

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Jennie Ramus (TM '99)

Jennifer Therese Ramus was the fourth of five children of Wayne & Theresa Ramus to attend Thomas More High School, along with her siblings, Jerome (TM '92), Paul (TM '94), Carolyn (TM '96), and Laura (TM '02). She was bright, friendly, and a talented student-athlete on the volleyball, soccer, and basketball teams. She was an active member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in St. Francis and looked forward to going to college. On December 23, 1998, Jennie was tragically killed by a drunk driver, in the middle of her senior year.

Jennie's memory lives on at St. Thomas More through the Jennifer Ramus Endowed Scholarship Fund, commonly known as the "Jennie Fund". Wayne and Theresa initiated the Fund in 1999 with the objective to engage young people to prevent future tragedies. The Jennie Fund provides need-based scholarships to students participating in the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), a school club that promotes positive decision-making. Each year, Wayne and Theresa solicit financial support for the Jennie Fund which is one of the school's longest-running scholarship funds.

Thanks to the contributions of hundreds of donors over the years, the fund has raised over \$450,000 and awarded over 365 scholarships as of 2021. Students who receive the scholarship are members of SADD, attending meetings and participating in initiatives to encourage safe, smart decision-making to combat underage drinking, drug use, distracted driving, bullying, and depression. The fund has also supported local programs and state-wide conferences to develop student leadership.

Jennie's memory lives on in her family, friends, and classmates. Her impact on St. Thomas More High School is immeasurable. We are proud to welcome her to our Alumni Hall of Fame.



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