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St. Joseph Parish School Alumni Newsletter



Alumni and their family members at the First Annual Alumni & Family Day

RECONNECTING AND CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY

Welcome to Welina Hou, the official monthly alumni newsletter of St. Joseph Parish School! This newsletter is a celebration of our rich history, the accomplishments of our alumni, and the exciting future that lies ahead. Whether you're reconnecting with classmates, reminiscing about cherished memories, or staying updated on school happenings, Welina Hou is your bridge to the heart of our St. Joseph Parish School community.

Each month, we'll bring you alumni stories, event updates, and a look at how our school continues to thrive. We're so proud of the impact our alumni have made in the world, and we're thrilled to keep our St. Joseph Parish School family connected. Once a student, always family!



Congratulations to Cheryl Acopan Bumanglag, c/o 1993, for winning the \$500 Grand Prize Gift Card to Hawaiian Airlines!

ALUMNI & FAMILY DAY

Our 1st Annual Alumni & Family Day on Friday, December 6, was a heartwarming success, and we loved hearing from so many of you! Here's what some of our alumni had to say was their highlight of the event:

- "Doing the tour of Saint Joseph! So nostalgic!"
- "The food, along with the cookies, made my day!"
- "Seeing old classmates and Ms. Sandobal."

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this memorable day. We can't wait to see even more of our alumni at future events!



A big Mahalo to Jade Retuta Nguyen, c/o 1993, for being an amazing MC at Alumni & Family Day!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Alumni & Family Day began with a beautiful Eucharistic celebration. Alumni and their families received a special blessing from our Pastor, Fr. Geronimo "Eric" Castro, MS.

Join us for Catholic Schools Week from January 27-30, a special time to celebrate the faith, academics, and community that define Catholic education. This year, we're calling on our alumni to inspire the next generation by sharing their career journeys with our students.

Your stories can spark excitement, inspire dreams, and show our students how the foundation of Catholic education can lead to incredible opportunities.

If you're an alumnus interested in participating, please reach out to Ms. Sandobal. Let's make this Catholic Schools Week a meaningful celebration of the past, present, and future of St. Joseph Parish School!

NEW YEAR'S BALL

Ring in the New Year with us at the St. Joseph Parish Church and School New Year's Ball! This special evening is a chance to celebrate, reconnect, and support our community, as all proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Parish Church and School.

Gather your classmates and reserve a table to show off your class spirit! Which graduating class will bring the most energy and pride to the dance floor? Let's find out! 🎵🌟

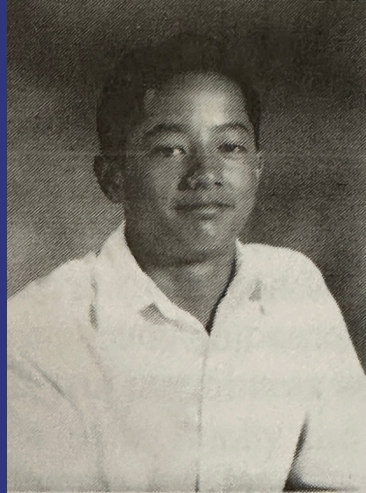
Don't miss this unforgettable night of fun, laughter, and giving back. Secure your spot today, and let's start the New Year together with joy and purpose!



THEN & NOW

In this section, we highlight the inspiring stories of our alumni, showcasing their journeys from their days at St. Joseph Parish School to where they are today. Each feature reflects the lasting impact of Catholic education and the bonds that connect us across generations.

RANDYN AKIONA CLASS OF 1993



**Randyn
(center) with
his brothers
Lowen (left)
c/o 1981 and
Darin (right)
c/o 1983**

ABOUT RANDYN

After graduating from St. Joseph Parish School, Randyn embarked on an exciting journey. He played professional indoor football for the Macon Knights and Hawaiian Islanders, taught PE and Health at St. Anthony School in Kailua, and coached track & field and football at both high school and college levels. Now, he's a flight attendant with Alaska Airlines for 11 years and helps schools fundraise through [Vertical Raise](#).

Reflecting on his time at SJPS, he credits the school for providing foundational skills and values that shaped his life. A favorite memory? Winning the school Geography Bee and representing SJPS at the state competition!

His advice for current students is heartfelt: "Enjoy your time at St. Joseph Parish School! You will forever remember your time here with all your teachers and students. These memories will last a lifetime."

And a fun fact? This alum has jumped off the Stratosphere in Las Vegas—harnessed, of course! We're proud to feature this inspiring story of Randyn in our Then & Now section as a testament to the incredible paths our alumni take!

STEWARDSHIP

Do you have a gift or talent that you would like to share with our school community? Contact Ms. Sandobal today!

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS

Do you want to share your business with fellow alumni? Send us your advertisement. Email Rica Velasco to publish in our next newsletter.

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