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# SPECIAL GALA EDITION Alumni Newsletter

SAINT RAPHAEL ACADEMY

## **A Century of Saints: Celebrating 100 Years at Saint Raphael Academy**

As Saint Raphael Academy's centennial celebration draws to a close, we reflect on a remarkable year honoring our 100-year legacy. Founded in September 1924, the Academy kicked off its year-long celebration with a special Mass at St. Joseph Church, followed by an elegant community brunch in Alumni Hall. Later in the week, current students and faculty were joined by Brother Thomas Casey, former faculty member and principal, as well as state representatives and local officials before enjoying a spirited historical trivia competition.

March brought a significant milestone with the inaugural Women's Forum during Women's History Month, commemorating 50 years since girls first enrolled at Saints. During the school day, the female student body heard from a panel of young alumnae, while a second panel of alumnae spoke later that evening to an audience of alumni, teachers, and friends who gathered for conversation and cocktails. We look forward to next year and making this an annual event.

The celebration culminated in June with a distinguished Gala at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, where more than 300 alumni, family, and friends gathered. Upon arrival, guests were serenaded by a barber shop quartet and delighted by the Saints memorabilia displayed during cocktail hour—including one of the first diplomas awarded, silver trophies dating back to 1925, and letterman sweaters from the 40's. Large banners showcased photos from the Academy archives and a revolving slideshow featuring historic photographs and meaningful quotes from alumni and their families enriched the atmosphere. Following brief remarks, attendees demonstrated heartfelt support for current and future generations of Saints during a lively auction and fund-the-need opportunity before enjoying dinner and dancing. The evening concluded with a toast from Mr. Murray and the singing of "Happy Birthday," complete with a commemorative cake.

**As we bring our yearlong 100th anniversary celebration to a close, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to every single person who made this historic milestone so special.**

**A celebration of this magnitude takes more than just planning — it takes heart, commitment, collaboration, and an incredible community of people who care. From the early visionaries who helped dream up the year's events, to the tireless volunteers, staff, partners, sponsors, and attendees — each of you played a vital role in creating something truly unforgettable.**

**You helped us honor our past, celebrate our present, and look forward to an inspiring future. Whether you contributed your time, your talents, your resources, or joined us to celebrate, please know that you made a difference. Thank you for your enthusiasm, your support, and your dedication.**

**The 100th anniversary has been more than a celebration — it has been a powerful reminder of who we are and what we can accomplish together. We look forward to marching into the next 100 years with you by our side!**

Below are some of the photos taken throughout this unforgettable year of celebration. The spirit, pride, and community that define Saint Raphael Academy were on full display in everything we did from the opening Mass to the closing gala. Be sure to click the link at the bottom to view even more highlights from this historic year!

# KICK-OFF

SEPT. 2024  
MEMORIES



# WOMEN'S FORUM

MAR 2025  
MEMORIES



# GALA

JUNE 2025  
MEMORIES



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Weren't able to be there with us? It's not too late to make a difference—your gift today will help secure the future of Saint Raphael Academy for generations to come. Join fellow alumni in giving back and ensuring the legacy of excellence continues. When making your online donation, be sure to select "Fund-the-Need" to have your gift included in the total raised during the Gala.

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Today

*Saint John Baptist de La Salle... pray for us.*

*Live Jesus in our hearts... forever!*

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