

# ALUMNI NEWS

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**Matt Pacheco**  
**Class of 2005**



I attended St. Martin of Tours Academy from preschool through 8th grade. I am so grateful for all of the great memories with my friends and classmates from the Class of 2005. SMA was always a huge part of our family's lives growing up. My brother, Eric (Class of 2002), also attended SMA, and everyone at school knew our mom, Anne, who has worked at the front office for nearly thirty years. She has played a huge role behind-the-scenes to keep everything running smoothly! Our family attended Mass at St. Martin of Tours Parish every weekend, and everyone in our family was always involved in the services too. Both my mom and dad, Mark, were Eucharistic ministers, my brother was an altar server, and I played bass and guitar in the 9am Folk Group Sunday choir.

Both Eric and I attended St. Augustine High School after graduating St. Martins, where I joined many extracurricular activities after school. These ranged from playing soccer to various music groups including playing guitar/bass/sax for drumline, jazz guitar ensemble, pep band, and more. I also led the weekly student music group for Mass every Wednesday. Following my brother's footsteps, I attended California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

I started my career in Research & Development at a medical device company before moving on to work at a few other companies including engineering consulting firms, designing all sorts of products from surgical instruments to on-body wearable medical devices, surgical implants, commercial equipment, x-ray scanning systems and more. I have also started an entrepreneurial path founding and managing a couple of businesses on the side including a vacation rental property in Julian, CA, with more endeavors to come!

Outside of work, I love spending time outdoors doing everything from backpacking, camping, kayaking, scuba diving, mountain biking, traveling and so much more! Most recently, I traveled to Ecuador to go scuba diving at the Galapagos Islands, fulfilling a lifelong dream!

None of this would have been possible without the great start in life that St. Martins provides to everyone that goes there! St. Martin Academy played a foundational role growing up in every aspect of my life from the friendships I formed, to the teachers I learned from, and most importantly to providing me a strong moral and faith-filled foundation to base my life on. SMA helped to provide me with the talents and abilities I need to pursue my dreams while I help and inspire others to achieve theirs. I am so grateful to every single one of my classmates, teachers, and the staff members of St. Martin of Tours that played a role in my learning, growth and development during my time there!

