

SUMMER 2025 Alumni Newsletter

SAINT RAPHAEL ACADEMY



Message from the Director of Advancement

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer.

The last year has been an amazing one for our awesome school as we celebrated Saint Raphael Academy's 100th anniversary. From our opening mass and brunch in September to our women's forum in March and right through to our amazing Gala in June, it certainly was a year of celebration! Looking back, it also was another amazing year for the school based on the kindness and generosity of our alumni family and supporters of Saints. It was a year to 'celebrate our past and embrace our future.' We can never say thank you enough for all the amazing support we receive from our alumni family throughout the year.



Summer is certainly a bit quieter here on campus, but the work to provide the absolute best experience for our students never rests. Several major projects are currently underway, including a complete renovation and upgrade of the chemistry lab on the second floor of the Walker Building; a full refresh of the dressing rooms and costuming rooms on the lower level of the Farley Building, which support our award-winning drama program; and updates to several classrooms in the White Building, preparing them for current and future generations of students.

Stay tuned to our newsletters and social media platforms for exciting news about a new campaign called 'A Million Reasons to Love Saints,' more opportunities to cement your legacy here at Saints with our Buy a Brick Program or engrave your name on a seat in the Coutu Theater. The 2025/2026 school year will be filled with more great alumni events, Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and class reunions that you will not want to miss. I look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming year.

Once A Saint...Always A Saint.
Ron Dalton '79

Alumni Spotlight



Brother Daniel Raphael Mary Arteaga, O.P. '15

Daniel Arteaga '15, now Brother Raphael Arteaga, O.P., is one step closer to the Dominican priesthood. He professed solemn vows "usque ad mortem" (until death) on February 1 at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. and was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon in March. By his

witness of faith, hope, and charity, he has fully committed the whole of his life to God through the Dominican way of life and will be ordained as a Dominican priest in 2026.

Brother Raphael is a native of Pawtucket. His parents, both originally born in Colombia, South America, were committed to providing a Catholic education to him and his sister (Anamaria, SRA Class of 2012), which helped to feed the Catholic faith passed on at home. After graduating from Saints in 2015, he went on to earn a Bachelors of Arts in theology with a minor in philosophy from Providence College where he met the Dominican Order.

Congratulations, Brother Raphael! Know of our continued prayers for you!



Sandra Mazo '88

What did you do when you left Saints, and what are you doing now?

When I left Saints, I started my career as a banker. It was an incredible learning experience that gave me not only financial expertise but also the chance to develop strong customer service skills and a deep understanding of business operations. More importantly, it taught me how vital community connections are. While working, I stayed committed to my education and earned my degree from Providence College. That combination of real-world experience and academic growth eventually led me to where I am today—serving as the Deputy Director of Commerce for the City of Pawtucket. In this

role, I have the privilege of working on economic development initiatives, supporting local businesses, and contributing to the city's growth and revitalization. It's a full-circle moment, as I now get to give back to the kind of community that shaped me.

How did Saints prepare you for your career and life?

Saints gave me so much more than an education—it gave me resilience, adaptability, and a sense of community. The challenging academics pushed me to think critically, while the supportive environment taught me how to face obstacles with determination. Beyond the classroom, Saints

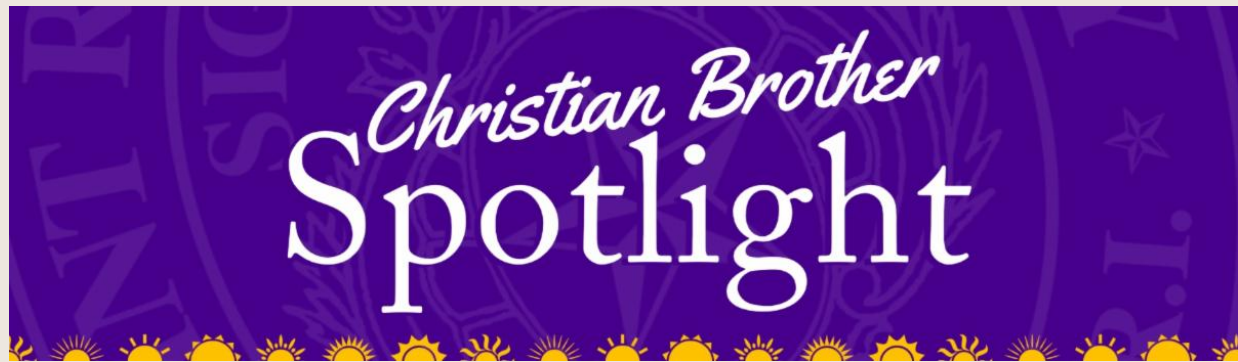
instilled values of hard work, service, and perseverance that have guided me through every step of my career. Life throws unexpected challenges our way, but the foundation I built at Saints helped me navigate them with confidence.

Was there a teacher who inspired you during your time at Saints?

Absolutely. Dr. Burke, my history teacher, had a lasting impact on me. I don't think I ever fully expressed my gratitude to her, but her passion for teaching and the way she brought history to life truly sparked my curiosity. She challenged me to think critically, ask questions, and see the bigger picture—skills that have been invaluable in my personal and professional journey. She made learning exciting, and that love for learning has stayed with me ever since.

Do you have a piece of advice for the current students at Saints?

Be open to the unexpected. Life doesn't follow a straight path, and that's not just okay—it's normal. You don't have to have everything figured out right away. What's most important is staying open to new opportunities, embracing change, and learning how to adapt. Success comes from growth, resilience, and the willingness to step outside your comfort zone. Trust yourself, keep pushing forward, and never underestimate where your journey might take you.



Brother Robert Ferguson FSC

When were you assigned to Saints and what did you teach/what was your role here at Saints?

I had two stints at SRA: 1973—81 and 1998-99. While at Saints, I taught English and Honors English, was involved in the Theater and served as the Yearbook Moderator.

What are some of your favorite memories of Saints?

Some of my favorite memories include Super Bowl wins, watching Billy Lynch play left field, Paul Whitehead pitching, Encounter retreats, Send Me No Flowers, Girls' Basketball, teaching English, soap bubbles, cathedral graduations, the yearbook, Saar doing anything, the wonderful Brothers' Community.



Do you stay in contact with other Brothers that were assigned here?

I live in the Manhattan College Brothers Community with Brother William Mann. Brother Thomas Casey and I connect occasionally; I'm still grieving Brother Thomas Carney, my fellow Mets fan and a real delight.

What is the one thing that stands out about your time at Saints?

At SRA, it was never about appearances. There is a genuine caring that permeates the place. Overcoming some practical challenges really did bring us together. It often felt like a second

home to be at SRA.

Do you have any words of wisdom for our current Saints students?

My advice to all: Appreciate and cherish your time at Saints. It's a blessed, unique experience.

Legacy Family Spotlight



Ethan '25 & Mildred Cioe '86



Rachel '20, Stephanie '25 & Michael Sassi '86



Stacy (Santagata) Johnson '99, John '94, & Gianni Santagata '25 with
Alex '25, Mark '94 & Kerri (Bucko) Ramos '92

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Best Wishes!



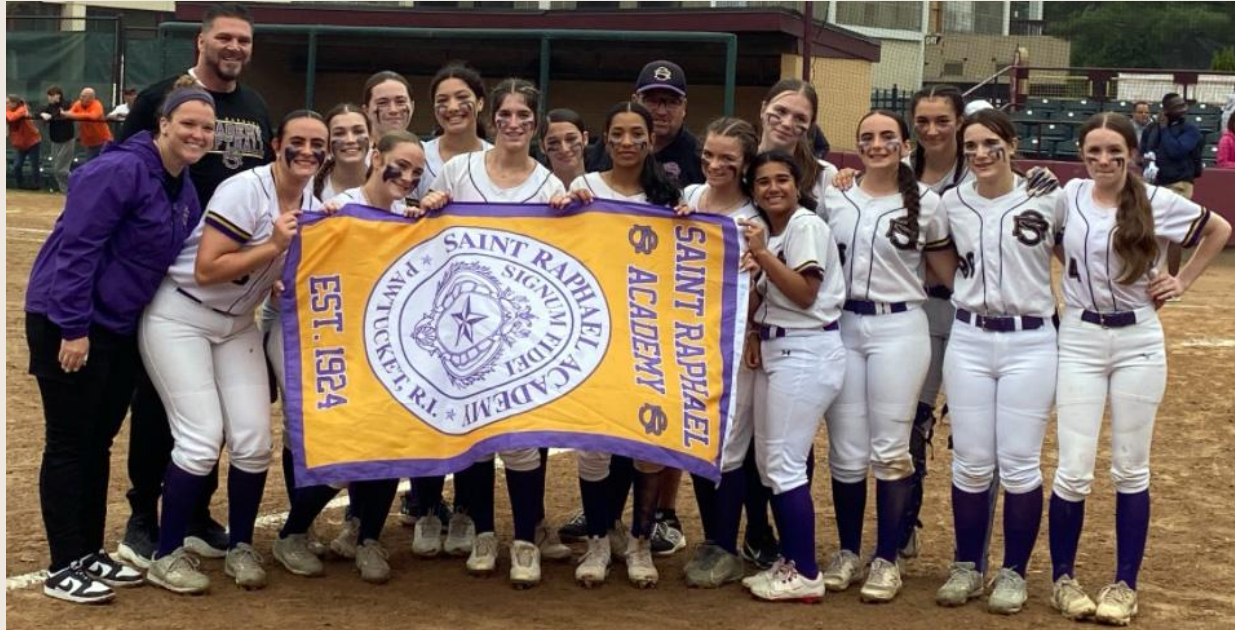
Class of 2025



Once a Saint,
Always a Saint!



Student-Athlete Spotlight



In June, the Saints softball team cruised to an 11-1 win against West Warwick High to claim the Division II championship at Rhode Island College. This marks the program's eighth title overall. The Saints wrapped up their season with an impressive 18-2 record and a nine-game winning streak. With only two seniors having graduated, the team appears well-positioned for continued success!

Alumni Athletics Spotlight



1997 - SRA's first softball championship team.

Front row: Erica Jackson, Katie Costigan, Nicole Chaput, Liz Coughlin, Rhianna DaCruz, Janelle Kern; *Back row:* Mo Jackson, Maggie Archambault, Erika Paiva, Holly Loiselle, Tiffany Bell, Jackie Fournier.

Upcoming Alumni Events



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
PAWTUCKET COUNTRY CLUB

Register to
Golf

Class Reunions



Classes ending in 0 and 5

This is YOUR year! We are looking for members of the classes ending of 0 and 5 to begin planning their reunions. Contact Jen Luiz today if you're interested in helping.

Upcoming Reunions

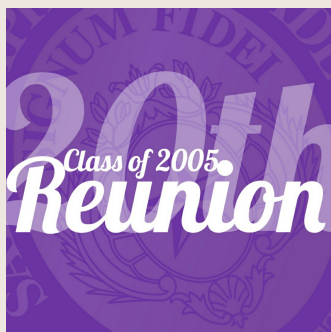


Class of 1985

Date: Nov. 29, 2025

Location: Our Spot Bar & Grill,
Pawtucket

**MORE INFO
COMING SOON**



Class of 2005

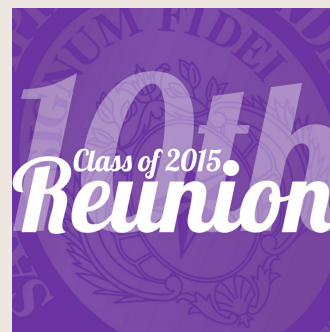
Date: Sept. 20, 2025

Location: Strive Kitchen & Bar

Campus Tours: 5:30 pm

Reunion: 7-10 pm

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Class of 2015

Date: Sept. 13, 2025

Location: The Guild, Pawtucket

Time: 12-3 pm

Cost: \$25 (includes your 1st drink
and food)

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Recent Reunions

Class of '75



In May, 35 members of the Class of 1975 gathered to celebrate their 50th reunion at the Hilton in Providence. The night was filled with laughter, nostalgia, and heartwarming stories, as classmates reconnected and relived cherished memories. It was a truly unforgettable celebration of friendship

and the passage of time.

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Alumni In Memorium



Saint Raphael Academy stands united in remembering the lives of those cherished members of our alumni family who have passed into eternal life since our last publication. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and loved ones. We remember the experiences, laughter, and the memories these individuals have left in their wake. Join us as we pause to reflect, to celebrate, and to perpetuate the flame of camaraderie that continues to burn brightly in the hearts of our alumni community. If we have missed the passing of a loved one who is a Saints alum, former faculty, or staff member, please contact Jennifer Luiz at jluiz@saintrays.org so we can honor their

memory in a future newsletter.

George Agostini '52

Brenda Balon '79

Alan Beauregard '70

James Booth '60

Gerald Bourgeois '55

Thomas Cahir '57

John Conroy '59

Timothy DeMello '84

Michael Dudzik '79

Diane Felber '79

Paul Fournier '52

John Hunt '58

Lawrence Jones '51

Joseph LaFrance '74

Robert Magill '56

Bernard Mallon '48

William O'Brien '51

Laurence Ruddy '50

Alan Salisbury '62

Paul Tetreault '60

John Thornton '67

Rev. Lawrence Toole '52

Saint John Baptist de La Salle... pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts... forever!

Stay Connected



Do you know a friend or family member who is a Saint? Are they receiving our emails? If not, we must not have their correct contact information. Simply forward this email to them so they can use the link below to update their contact information, and we'll be able to send them future newsletters.

You can also use the link yourself to ensure that we have your correct mailing address, email, and phone number.

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The Saint Raphael Academy Alumni & Advancement Office

Ron Dalton '79 - Director of Advancement

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