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A Culinary Journey Leads Home...to Bali

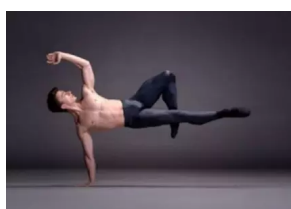
Often when you hear about people who have grown up as third culture kids (TCKs) the word restlessness comes up. This idea is that as adults, many TCKs feel a need to upheave their life and move just because things get boring staying in the same place. But nothing seems further from the truth for executive chef Brandon Huisman (Class of 1995). [Read more](#) >>



Zach Nelson's Journey: From SAS student to Myanmar Peacemaker

As Myanmar embraces democratic reforms after decades of civil war and military rule, many challenges remain, including ethnic violence in the border regions. This is particularly apparent in Rakhine State.

Located in Western Myanmar, the area recently experienced a rise in clashes between the military of a predominantly Buddhist nation and the Muslim minority. The hottest conflict zones are on lockdown, preventing conflict researchers like Zach Nelson (Class of 2011) from assessing the situation in person. Nevertheless, Nelson - who works for the Center for Diversity and National Harmony (CDNH) - is determined to gather information that will contribute to a solution some day. [Read more](#) >>



Dedicated to the Craft: SAS Alumnus Leaps from Ballet Student to Pro

Colton West starts each day at the barre. He attends a daily 8:00 a.m. ballet class in Eugene, Oregon, which takes dedicated dancers like him through small movements such as plies before they launch into bigger and more complicated jumps and turns. Unlike the dance classes he took at Singapore American School, where West graduated in December 2014, this particular dance class isn't for a grade. [Read more](#) >>

Alumni gatherings



Two Spring Alumni Events in Singapore

On Friday, April 7, alumni, former faculty members and parents gathered at SAS to hear faculty member Ian Coppel give a talk on antique maps in Southeast Asia. It was wonderful to welcome alumni back to campus and to hear Ian share a brief history of mapping in the region, identify maps that are both elegant and inexpensive, and provide guidance regarding authenticity and where to source maps.

For alumni and friends who will be in Singapore on **Saturday, May 20**, mark your calendars for happy hour from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Dancing Crab located at the Grandstand, 200 Turf Club Road, 287994. RSVP [here](#). Kick off your Saturday night by connecting with alumni and long time SAS faculty members!



Alumni Gatherings Around the World on April 22

Alumni are planning several mini reunions in London, New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington, DC on Saturday, April 22. To learn more about these reunions, click [here](#). Specific information about the London gathering is on the [Singapore American School Facebook page](#). Questions? Contact Chi-Chi Lin (Class of 2008) at linkarenchi@gmail.com. Reunite with old friends, meet new ones and take photos to share on Facebook!



Summer and Fall Alumni Events in Chicago, Portland, OR and Minneapolis

Chicago area alumni are encouraged to attend an alumni gathering on June 21, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at [Imperial Lamian](#) in Chicago, a restaurant owned by SAS alumna Abigail Djojonegoro '98. For more information and RSVP, please click [here](#).

The Portland and Minneapolis events are being planned and organized by two different groups of alumni. The [Portland reunion](#) will be held on July 22. The [Minneapolis reunion](#) will be held September 22-24 and is organized by a group of alumni representing classes between 1960 and 1980.

Remember when...



As a tradition at the end of every IASAS swimming championship, the Eagles splash their hands together to celebrate their success. This photo is from 2010 when the girls won gold and the boys won bronze at SAS. What were your favorite traditions at SAS? Share your memories on the [alumni Facebook page](#).

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