

Comet Alumni Spotlight

Laurie Pearl

St. Thomas Class of 1980

Educational Background: St. Thomas Grade school graduate 1980. Bergan High School 1984, Drake University 1988 bachelor of arts in Journalism and Public relations.

Recent Achievements:

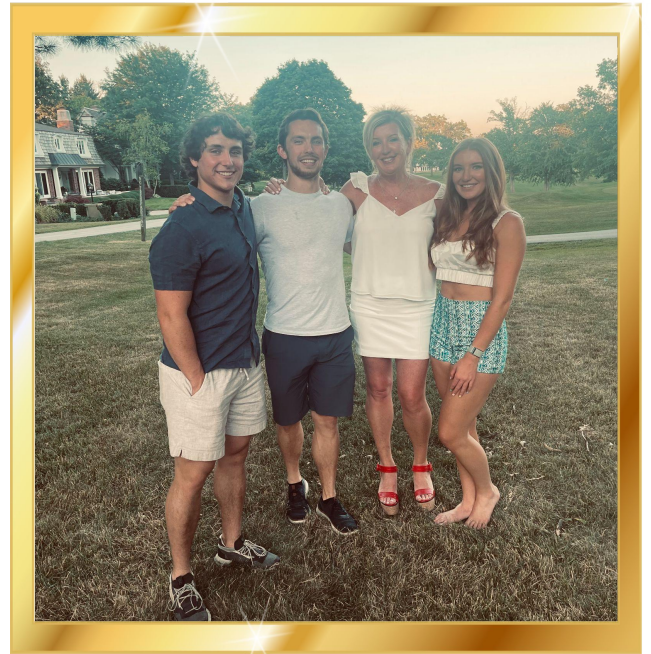
My 3 children, also St. Thomas Alumni, are and always will be my most wonderful achievement! Selling residential real estate for almost 15 years, and building a property rental business in Peoria Heights with my fiance Dave Williams, has been a gift. Dave and I are very proud of the opportunity to help update/renovate and improve The Heights corridor!

Family: Charlie Cain 27, fourth year medical student at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, in Peoria. Mary-Kate Cain, 25, attending American University in Washington DC, working towards a masters degree in Counterterrorism and Homeland Security.

John Casey Cain 21, Butler University senior finance and accounting major in the Lacy school of business, interning with RSM and PWC.

Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet:

I loved eighth grade cheerleading, even in the old gymnasium where there was barely room to stand on the sidelines. Also, receiving the 'Leadership award' in 8th grade from Sister Marie Joseph.



St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you:

Miss Lewis taught 7th grade English. She was a wonderful teacher who expected a great deal out of her students. She taught respect in a classroom setting. We did not dare whisper during her teaching lessons or you would have the dreaded STARE. She was very fair and was kind to all students. She was awesome!

Piece of advice for current Comets: Always remember your very special St. Thomas family! What a gift it is to be a part of this community. The friendships and memories you make are a strong foundation and will take you far. Don't forget where it all started and keep in touch with other comets forever!