

Comet Alumni Spotlight

Danny Radosavlyev Class of 2001



Educational Background:

STS K-8, PND Class of '05 and Bachelors in Finance from Western Illinois.

Recent Achievements:

Balancing my career at Komatsu while raising 4 kids and coaching 12 sports teams in the past year - we've been busy!

Family:

I have one brother, Brian, who was also a Comet. My father went to STS as well.

Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet:

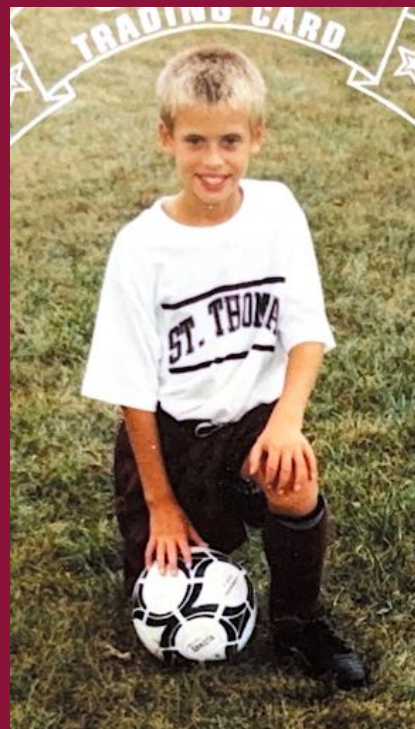
The Six Flags 8th grade field trip - riding on a charter bus, watching movies while sharing headphones on our discman cd players. I got to ride my first rollercoaster that day. Also the thunder of the crowd of students during the reveal of the newest weepul for the annual magazine drive.

St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you:

Mrs. Herr, my fourth grade teacher, always brought a fun positive energy which made learning exciting! Mrs. Herr used to reward students by allowing them to switch seats for good behavior, and I always thought that was the best incentive. I made some of my best friends to this day at STS and those relationships began during all that desk switching.

Piece of advice for current Comets:

Be nice to everyone, you never know if you'll marry the girl riding the bus home from STS with you one day. But also, listen to your coach :)



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Abby Alexander Radosavlyev Class of 2002



Educational Background:

I attended St. Thomas from Kindergarten through 8th grade before going on to Peoria Notre Dame. After high school I studied Public Relations/Advertising at DePaul University in Chicago where I graduated magna cum laude.

Recent Achievements:

One of my proudest achievements is being able to send our children to the same school their mom and dad attended. Weeks into dating Danny, we joked about one day having little Comet babies of our own. That little dream came true! Our children are now 3rd generation Comets!

Family:

I am one of seven children, all who also went through K-8 at St. Thomas. My parents had at least one child at St. Thomas for 31 straight years! Danny and I now have four children of our own - Leo who will be going into 3rd grade, Logan in 2nd grade, Bennett starting her first year at STS as a Kindergartner and 3yo Bo.

Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet:

The annual lip sync contest! We got to pick the song and make up our own dance with friends that we performed in the gym in front of the whole school. I'm sure I would be mortified today watching what we but back then thought was the performance of our lives. Somehow we still got ourselves a 1st place finish one year!

St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you:

Ah there were so many. The one I think of the most, though, is my third grade teacher, Mrs. Enright. She was a big traveler and spoke about her adventures abroad with us. One time she even gave every student in the class a coin from her trip to China which I thought was so cool. She instilled in me a desire to see the whole world that will stay with me forever.

Piece of advice for current Comets:

Listen to your parents! They are so much smarter than you think. The number of times I found myself thinking "Why didn't I just listen to my mom" still sticks with me today - one of the reasons she's still the first one I go to for all of life's big decisions :)

