

# ALUMNI*eNews*

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**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK**  
Tom Boasberg

Four and a half months ago when we started school, I was filled with excitement about us all being together back in school. At the same time, I feared that school would feel less like school and more like a dystopian novel full of weird rules, limits on social interaction, and masked faces.

I am very grateful that school during this first semester has actually felt like school—full of life and energy, very human, and rich with opportunities for kids. Thank you to our kids for your amazing adaptability and to our educators for your innovation and commitment to make it all happen. If you have a moment, check out this [wonderful video](#) featuring many of our students and educators sharing some of the things they learned during 2020. [Read More](#)

## Alumni Stories



### Alumni Spotlight on Visual and Performing Arts

From opera singers to writers, animators, designers, actors, and musicians — Singapore American School alumni boast a variety of visual and performing arts careers across the globe. Where are they

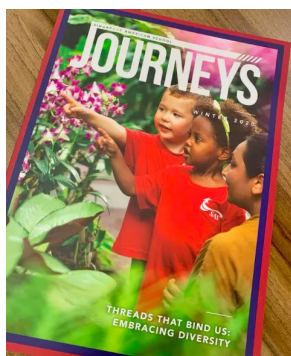
now and how did they get there? Here's a sneak peek into the career paths of a few of our alumni! [Read more](#)>>



### **A Trip Down Memory Lane**

From trekking the Himalayas during Interim Semester to the scrumptious Singaporean dishes they had at the cafeteria, our alumni have always shared that their time at Singapore American School has given them long-lasting memories they will cherish forever. We asked our alumni to share some of their favorite memories. [Read more](#)>>

## **New Issue of Journeys Available Now**



Enjoy reading the Winter 2020 issue of *Journeys* featuring a variety of stories on alumni, including a story on an alumna who is working with farming families in Rwanda; a wedding ceremony of two alumni in Singapore; remembering the early days of IASAS; and learning how alumni are benefitting from the new internship program. This issue is only available online. Click [here](#) to read the latest issue of *Journeys*.

## **Alumni Events and Gatherings**



### **Virtual Alumni Event on Plans for Campus Upgrade**

Last week alumni from around the world joined Superintendent Tom Boasberg and SAS leadership for a discussion on the campus upgrade project that is already underway to rebuild and upgrade portions of the Woodlands campus. Special thanks to Pony Weng (Class of 2008) for moderating the discussion and sharing her perspective as an alum who is an architect and interior designer. If you were unable to join this discussion, please learn more about the project [here](#). If you have any feedback or questions, please reach out to [Beth Toole](#).

### **Are You or Your Classmates Planning an SAS Reunion or Virtual**



### Gathering?

SAS's Office of Alumni Relations would be happy to help spread the word! We've created an event planning guide and checklist to assist you in your planning. Click [here](#) for more information. Please send an email to [Beth Toole](#) with details on your event.

## Interim Semester 2021: We Need Your Expertise



During Interim Semester 2021 (February 22-26, 2021), students will investigate the interconnectedness of Singapore and the rest of the world — “The Red Dot on the Pale Blue Dot”. We will use the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a framework to look at Singapore, our region, and our world. Students will engage in meaningful and fun activities that will make the SDGs come to life.

We would like to engage with alumni and former parents who can help give our students perspectives on the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) from both a local and global perspective. We are looking for speakers who are engaged with works around the SDGs. Please click [here](#) to learn more and indicate your interest in serving as a speaker.

## Grade 12 Students Invite You to Participate in Their Research



Three seniors are conducting research and are asking alumni to either be interviewed or complete a survey for their research. The research projects are on the following topics: Asian Americans facing discrimination during COVID-19; how application-based learning in engineering impacts students' college major choices; and addressing and providing solutions to counter the gender disparity in higher-level STEM courses. To learn more and volunteer to participate, click [here](#).

# Who changed your life? Honor a teacher by making a gift to SAS!



Do you remember the SAS teachers who made an impact on you? Was there a teacher who showed genuine care, a coach who helped you reach your true potential, or a role model who inspired your success inside and outside the classroom? You can thank the dedicated professionals who made a difference to your experience at SAS and beyond by making a gift to SAS in their honor. Honor gifts provide an opportunity for you to celebrate a special moment, acknowledge an outstanding achievement, or show your appreciation

by making a gift to the school in recognition of a teacher. Sixty percent of our educators gave last year and you can match their commitment to our community by [making your gift](#) today!

## Connect with Alumni



Welcome to our eNewsletter for alumni, former parents, and former faculty and staff. We are eager to stay connected to you and lend our support in the best way we can.

**We need to connect with others now more than ever!** Here are ways you can reunite with SAS friends and learn what's happening on campus:

- [SAS Alumni Directory](#)
- [SAS Alumni Facebook page](#)
- [SAS Instagram](#)
- [SAS Closed LinkedIn Group](#)

If you have feedback on what you'd like to have included in this eNewsletter or have suggestions on how we can support alumni, please [email me](#), Beth Toole.

Above all, stay safe and healthy. We send our love and best wishes to all SAS alumni around the world!

## Memories of Singapore



The Singapore Lion in 1975.



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