

THEISEN LEGACY FUND Est. 2019

The Theisen Family, from left: Brookston, Megan (Spence '03), Andy Jr. ('02), and Emerson.



According to Sacred Heart Academy alumni research, THEISEN is the most common name of graduates since the school opened in 1889. The first was Sister Elizabeth Theisen in 1920. In the years 1923 through 1966, her siblings and cousins continued to be part of graduating classes, sometimes with two and three Theisens in one year. In more recent decades, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—third and fourth generations of the Theisen family—have joined the ranks of SHA alumni.

It is only natural that members of the longest legacy existing at Sacred Heart Academy would want to establish a family fund benefitting Catholic education. **Megan (Spence '03) & Andy Theisen Jr, '02** created the fund in 2019. Andy Jr. can trace his legacy on both his father's (Andy Theisen Sr. '78) and his mother's (Julie Flannery '78 Theisen) side of the family, back to his great, great grandparents, members of the Carey Family. Careys first graduated from the Academy in 1907. Andy & Megan's children are fifth-generation Theisens, making their family the longest unbroken legacy at the Academy.

The **Theisen Legacy Fund** was established in honor of the Theisen Family and all SHA Families over the years. The fund benefits a tuition assistance scholarship at Sacred Heart Academy and continues to grow thanks to donations from Theisen family relatives and friends.

To the Theisen family—and other SHA families whose parents, grandparents, or great grandparents shared the

cherished gift of a Catholic education—this fund represents what is most important: *The value of a Catholic education today.*

For further information about the **Theisen Legacy Fund** or other Named Funds, contact the SHA Foundation at SHAfoundation@sha.net



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