

Comet Alumni Spotlight

Laoise Hinderliter Class of 2016



Educational Background: Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University

Recent Achievements: I recently commissioned as a Combat Systems Officer (CSO) in the United States Air Force and graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Shortly after graduating, I moved to Florida to begin Undergraduate CSO Training. While I await training, I am working towards earning a master's degree in human factors.

Family: I have two amazing parents, Aisling and Derick Hinderliter, who inspired me to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering and a hardworking little sister, Niamh Hinderliter, who is working towards earning her bachelor's degree in nursing at St. Louis University.

Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet: In the middle of 7th grade, my family got the news that we would be moving to Germany. I wasn't excited to leave everything that was familiar, but my class at St. Thomas rallied around me and made saying goodbye feel so special. My basketball team put together a scrapbook and all my teammates signed a basketball that I took with me and treasured.

St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you: The coaches at St. Thomas were the most impactful on me. Mrs. Stuart, my basketball coach, and Mrs. Gray, my cross country coach, both inspired me to push myself to the best of my ability. They were both a pivotal part of my character development.

Piece of advice for current Comets: Put in 100% effort in everything you do and find the lesson in everything. Do the hard things and develop yourself, because you are worth it.

