

Comet Alumni Spotlight

Joey Olson Class of 1997



Educational Background:

Graduated from Peoria Notre Dame in 2001, graduated from Robert Morris University (PA) in 2007 with BS Business Management

Recent Achievements:

I attended college on a Hockey scholarship and I was fortunate to play hockey professionally for a few years in the minors. I lived in 7 different cities in a span of 10 years! After my playing career I came back to Peoria and started a career in Marketing & Advertising that lasted about 10 years. For the past 3 years I have been an Agency Owner and Financial Representative with COUNTRY Financial. In my first year I received 1st place in the COUNTRY Club contest as the top new insurance agent. In 2023, I was awarded All-American status with COUNTRY as one of the top Financial Representatives in the company.

Family:

I married my wife Corinne in 2015. We have four children Preston (6), Juliana (4), Bode (2), and Wade (3 mo). Preston attended St. Thomas for the preschool program, and Juliana is currently in the Pre-3 program! The Olson Family have been members of the parish and school for a long time, my kids are the 3rd generation to attend St. Thomas School.

Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet:

What I think of most is the lifelong friendships I made and the feeling of being a part of a big family. Those connections have shaped who I am as a person and continue to serve me in life and business. I also have fond memories of the old blacktop. I feel like my competitive nature was formed during intense games of soccer, basketball, tag, etc.

St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you:

There were several teachers that came to mind who all had a major impact on me, but Mrs. Buda (1st Grade) and Mrs. Crawmer (8th Grade) were my favorite.

Piece of advice for current Comets:

Usually, advice like this comes from some old cliché, but it is never bad to hear them again. I am a big believer in work ethic and if you work hard good things happen. Set goals, have dreams, and put in the work to achieve them. "Rome wasn't built in a day, but they were laying bricks every hour." Also, be kind, be a good friend, because the relationships you make today will last longer than the time you spend at St. Thomas.

