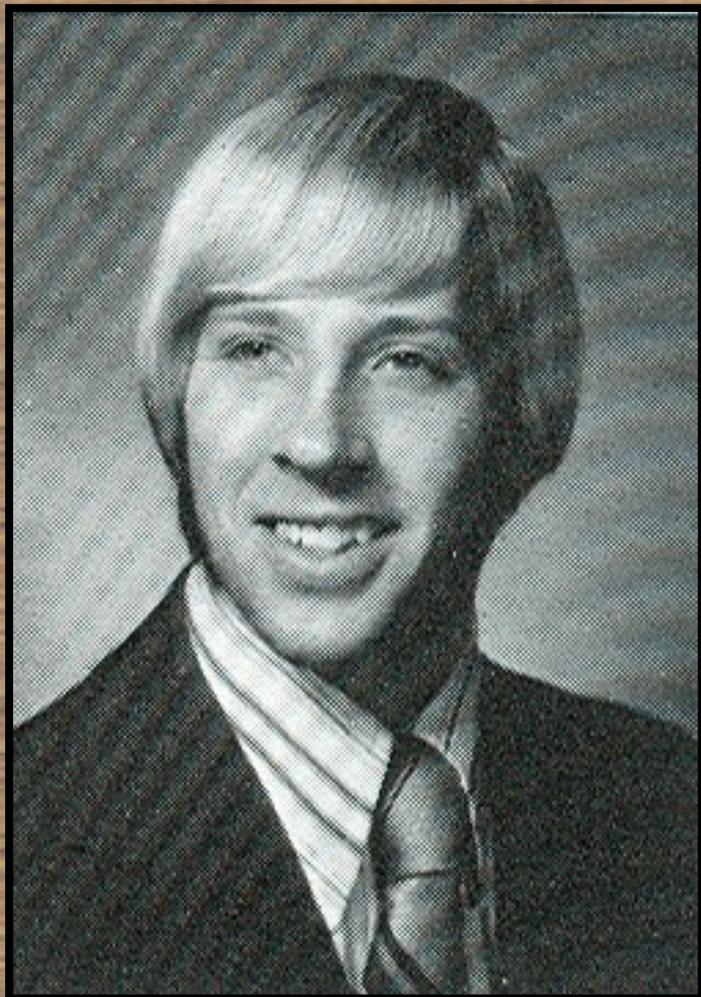


ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Brian Binash (TM '73)

Brian Binash believes in empowering the community around him. He currently lives with his wife, Irene, in Houston, Texas, a place where the Binash name has become synonymous with generosity and compassion.

After graduating from Thomas More in 1973, Brian graduated from Marquette University and worked for Housing Information Services in Milwaukee where he helped revitalize low-income neighborhoods. He was also a co-organizer and board member of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council.

In 1979, Brian moved to Houston, where he is now a 30-year homebuilder and developer. He has led his companies, Emerald Homes and now Wilshire Homes, to being named energy efficiency leaders in the industry. The companies have been named Builder of the Year and have received the prestigious national Energy Value Housing Award three times from the Department of Energy and the National Association of Homebuilders.

He currently serves on the boards of the Texas Association of Homebuilders and the National Association of Homebuilders. In 2004, Brian was a co-chair of Super Build 2004, a 38-day event that saw 38 homes built in conjunction with Super Bowl XXXVIII. The Super Build was an integral building block in Habitat for Humanity's relationship with the NFL. He also chaired the 50 home build sponsored by Oprah Winfrey that supplied 50 homes for victims of Hurricane Katrina that had relocated to Houston. Brian also was on the Board of Directors for Star of Hope Mission, a Christian mission serving Houston's homeless, HomeAid, a builder sponsored program building homes for the transitionally homeless, and numerous other organizations serving the community at large.

Brian and Irene have been huge supporters of STM in a variety of ways. Fortified by Christ in their beliefs, they have given generously to Christian charities across the country in an effort to further their respective missions of doing God's work and making society a better place.



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