

2025 Circle of Honor Honoree Dean Kilbourne '80



Advice to Current St. Paul Students:

"Four years fly by. Embrace all that St. Paul has to offer, both in and out of the classroom. St. Paul will prepare you well for college and beyond. Remember why you are here and know that you are surrounded by a community that cares about you. Welcome home."

Education:

Rollins College; B.A.
Boston University School of Law; J.D.

Board Memberships, Elected or Appointed positions, Honors and Awards:

Bristol Board of Police Commissioners Member
Bristol Democratic Town Committee
Rollins College President's Leadership Council
St. Paul Catholic High School Chairman of the School Board
St. Paul Co-Chair Capital Campaign Steering Committee
Federation of Catholic School Parents Board of Trustees

In a few sentences, describe the impact of St. Paul Catholic High School on your life:

St. Paul Catholic High School has had a profound impact on my life in each of my roles as student, alumnus, parent and Board member. What stands out most, though, is the feeling I had as I began college. Although it was many years ago, I still remember coming home after my first semester and telling my mom and others that I was well prepared and attributed that to four years at St. Paul.

What are one or two accomplishments in your life of which you feel most proud?

The accomplishment of which I am most proud is my two daughters, and being a dad is my most important job. Both daughters are graduates of St. Paul, went on to graduate college and grad school, and have successful careers. One is a physician assistant at Dana Farber in Boston and the other works for the Dept. of Justice in Charlotte. They live and exemplify the core values of St. Paul. The "accomplishment" is not mine alone. We, as parents, lay the foundation. Others, including the St. Paul teachers and staff, continue to build on the foundation. The other accomplishment I'm proud of is returning to my hometown to practice law. After going to law school in Boston and then starting my career in a Hartford firm, I decided to return home to start my own firm. More than 30 years later, it's still an honor and pleasure to serve and represent the members of our community.

St. Paul's Vision is to be a truly great Catholic high school. What does "greatness" mean to you as a member of the St. Paul community?

Being great at St. Paul can be excelling academically, on the field or tennis courts or the stage. Greatness, though, is being the best person we can be. Unfortunately, today we often see a lack of civility among politicians, neighbors, friends and even families. Being great requires us to live out the mission of St. Paul and continue to be the light for others.

Spouse: Linda

Children: Olivia '16 and Victoria '18