

# Comet Alumni Spotlight

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### Educational Background:

I attended St. Thomas from kindergarten to seventh grade and afterwards finished middle school and high school in the Dunlap school district. I obtained my bachelor's of science in mechanical engineering at Bradley University alongside my brother Jacob. After graduating college I went to Southern Illinois University for medical school. I am currently doing my residency in diagnostic radiology at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

### Recent Achievements:

I recently performed in a community theater production of Legally Blonde, playing the role of Emmett. It was great to be able to get back to the stage and act and sing again.

### Family:

I am very fortunate in that I get to see my parents frequently as they live in Peoria, which is only two hours away from Iowa city. My siblings, Jameil, Jacob, and Melia all live in the midwest. We are all very busy, so holidays are a special time where we all get to see each other and reminisce. My brother Jacob is married and has two kids, and they are the stars of the show. I try to see them as often as I can.

### Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet:

There are too many to count! When I think of St. Thomas I think about the school assemblies and talent shows, christmas time making crafts and having shows where parents and families came to watch us sing, school sports and winning the diocese soccer championship my last year (against St. Vincent, wooooo!!!), school musicals, and so much more. Even just thinking about those amazing school lunches and Tony's Pizza (not sure if it's the nostalgia speaking up now). I will forever cherish my time at St. Thomas, it was my second home as a child.

### St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you:

Shout out to Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Pfeifer, Ms. Hertz, and Mrs. Schlicksup!!! They all had an impact on me and I remember them fondly. All the teachers at St. Thomas cared so much about the students and families. I miss them all, and if they read this I would like for them to know that they have had a strong hand in creating a positive future for this country.

### Piece of advice for current Comets:

Always accept an opportunity to try a new passion or pursue a new interest, you never know when you will find something that will change your life :) Work hard and be thankful for those around you; St. Thomas is a community that you will have with you for the rest of your life.

