



WELCOME TO THE SAS & AAA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Quarterly Connect

we're so glad you're here!

Who We Are

The SAS & AAA Alumni Association, newly established in 2023, was created to support School for Advanced Studies (SAS), Academy for Advanced Academics (AAA), and their students, faculty, and alumni. Since its founding, the Association has proudly served alumni and each graduating class, fostering connections that last beyond high school. With the support of SAS/AAA administration, the PTSA, and community sponsors, the Association has awarded graduating seniors thousands of dollars in scholarships, investing in their futures.

The Association is guided by four core pillars—R.O.A.R: Recognition of Success (Scholarship), Oneness with Others (Fellowship), Advisement and Assistance (Mentorship), and Resume Building (Internship/Job Shadowing). These pillars reflect our mission to advance education, promote fellowship, encourage mentorship, and prepare students for real-world opportunities.

“It has been an honor to serve as the first SAS & AAA Alumni Association President. I am so proud of what we have done so far and excited for what we will accomplish next.”

ANGIE URRUTIA, PRESIDENT
AAA: 2011



Our Achievements to Date

In just its first year, the Alumni Association has grown quickly, gaining nearly 300 members. Through alumni spotlights, mentorship opportunities, social events, and fundraising drives, the Alumni Association continues to strengthen ties between students, graduates, faculty, and the broader community. The Association has held two scholarship award ceremonies for graduating seniors, one in 2024 and one in 2025. To date, the Association, in conjunction with PTSA has awarded over \$10,000 in student scholarships.



MICHELLE LOPEZ
VICE PRESIDENT
AAA: 2018



KYLE FORGES
SECRETARY
SAS WOLFSON: 2016



MELANIE TERCILLA
TREASURER
SAS KENDALL: 2014

Meet Our Executive Team

INTRODUCING YOU TO SOME OUTSTANDING ALUM

The Alumni Association Executive Board is comprised of:

Angie Urrutia, President
Michelle Lopez, Vice President
Kyle Forges, Secretary
Melanie Tercilla-Allen, Treasurer

The Alumni Association Committee Chairs include:

Andrea Somarriba, Chair of the Outreach & Operations Committee
Juliana Talamo, Co-Chair of the Advisement and Assistance Committee
Jeniffer Maldonado, Co-Chair of the Advisement and Assistance Committee



ANDREA SOMMARIBA



JULIANA TALAMO



JENIFFER MALDONADO

Treasurer's Corner



Thank you to everyone who has already paid dues or made a donation this year! Your support makes a real difference. All dues and donations directly fund Alumni Association events and our Senior Scholarships, a cause that celebrates our students and keeps our alumni community strong.



– Melanie Tercilla-Allen, Treasurer

Financial Snapshot

2024 – 2025 Scholarships Awarded

SAS & AAA Alumni Association:	\$4,000.00
PTSA:	\$2,000.00
SAS & AAA given as iPads:	\$1,500.00
Dr. Larry and Avis Feldman Family Endowment	\$2,000.00

2025–2026 Goal: Do even more for our students with your help!

How You Can Help

If you haven't yet paid your 2025 dues or would like to make a personal or company donation, please scan the QR code below.

Company Sponsorship Perk: We'll proudly promote your business on our social media and at Alumni Association events when you donate. The Alumni Association is a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; therefore, all donations are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Association directly at: alumniassociationsasaaa@gmail.com.

SAS/AAA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES/DONATIONS



We accept credit cards through our PayPal and you can establish automatic recurring payments.

2024-2025 Scholarship Winners



FIRST PLACE WINNERS

SAS North: GEORGE ELLINGTON
SAS West: MOISES ALMAO
SAS Kendall: SAFFRON CARSON
SAS Wolfson: JADA COX
SAS Homestead: EMILY MARTINEZ
AAA: AMELIS GONZALEZ
Dr. Larry and Avis Feldman: CECILIA ISE

SECOND PLACE WINNERS

SAS NORTH: DEVONTE LEWIS
SAS West: LEXI MANSILLA
SAS Kendall: DANIELA VESGA
SAS Wolfson: DARSHEL DENAUD
SAS Homestead: SAINA SORROUSHIANI
AAA: JOSEPH DELGADO

Fellowship & Networking

WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY 2024

ON DECEMBER 21, 2024, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTED ITS FIRST EVER HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE SIPSIP ROOFTOP BAR AT THE MAYFAIR HOTEL. SAS AND AAA ALUMNI MINGLED WITH OLD CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS, AS WELL AS ALUMNI FROM OTHER CAMPUSES AND GRADUATION YEARS. IT TRULY WAS A MELTING POT OF GENERATIONS OF MIAMI EXCELLENCE. GUESTS ENJOYED PREMIUM COCKTAILS, RECEIVED SAS/AAA MERCH, AND TOOK MEMORABLE PHOTOS OVERLOOKING MIAMI, ALL WHILE BUILDING THEIR NETWORK.



SUMMER SOCIAL 2025

ON THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HELD A SUMMER ALUMNI GATHERING AT LINCOLN'S BEARD BREWING CO. ALUMNI SOCIALIZED WITH FORMER CLASSMATES AND ALUMNI FROM DIFFERENT CAMPUSES AND GRADUATION CLASSES. NEW FRIENDSHIPS WERE MADE, RELATIONSHIPS WERE BUILT, AND THE SAS/AAA NETWORK STRENGTHENED!



Mentorship



THE MENTORING COMMITTEE'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE MENTORSHIP AND GUIDANCE TO STUDENTS AND ALUMNI WHILE BUILDING A NETWORK OF SUPPORT, MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS, AND INSPIRATION. THE COMMITTEE OVERSEES TWO INITIATIVES: THE ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAM AND THE VIRTUAL ALUMNI PANELS.



-JULIANA TALAMO, MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAM

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, MENTOR AND MENTEE APPLICATIONS FOR THE ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAM WILL OPEN. THE MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE AIMS TO CONNECT EARLY-CAREER ALUMNI WITH EXPERIENCED ALUMNI TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN ACADEMIC, PERSONAL, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THE FIRST SAS/AAA MENTORING COHORT BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER 2025. PAIRS WILL BE MATCHED BASED ON A VARIETY OF FACTORS AND WILL MEET ONCE A MONTH FOR SIX MONTHS.

MENTOR APPLICATION



MENTEE APPLICATION



NOVEMBER ALUMNI PANEL

ON NOVEMBER 12, 2025, THE ADVISEMENT & ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE IS HOSTING THE FIRST-EVER VIRTUAL ALUMNI PANEL FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH SAS/AAA ALUMNI AND STUDENTS. THE PANEL WILL FEATURE ALUMNI SHARING THEIR CAREER JOURNEYS, CHALLENGES, AND LESSONS LEARNED. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN GAIN INSIGHTS FROM GRADUATES WHO WERE ONCE IN THEIR SHOES, HEAR ABOUT DIVERSE CAREER PATHS, RECEIVE COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVICE, AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE PANELISTS QUESTIONS. AFTERWARDS WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CAREER SUPPORT THROUGH OUR MONTHLY CAREER TRACK SERIES FEATURING DIFFERENT PATHWAYS.

GIVE MIAMI DAY

ON NOVEMBER 20, 2025, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL PARTICIPATE IN GIVE MIAMI DAY! THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND IT UTILIZES A LARGE PORTION OF OUR BUDGET TO GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE SAS/AAA GRADUATING SENIORS. GIVE BACK TO THE CAMPUSES THAT SET YOU UP FOR YOUR CURRENT SUCCESS!

Important Dates

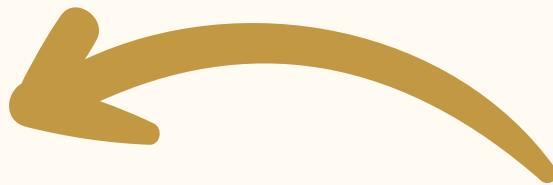
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025: MENTORSHIP APPLICATIONS OPENS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025: MENTORSHIP APPLICATIONS CLOSE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025 @ 7:00 PM EDT: OPEN FORUM

Open to all students, alumni, faculty & community members.

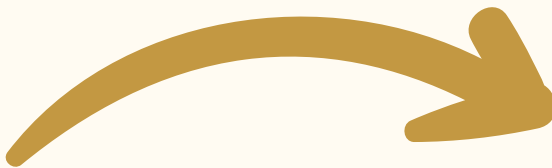
Come meet the executive board and learn about our goals & how you can help!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP
AND RECEIVE THE ZOOM
LINK FOR **OPEN FORUM**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 @ 6:00 PM EST: ALUMNI PANEL

Join us to hear from alumni in different fields and at different career stages.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP
AND RECEIVE THE ZOOM
LINK FOR **ALUMNI PANEL**



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025: GIVE MIAMI DAY

Your donations go directly to funding scholarships for SAS & AAA seniors.

TBD DECEMBER 2025: SECOND ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Get Involved Today!

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR OPEN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS!

CHAIR OF THE REWARD AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE:

- DEVELOP A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE.
- CONDUCT IN-PERSON OR ZOOM INTERVIEWS WITH FINALISTS.
- COMMUNICATE WITH PTSA MEMBERS REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES.
- ESTABLISH/MONITOR LEGACY LEVEL MEMBERS AND DONOR'S CIRCLE.
- MONITOR CORPORATE DONATIONS.
- ENCOURAGE AND MONITOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVES.
- GENERATE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES FROM CORPORATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

CHAIR OF THE RESUME AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

- MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION WITH SAS/AAA COUNSELORS.
- DEVELOP AN INTERNSHIP APPLICATION.
- DEVELOP RESPONSIBILITIES/QUALIFICATIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING THE INTERNSHIP.
- DEVELOP INTERN'S RESPONSIBILITIES/QUALIFICATIONS.
- POST INTERNSHIP/JOB SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
- GENERATE A LIST OF AVAILABLE INTERNSHIPS BY AREA OF INTEREST OF FIELD OF STUDY.
- OFFER "SOCIAL MEDIA TAKEOVERS"—A DAY IN THE LIFE EXPERIENCE VIA DM WITH EMBEDDED Q&A SESSION.
- DEVELOP RAPPORT WITH INTERN AS YOU ASSIST WITH RESUME BUILDING.
- ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CVS, RESUMES, AND COVER LETTERS.
- PROVIDE INTERVIEW STRATEGIES AND TIPS.
- FACILITATE MOCK INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES.
- MAINTAIN A LOG OF COMMUNICATION WITH EACH ASSIGNED INTERN.

CAMPUS AMBASSADORS- CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS/ SENIORS

- CREATE CONTENT ON CANVA TO ADVERTISE ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.
- DIRECT REELS TO SHARE ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.
- MANAGE AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS SUCH AS FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN.
- COLLABORATE WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION.
- REPRESENT YOUR CAMPUS WITH PRIDE ON OUR PLATFORMS.
- *YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COMMITTEE CHAIR OR CAMPUS AMBASSADOR, PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR EMAIL:
ALUMNIASSOCIATIONSASAAA@GMAIL.COM.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALUMNI, SPOUSES, PARENTS, FACULTY, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS. TOGETHER, WE ROAR WITH PRIDE—ADVANCING EDUCATION, CELEBRATING ALUMNI, AND PREPARING FUTURE LEADERS.
JOIN THE ASSOCIATION TODAY!.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

INSTAGRAM: SAS_AAA_ALUMNI_ASSOCIATION

FACEBOOK: SAS & AAA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

LINKEDIN: SAS & AAA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

EMAIL: ALUMNIASSOCIATIONSASAAA@GMAIL.COM

Thank You to our Donors!

AMAZON

PRINT • GRAPHICS • SIGNS • PROMOS

www.AmazonPrinters.com



PTSA



EVERY CHILD. ONE VOICE.



EdFedTM

24/SEVEN

tlc

PHOTOS

tlcphotosmiami.com



SouthState



Fox-Mar



QUASAR COMPUTERS

SYNOVUS[®]