

Class of 1992 Kevin Hercules

What have you been up to?

1. You were a part of the last all male graduating class. What did it mean to you at the time and how is it still significant to you?

At the time, we knew we were going to be the last all male class, and knew that this meant an era was coming to an end. We were honored to have this distinction, and it still means a lot to all of us to this day. There is a connection we all feel to one another, and I know it made all of us closer, forming a life-long bond no one can ever take away from us.

2. Where did your journey take you after leaving St. Edmund's Academy and how are you still connected?

I regret to say I have not been one of the alums of '92 that did a good job of keeping in touch. My journey took me to Western Reserve Academy in Cleveland after 2 years at Fox Chapel High School, then I followed my parents to Nashville (they moved in '95) where I attended Vanderbilt University. After graduating in 2001, I worked for Dell in Nashville for 4 years, then moved onto my current "profession." I am presently a professional poker player, so as you can imagine, the journey did not end up where many people (myself included) would have expected. Funny how life works sometimes...

3. This class established this scholarship in memory of Alexander McAllister Feely and Bradley Laufman Henninger, two classmates from the Class of 1992. Tell us about their personalities and what this scholarship means to you.

Our class was very much an extension of our families, so when we lost Brad and Alex, we all felt like we had lost 2 brothers. Both had fairly reserved personalities, but I was fortunate to have spent a lot of time with each while at St. Edmund's. To me, the scholarship represents the brotherhood we all feel toward one another, and our desire to honor and remember them both long after they're gone.

4. What are your favorite memories of St. Edmund's Academy?

My memories of St. Edmund's are plentiful, but the thing that first comes to my mind when I think back are the teachers. Very few schools offer the ability to get to know each teacher's personality so intimately. I did not begin to appreciate the dedication each teacher had until after I had graduated, because I did not understand the sacrifice a teacher makes to teach at a small private school. Each teacher had a very unique personality, but all shared the same sincerity and we were lucky to experience that.

5. We understand that you still keep in touch as a class. We've noticed that each class has their own unique personality. Describe the Class of 1992's personality.

As I said before, I have not been the best at keeping in touch, but our class' personality a reflection of the pride and brotherhood we feel as the last all male class. Even though I have not spoken to any of my classmates in a few years, they know they are family to me, and they can count on me for whatever they need as we all navigate through the adventures of life.

6. What advice would you like to give to the Class of 2008?

As you move on to another chapter of your life, be sure to achieve balance in everything you do. St. Edmund's did a good job of giving you a well-rounded education, but be sure to build on this foundation and pursue many diverse interests at each destination in your future. Each part of a school, whether it be the education, the athletics, or the hobbies and extracurricular activities, serve to exercise and broaden your mind. Take advantage of a wide array of opportunities to further your education, because, as you will learn, studying and academics make up only a small part of the lessons you will learn in each chapter going forward.