

# Comet Alumni Spotlight

## Hannah Daly Class of 2010



**Educational Background:** STS class of 2010, Peoria Notre Dame High School class of 2014, Illinois State University Class of 2018- Graduated with my Bachelor's Degree in Communication Organizational Leadership Studies & Children's Studies.

**Recent Achievements:** Besides being away at college, I've lived in Peoria my entire life. The older I've gotten, I've realized how strong our community is and that's something I've always loved about Peoria. For the last six years I've worked for Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters, where I now serve as Program Director. Most recently, I attended Capitol Hill Day in Washington DC where I was given the opportunity to rally with other Big Brothers Big Sisters leaders from across the country, advocating for support towards our youth mentoring programs. Luckily, I've grown up with an amazing support system, so I'm grateful that I get to promote the importance of youth mentorship within my full time career. Not only do I get to work for such a powerful organization, but I also devote my time to being a Big Sister in the program. My Little Sister and I have been matched for almost six years now, and she is truly one of the best people I know!

**Family:** All of my family is still local to the Peoria area, except for my twin sister, Taylor, who lives in Washington DC. We love making the trip out to visit her when we can!

**Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet:** As much as I complained to my parents about it at the time, I would probably have to say attending pre-care and after-care. My friends and I still laugh at all of our crazy stories. I give so much credit to the staff for putting up with all of us. To this day, I have met some of my closest friends from spending so much time there before and after school.

**St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you:** I'd have to say that it would have to be a close tie between Mrs. Miller, my 5th grade teacher, or Mrs. Crawford- my Junior High English teacher. Both of these ladies are such powerful women that taught me so much. I miss them both, but luckily I still get to see Mrs. Crawford at local community events!

**Piece of advice for current Comets:** Don't be too hard on yourself. Sometimes the things we think matter in the moment, won't matter in the future. Enjoy the small things in life, work hard, and never give up on your goals.

