

Comet Alumni Spotlight

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St. Thomas Class of 1977

Educational Background: St Thomas graduate 1977, Bergan graduate 1981, Drake University graduate 1985 BS in Education/Special Education.

Recent Achievements: My most favorite recent achievement is becoming a Grandma (aka Lolli) a little over a year ago! Also 2 years ago my husband and I, along with another couple as our partners, opened Interim Healthcare. We are a homecare company that provides care for people in their home or facility. Our goal is to keep people safe and independent with dignity, compassion and companionship.

Family: I am married to Matt and we have 4 children, daughter in law and granddaughter. Alex and Kira were married in 2019 and their daughter Cecilia is 16 months old. They live in Dunlap. Lucas, Alex's twin brother lives and works in Chicago as well as our other two children Isabella and Maxwell. All of us, except for my daughter in law who is from Indianapolis, are STS alumni!



Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet: There are so many! Lunches were the best! Being chosen to ring the recess bell, field day, listening to Jim Croce on Friday afternoons with Sister Catherine Marie. Of course experiencing all of the sacraments!

St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you: Mrs Walsh (my aunt) She was so fun listening to her at the beginning of every class talking about her kids. She was fun and patient and was a great English teacher, my favorite subject!

Piece of advice for current Comets: Follow your dreams, try new things, and always try to help someone. Let your faith be at the center of everything you do. You will be surprised at how important your St Thomas foundation serves you through your future years!