



"Be open to everything."

-Freddie DeRamus '04

Hello Alumni and Friends,

With summer coming to a close, we are off to a great fresh start in our 118th school year here at St. Rita High School.

On Tuesday, August 16th we welcomed back 438 Ritamen, 32 teachers, and 35 staff members. The hallways were filled with excitement and lots of energy.

Stay tuned for future events sponsored by the Advancement Department. We are forever grateful for your support in making these fundraising efforts successful!

St. Rita Pray for Us,

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Where Are They Now?

Alumni Updates

Payton Condon '18

This fall, Payton will be starting as an Audit Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers(PwC) in Philadelphia.

Payton recently graduated from Villanova University, majoring in accounting and business analytics.

Throughout his time at Villanova, he studied abroad in Italy and interned at Peco Pallet and PwC.



"Had I not come to St. Rita, I would have not had the courage necessarily to study abroad, or the skills to leverage my talents into those internships and ultimately into the career that I'll be starting," said Condon.

Condon expressed that teacher Mr. Kellam had a major impact in helping his development both "as a student and a man".

"Being a Ritamen all boils down to treating people the right way and being true to yourself," said Condon.

The Rita Report

School & Student Highlights



**Josh Blszak '02
New Principal**

We are proud to say Josh Blszak '02 is the new principal at St. Rita High School.

Blszak has been a key contributor to maintaining the success and history of the school, holding positions in advancement, student activities, and campus ministry. He most recently served as the Associate Principal for Student Life & Communications.

"Looking back at the past 25 years of my life, what began when I became a Ritamen in 1998, has impacted nearly every aspect of my life today. It has been and always will be my goal to bring that same opportunity to the Ritamen," said Blszak.

Read more about Blszak's [here](#).



**Kuska '90
Retires as Coach**

This year Coach Todd Kuska '90 will be retiring from football.

Kuska has 200+ wins, 3 state championship appearances, 6 NFL players, over 50 D1 commits, and led the Mustangs to the Class 7A state championship in 2006.

"The last 25 years have been extremely rewarding for me, but also extremely difficult balancing football with everything else in my life. I will always be a part of the football program and look forward to cheering our Mustangs on instead of coaching them," said Kuska

Todd will continue teaching science at St. Rita High School.



**Welcome Back Mass
and BBQ**

On August 28th for the first time ever, St. Rita hosted its Welcome Back Mass & BBQ.

Families and friends took part in mass and later a meal.

Five families won a \$1,000 tuition reduction, ten students received a \$100 gift certificate to the mustang store, and four received a \$50 gift certificate to the cafeteria.

"I proposed the idea of a Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Augustine and giving a new school year blessing to our Ritamen. It was so great seeing so many Rita families praying together and enjoying a great meal and fellowship," said Rev. Tom McCarthy O.S.A. '83, Director of Community Relations.

Q & A with Anthony Avery '12 Assistant Athletic Director

Q: What have you been up to since graduating from St. Rita?

A: After graduating from St. Rita, I went on to Western Michigan University. At WMU, I played basketball all four years. I graduated in 2016 with a BA in Communications. After that, I went into the education field becoming



dean of students for grades 7-12. More importantly in December of 2021, I became the father of a beautiful baby boy named Jace. He will be a Class of 2040 Ritamen!

Q: How do you feel about returning home to St. Rita?

A: It is still so surreal. I graduated 10 years ago and can't believe that I'm back. It's a wonderful feeling being welcomed back by all of my old teachers and staff members. I'm excited to help our student-athletes grow as Ritamen and continue the excellence of St. Rita athletics.

Q: How do you think your first year is going to look?

A: I expect a lot of learning and growth in this role. For the last five years I've been a dean of students, so getting into this new career path has been a blessing. I'm excited to learn under our Head Athletic Director Curtis Price.

For more athletic news
check out the

**Mustang Sports
Weekly**

Spot the Alum



Life Was Wheelie Good

Do you know any of these drivers? *Hint: This photo was taken in the 2000s'.*

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with your answers.

Suds Club?

Ritamen, we need your help! What club does this varsity letter belong to?

Email alumni@stritahs.com with your



Then vs. Now

"Unofficial" Ritaman Chip

2005
Cheetos Asteroids



2022
Takis



What is your preferred method of communication?

Text message

Phone call

Email

Direct mail

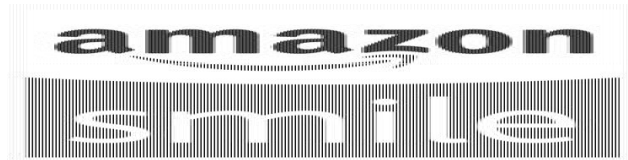
Cascia Collection Corner

Brick Walkway Campaign

Pave the Way for Students

Support St. Rita by becoming a part of our commemorative brick walkway located between the McCarthy Center and Mrozek Family Fitness Center.

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