

# Comet Alumni Spotlight

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St. Thomas Class of 1994

**Educational Background:** St. Thomas Grade School graduate 1994. Notre Dame High School graduate 1998. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Bachelor of Science degree School of Education.

**Recent Achievements:** I recently celebrated 17 years in business as the owner of A Perfect Pear Boutique in Peoria Heights. We have been named in multiple publications as one of the best places to shop for women's clothing in Central Illinois. We love when you shop local!

**Family:** My husband Bob and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary this year! We were married by Monsignor Watson and were one of the first weddings in the newly designed church at St. Thomas. We have two children, Genevieve who is in 8th grade and Harry who is in 4th grade, both at St. Thomas. Go Comets! They both keep us busy with competitive dance and travel soccer.

**Comet Siblings:** My oldest sibling is Ingrid Fritsch, who resides in Florida. My sister Erin Olsen lives in Peoria and her three children Annika, Liliana, and Nicholas are all graduates of St. Thomas Grade School. My brother Nick Fritsch resides in Alaska.

**St. Thomas Teachers who made an Impact:** Ms. Hertz, Ms. Wetzell, and Ms. Golden. The trifecta! I loved them all. They made every day at St. Thomas a wonderful experience.



**Favorite Experience as a St. Thomas Comet:** My graduating class at St. Thomas built great lasting relationships that we still maintain today. The class of 1994 recently had a reunion where Comet alumni came back to Peoria from all over the US and even out of the country. We celebrated with a weekend full of activities!

While I attended St. Thomas I enjoyed being basketball champions, participating in competitive soccer games, being a cheerleader and learning cheers we still use today!

It's also been fun seeing my children interact with Ms Hozie (4th grade teacher) and Gary (recently retired janitor) who were also at St Thomas when I attended!

**Piece of Advice for Current Comets:** Enjoy your time at St. Thomas as it flies by! Keep your faith strong and say your prayers daily. Your education at St. Thomas shapes who you become and influences your future success!