



Cohort 28 | Giving Back in Gratitude

ASC volunteers give a year of post-college service in gratitude for their Jesuit education. Volunteers are mentors and teachers in six Jesuit schools in Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis. They adopt a simple lifestyle while living in community and striving to grow spiritually.

Jake Bava

I am a St. Louis University High alumnus with a B.A. in psychology from the University of Mississippi. I am incredibly excited to work at Regis Jesuit High School (Denver), to give back to an education system that has done so much for me. My hope is that I can inspire the young men at Regis Jesuit to explore their interests and discover themselves the same way St. Louis University High School did for me.



Meredith Blatner

As I wrap up my four years at Saint Louis University, I feel a deep sense of gratitude for my role models as they are the ones who have motivated me to be a leader of today and commit to teaching and mentoring our leaders of tomorrow. I am excited for the opportunity to serve others and continue my own discernment through the Alum Service Corps at Arrupe Jesuit High School (Denver).



Jason Brown

Coming from a culture enriched with Jesuit tradition, I am excited to offer all I have to a community that prides itself on developing every aspect of its students. I am even more energized in knowing that as the students learn from me, I will learn lessons from these students that I will take with me for the rest of my life.

Jason is a graduate of Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.) and is serving at Rockhurst High School (Kansas City, Mo.).



Alejandro Garcia

I am greatly excited to join the faculty at Arrupe Jesuit High School to help teach the young men and women at that school. Hopefully I can give back to them, through teaching and mentoring, as much as I was given as a student at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory. I am honored to be given this opportunity to serve others and will take full advantage of it in order to help form men and women for others.



Ben Gliedt

I am ecstatic to teach and mentor at Rockhurst High School (Kansas City, Mo.). My Jesuit high school education was a formative time in my life and I am honored to be able to participate in that same time for others.

Ben is an alum of De Smet Jesuit High School (St. Louis) and a graduate of Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.).



Mallory Kummer

I was fortunate to attend Regis Jesuit High School (Denver) and earn a B.S. in Athletic Training from the University of Tampa. I am looking forward to beginning this next chapter in my life at Loyola Academy of St. Louis. Being able to serve our Lord and give back to the Jesuit education that gave me so much brings me joy and I am very excited to work with the young men of Loyola.



Peter Lucier

Since I left St. Louis University High School, I've always hoped for the opportunity to return and give back. The English department was an incredibly formative place for me as a SLUH student – challenging me to make meaning of the world through stories and narrative – and I couldn't be more excited to come back, teach some of those same stories, and help the current generation of students make their own meaning.

Pete is a graduate of Montana State University and is serving at St. Louis University High School (St. Louis).



Katrina Ludwig

I am graduate of Saint Louis University. Moving away from Saint Louis for the first time is nerve racking but so exciting! The faculty at Regis Jesuit High School have already been so inviting and helpful. I am excited to immerse myself in the community through co-curriculars, while also growing as a teacher. I knew I wanted to apply to ASC ever since I had mentors my first few years of college do the program, so I am excited it is finally here!

Katrina will serve at Regis Jesuit High School (Denver).



Tom Martin

Teaching at Regis Jesuit High School (Denver) is a fantastic opportunity for growth and service. I am so honored and blessed to be welcomed to such a renowned academic institution.

Tom is a graduate of the University of Missouri and Rockhurst High School (Kansas City, Mo.).



Justin Seaton

I am thrilled to return to my alma mater as a mentor and educator with ASC this year. My own teachers at SLUH and Saint Louis University instilled in me a passion for Jesuit values and a commitment to lifelong learning. I hope to be a source of inspiration for my students, like my Jesuit educators were for me.

Justin will serve at St. Louis University High School (St. Louis).



Ethan Valencia

Serving at De Smet Jesuit High School (St. Louis) is my chance to give back to the Jesuit education community that made me into somebody I am proud to be, and I have the fortune to do it in the most engaging way possible. My hope is that the school will enjoy my presence as much as I enjoyed the benefactors and role models who made my own high school experience so meaningful and edifying. I am passionate and thrilled and consider myself lucky for this opportunity.

Ethan is a graduate of Saint Louis University.



Matthew Whalen

I am incredibly honored to be welcomed into the Rockhurst High School (Kansas City, Mo.) and ASC communities and to serve alongside such passionate individuals. My Jesuit education has been a defining pillar of my life and I am thrilled to continue to grow in the Jesuit tradition. I am ready for the challenges of serving as a teacher and a mentor in the upcoming year and look forward to the reward and growth it will bring as I build relationships, grow in thoughtfulness, and enrich the lives and learning of the young people I will work with.

Matthew is a graduate of Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.).

