

# Comet Alumni Spotlight

## Becca Matheson Class of 2017



**Educational Background:** I went to St. Thomas from K-8! I graduated from Richwoods in 2021. I just earned my Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Illinois State University this May!! I now teach fourth grade in Peoria Public Schools, so I will be in school forever! ;)

**Recent Achievements:** I just graduated from Illinois State in May! To celebrate, I spent some time in the summer traveling and visited seven countries — Portugal, Ireland, the UK, France, Italy, Vatican City, and Turkey. In July, I got my first very own classroom!

**Family:** I have an older brother, Ben, who also went to St. Thomas. My parents are Sean and Celeste Matheson. My dad lectured at Mass, was on the Education Commission, started Odyssey of the Mind, and coached speech, and my mom sang at the LifeTeen Mass, helped with Fine Arts Day, coached speech, and helped with the school musical!

**Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet:** I loved Student Council! It was my first time getting involved in leadership, which inspired me a lot moving forward. The skills you develop in Student Council are ones you will use forever!!!

**St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you:** Mrs. DePauw!!!!!!!!!!!!!! She was so patient and was just teacher goals for relationship building. Somehow she had all the time in the day to talk to all of her students with such care AND teach us to write the most organized papers ever. She is definitely an inspiration in my classroom, and I pray to her a lot for guidance in my teaching!

**Piece of advice for current Comets:** Get involved! St. Thomas has so many sports and activities to try, and it's the best place on Earth to dip your toe in the water and experience it all. You are so lucky to be part of the Comet family!!!

