

Alumni Ambassador Training Guide

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Alumni Ambassador for St. Thomas Aquinas College! We appreciate the time, knowledge, and personal experience you are generously sharing to help introduce future students to STAC. After all, no one can better convey all of the many advantages of a STAC education—the benefits of academic rigor, caring, supportive faculty, experiential learning opportunities, and vibrant campus life—better than successful alumni like you.

STAC Alumni Ambassadors are our finest representatives because you are leaders in your communities. What's more, your superior networking and public speaking skills make it possible to confidently convey the impact your education had on you, personally and professionally. Finally, we recognize that you embrace the College's mission and understand the importance of growing enrollment for the benefit of future students.

We are confident that you will find your time as an Alumni Ambassador inspiring and rewarding as you give back and guide new generations of leaders toward their pursuit of higher education.

The Alumni Ambassador's Role

As a valued member of the STAC Ambassador Team, you will contribute to the program by handling some key responsibilities, namely:

- Attending local college fairs and introducing STAC to students and their families
- Meeting with high school counselors to provide information about STAC and the programs we offer
- Representing the College at campus events
- Building a communications plan for different phases of the admissions process, including prospects, applicants, admits, and deposits
- Helping to connect applicants with alumni sharing similar interests, such as their major, commuter/resident status, athletics, etc.
- Reaching out to prospective students and/or parents by phone
- Participating in the prospect note card program

The Alumni Ambassador's Toolkit

St. Thomas Aquinas College will provide several supports to facilitate your success as an Alumni Ambassador, including:

- Reserving space at college fairs and campus events
- Arranging group and one-on-one meetings at high schools
- Supplying reference and recruitment materials and giveaways
- Providing an online recordkeeping tool where you can enter contact information and notes from events and meetings
- Hosting on-campus and/or regional Alumni Ambassador workshops as needed

We ask that you review all reference materials thoroughly, reach out with any questions or feedback and, of course, always follow ethical recruiting standards.

Helpful Tips

As the saying goes, you never get a second chance to make a first impression. As a representative of St. Thomas Aquinas College out in the field, you are in the ideal position to make a great impression, set a fine example of our successful graduates, and model the personal attention students and parents can expect when interacting with anyone in our College community. Please keep these tips in mind:

- Arrive early, dress professionally, and consider including the College's gold and maroon colors in your attire
- If you don't know the answer to a question, offer to check with Admissions and follow up. You can contact Samantha Bazile, Director of Admissions, at sbazile@stac.edu or 845-398-4104 or visit us online at www.stac.edu/admissions/admissions-team.
- Direct all financial questions to the Office of Financial Aid at 845-398-4097 and suggest that prospective students and parents review the financial aid videos on the College website at <https://www.stac.edu/alumni-friends/alumni/alumni-ambassador-program>. Because financial aid eligibility is based on a number of different factors and each

family's individual situation, it is impossible to determine on the spot or to compare one student's eligibility to another's. For that reason, Ambassador's are asked not to share their own confidential financial aid history with prospective students and parents.

- Keep the focus of conversations on St. Thomas Aquinas College and never compare us with or speak unfavorably about other higher education institutions.
- To learn about a prospective student and make conversations meaningful, consider asking questions like this:
 - Where are you from?
 - What are you thinking about studying?
 - What are your favorite subjects/classes?
 - What types of sports or activities are you involved in? Which would you like to continue in college?
 - What's important to you in a college?
 - Have you been on any campus visits yet?



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About St. Thomas Aquinas College

St. Thomas Aquinas College is an independent four-year liberal arts college that provides education at the undergraduate and graduate levels for students from all traditions. In continuing its Catholic heritage and the spirit of its founders, the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, the College is committed to the principle of enlightening the mind through truth, as exemplified by Thomas Aquinas and the Classical Judaeo-Christian ideals which have contributed to the development of humanity. Accordingly, the College is dedicated to the development of each student consistent with the individual's resolve to work and ability to achieve.

The College, consistent with its commitments, requires each undergraduate to attain a broad foundation in the liberal arts and sciences. The College provides a range of undergraduate majors and graduate programs to assist students to prepare for careers or for further education through a deeper focus in a major field of study.

At St. Thomas Aquinas College, we've created a welcoming, caring, and challenging environment for learning. Intensely student-centered academic activities and vigorous student-life programs are purposely combined to enhance the educational process and to foster intellectual, moral, social, and spiritual growth.

Contained within this environment, St. Thomas Aquinas College assists each student to develop as an articulate and independent member of society who uses a reasoned approach to all issues, who strives to become a responsible citizen and leader in shaping the diverse world community, who lives in a manner exemplifying the principles of service, mutual respect, and individual responsibility, and who appreciates the value of learning as a life-long endeavor.

STAC Facts

- Founded: 1952
- Location: Sparkill, NY in Rockland County, 15 miles from the heart of Manhattan
- Size: 60 acres
- Enrollment: 2,800
- Student-Teacher Ratio: 12:1
- Academic Programs: 36 undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, and School of Education.

Rankings:

- 2019 - Named by *MONEY* magazine among top colleges in the category [Best College for your Money](#)
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranking as a top-tier university in the region and in the [top half for social mobility](#)

Admissions:

- Rolling admissions - A student can apply at any time, but early application is encouraged for special programs (Honors, Pathways, HEOP) being that programs fill up quickly.
- Average Academic Criteria: 3.0 GPA, 20 ACT, and/or 1050 on the SATs.
- AP credit is awarded for scores of 3 or higher; college credits may be awarded upon transcript review.
- Honors Program requires a GPA of 3.6 or higher; SAT must be 1250 (Math and Critical Reading) with no sections below 550 or an ACT composite of 27
- Decisions are made in approximately two weeks, but may exceed two weeks for special programs.
- The Admissions Office offers campus tours Mondays through Thursdays and is open from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily.
- Prospective or applicant students can arrange to visit a class.

Spartan Athletics:

- 20 Men's and Women's NCAA Division II Teams
- Play in the East Coast Conference
- Student Clubs:
- 40+ Student clubs and activities

Residential Life:

- 50% students reside on campus
- Guaranteed housing for all four years
- Freshmen live in McNelis Common
- The typical dorm set-up is a triple with bedrooms, baths, and common areas; all rooms are equipped with cable, air conditioning, heat, and WIFI
- Dining hall offers buffet-style breakfast, lunch, and dinner on weekdays and brunch and dinner on weekends
- Meal plans include 19 meals/week, three meals Monday through Friday and brunch and dinner on weekends.

Tuition and Fees:

- 2020-2021 Tuition and Fees: \$34,200
- 2020-2021 Housing and Meal Plan: \$14,200
- 2019-2021 Total Cost: \$48,400

Academic Programs

School of Arts & Sciences: *Undergraduate Programs*

Program	Major	Minor
Art	X	X
Art Therapy	X	X
Biochemistry	X	
Biology	X	X
Biotechnology		X
Communication Arts	X	X
Computer Science	X	X
Creative Writing	X	X
Criminal Justice	X	X
English	X	X
Exercise Science	X	
Graphic Design	X	X
History	X	X
Journalism		X
Liberal Arts & Sciences	X	
Mathematics	X	X
Medical Technology	X	
Natural Sciences	X	
Performing Arts		X
Philosophy / Religious Studies	X	X
Public Relations		X

Psychology	X	
Religious Studies		X
Romance Languages	X	
Social Media		X
Social Sciences		X
Sociology		X
Spanish	X	X
Therapeutic Recreation	X	X

Pre-Professional Tracks

- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Law

Cooperative Programs

Program	Partner Institution	Degree Earned
Chiropractic Medicine	NY Chiropractic College	STAC - B.S. NY Chiropractic College - Doctor of Chiropractic
Engineering	George Washington University or Manhattan College	STAC - B.S., Mathematics George Washington University or Manhattan College - B.S., Civil, Computer, or Mechanical Engineering
Physical Therapy	NY Medical College	B.S. Physical Therapy
Podiatric Medicine	NY College of Podiatric Medicine	STAC - B.S., Biology NY College of Podiatric Medicine - Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

Graduate Partnerships

Program	Partner Institution	Accelerated?
Masters in Public Health	St. John's University	X
Masters in Computer Science	Iona College	
Law	St. John's University	
Law	Barry University	
Masters of Social Work	New York University Silver School of Social Work	X

Graduate Programs

Master of Public Administration with a focus in Criminal Justice

**School of Business:
Undergraduate Programs**

Program	Major	Minor
Accounting	X	
Accounting / MBA (150 credit program)	X	
Business		X
Economics		X
Finance	X	
Hospitality Management	X	
Management	X	
Marketing	X	X
Sport Management	X	X
Management Information Systems		X
International Business		X

Certificate Programs

- Finance
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing

Graduate Partnerships

Program	Partner Institution	Accelerated?
M.P.S. in Sport Management	St. John's University	

Graduate Programs

Program	Advanced Certificate	MBA
Finance	X	X
General (Online available)		X
Management	X	X
Marketing	X	X
Sport Management		X

**School of Education:
Undergraduate Programs**

Program	Notes
Adolescence Education, Grades 7-12	Partnered with majors in Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Spanish
Art Education, Grades K-12	
Childhood Education, Grades 1-6	
Childhood and Special Education, Grades 1-6	
Educational Studies	
Middle Level Extension	Add on to education program Partnered with majors in Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Spanish

5-Year Dual Degree Programs

Program	Degrees Earned	Notes
Childhood & Special Education, Grades 1-6	B.S., Education M.S., Education	
Mathematics & Special Education, Grades 7-12	B.S., Mathematics M.S., Education	
Social Studies & Special Education	B.S. M.S., Education	
Spanish & Special Education	B.A., Spanish M.S., Education	

Graduate Programs

Program
M.S. Education, Literacy Education, Birth - Grade 6
M.S. Education, Literacy Education, Grades 5-12
M.S. Special Education, Grades 1-6
M.S. Special Education, Grades 7-12
M.S. Special Education, specialization in Autism, Grades 1-6
M.S. Special Education, specialization in Autism, Grades 7-12
M.S.T. Adolescence Education, Grades 7-12
M.S.T. Adolescence Education and Students with Disabilities, Grades 7-12
M.S.T. Childhood Education, Grades 1-6
M.S.T. Childhood & Special Education, Grades 1-6
M.S.T. Art Education, Grades K-12

Certificate Programs

- Advanced Certificate in Autism - available online
- Post-Masters Professional Certificate in Literacy
- Post-Masters Professional Certificate in Special Education

State-of-the-Art Resources & Learning Tools

Students at St. Thomas Aquinas College learn in an environment that features advanced resources and technical tools. In addition to Smart classrooms and fully equipped research labs, students have access to a Digital Imaging Lab outfitted with Macintosh computers, a 3D Lab, and 3D Printers. They can gain hands-on experience in the state-of-the-art Communications Studio featuring HD cameras, a green screen, soundboard, and a podcast booth. Other facilities on campus include the Marine Biology lab, a Forensic Science Lab, and the Azarian-McCullough Art Gallery.

The Bloomberg Professional Laboratory provides students with the same platform for news, data, analytics, and research used by the world's leading banks, corporations, government agencies, and media outlets. The Laboratory offers students real-world training and experience, whether they are studying business or a program in the arts and sciences.

Academic Support & Career Planning

Every student at STAC is assigned an academic advisor based on their major who assists with class scheduling, career planning, and any support the student needs through their college years.

Students can also take advantage of free tutoring services and workshops on such topics as test-taking strategies and time management at the Center for Academic Excellence.

Career Services offers mentorship, professional skills workshops, resume-building tools, career fairs, and internship/job opportunities. Even after students graduate, they can still tap the career services resources at their alma mater.

Athletics & Fitness

St. Thomas Aquinas College has a history of strong athletics programs and milestones. In fact, our baseball team has made six consecutive appearances to the NCAA Tournament, qualifying for the National Championship in 2017 and 2014. The Spartans have also won either the East Coast Conference Tournament or ECC Regular Season in seven consecutive years. Our basketball team also won the ECC Championship. Our newest teams are Sprint Football and E-Sports.

STAC athletes play NCAA Division II, ECC (East Coast Conference). This conference includes Adelphi, College of St. Rose, Concordia, LIU/CW Post, Dowling, Mercy, NYIT, and NJIT. Intramural and club sports include dance and cheerleading.

Mens Sports	Womens Sports
Basketball	Basketball
Baseball	Softball
Golf	Field Hockey
Soccer	Soccer
Cross Country	Cross Country
Track and Field	Track and Field
Tennis	Tennis
Lacrosse	Lacrosse
Sprint Football	Bowling
eSports	eSports
	Triathlon

Athletes can train daily in the Kraus Fitness Center, an expansive gymnasium, which underwent a million-dollar renovation in 2015. The center reflects the College's colors and invites sunlight in through floor to ceiling windows. Training machines include treadmills, stair climbers, cycles, and a free weight area.

The Exercise Science Lab in Maguire Hall features the same high-tech equipment the NFL, NHL, and U.S. Olympic Training Centers use to measure health and athletic performance, such as cardio-respiratory fitness, body composition, biochemical blood analysis, and power production assessment of various body movements.

Student Clubs & Activities

STAC students have a choice of more than 40 active clubs on campus, ranging from Student Government to WSTK, the student organized radio station, to the theater group, the Laetare Players who perform at least two productions each year in the Sullivan Theater, and the school newspaper and yearbook. The Spartan Volunteers, STAC's largest student organization, hosts community outreach projects like Midnight Run in Manhattan, Habitat for Humanity, and annual fundraisers.

Explore Next Door Trips are a great way for students to discover their home away from home and take advantage of STAC's proximity to New York City. Participating students can enjoy Broadway shows, Yankee and Met games, Knicks and Nets games, museums, and much more.

Campus Office Numbers:

- Activities: 845.398.4084
- Admissions: 845-398-4104
- Advisement: 845.398.4087
- Athletics: 845.398.4053
- Bookstore: 845.398.4211
- Business: 845.398.4037
- Career Services: 845.398.4067
- Counseling: 845.398.4065
- Dining Services: 845.398.4245
- Financial Aid: 845.398.4097
- Health Services: 845.398.4242
- Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP): 845.398.4028
- Honors: 845.398.4191
- Housing: 845.398.4068
- Office of Accessibility: 845-398-4087
- Pathways: 845.398.4230
- Resident Life: 845.398.4051
- Security: 845.398.4080