

Comet Alumni Spotlight

John Mitchell Price Class of 2007



Educational Background

I graduated from St. Thomas in 2007 and then Peoria Notre Dame in 2011. I began college wrestling at McKendree University before returning to ICC, where I earned my Associates in Liberal Arts. I later completed my Bachelor's in Media Communications with a History minor at Webster University, including a life-changing semester abroad in London. I would go on to also earn my Master's in Media Literacy from Webster University in 2017. In 2019, I returned to Peoria and worked in media while pursuing my Social Studies teaching certification. Today, I'm proud to teach in District 150, coming full circle to give back to the community that shaped me.

Recent Achievements

While in St. Louis, I authored an accredited academic research on media literacy & fake news, co-authored a second piece on single-story narratives in the media. I also frequently spoke on local radio and TV as a source matter expert on anything in the media landscape. I've also worked with some of the biggest online creators from YouTube and Twitch while managing their accounts and ad campaigns. While working at ICC, I helped create (nationally recognized) marketing materials for the Illinois Workforce Equity Initiative alongside state lawmakers (and a governor). Materials that went on to inspire real change. Hearing the personal stories of people whose lives were impacted by the content I helped create remains one of the most emotional and humbling experiences of my career. Now, as a certified teacher, I'm eager to help students develop critical thinking, empathy, and curiosity. Outside the classroom, I'm a proud godfather to three amazing girls and a passionate ceramic artist.

Favorite St. Thomas Memories

My time at St. Thomas gave me more than just a great education, it gave me lifelong friends who have become like family. That community and bond shaped who I am and grounded me through all the twists and turns of life.

Mrs. Miller's Social Studies class especially stands out. Her passion and creativity left a lasting impression on me. I can trace much of my own love for history, and now my career as a history teacher, to her influence.

Advice for Current Comets

Here are a few thoughts I'd love to share with the next generation of Comets:

- *"In diversity, there is beauty and there is strength."* - Maya Angelou
Everyone comes from a different walk of life. Be curious. Ask questions. Talk to people who are different from you. The more you listen and learn, the more you'll realize how rich and beautiful this world truly is.
- *"No one is born into this world to be alone."*
You were made for connection, for community, and for love. When life feels hard or overwhelming, reach out, there's always someone who cares, someone who will listen. Remember that you're never truly alone, and sometimes the bravest thing you can do is ask for help or offer it to someone else.
- *"I don't have lately, I have always."*
Success doesn't come overnight. It's about consistent effort over time. Keep showing up. Keep working hard. Stay focused on your goals. You're capable of far more than you think.

