# AMU Near You-MI: Andrew Nussbaum Reflects on the Lasting Impact of Ave Maria

Event Recap

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When Ave Maria University friends and alumni gathered in Michigan this summer for AMU Near You-MI, one alumnus's heartfelt reflection captured the profound ways that AMU continues to shape lives long after graduation. Andrew Nussbaum shared how his time at the University became the foundation for everything that matters most to him: his marriage, his family, and his commitment to giving back. "The most important thing was finding my wife. She's my best friend," Andrew reflected, speaking to the deep relationships and sense of community that define the AMU experience. For Andrew, those years on campus were about far more than earning a degree; they were about becoming part of a faith-filled community whose influence remains woven into every aspect of his life today.

Andrew's gratitude for Ave Maria's founding vision and mission runs so deep that it fuels him daily. "I can't imagine doing anything in my life without my wife, without Ave Maria University and without Tom's ambitious vision to build it and to continue to build it with authenticity," he said. That profound sense of appreciation has naturally led him to invest in the University's future. As the owner of Golden Circle Investment Banking, Andrew has made it a priority to support AMU in tangible ways, not only through financial contributions, but also by hiring AMU alumni and offering internship opportunities to current AMU students. For Andrew, this is more than good business practice; it reflects his deep belief in the University's mission.

What drives Andrew's commitment to giving back, however, extends beyond financial metrics or career advancement. He has emphasized to business owners the importance of keeping their focus on what truly matters: bringing souls to heaven. By opening doors for AMU students and alumni within his company, Andrew is helping to foster the next generation of professionals who will carry the University's Catholic values into the workplace and beyond. "As alumni, we're going to pour as much as we can back into Ave," he said. "And we owe it to you (Mr. Monaghan)."

Andrew's reflections at AMU Near You-MI reminds us that the AMU experience creates bonds that last a lifetime. Through alumni gatherings like this one, we celebrate not just the friendships and memories formed on campus, but the ongoing commitment of our graduates to support the University and to live out its mission in their professional and personal lives. For Andrew and his family, AMU is not a chapter that ended at graduation, it is a living, breathing part of who they are and who they continue to become.

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