate with their Captain, Commander and Commandant in identifying his replacement prior to the end of his term of service.

Section 2 Nomination and Approval Process

Notice: An appropriate notice/request for Alumni Corps Officer nominations will be posted on the Academy website and published in the school's publication known currently as "The Saber" and/or other Academy publications for general circulation.

Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Administration members, past or present, at the Academy are permitted to nominate a candidate for consideration to serve as an officer of the Alumni Corps.

Nominations for all officers of the Alumni Corps are subject to approval of the Saint Thomas Academy Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The Board, at its sole discretion may remove an Officer at any time by majority vote with a minimum of a quorum present.

Section 3 Roles and Responsibilities

Commandant:

Ensure that the Commanders, Captains and Lieutenants communicate, organize and participate in activities that support their respective graduating classes, the Alumni Association and Administration of Saint Thomas Academy.

Decade Commander:

Update contact information for Captains. Assist Captains, as necessary with establishing a phone/email method of communication to class members. Maintains websites and assists in finding his replacement as well as replacement Captains and Lieutenants.

Class Captain:

Updates contact information for their respective class. Establish an effective phone/email method of communication. Organizes and leads class activities whether for the purposes of planning a class reunion or social gathering. Assist his Lieutenants in promoting the activities of the Alumni Association which includes supporting the annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend activities. Locates, nominates and if necessary trains his replacement.

Class Lieutenant:

Updates contact information for their respective class. Establish an effective phone/email method of communication. Organizes and assists Captain with activities whether for the purposes of planning a class reunion or social gathering. Promotes and supports activities of the Alumni Association including supporting the annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend activities. Locates, nominates and if necessary trains his replacement.

Section 4 Activities of the Alumni Association

1. **Alumni Homecoming Weekend** a four-day event in which Alumni are invited back to STA for the Senior Alumni Stag Dinner, memorial Mass, the Hames Award ceremony, a cadet review, Alumni Association Luncheon and Headmaster Report (Alumni Corp recognition), the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Alumni Tailgate and Family Event, the Homecoming Football Game; the Alumni Stag, class reunions, golf, class parties, an Alumni Mass, Family Open Ice Skating and memories.
2. **Alumni Open** 140+ golfers play in a fun tournament with many prizes to raise money for the Alumni Sons Endowed Scholarship Fund.
3. **Alumni Corps** an improved class agent/class representative system.
4. **Alumni Sons Endowed Scholarship Fund** created and funded annually by the Alumni Association, enables cadets to attend the Academy through financial aid.
5. **STA Athletic Hall of Fame** acknowledges the achievements of athletes, coaches, directors, trainers, administrators or other supporters who have made salutary or exemplary contributions to the success, administration, and/or traditions of the Academy athletic programs.
6. **Edward G. Hames Alumni Honors Award** STA's oldest honor, given since 1969, this prestigious award seeks to give due recognition to those alumni who have exemplified the ideals of Saint Thomas Academy, and in doing so, distinguished themselves in their communities.
7. **Myser Foundation Teaching Award** acknowledges the achievements of current and former faculty members who are identified by alumni as excellent role models and as having a life-long positive influence on the lives of the alumni.
8. **Faculty/Staff Appreciation Party** free food, beverages, and prizes for all faculty and staff.
9. **Seniors Induction Ceremony and Breakfast** the Alumni Association President formally invites the graduating seniors into the Alumni Association, sponsors a breakfast program and gives each senior a composite class photograph.
10. **Internship Program** a program which will bring together alumni employers and recent alumni collegians for internships.
11. **Funding** VISTA activities, Honor Guard Society, Crack Drill Squad Anniversary Reunions, athletic equipment for the downhill ski team, new football helmets, a color cover for the Cadence, a nature path through the woods, construction of wood duck houses at the lake, expenses of the spring Senior Day, a portion of the sound system in the new stadium, a portion of a large tent to be used for all-weather activities, new trophy cases in the school, military guidons, etc.

Section 5 Administration Resources

Saint Thomas Academy Alumni Association Office

955 Lake Drive
Mendota Heights, MN. 55120

Websites:

Alumni Association Homepage: www.cadets.com/alumni

Alumni Association Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Mendota-Heights-MN/The-Official-Saint-Thomas-Academy-Alumni-Association/218446720262?ref=nf

Saint Thomas Academy Online Community: <http://alumni.cadets.com/s/354/index.aspx>

School Webpage: www.cadets.com/

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Administration

Thomas B. Mich, Ph.D., Headmaster
Michael (Mike) Byrne '63, Assistant Headmaster
Dr. Celeste Heidelberger, Dean of Academics
Michael (Mike) Sjoberg, Dean of Students
Michael (Mike) Fleischhacker, Director of Middle School
LTC Michael DePuglio (Ret.), Commandant of Cadets
Christopher (Chris) Ritten '80, Director of Institutional Advancement
Mike Maxwell '84, Annual Fund Director
John (Jack) Zahr, Director of Athletics and Activities
John Kenney '85, Director of Admissions
Robley Evans, Director of business Affairs
Mary Culbertson, Director of Communications
Paul Solmon, Director of Facilities

Section 6 Alumni Association Board of Directors

Alumni Association Executive Board

Steve Kelly '86, President
Rick Battis '79, President-Elect
Ned Gordon '53, Treasurer
George Turner '79, Co-Treasurer
Carl Schneeman '99, Secretary
Jason Sedak '93, Executive Secretary
Kelly Rowe '79, Past President Advisor

Other Board Members

Dick Battis '53	Bill Foussard '72 (past-President)	Brian Smith '01
Art Baumeister, III '85	Greg Hoffmann '90	Dave Swanson '61
Tom Bonfe '87	Matt Michel '82	John Sweet '89
Will Buckley '01	James P. Miley '98	Roger Swenson '51
Gerald Cunniff '86	Steve Norton '96	Mike Youngdahl '81
Kevin Daly '73	Tom Parrish '80	Ryan Rutzick '99
Judd Fenlon '96	Henry Patterson '79	Steve Sheahan '86 (past-President)
Terry Flynn '55	Mike Reif '98	

Section 7 Alumni Corp Roster

1940's		
DECADE COMMANDER: [vacant]		
	CAPTAINS	LIEUTENANTS
1945	Gerry Ferrian	[vacant]
1946	Tom Brill	[vacant]
1947	Curtis Housh	Clyde Ecklund/Gene Hoy/Larry McGough/Ray Welsh
1948	Jay Kelly	Jerry Donovan/Emmett Kenefick/Jerome Malerich
1949	Joe O'Neill	Julian Bilski/Peter Gavin

1950's		
DECADE COMMANDER: Roger Swenson '51		
	CAPTAINS	LIEUTENANTS
1950	George Robertson	Dick Lynch
1951	Jim Wilson	Steve Dolan
1952	Phil Smith	Terry Carroll/Phil Dugan
1953	Dick McKenna	Ned Gordon
1954	George Stewart	[vacant]
1955	Bob Elliott	[vacant]
1956	Pat Farley	[vacant]
1957	Joe Reymann	[vacant]
1958	Gerry Brown	[vacant]
1959	John Sturner	John Bilski/Tom Casey/Dan Commers/Tim Malchow

1960's		
DECADE COMMANDER: - [vacant]		
	CAPTAINS	LIEUTENANTS
1960	Rich Allen	Bert McKasy
1961	Pat Coonan	[vacant]
1962	Paul Cramer/George Roedler	[vacant]
1963	[vacant]	[vacant]
1964	Gary Sirek	[vacant]
1965	Harry Wingerd	[vacant]
1966	[vacant]	[vacant]
1967	Frank Jandric	Charley Michel/Scott Olson
1968	[vacant]	[vacant]
1969	Kelly Michel/Bill Sullivan	[vacant]

1970's		
DECADE COMMANDER: - Kelly Rowe '79		
	CAPTAINS	LIEUTENANTS
1970	Tim Figge	[vacant]
1971	[vacant]	[vacant]

1972	Bill Foussard	Vince Bradford/Peter Hinsch
1973	Tim Plunkett/Chris Lee	[vacant]
1974	[vacant]	[vacant]
1975	Tom Cross	[vacant]
1976	Dan Hickey	[vacant]
1977	Mike Bann	[vacant]
1978	Dave Hamel	Tim Dubbs/Andrew Engel/Dave Johnson/Tom DePauw/ Bill Norman/Steve Wardwell
1979	George Turner	Rick Battis/Henry Patterson

1980's		
DECADE COMMANDER: Steve Sheahan, '86		
	CAPTAINS	LIEUTENANTS
1980	[vacant]	[vacant]
1981	Greg Monahan	[vacant]
1982	David Walczak	[vacant]
1983	Joe Jansen	Steve Haugh/Pat Mascia/Phil Reim
1984	Mike Farley	[vacant]
1985	[vacant]	[vacant]
1986	[vacant]	[vacant]
1987	Jim Seidel	Tom Thuente/Tony Zirnhelt
1988	Steve Geis	[vacant]
1989	Steve Nilsson	[vacant]
1990's		
DECADE COMMANDER: - Steve Norton '96		
	CAPTAINS	LIEUTENANTS
1990	Greg Hoffmann	[vacant]
1991	[vacant]	[vacant]
1992	Matt Kaczmarek	[vacant]
1993	Joe Brill	[vacant]
1994	Steve Fenlon	[vacant]
1995	Bill Owens	Matt Funk
1996	Rob Grady	[vacant]
1997	Jeff Smith	[vacant]
1998	Michael Reif	Jim Miley
1999	Ryan Rutzick	Carl Schneeman

2000's		
DECADE COMMANDER: - Brian Smith '01		
	CAPTAINS	LIEUTENANTS
2000	Joshua Smith-Hanen	John Bisanz/Mike Miller/Martin Norder
2001	Rob Swenson	Joseph Dubbs
2002	Tony Capecci	Steve Miller
2003	Taylor Klaas	
2004	Charlie Hammel	Mike Bisanz/Ryan Patrick
2005	David Patterson	Tim Scallen
2006	Tom Henderson	Jack Baer
2007	Dan Hallman	[vacant]
2008	Fritz Waldvogel	Nate Schwartzbauer
2009	Alex Kies	Matt Baer

