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## WORLD TRAVELER SANDOR BALOGH '72 REFLECTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS PEDDIE EDUCATION

**As a public health researcher,** Sandor Balogh '72 has spent the past 35 years traveling to and working in more than 50 developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. For Sandor, these are places he knows well, thanks to years spent working to improve the lives of people worldwide through increased access to health care options. Reflecting on his time at Peddie, Sandor recognized that it was the broad-based campus life experience that gave him the confidence and academic aptitude to pursue a career in public health.

"At the time, I didn't fully appreciate all that Peddie did for me. Looking back, it was an extraordinary experience. I'm very grateful," Sandor said.

Sandor began at Peddie in 1969 as a tenth-grade student. Over the next three years, Peddie became his home. He joined the soccer and track teams, lived in Wilson Hall, Masters House and Coleman Dormitory and formed close bonds with faculty members.

"I had many memorable teachers and coaches while at Peddie, and they were a large part of what made Peddie so outstanding. From Dr. Kerr and Dean Shuman to Bob Lawson, Harry Holcombe, Joe Godfrey, John Jones, Roby McClellan, Coach Von...they all made our time at Peddie both interesting and inspiring," he said.

Following graduation from Peddie, Sandor attended Duke University and Georgetown University. He then pursued a master's degree in public health from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

For most of his career, Sandor worked at Family Health International, an international development organization

that focuses on addressing and eradicating global health issues. He coordinated and implemented large-scale clinical trials, wrote research proposals and protocols, and led teams working in reproductive health, family planning, and infectious disease awareness and prevention. Based in Chapel Hill, N.C., Sandor is now semi-retired, but continues to work as a consultant, still travels overseas, and spends his free time working as a paramedic.

In 2012, Sandor made the decision to give back to Peddie, and he joined the Bell Society through a provision in his will for a percentage of his estate. Today, he remains an active ambassador for his alma mater, volunteering his time as the Class of 1972 gift planning chair.

"To me, Peddie was more than academics. It helped me grow into an

adult, be a part of a community and learn how to navigate personal interactions. It's important to me to be able to do that for others," Sandor said.

Sandor's time spent traveling the world helped him gain an appreciation for the importance of education.

"I believe education is the foundation for a successful life, and travel is a wonderful education in itself. I wish every American student had the opportunity to visit a foreign country, gain an understanding of different cultures and ways of life, and interact in meaningful ways with the ever-expanding global community. I like the idea of helping students achieve their long-term goals, much as I did with my career working internationally. Giving back to education is the only way to build generations of dedicated individuals who can continue this cycle." 🛎



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LONG-TIME  
SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR  
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**Peter Terry '62** remembers clearly the moment he realized the importance of saving.

“My father owned a large, independent drugstore in New Jersey. I recall times where we would be out to dinner as a family and the bill would come. My father would sit and figure out how many tubes of toothpaste he needed to sell to cover the cost of dinner. That was eye-opening for me,” he said.

Since that early age, Peter has carried with him the importance of working hard, enjoying life and saving money. Today, he is an active member of the Bell Society, and has designated Peddie School as a beneficiary of his commercial annuity.

“I was only at Peddie for two years, but they were very influential years for me,” Peter said. “I owe Peddie for all it’s done for me.”

At Peddie, Peter was on the track and golf teams and wrote for the yearbook and *The Peddie News*. He credits English teacher E. Graham Ward with helping him to think critically and creatively. He also

fondly remembers Bob “Bullet” Lawson, his influential track coach.

After graduation from Peddie, Peter attended the University of Tennessee, where he received a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s degree in educational psychology and counseling. He spent the next 37 years working for the Baltimore County Public Schools as both a guidance counselor and a pupil personnel worker, focusing on at-risk youth within 23 different schools. He also established a program to find public school placements for children in local residential treatment centers and group homes.

“I worked hard to help kids have a better future. I helped them get scholarships and empowered young girls to pursue college, which was not always the message they were getting at home. It was tough, but rewarding work,” Peter said.

Today, he and his wife Janet, also a life-long educator, reside in Maryland and enjoy retired life. For fun, they spend

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their days skiing, boating and enjoying time with their three grandchildren. He and Janet have also started the Bird River Restoration Campaign to assist in improving the local waterways.

Peter remains grateful to Peddie for the impact the school had on his life. It is with that in mind, that he has chosen to allocate future distribution of his annuity to the counseling department.

“This specific use is important to me because of my long and rewarding career,” he said. “I want to provide support for those who otherwise might not have the resources.” 📌

A GIFT PLANNING PRIMER

- BEQUEST INTENTION**  
Provide for Peddie School in your will or living trust. You can leave a specific sum or percentage of the residuary estate to the school. Your estate is entitled to a full tax deduction for this gift. Also, you can create an addendum to your will for this provision.
- DESIGNATION OF RETIREMENT PLAN OR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY**  
Designate Peddie School as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy. The school receives the balance remaining in the account upon your death. No federal income or estate tax is due for this type of gift to Peddie. The school’s Tax ID # 21-0634492 and “date of birth” is June 23, 1879.
- CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST**  
Establish a charitable lead trust for Peddie School. Your trustee sends a stream of payments to Peddie outright for a term of years. When the trust term expires, your loved ones will receive the trust balance immediately, with little or significantly reduced gift tax.

VOLUNTEERS GAIN  
MOMENTUM

We have recently welcomed 16 new members of the Bell Society, raising membership to 186. For this, we thank 34 class gift planning chairs who encourage classmates to remember the Peddie influence on their lives. Our gratitude also goes to 10 Planned Giving Committee members for their legal counsel and thoughtful marketing strategies. Please let us know if you wish to volunteer!



SAVE THE DATE

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

- April 20**  
**Annual Bell Society Luncheon**  
*Peddie Golf Club*  
Hosted by Alfred DiCenso '52  
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- June 3**  
**Bell Society Breakfast, Reunion Weekend**  
*Annenberg Hall, Peddie School*  
Hosted by Timothy Starkey '96  
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- November 9**  
**Bell Society Cocktail Reception**  
*Yale Club of New York*  
Hosted by Stephanie Martin '91  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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](mailto:bellsociety@peddie.org).







## FOR ALL IT GAVE HER, DR. NDIYA NKONGHO '95 GIVES BACK TO PEDDIE

**Ndiya Nkongho '95** arrived at Peddie as a junior boarding student, quickly finding herself assimilated into the school's culture. She excelled in the classroom, led both the cross-country and track teams and was editor-in-chief of the *The Peddie News*, among other activities. But, what perhaps resonated the most with Ndiya during her two years at Peddie was, in fact, something not found in any club, sport or classroom: her spirituality and, in turn, a path in life.

A regular member of science teacher Nick Guilbert's Bible study, Ndiya fondly recalled nights on his living room floor surrounded by her peers and baked goods.

"I wasn't quite convinced that a physics teacher could also lead Bible study," Ndiya laughed. "However, the fact that those two things could fit together in his life made me realize that different parts of myself could, and ideally would, harmonize. It was a powerful realization for me."

Ndiya carried that realization with her to Brown University, where she majored in psychology and religious studies. She then followed her interests to Georgia State University, where she earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. Today, Ndiya is an author, professor, clinical supervisor and partner at Pine River Psychotherapy Associates in Atlanta, supporting adults and adolescents as they integrate their physical and mental health.

"Peddie allowed me to explore and develop parts of myself," Ndiya said. "It encouraged me to take my academic potential and find ways to integrate that into a rich, developed personhood."

Reflecting upon Peddie's influence in her personal and professional life, Ndiya and her husband, Darryl Thompson, drafted a will following their 2011 wedding, designating Peddie as a beneficiary for a percentage of their estate. It wasn't until 2016, however, that she thought to inform the planned giving team and became a member of the Bell Society.

"That's not unusual," said Regina Ketting, director of gift planning. "Many people wait to tell us until they are asked to join, and are unaware that they should share such information. It's important that we know so that we can ensure that their wishes are met."

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For Ndiya, an unrestricted planned gift to Peddie was never a question.

"Unrestricted giving is critical," she said. "I have no idea what Peddie's greatest need will be in the future. I am putting my faith in the judgment of the administration, which is a statement of my belief in the school."

Another statement of Ndiya's belief in the school? She has high hopes that her newborn son, David, will be a member of Peddie's Class of 2034. 🎓

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*Have you made a gift to support the future of Peddie? If so, please let us know. We want to thank you, ensure your wishes are met, and welcome you to the Bell Society. Contact Regina Ketting at 609-944-7521 or [bellsociety@peddie.org](mailto:bellsociety@peddie.org).*

# KEVIN SANDERSON '92 CREDITS HIS PEDDIE COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE FOR INSTILLING IN HIM THE IMPORTANCE OF PHILANTHROPY

**Twenty-five years** after graduation, Kevin Sanderson '92 still considers Peddie home.

"Every time I visit, when I turn the corner of Ward Street and South Main Street, I say to myself, 'I'm home.' That's how I think of it. Moving from New Jersey to Boston to Miami to Sarasota, Florida, Peddie really is home to me."

Kevin, who was a day student during his first two years at Peddie, transitioned to boarding status when his parents moved to Florida during his junior year. His advisors, Bruce VanDusen and Roby McClellan P'88 '90 GP'19, played significant roles in the transition, helping him to adjust to living on campus.

Between faculty mentors, involvement in the Drama Club, the peer leadership program and community service opportunities on campus, Kevin thrived.

"Peddie taught us to work hard and not expect our life's pursuits to be easy. I credit the student community service requirement for teaching me about the importance of giving back. I serve now as chair of the Suncoast Center for Independent Living, helping disabled adults in my community. I know my interest in these endeavors started at Peddie," he said.

Kevin recalls the moment at Peddie where he realized the importance of giving back.

"We put on a theater production for kids, where the cost of admission was a non-perishable food item. It came time to deliver the food to the women's shelter,

and Nick Guilbert wanted us to go with him. He explained that we should meet the people we were helping, and he was right. We were blown away. Our donations stocked the shelves for maybe a week, but it was so important and really stuck with me."

It's with that same spirit that Kevin embraces Peddie today. He stays active, volunteering as a class secretary for the Peddie Chronicle and a class agent for the Peddie Fund. Moreover, Kevin recently joined the Bell Society after he and his wife, Caitlyn, named Peddie as a beneficiary in their estate plans.

As an attorney and partner at the law firm of Merritt & Sanderson, P.A., Kevin is well-aware of the importance of estate planning.

"Caitlyn and I drafted our wills surrounding the upcoming birth of our daughter, Elizabeth," Kevin said. "Practicing in these areas of law, I know first-hand that people put off these decisions until the last minute, or even after it is too late to make effective and thoughtful decisions."

Kevin offers this advice to those considering their own planned gift to the Bell Society.

"I encourage all Peddie alumni to reach out to their classmates to reconnect and to remind each other of Peddie's importance in our lives. We have the opportunity to provide a Peddie education for those who otherwise might not have the resources." 📌



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