

Comet Alumni Spotlight

Matt Barkley Class of 2005



Educational Background: St. Thomas K - 8th (Class of 2005), Peoria Notre Dame (Class of 2009), Saint Louis University (Class of 2013)

Recent Achievements: Getting Married, moving into my first home with my wife, starting a new job, and becoming a father.

Family: My wife Erin, our 7 month old son Jack, and our loud golden-doodle Winnie. My parents, St. Thomas parishioners, Brian and Becky. Also, My 3 Siblings: Sarah, Pat, and Jenny - who are all Comet Alumni.

Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet: Winning back-to-back Diocesan Basketball Championships in 7th and 8th grade!

St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you: My kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Wedekind. My earliest memory at St. Thomas was visiting her classroom at kindergarten roundup in the summer. I was very nervous going to a new school and uncomfortable until she welcomed me with snacks. She introduced me to a couple of my classmates who, to this day, are still my best friends.

Piece of advice for current Comets: Keep an open mind with school, sports, friends, or activities. You don't know what you may end up picking up along the way. Your time as a Comet can pay off well into the future if you put effort into everything you do.

