



# SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL

## ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

## August 2017

### SAS starts 2017-18 school year

We have had a terrific start to the 2017-18 school year. The first day of school was August 14 and we welcomed 3,945 students to SAS, including 789 new students. This year's student body consists of 53.4 percent from the US, 10.4 percent from India and 8.1 percent from Singapore. We have 383 faculty members, 41 of whom are new to SAS.

It has been a pleasure having so many alumni visit campus recently. This past school year we had over 900 alumni visits to SAS! If you anticipate visiting SAS, please complete the [campus visit form](#) so we can prepare for your visit. As we start this new school year, we wish our 2017 graduates all the best as they embark on their new adventures!

### Alumni stories



#### Eagles on Wall Street: Three SAS Alumni Work and Connect At Iconic S&P Dow Jones Indices

Three Eagles, generations apart, find themselves in one office, rekindling a lifetime of SAS memories. Michael Mell recalls the first time he realized that two of his colleagues at S&P Dow Jones Indices attended his alma mater Singapore American School. He first met Andrew Montanarella at the New York City office nearly a decade ago.

The two had a natural rapport and realized their common background while comparing notes. Lucas Chiang joined the company more recently and, once again, the global SAS network became a whole lot

closer, thanks to an office conversation. [Read more](#) >>

#### Looking Back: Hostel Life at SAS

With close to a quarter of high schoolers in 1959 attending SAS as boarders, hostel life was as much a part of the experience as was schooling. Hostel living added an entirely new dimension to attending SAS that was shared by hundreds of students. Transitions were



smoother and there was always someone to watch out for you. [Read more](#) >>



### **Helping Hands for Third-Culture Kids: Alumna Ellen Mahoney and the Power of Mentors**

Inspired by her own experiences, Ellen Mahoney had promised herself she would someday help expat kids. Like many third-culture kids, Ellen Mahoney (Class of 1995) has a complicated sense of home. She spent most of her childhood in Japan, and when she moved "home" to the US at 13, she would visualize her rambles in Tokyo to calm her fears of getting lost in a new neighborhood. After returning to Asia and graduating from SAS, Ellen faced new challenges upon moving "home" again for college. Her experiences eventually led her to create a mentoring program specifically for third-culture kids. [Read more](#) >>



### **A New September**

From sweeping views of the Lion City from an airplane, to classrooms and conversations at SAS's King's Road and Ulu Pandan campuses, to movie nights with buddies, Francesco Zargani takes a walk down picturesque memory lane. On a warm June evening in 1986 as the sun set and humidity coated the tapestry of angsa and mahogany trees, the rattling taxi ornate with Chinese decorations and pungent incense, turned sharply left off Tanglin Road and onto Orange Grove Road. [Read more](#) >>

## **Alumni gatherings**



### **SAS is Coming to Washington, DC and Atlanta This Fall!**

Alumni gatherings will be held in DC on Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Ebbitt Grill and in Atlanta on Monday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gypsy Kitchen at The Shops at Buckhead. Both Dr. Chip Kimball, superintendent, and Sarah Morris, chief advancement officer, look forward to seeing alumni at these events. Please [rsvp](#) by September 21 for DC and September 25 for Atlanta.



### Successful Summer Alumni Events in Portland, OR and Chicago

In June, [30 alumni and friends](#) gathered at Imperial Lamian restaurant in Chicago, which is owned by alumna Abigail Djojonegoro (Class of 1998). Alumni enjoyed great company, delicious food and festive drinks at this River North restaurant.

Another terrific alumni gathering was organized by Julie Vail-Freedman (Class of 1987) this summer. [Alumni](#) from around the world came together in Portland, OR in July to celebrate the class of 1987's 30th reunion.

## Remember when...



Sigma's Classroom Without Walls in Malacca in 1996. What were your [favorite memories](#) of this trip or of your own CWW trips in middle school?

Our middle school students still enjoy Classroom Without Walls (CWW) trips. This year our sixth grade students will be in Singapore, seventh graders will travel to Malaysia and our eighth graders to Indonesia.

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