

ALUMNI UPDATE

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LEARN HOW SOME OF OUR AMAZING
ALUMNI ARE TODAY'S LEADERS

Calling all St. Dominic School Alumni! This is the first of what we hope will be many alumni updates. Please let us know what you are up to these days. We would love to feature you in an upcoming issue. Contact us at:
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Dominic Ozanne, Class of 1967

Business Leader

Dominic Ozanne is a familiar face at St. Dominic parish. Ozanne is best known for his highly successful construction company, but he should also be recognized for his volunteerism and his work increasing opportunities for minority owned businesses. His company has received many honors, including being named Best In Class for Workforce Diversity by the Greater Cleveland Partnership in 2011. He has served on several boards, including St. Ignatius High School's Board of Regents and the Cleveland Museum of Art's Board of Trustees.

After attending St. Dominic School, which Ozanne credits with providing him "basic skills and the first principles of Catholicism", he went on to St. Ignatius High School. He attended Boston University for college and later graduated from Harvard Law School in 1978. He worked briefly for a law firm in Cleveland, but soon took over his father's construction business, which was one of the nation's first



black-owned construction companies. His company has won contracts with Cleveland Metropolitan Schools, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, and the Tri-C Corporate College. Ozanne Construction is a member of the U.S. Green Building Association. He says that what he enjoys most about his career is "the ability to change the built environment AND the community for the better."

Ozanne's faith, he says, is essential to his existence. His family is incredibly important to him as well. His wife Gaile is a member of the parish staff. His four children - Dominic Jr., Monique, Olivia, and Joshua - are all graduates of St. Dominic School as well. Ozanne describes himself as a "lucky husband and father." His favorite memories of St. Dominic School are the lifelong friendships he made.



Elizabeth Dugas, Class of 2002

Quadruple Threat

Elizabeth Dugas has always been a dancer, and she has achieved her childhood dream of becoming a professional. She didn't stop there, however. She is also an accomplished singer, model, and choreographer. After graduating from Beaumont High School, she attended the University of Michigan, earning a B.A. in Communication Studies and a BFA in Dance. From there, she moved to New York City and has had the opportunity to perform in musicals such as *Bullets Over Broadway*, as well as in operas and for concert tours. She has done commercial work for companies such as MAC Cosmetics, Vogue, and Pepsi. She has also performed as an opening act for rappers Kid Cudi and Nas.

This versatile artist says her favorite memory of St. Dominic School is, no surprise, the St. Patrick's Day Show, what the St. Dominic Show was formerly called. Dugas credits the school with providing "a solid foundation and the confidence to go into the "performing arts despite the hardships and rejection that often go hand in hand with my field.

She says, "It was there that I started to hone my leadership and creativity skills in a safe environment where I felt my voice mattered, and I have carried those sentiments with me into my professional career."

What Dugas loves best about her career as a performer is that she's had the opportunity to grace some of the nation's biggest and greatest performance venues. She says, "That adrenaline rush never gets old. I really am so blessed to do what I LOVE for a living." Her advice for anyone who would like to pursue a career in the arts is that networking is key. You never know when you might need someone's help with a referral or just a couch to crash on. She also adds that, "On top of this I would say to challenge and put yourself out there more. In this industry the more versatile you are, the more marketable you are and that is something I wish I would've learned and worked at from a younger age."

Dugas' faith plays an important role in her life. She says it has carried her through many ups and downs. According to Dugas, "Often performers go through rough patches and feelings of inadequacy in this highly competitive industry and on the flip side when you're successful it can be easy to get stuck in the clouds. My faith has kept me grounded and focused on what's important through it all."

We wish this amazing performer all the best as she continues to share her remarkable talents with the world. She will be getting married this November as well. Congratulations!

Tomorrow's Leaders Start at SDS

The Bovell Sisters

The Bovell sisters are all recent graduates of St. Dominic School and we were pleased to get the following update about them:

Ariana graduated from Ohio University with a Master's Degree in International Affairs. She lives in Atlanta and works at HTP J-1 Visa Programs, Inc. where she administers cultural exchange programs for foreign nationals from countries around the world.

Alyssa (class of) is in her second year of graduate school at Emory University, where she is getting her Master's Degree in International Development Practice.

Ariel graduated with a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Boston College. She currently teaches at St. Martin de Porres High School in Cleveland.

Alexis (class of) earned her BA in International Studies from University of Dayton and is currently attending Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

Way to go, Bovell girls!



From left: Ariel, Alyssa, Mrs., Mr., Alexis, and Ariana Bovell