Independent Schools Receive Huge Gifts

Planned gifts to three independent schools have attracted national attention. In September 2007 George School in Newtown, PA became the beneficiary of a Charitable Lead Trust established by alumna Barbara Dodd Anderson, Class of 1950. The school will receive payments that will total $128.5 million over a period of twenty years. The funds will be used to support current strategic goals of the school including student financial aid and faculty and staff compensation.

In 2009 Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Woods, Jr. bequeathed $60 million to the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, N.J. Mr. Woods, a member of the Class of 1940, served the school as an English teacher and trustee. Their bequest will be used to fortify key programs ranging from faculty support to student financial aid and campus facilities.

Chatham Hall, the girls’school in Chatham, Virginia recently announced a bequest of $31 million from Elizabeth Beckwith Nilsen, Class of 1931. Her gift will increase the school’s general endowment to $51 million.

These remarkable examples illustrate the enormous benefit planned gifts can have on an institution.
Become An Episcopal Insider

I’m thinking about…

“…including the school in my will. I’d like to help put an Episcopal education within reach of students from all backgrounds. Would this be possible?”

“…the various ways I can support my 50th Reunion fund. Can you explain the planned giving options to me?”

“…giving the school a painting.”

How do I go about this?

Questions like this are always welcome at Episcopal. They lead to wonderful conversations, fresh and exciting ways to benefit our students, and an understanding of what you’d like to accomplish through your support.

As we learn about your objectives, you will gain a better understanding of Episcopal’s program and goals and the giving options available to you. If you wish, you can visit a classroom, see our students in action, or talk with our faculty or Head of School.

Working with one or more EA development professionals, you will be able to craft a plan that serves both you and the school. Working together reinforces the ties we share to one of the finest independent schools in the country.

Become an insider and learn how rewarding philanthropy can be! I welcome your call at 484-424-1780 or your e-mail at jaeger@episcopalacademy.org.

Best regards,
Carolyn Jaeger, Director of Planned Giving

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The Bishop William White Society of The Episcopal Academy

I have included The Episcopal Academy in my estate plan through:

☐ My will ☐ A trust ☐ My retirement plan ☐ Life insurance

☐ I would like to include Episcopal in my estate plans. Please contact me to discuss.

☐ I would like to receive information regarding the following planning tools:

☐ Charitable gift annuities ☐ Pooled income fund ☐ Charitable trusts

☐ Bequests ☐ Life insurance ☐ Gifts of retirement plan assets

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Please complete this reply card and mail to: Office of Planned Giving, The Episcopal Academy, 1785 Bishop White Dr., Newtown Square, PA 19073  Telephone 484-424-1780
Bishop William White Society Hears Latest On EA Athletics

Each year Ham Clark hosts a luncheon honoring members of Episcopal’s Bishop William White Society. The fall 2009 event was held in the Sherrerd Board Room on October 27, just a week before the 100th EA/Haverford football contest. A spirited group of supporters, including several of EA’s finest former athletes, turned out to hear Athletic Director Gina Buggy discuss the big game and Episcopal’s determination to recruit the strongest possible teams. “At Episcopal these athletes must also be able to succeed in the classroom,” noted Ham Clark. Today Episcopal’s girls and boys compete in thirty varsity sports and the school continues to field many of the most competitive teams in the Inter-Ac League.

The Bishop William White Society welcomes all who name The Episcopal Academy as beneficiary of a will, trust, life income gift, or other type of planned giving arrangement.
During these challenging economic times, when all schools are guarding their bottom line and cautiously planning for the future, I am especially mindful of the power of bequests and other estate gifts to provide the financial resources we need to do our best work.

I frequently remind our students to make the most of everything their Episcopal education offers—the opportunity to gain a solid academic foundation, to learn to read and write and speak effectively, to learn how to work as a team, to be exposed to ideas and the best of our culture, to explore and develop creativity, to learn to think critically, to learn about balance and the importance of service, to attend chapel regularly and enrich their spiritual life, to live and learn and work with others from different backgrounds, to be exposed to many other high achievers, to work with challenging and committed teachers who are also great role models, to learn time management and to become well prepared for college, for work, and for life.

Improving our financial foundation will further Episcopal’s ability to provide the opportunities that put our students on the path to college and a meaningful, productive life. If you believe in what an Episcopal education can accomplish, please consider remembering the school in your estate plans.

Head of School Ham Clark, March 2010
**James C. Parry ’66**

James C. Parry, Class of 1966, and his wife Donna live in Arlington, Virginia. Jim served in the Air Force for 22 years, flying AWACS surveillance aircraft on over 30 missions during the Vietnam War. Now retired from the military, he teaches science, engineering and math at the Arlington Public Schools.

In Jim’s words, “Episcopal had a great impact on my life, thanks to personal attention from teachers and the school’s emphasis on values. The faculty worked very hard to mold me into the person I am today. One math teacher in particular, Robert Gibby, prepared me to study engineering in college, and that led to my work on the C-17 aircraft in the Vietnam War. Now, I am especially mindful of the power of bequests and other gifts to support the financial resources we need to do our best work.”

**Sam Brown ’35**

He sailed. He fished. He played the tuba in a band and was rarely without his harmonica. Samuel Houston Brown, Episcopal Academy Class of 1935, was known for his belief in the goodness of humanity, and his gift for making friends. If his beloved wife Nathalie died in 2007, he gathered family and friends to celebrate her life and comfort each other with song.

Such was the warm and exuberant spirit of Samuel H. Brown. Sam was the son of Edith and Henry Brown of Chestnut Hill and the brother of Henry, EA ’31 and Tom, EA ’44. After nine years at The Episcopal Academy, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and served in the U.S. Air Corps as captain of the 36th Fighter Group in Europe. Upon his return he joined the Westhaver Company and moved with Nathalie to Washington State, eventually ending up in Tacoma. While raising six children, that two became known as pillars of the community for their commitment to religious, social, service, and educational organizations.

In 1957 Sam and Nathalie founded the Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma. Sam purposely modeled the academy after the curriculum and values he experienced at Episcopal. “I liked the whole program at Episcopal—including the classics and chapel,” he summated a few years ago. “I give thanks for the influence Episcopal has had on me.”

For more than 50 years the Charles Wright Academy was Sam’s passion. During that time he helped guide the academy into the thriving Pre-K through grade 12 institution it is today. It is said that he played a role in the life of every student that passed through its doors. Samuel Houston Brown died peacefully at his home on January 19, 2019. He has honored The Episcopal Academy with a generous bequest, and a pew in the Class of 1944 Chapel will long pay tribute to his memory.

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**Two Alumni Benefit School Through Their Estate Plans**

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“Teach me — I long to teach.” —Jim Parry, Class of 1966

help students reach their potential, I will have been successful.”

Episcopal’s endowment in 2010 stands at $24 million. Help it grow today.

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**Example:**
John Doe, age 80
GIFT $10,000
CGA RATE 6.1%
CHARITABLE DEDUCTION $5,769
ANNUAL INCOME $610*

*Gift annuities can be written for $10,000 or more.
*Partially tax exempt.

**Annual income based on a $10,000 gift. GCA rate based on age at time of gift.**
Please join us for Founder’s Day 2010 celebrating the founding of The Episcopal Academy at Christ Church in 1785.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**

**CLASS of 1944 CHAPEL**

**NEWTOWN SQUARE**

Dr. William Pencak, one of Penn State’s foremost historians and Bishop William White expert, will share research for his upcoming book, which includes historical perspective on the founding of The Episcopal Academy. All are welcome!