ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

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ISM Alumni Survey October 2024
Summary of Results

In October 2024, St. Andrew's engaged Independent School Management (ISM), a consulting firm focused on private schools, to conduct an alumni survey to gather valuable input for the school's future. The survey looked at what our alumni think about what St. Andrew's is doing well and where you think we stand to improve. We had 7.5% of our alumni participate, representing alumni from 1950 to 2024, with the most responses from the Class of 2019. Due to a lower participation rate, the results are not a comprehensive representation of alumni thinking but do offer helpful insights.

Alumni who filled out the survey were asked to indicate how likely they are to recommend the school, as well as open-ended questions on the most valuable part of their experience, how their experience could have been enhanced, and their satisfaction with school aspects and programs based on their experience as a student. In addition, they were asked questions about current school communications, alumni events, and their philanthropic involvement and intentions.

Below are some of the strengths and opportunities that emerged from the survey data.

STRENGTHS

Educational Experience:

- Small class sizes, the dedication and care of faculty, and character development were identified as top-rated experiences.
- 80% of respondents rated their St. Andrew's education as excellent or good value, with a mean score of 4.15 (out of 5).
- 83% of respondents expressed pride in being St. Andrew's graduates.

Alumni Engagement and Support:

- Attending reunions and local events were preferred for connecting with the school.
- Social media was noted as the most effective communication tool.
- More than half of the respondents have made philanthropic gifts to the school.
- The school's continued focus on financial aid scholarships was identified as a strength.

OPPORTUNITIES

Educational Experience:

- There was an emphasis to enhance STEM and arts programing, college counseling, technology integration, and preparation for financial literacy and life skills.
- An increase in diversity and inclusion across the faculty and students was identified, which aligns with our priorities and goals.

Alumni Engagement and Support:

- New opportunities for alumni who don't live close to campus could be considered to increase their engagement with the school.
- Mentorship opportunities could be explored and strengthened.
- Financial assistance, improved facilities, and faculty development were identified as the top areas for philanthropic support.

We will reflect on our alumni feedback as we continue the strategic planning process, as your voices and ideas are an invaluable part of our history and future. If you filled out the survey and would like to get more involved with the school, or if you have ideas for alumni events and engagement, please reach out to Assistant Director of Development for Alumni Engagement Pam Farmer at pfarmer@standrews-ri.org. Thank you for your support of St. Andrew's!