



Greetings AC/SAS Alumni!

Message from the Director of Development

Dear AC/SAS Alumni,

Greetings! In late August I began work as the Director of Development at Arlington Catholic/Saint Agnes School. Most recently I spent eight years at Worcester Academy where I was the Director of Annual Giving. I have more than 15 years experience in development and have also managed development efforts at The Worcester Art Museum and the College of the Holy Cross. I am a graduate of Bancroft School (a K-12 independent school in Worcester, where I was a "sandboxer" and spent 13 years) and the College of the Holy Cross.



I am proud of the strong traditions at ACHS/Saint Agnes and am eager to work with all constituencies to build a culture of philanthropy. I look to all of you, as strong leaders and supporters of our school, to partner with me in this next year as we begin laying the foundation for success. We will work, with your help, to continue to build a strong alumni network and strengthen alumni presence, affinity and engagement. I am proud of the strong traditions here at AC/SAS and am eager to build on its success.

On a personal level, I reside in Sterling, MA (near Wachusett Mountain) with my husband and children. My son, Caleb, is a first year student at Bard College, and my daughter, Hannah, is a freshman at Worcester Academy.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you personally to learn more about you and your relationship to ACHS/Saint Agnes, as well as how we can together build a successful fundraising and alumni relations program. It is my goal to meet with as many of you as possible in the coming months. If you are open to a virtual meeting, either via phone or Zoom, please do email me directly. I am eager to learn about you, your relationships to our School, and how we can continue to support your involvement and relationship to AC/SAS.

Thank you for your support of AC/SAS and for all you do for our community!

With my best wishes to you in the new year!

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Updates

Following the winter break, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee and the Student Diversity Council (SDC) have been hard at work, organizing several community-wide events. MOSAIC and the SDC hosted a film and talk-back for the short film, "Bad Things", which focused on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the education system. The attendees, which included both students and faculty, had a positive experience and expressed that they would like to see more events like this. As a result, they plan to offer another opportunity like this in the spring.

The SDC leaders, juniors Gabrielle Bilong, Krysonia Tavares, and Eloise Jean-Marie, created the Tree of Remembrance and Belonging, a visible, actionable response to Black Lives Matter and the Year 2020. Members of the community were invited to write a name, cause, or words of inspiration and hope to be hung on the tree. Additionally, the SDC has been running on-going student-led discussions during WIN. The topics have included Black Lives Matter, the election, and the insurrection at the Capitol. In the next few weeks, they will be hosting some young alumni of color who will share their stories about their time at AC.

Both the DEI Committee and the SDC are looking to Black History Month in February, as they hope to keep the ongoing DEI initiative in motion through classroom discussions and community events.

Campus Ministry News

During December, Campus Ministry hosted a school-wide fundraiser for My Brother's Table, a soup kitchen in Lynn. For three weeks, AC families generously donated gift cards to grocery stores. In total, \$4,090 was raised and \$3,590 was donated to My Brother's Table and the other \$500 was donated to AC/SAS community members in need during the holiday season. Also during December, WALK (Walk humbly; Act justly; Love tenderly; and Kindle the light of Christ) students virtually met with residents of Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville. For Christmas, WALK students made Christmas cards and videos for individual residents. Campus Ministry looks forward to continuing to offer service opportunities, faith-sharing conversations and prayer services this spring.

Catholic Schools Week

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

January 31 - February 6

#CSW21



Celebrating Catholic Schools Week!

Catholic Schools Week is being held January 31-February 6. We have chosen to celebrate by highlighting a different aspect of our school each day. Follow us on social this week to see more of

what makes the AC community so unique.

Class Agents

We are always looking for Class Agents who are eager to support the mission of our school. As a class agent, you would assist in keeping your class connected, help with the collection of class notes for Fidelitas publications, recruit classmates for reunions, and drive class participation in alumni events.

The following classes are looking for representatives: 2019, 2012, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2000, 1997, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1980, 1976, 1974, 1973, 1971, 1968, 1967, 1966, 1965

If you are interested in becoming a class agent, please click on the button below!

Class Agent Sign-Up

Call for Class Notes!

Submit your class note for future publications of Fidelitas!

This is a great chance to let your fellow alumni know what is happening in your life. Whether you've just hit a major life milestone, recently traveled somewhere new, or began a new business venture, we want to hear about it!

Click on the button below to submit a class note today!

Submit Class Note

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