



Comments from Parents that attended Club AQ:

Dear Ms. Meehan:

Congratulations on a successful AQ Weekend! Since this was the first time you have organized an AQ Weekend for prospective students and their parents, we felt compelled to convey our thoughts to you, the staff, faculty, ambassadors and host students. Awesome! It was absolutely awesome. There is no other way we or our son, Philip, would have been able to make a decision about Aquinas without the opportunity of an AQ Weekend.

The Monday morning presentation for the parents and the overnight stay for our son provided things which parents and prospective students cannot experience from a brochure or brief campus tour. We were nothing short of inspired with every presentation. The personal investment in Aquinas students by faculty and staff was absolutely palpable. We loved hearing that the faculty and staff hold students accountable and encourage their independence; yet, they provide mechanisms and safety nets to ensure a student's success and well-being—physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

We began searching for colleges with our son fairly early on. Like most parents, we had the usual list of requirements and concerns – financial, academic, size, location, safety, and so on. However, an additional prerequisite for us was finding a college we felt would foster the beliefs and moral values instilled within our son over the last 17 years. We wanted a college with a faculty and staff who care about who a student is as a person, not just about what their major is. We drove away from Aquinas sensing we had found such a place. Our trust and confidence that Aquinas has the best interest of each student at heart will make the difficult process of letting go much easier—for us and our son!

The academic, athletic and service programs at Aquinas are without a doubt among the best of schools we have considered. You have a beautiful campus, a phenomenal faculty and staff and, I almost forgot—what a great cafeteria! The lunch was outstanding. (Phil says he anticipates putting on about 20# the first year!) Thank you for your time and investment in our son. Again, congratulations on a very successful AQ Weekend.

With sincere gratitude,
Sal and Pat Toia (parents of prospective student)

“What an awesome place! The staff is so integrated with the program, students, etc. I immediately felt that you have “what’s in the best interest” of the student at the foreground of your personal mission, what a comfort to the process of letting go...”

“Very good program! Made decision process extremely easy! Well run...”

“This session was very informative and welcoming...”

Comments from Students that attended Club AQ:

- "I love the feeling everyone gives at AQ!"
- "I had a blast! It was a very comfortable and laid back environment, I felt like I was an actual college student!"
- "I really felt at home at here (at Aquinas). The whole experience really allowed me to see what student life is really like here."
- "It was a lot of fun..."
- "AQ is amazing"
- "Everything was Great! Can't wait to live here..."
- "Hosts/Ambassadors were very helpful, and friendly."
- "I really enjoyed my stay..."
- "Informative, very nice people..."
- "I enjoyed myself while I was here a great deal. My host was great!"
- "Overall experience was fun, enjoyable, and informative."
- "I liked how "free time" was really "free". I enjoyed being able to explore on my own."
- "I had a lot of fun..."
- "I loved the atmosphere! Everyone was friendly and helpful."
- "It was really nice to see people genuinely friendly and happy."
- "This was a very fun experience and it was nice to learn about the campus from a student perspective."