



SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL

ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

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SAS Opens School Year with 4,000 Students

On Monday, August 13, SAS welcomed 768 new students to our community. We kicked off the 2018-19 school year with just over 4,000 students Pre-K through grade 12, 55 percent of whom are US citizens. We are delighted to welcome our new students, all of whom will become alumni at some point when they move on to new adventures. Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!

Alumni Stories



From the Art Suite

The art suite at SAS is a place where words, thoughts, and emotions come alive in the art of our students. Singapore American School alumni look back to where it all began and why it remains a place of wonder and magic for eagles old and new. [Read more>>](#)



SAS Alumna Battles Malaria with Grants

While most folks who go on to earn their doctorates continue in the world of academia, Janice Culpepper (class of 1973) is at the forefront of research and innovation in her work with biotech companies. [Read more>>](#)



An Amazing Homecoming

Never. Stop. Learning. This growth mindset has enabled Aarif Nakhooda (class of 1987) to push the boundaries time and again—from improving his grade point average in high school to taking on work in an industry he was unfamiliar with—and emerge successful. [Read more>>](#)



The Accidental Author

Aspiring journalist turned professor turned writer, Tiffany Tsao (class of 2000) shares her journey as an author of three books and a few translated works. [Read more](#)>>

Alumni Gatherings



SAS is Coming to Houston on October 1

Please join superintendent Dr. Chip Kimball and alumni and friends at the Karbach Brewing Company at 2032 Karbach Street in Houston on Monday, October 1, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Catch up with SAS friends and meet new ones! Click [here](#) to RSVP.



SAS Reunion in Vancouver, BC September 2019

Special attention to alumni from the 1960s and 1970s: Helen Wong (class of 1973) and Ernie Wong (class of 1968) are planning a reunion in Vancouver, BC June 7-9, 2019. Registration for the hotel is filling up fast, so consider reserving a room soon if you think you may attend. Event registration will open in January 2019. More information about this is [here](#).



Summer Alumni Events in Cozumel, Chicago, Austin, and New York

Alumni from around the world gathered together this summer to reconnect and reminisce about the old days at SAS.

Thanks to Oliver "Buddy" Byington (class of 1981) for organizing a reunion for alumni from the 1970s and 1980s in Cozumel, Mexico in June. Buddy reports that alumni enjoyed some Asian cuisine, Singapore Slings, and a late night pool party. Click [here](#) to read more about this reunion.

The class of 1998 celebrated their 20th reunion in Chicago in June. Alumni enjoyed eating at a Malaysian restaurant, having a photo booth with copies of their senior yearbook portraits, and participating in a SAS trivia game. Many thanks to Shari Vo-Ta Barnidge (class of 1998) who organized this event. Check out some photos and learn more about their reunion [here](#).

Alumni from the 1980s and 1990s came together in July for a fun-filled weekend in Austin. Lauren Kuhbander Thomas (class of 1989) went all out in planning a fabulous weekend. Here are some [photos](#) from the reunion.

The class of 2008 got together in New York in August for their 10th reunion. Highlights included eating at a Singaporean restaurant, karaoke until 4:00 a.m., and reuniting with alumni from around

the world. Many thanks to organizers Chi-Chi Lin, Kaitlyn Newlin, Jane Hurh, and Esther Lukman (all class of 2008). See photos [here](#).

Remember When?



2008: Mr. Torjesen and Andrew Nazarechuk (class of 2008) face off at the Pajama Day spirit activity.



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