

# Comet Alumni Spotlight

## Max Vonachen Class of 2013



### Educational Background:

St Thomas: 2013; Peoria Notre Dame: 2017;  
University of Dayton - degrees in Finance,  
Entrepreneurship: 2021

### Recent Achievements:

After graduating from the University of Dayton, I moved to Chicago to work for Crowe LLP, within the firm's Microsoft Cloud Consulting division. About 2 years ago, I moved back home to Peoria, to be closer to family and to join our family business, the Vonachen Group.

After moving home, my fiance and I got engaged, bought our first house, and she just graduated with her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

At VG, where I specialize in Finance - I am proud to be part of the fourth generation; and our company provides janitorial & facility maintenance services to commercial, healthcare, and manufacturing customers throughout the country.

My most recent achievement is teaching Junior Achievement to the 4th graders at STS!

### Family:

I am the youngest of 4, and all of us (plus our parents and grandparents), were fortunate enough to attend STS. My brother Alex and I both live in Peoria, and our siblings Isabella and Lucas both live in Chicago. While three of us joined the family business, three of us are also currently engaged and getting married within the next year.

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

My favorite experience as a Comet was building lifelong friendships. There are still many classmates that I frequently talk to, and we created countless memories. We had great experiences playing sports and winning Diocesan Championships, performing in the Speech competitions, and traveling to field trips.

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

All of the teachers and administration staff left an impact on me. Each teacher that I had genuinely cared about helping me grow in my faith, education, and overall as a person. Thank you to all of the STS teachers for what you do!

### Piece of advice for current Comets:

Current Comets: you are all very fortunate to receive an education from St. Thomas - enjoy each day, be there for your friends, and chase your goals.

