

## Kelly Kaes '13

My family is one with many **traditions**. Every birthday, my grandmother makes a special homemade cake. Every Christmas, my dad builds a train set that occupies our living room. And every year, my family and I take part in the Race for the Cure to honor my mom's survival of breast cancer. As we grow and change our traditions might change slightly in response, but all of these practices remain important aspects of our lives. I am so thankful to be able to carry on a family tradition within Ursuline Academy. My mom is an alumna from the Class of 1982, my oldest sister graduated in 2010, my other sister will graduate in May of this year, and I will graduate the following spring. It makes me proud to think that, by attending Ursuline, I am keeping the Ursuline tradition alive in my family.

As a junior, I feel that I have experienced many wonderful things within the hallowed halls of Ursuline Academy. It is my home away from home. From dances to sports to community service to clubs to student council, every part of this wonderful school has helped me grow and mature as a young woman.

**I can't imagine attending any other school** and I feel so lucky to be able to learn at UA. I try to express my gratitude any way I can by getting involved in the many opportunities presented at Ursuline. I participate in sports, community service, clubs and student council. I feel a part of the Ursuline community, and I appreciate anyone who has helped make my education here possible.

The saying that I believe represents Ursuline Academy the most accurately is: **"We learn not for school, but for life."** I have seen how attending UA has impacted my mother and my sisters. They are all such strong women, and I am certain that Ursuline affected them positively.