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MARK BOILLOTAT '80 REMAINS GRATEFUL TO THE FACULTY MEMBERS WHO MADE HIS PEDDIE EXPERIENCE MEMORABLE

The son of a 30-year career colonel in the United

States Air Force, Mark Boillotat '80 came to Peddie following his brother, Gary Boillotat '77, having lived in Germany, Maryland, Hawaii and Texas. To say that Peddie was a culture shock for him is an understatement.

"I really struggled academically my first year. By my junior and senior years, I was straightened out," Mark said. "Peddie was a transformational point in my life. I owe that to my teachers and my coaches."

For Mark, athletics were an important part of his Peddie experience. He was on the varsity wrestling and lacrosse teams

"EVERYTHING I LEARNED ABOUT COACHING, I LEARNED FROM MY COACHES AT PEDDIE." and was named captain of the football team in his senior year.

"I don't remember what games I won or lost, but I remember my teammates and I remember the friendships I made," he reflected. "To me, that was most important and some of my best memories."

Mark, a 2010 Peddie Sports Hall of Fame inductee, carries that same sentiment over to his own teams. As a lacrosse coach for the last 15 years at schools in Hanover, N.H., and now in Greenwood, Ind., he educates his players on the importance of critical thinking, teamwork and relationships just as much as he teaches them the split dodge.

"Everything I learned about coaching, I learned from my coaches at Peddie," he said.

Mark also remains grateful to the classroom teachers who made the experience of learning memorable.

"Ed Potter, Pat Clements, Brian Bremen '70, Roby McClellan, Anne

GIFT PLANNING NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE BELL SOCIETY AT PEDDIE SCHOOL

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Seltzer, Harry Holcombe...they all opened my eyes. I can get in front of 600 people and speak about lacrosse or talk about fundraising. I learned that from Harry. Just like you would put tools in a toolbox, all these teachers gave me tools that I have pulled out and used successfully throughout my life."

Today, Mark is the director of prospect management and research for the American Diabetes Association. Knowing the importance of giving back, he still offers his consulting services pro bono to select nonprofit businesses. He also gives back to Peddie through his membership in the Bell Society, having provided for a gift in his will of a specific dollar amount for the school, unrestricted.

"Peddie was very significant in my life, and I have a responsibility to give back," Mark said. "You have to give back to the organizations which had the biggest impact on your life. For me, that was Peddie."



FOR JENNIFER PROSTOFF '11, **GIVING BACK TO PEDDIE IS A** PHILANTHROPIC PRIORITY

A lot stands out to Jennifer

Prostoff '11 from her time at Peddie, but it was a quote from former English teacher Patrick Clements that she's never forgotten.

"He said to me, 'Peddie will be the last educational institution that loves you back,'" she reflected. "Years later, I realize just how true that is."

The daughter of a single mother from Bristol, Pa., Jennifer made a point to take advantage of every opportunity she could at Peddie. A two-year prefect and the chair of Community Service Day, Jennifer was also heavily involved in the arts, spending many hours in Swig honing both her visual and performing arts skills. Looking back, she knew that her Peddie experience would not have been feasible without significant financial support from the school.

"Peddie was one of the greatest gifts I could have been given. It was through financial aid that I was able to attend, and I remain so grateful to the selfless donors who made my education possible," Jennifer said. "My mother was also heavily involved in the Peddie community and would come down frequently in the middle of the week to volunteer. It really set the tone for me."

Today, Jennifer is a rising star at Morgan Stanley in New York City where, as a registered client service associate, she oversees front-line operations and a large portfolio of clients. She also recently began a remote MBA program at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, settling into coursework at 8:00 p.m. each night when she ends her work day.

"At times, it's challenging to balance, but I enjoy my job," she said. "When I entered the working world, I understood personal finances in a general way. Now that it's no longer theoretical, it truly resonated with me how generous those individuals were who helped provide me with a Peddie education."

Thus, in 2016, Jennifer joined the Bell Society, naming Peddie as a beneficiary of her 401(k) with Morgan Stanley and looking to support future generations like those who came before her. Today, she remains the society's youngest member and encourages others to think seriously about their own estate plans.

"There's never a 'right time' to plan for your future. But, if something happened to me tomorrow, I feel happy knowing that the hard work I put into earning and saving money will benefit future Peddie generations when I am no longer around." 🛕



BELL SOCIETY HONORS MEMBERS

On June 3, 2017, at the Bell Society breakfast during Reunion Weekend, Headmaster Peter Quinn, Bell Society Chair Charlie Ascher '52 and host Tim Starkey '96 cut the ribbon to dedicate the new honor roll of Bell Society members in the lobby of Annenberg Hall. This roster carries 258 names of living members and members in memoriam. The school will update the honor roll each spring before Reunion Weekend to welcome new members!

Save the dates for upcoming Bell Society receptions with Headmaster Peter Quinn:

November 9, 2017

Bell Society Dinner Yale Club of New York Co-hosted by Ira Haupt II '52 and Stephanie Martin '91 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

April 16, 2018

Annual Bell Society Luncheon Annenberg Library, Peddie School Hosted by David Shea '80 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

June 2, 2018

Bell Society Breakfast Annenberg Hall, Peddie School Co-hosted by Robert Werner '53 and Kurt Bilderback '78 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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SAVE THE DATE

The Bell Society honors those whose estate plans benefit Peddie School. For information on charitable bequests, trusts, gift annuities or other planned giving opportunities at Peddie, or if you have listed Peddie in your will but have not yet informed the school, please contact Regina Ketting, director of gift planning, at (609) 944-7521 or bellsociety@peddie.org.

A GIFT PLANNING PRIMER

TESTAMENTARY | Testamentary means set forth in a will. A charitable gift to Peddie is testamentary, for example, if the school is named in your will. A testamentary gift for Peddie earns a federal estate tax deduction for your estate, rather than an income tax deduction for a lifetime gift.

TRANSFER TAX | Transfer tax is any type of tax that occurs when you transfer assets to a loved one. Federal transfer taxes include estate tax, gift tax, and generation skipping tax; state transfer taxes can include death and inheritance tax. Immediate gifts to Peddie School are not taxable.

ANNUAL GIFT TAX EXCLUSION | A gift each vear to your loved ones can be excluded from gift tax under the annual gift tax exclusion. Currently, this tax benefit applies to each gift you make of \$14,000 or less, per donee. Charitable gift annuity payments for the benefit of persons other than you or your spouse can escape gift tax for this reason.

STEPHANIE MARTIN '91 CREDITS PEDDIE ATHLETICS FOR HELPING TO PROVIDE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY



Stephanie Martin '91 once

taught snowboarding lessons in Jackson Hole, Wyo. She was the director of Urban Think Tank, a strategic consulting group specializing in inner-city marketing in New York City. She started a fitness boot camp for soon-to-be brides. She was the chief executive officer of the Glycemic Index Foundation in Australia. In short, she's done it all.

Growing up in Cranbury, N.J., Stephanie always had varied interests. She chose to attend Peddie because of the individualized attention the school affords.

"I knew that Peddie would be better able to provide a more personalized approach to learning," Stephanie said.

"PEDDIE ATHLETICS PROVIDED A SENSE OF BELONGING AND COMMUNITY. THEY WERE AN EQUALIZER. THEY ALLOWED ME TO MAKE FRIENDS AND KEPT ME FOCUSED AND DRIVEN, ACADEMICALLY." She was right. Entering Peddie as a serious gymnast, Stephanie immediately joined various teams including field hockey, lacrosse, track and field and crew. Despite never having played any of those sports, she excelled and was named Most Valuable Player on the field hockey team in her junior year.

"Peddie athletics provided a sense of belonging and community. They were an equalizer. They allowed me to make friends and kept me focused and driven, academically," Stephanie said.

Of course, so did her teachers.

"I was lucky enough to have some of the Peddie legacy teachers: my advisor Peter Quinn, art history teacher Roby McClellan, biology teacher Ray Oram. Mr. McClellan's course wasn't just about art—it was a foundation course for life, one that has carried me through so many conversations. All of those teachers encouraged me to take risks, academically and in life."

Risk-taking paid off. After Peddie, Stephanie went on to receive a bachelor's degree in economics and psychology from Williams College and a master's degree in business administration from Columbia University. Today, she presents on public speaking at renowned institutions like Princeton University.

She also is a member of the Bell Society, having provided for Peddie School in her will shortly after the birth of her first child. Stephanie named Peddie to eventually receive a portion of her estate.

"My belief in philanthropy came from my parents. They've always given back to their schools, and I believe that active and engaged alumni are a true benefit to the ongoing value of any school. We should all be doing what we can to help keep Peddie a great institution."

While Stephanie and her husband Richard reside in New York City with their two young children, she remains active at Peddie as the Class of 1991 gift planning chair. She is often found at Peddie events and, this November, will co-host the Bell Society dinner in New York. Stephanie enjoys meeting and catching up with recent and longstanding Peddie alumni and faculty.

"Being able to connect with people is so special. Meeting new people who have had the shared experience of Peddie gives me a sense of belonging and community," she said.



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STUART KERR '73 LOOKS TO RETURN HIS GOOD FORTUNE AND REMAINS AN ACTIVE PEDDIE VOLUNTEER

As the son of the late former headmaster Albert Kerr (1964-1977), Stuart Kerr '73 spent most of his adolescent years on Peddie's campus, observing the powerful level of care and concern that faculty had for their students.

"It's one of the reasons that Peddie matters so much to me," he said. "To see how, 24/7, these faculty members commit themselves deeply to the school, and to their charges...it's extraordinary."

Prior to his freshman year, Stuart was given the option of enrolling in another boarding school. He elected to attend Peddie and, 44 years later, is glad he did.

"When I got to college, I found myself often sleepy during one particular morning class. I shared my concern with an older classmate. He replied, 'Of course you are! This professor is boring.' At that moment, I realized the level of excellence of Peddie faculty members. I also learned how far ahead of many peers I was in my ability to write, think and study."

Following graduation, Stuart received a bachelor's degree in English and history at Trinity College and a law degree from Georgetown University. He has worked in international law and development for 35 years – including as the director of an international not-for-profit institute and in the U.S. Government. Today, he is an attorney and member of law firm Jones Day's Africa Practice, where he advises foreign governments, ministries and agencies and other organizations on the best ways to modernize laws and practices. "I traveled to Africa when I was in college, which allowed me to experience things that were quite different from what I grew up with. It got me interested in the broader world and how it works. I have been able to put together a career in what interested me—diplomacy, international development and law—in a startlingly unplanned way."

Since then, Stuart has traveled to more than 70 countries and worked with over 150 governments in Latin America, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Despite his intense and ever-evolving work schedule, he remains active on campus as a Peddie Leadership Council member, class agent and class secretary. He also joined the Bell Society in 2017 by naming Peddie as a beneficiary of his life insurance policy.

"As the child of a faculty member, I attended Peddie on, essentially, a scholarship. Now, I feel that I am in a place in my life where I can return that good fortune," Stuart said. "The realization of the quality of academics that I received at Peddie is ever increasing."

As for the past and present faculty members who dedicate their lives to living, teaching, advising and coaching at Peddie, Stuart remains grateful for their impact.

"A former Peddie teacher told me a few years ago that being a faculty member at a boarding school 'is not a life of riches, but is a rich life,'" he said. "I hope future generations of students appreciate the opportunity they will have had at Peddie and with the faculty that make it such a wondrous place."