



# SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL

## ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

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## February 2018

### Alumni Stories



#### Squash Court to the Superdome

From the storied Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field to the iconic New York Knicks of Madison Square Garden, Nicole DeFord (Class of 2004) has taken a love for sports and media and created a career path that has connected her to some of the biggest professional sports teams in the world. [Read more>>](#)



#### The Nomadic Birth and Life of SAS Alumna Donna Woolf

Born on an ocean liner, Donna Woolf (Class of 1963) made the headlines! Here she shares snippets of a life lived across oceans and continents, and the diversity she came to appreciate. [Read more>>](#)



#### Finding Her Own Space

How does someone with a degree in international relations find themselves in the space industry? Brittany Balcom (Class of 2007) talks about how her dream became a reality. [Read more>>](#)

#### Traveling the Distance

Her heart will always belong to the Lion City she called home for four years of high school and to her classmates at SAS. Carmen Onstad Matthews (Class of 1960) walks down memory lane sharing how she loves tracking down alumni and rekindling those bonds. [Read more>>](#)



### **Soldier of the Year 2017: Lewis Walker**

From rowing for the Singapore National Team to bagging the Soldier of the Year award, Lewis Steven Tong-Sui Walker (Class of 2015) talks about his SAS experience, and the highlights of National Service. [Read more>>](#)



## **Alumni Gatherings**



### **Alumni gather in Singapore, New York, and LA**

Alumni events were recently held in Singapore, New York, and Los Angeles. Fifty-eight alumni gathered at [Brewerkz in Singapore](#) right before Christmas to reunite and celebrate the holidays. In early February, SAS traveled to New York City and Los Angeles to meet with alumni. Over 50 [alumni gathered in New York City](#) at Flatiron Hall and 40 [Los Angeles area alumni](#) met at RockSugar Southeast Asian Kitchen. It was wonderful to see so many alumni, former students, former parents, and former faculty and staff!



### **Summer alumni events in Mexico, Austin and Chicago**

SAS Fiesta in Cozumel, Mexico in June for class years 1976-1983: Buddy Byington (Class of 1981) is organizing a reunion June 14-17 primarily for class years 1976-1983, but all are welcome. More information is on [Facebook](#). If you have any questions, contact Buddy at [sasalumreunion@outlook.com](mailto:sasalumreunion@outlook.com).

20th class reunion in Chicago in June: Shari Barnidge (Class of 1998) is hard at work planning the 20th class reunion for the class of 1998 on June 22-24. If you haven't already heard from Shari, please send the alumni relations office an email at [alumni@sas.edu.sg](mailto:alumni@sas.edu.sg) indicating your interest in learning more.

Alumni gathering in Austin in July: Lauren Kuhbander Thomas (Class of 1989) is organizing an SAS

reunion on July 21 in Austin. All are welcome, but space is limited. Please click [here](#) to learn more and to RSVP.

## Alumni Connections



### Directory connects alumni

Time and time again we hear stories of alumni reaching out to each other, providing support, and making new professional connections with each other. SAS's [online](#) and [mobile](#) alumni directory is a powerful tool for alumni to make personal and professional connections. Read about 2017 grad Audrey Widodo's success in connecting with another SAS alum through the alumni

directory. [Read more](#)>>

## Celebrating Interim Semester's 45th Anniversary: Remember when...



### SAS Interim Semester: Jungle Survival Malaysia 1974

This was the course description: Objective of this course is to acquaint students with basic survival techniques; in other words, how to feed yourself, as well as finding out where you are and how to get out. This objective will be met through a one week training course in Johore, given by ANZUK

Special Forces Unit and several days implementing this knowledge at an isolated beach on Jason's Bay.

Participants for this 9 day trip included 3 teachers (Mr. Leonard, Mrs. Kraar, and Mr. Doenecke), 56 students (48 boys and 8 girls), and 2 men from the British Army (1 captain and 1 sergeant). Thank you to Scott Doenecke (Class of 1984) and his father, Bill Doenecke, who taught social studies at SAS in the early 1970s for sharing this photo and information.

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