

To Peter, With Love Community Tributes to Peter Bachmann

Nicole McCullough Swingle '84

I began 9th grade at Flintridge Preparatory School in 1980, the same year that Mr. Bachmann started teaching at Prep. I have grateful memories of many wonderful teachers and good friends. I remember Mr. Herroon, who helped me to see how amazing chemistry is, and thus persuaded me to study chemistry in college. I admired Mrs. Condell who introduced me to Thomas Hardy via *The Mayor of Casterbridge* and to several Shakespeare plays. Mrs. Sproba was the most dedicated, generous, and kind calculus teacher there ever could be. I will always love the French language and thank Mrs. Williams for making French class a happy time each day. But of all my wonderful high school teachers, I believe Mr. Bachmann made the greatest contribution to my education and to my high school life.

I think I always knew that I was exceptionally fortunate to have Mr. Bachmann as a teacher for three of my four years at Flintridge Prep. He taught me world history my freshman year, United States history my junior year, and economics my senior year. I have a distinct image in my mind of sitting in a classroom next to the senior lawn, with the beautiful California sunshine coming through the windows, and listening to Mr. Bachmann make history stories completely engaging. I had never realized before how interesting history is, and I have never forgotten how fascinating it can be. I loved going to history class with Mr. Bachmann as the teacher. Remembering Mr. Bachmann, I have tried to pass a love of history on to my children.

My economics class as a senior was unexpectedly a great experience. I didn't think I was going to like studying economics, and I didn't think that it would be interesting. However, I still have the book we read, *The Worldly Philosophers*, and it turned out to be a super interesting book. And I remember going to BYU during my senior year at Prep for a scholarship competition and being required to give a short presentation in front of several professors about a current events issue. I wouldn't have known what to say without my economics class. I still remember how grateful I was that day for what I learned from Mr. Bachmann about economics! And I did receive the scholarship!

Mr. Bachmann was always friendly, generous, and kind to me. He was genuinely a friend as well as a teacher, who cared about me as a person. I remember that he once asked me to babysit his young son. He tried to pay me, but I told him I didn't want him to pay me because, really, I felt that the least I could do for Mr. Bachmann after all his kindness to me, was to babysit his child. A few days later, he came to the door of my home with a book for me. It was *Middlemarch* by George Eliot, and he told me it was one of his favorite books. I read that book, and it became

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one of my very favorites. I read it again a few years ago, and it is still a favorite. Thank you, Mr. Bachmann!

I have lived away from California for the last 36 years, but Mr. Bachmann's letters in PrepTalk have always inspired me. I have been homeschooling my eight children for 28 years, and the Flintridge Prep that has flourished for the last 40 years under Mr. Bachmann's leadership is always an ideal to emulate. I think I might be old enough now to call Mr. Bachmann by his first name, but that still seems rude to me. So, Mr. Bachmann, thank you so very much for all your kindness and impact on my life.

Sincerely,

Nicole McCullough Swingle

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Michele Sullivan P'23 '24

Dear Mr. Bachmann,

You became headmaster one year before I graduated from Prep, and now, one year after I have returned to Prep with my two kids, you are now retiring. I am so glad that my kids got to experience Prep with you as headmaster even if it was just for one year. Thank you for being a wonderful leader to our school and for making Prep continue to grow into an amazing community that I can now share with my own kids. Your kindness, dedication, wisdom, and experience will be truly missed! Our family wishes you much health and happiness in the next chapter of your life! Congratulations on your retirement!

Take care,

Michele Sullivan '92, Alex Pascual, Justin Sullivan-Pascual '23, and Kaitlyn Sullivan-Pascual '24

Josiah Bradford Trenham '85

Dear Peter,

Congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your retirement as headmaster of PREP.

Thank you for your many years of beautiful service, and may God bless the next portion of your earthly journey!

Josiah Bradford Trenham '85

Armen Amir Amirian '79

Have a fantastic retirement. I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, but I have appreciated your communication abilities. Live long and strong.

Armen Amir Amirian

Kathy and Mike Tucci P'07

Congratulations Peter!!!! What a grand job you did ... you'll never be forgotten and always be admired.

Best always,

Kathy and Mike Tucci

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Lou and Jo Ann Delgado P'14 '15

Dear Mr. Bachmann,

Words cannot express how grateful our family for the support that you provided our family and we are better for it.

Bryce '14 right now is on his 3rd year of his PhD Candidate at Cornell Weill in Manhattan, NY studying eukaryotic ion channels involved in calcium signaling. Diego '15 graduated from Fordham University and currently is working as consultant in Manhattan, NY.

We are doing fine over here and wanted to wish you and your wife the best on your new adventures.

Looking forward to seeing you on Virtual Retirement Celebration this weekend.

Sincerely,

Lou & Jo Ann Delgado

Shaneli Jain '14

Thank you so much for all that you have done and continue to do, Mr. Bachmann. You are such a special person to our family and I will always cherish the moments we had from texting you during my first week of college to talks in your office to Great Books to having you as my mentor throughout Prep/life.

Shaneli Jain '14

Mick Hoover '69

Hi Peter,

Many moons have come and gone since we first met and I must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed our conversations both through writings and personal meets. You have always struck me as one who cares deeply about your ambitions and motivations in all that you do and say. Your position I realize takes you to both sides of many bridges, some we have been on opposite sides of, ex. James Wood, but we have always been able to meet in the middle and come to an amiable and constructive general agreement. That to me is an important step in calling someone

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my friend. I've always felt that a friend is someone who you know quite a bit about and no matter the circumstances, still likes you and calls you his friend. Not to be redundant, I consider you a friend.

Congratulations on a tremendous job well done with your time at Prep. You truly have been an inspiration to so many throughout the years, a beacon of light from start to finish. Prep will always be a better place because of you. Enjoy your time post Prep, you certainly deserve it.

Sincerely,

Mick Hoover '69

Mariana, Ricardo, Eugenia '03 and Alex '05 Sangiovanni

Dear Mr. Bachman,

Where has the time gone! For the Sangiovanni Family you have been Flintridge Prep.

Our daughter Eugenia and son Alex have enjoyed every moment at Prep thanks to your warmth and leadership. Eugenia as Rob's classmate and Alex as a dedicated Water Polo goalie have the best memories growing up as Rebels! Wolves now...

We love seeing you around La Cañada, The Proper and hugging your dog so tenderly at La Cañada Pet Clinic!

We love Molly and hope to continue meeting you and her around the neighborhood!

Thanks for making our Prep experience unforgettable!

Have a wonderful time in retirement!

The best is yet to come!

Lots of love to you and your family!

Yours,

Mariana, Ricardo, Eugenia '03 and Alex '05 Sangiovanni

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Zach Kim '21

Hi Mr. Bachmann,

It's Zach Kim. Congratulations on your retirement! The prep community is so lucky to have had you for 40 years. Your commitment to the school is above and beyond anyone's expectations and for that, I am so grateful.

I truly wish you the best and hope you still visit every once in a while. It was a pleasure to see you on campus and I will especially miss you at football and basketball games.

Congrats on an amazing 40 years.

Sincerely,

Zach Kim '21

Joe Tisuthiwongse '93

Dear Peter,

Congratulations on a tremendous career as headmaster but also as a friend and mentor to generations of Prep students! I am glad we had a chance to catch up last year. It's been many years but the love of great books you instilled in me as a 16-year-old remains today. Thank you for all your contributions to the Prep community.

Best,

Joe Tisuthiwongse '93

The Yam Family: Ly, Steven, and Emily '20

Congratulations, Peter!!

You deserve all the best things in this world in your retirement years to come. I hope you have a wonderful retirement!

Best wishes!

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From the Yam Family

Olivia Gaines '13



It takes guts, humility, and deep understanding to love people well and love people consistently. Because I experienced you, I met your mentors and family and so many sources of wisdom. I thank them all, including the mistakes, pain, and sacrifices I'll never know but you somehow turned into gold.

More importantly, thank you for listening. and hiring the likes of Dr. Hayter, Dr. O'Brien, Hilary, Rob Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Dan, etc... WOW. I was in high school with access to beyond brilliance

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daily. You held a vision to create a space that could attract and keep these minds with hearts. Hearts that are willing to partner with students to take us all over the world and back home to ourselves, together.

From my perspective, you have leveraged your love at scale and embodied your values consistently. I'm only just beginning to understand what a gift you are. In your presence I feel as though I had no other choice but to bloom.

Well done.

Blessings for your next chapter,

LIV

Dona and Gordy Crawford P'86 GP'20

Peter,

Thank you for your decades of leadership at Flintridge Prep. And, most importantly, thank you for the way you have mentored and set a shining model of ethics and excellence to our son, Jeff, and our grandson, Jack. All the best in this new chapter in your life.

With Great Admiration,

Dona and Gordy Crawford

Linda Bauer P'91

Please convey to Peter Bachmann my lasting gratitude for all his time and attention and mentoring to my wonderful late son, Dr. Michael Bauer. Michael always spoke of Peter Bachmann with great affection.

Linda Bauer

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Shirley Xue P'21

Dear Peter,

We were so lucky to have you as the headmaster at Prep! Thank you so much for building a precious community for our children to learn and thrive. My whole family hope you and Molly have a wonderful summer!

All the best,

Shirley Xue

Kip Freytag '81

Dear Peter,

1980 was also my first year at Prep. I came for my senior year, and the change of schools was well worth it! There were 48 in my class, 12 of us girls! I had the pleasure of taking a yearlong class with you as the teacher, politics and economics, each one semester long. To be honest, I don't remember much about the topics we covered in particular, but I remember being enthusiastic about each day, as you made class and the subject interesting and challenging. You were enthusiastic and friendly, professional and knowledgeable. You were one of my favorite teachers during my high school years, and I appreciated the good luck I had in having you as a teacher. You were always friendly on campus, and open to questions about academic subjects, as well as normal day-to-day ones. I don't really have a particular incident in mind, but overall I just wanted to thank you for the being there and playing a part in my best year in High school!

thanks for everything and good luck in the next phase of your life!

Sincerely,

Kip Freytag '81

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Sharon Kwan P'17 '19 '24

Dear Peter Bachmann,

As I reflect on your decision to retire, Peter, I feel a bit of sadness mixed with wonder and appreciation for you. It is a bittersweet situation for me, as well as the rest of the Asian community. After so many years of having you as Headmaster at Flintridge Prep, I am happy for you as it will allow you to engage in new hobbies or get some needed rest. Yet, I am a bit sad that I will not see you on campus anymore. It is common knowledge all that you have a wonderful and engaging personality, strong leadership, and an understanding of your students, staff, and the parents of Flintridge Prep students.

I want to emphasize how much we, in the Asian community, value your willingness to understand people. With such willingness comes the ability to see beauty in diversity. When I say diversity, I don't only mean ethnic cultures. I mean different ways of looking at the world.

I remember that you once mentioned that when you first became Headmaster, Flintridge Prep had recently become a coed school. Peter, you were in charge of admitting more female students and more students from diverse backgrounds. On behalf of the Asian community at Flintridge, I want to say that we cannot thank you enough for your decision to allow students based on their merit yet open your doors to our community. It has made us proud and happy to watch our children become very successful.

Peter, I think that is what makes you unique, impressionable, and unforgettable. You have an ability to see the advantage in diversity, thus you also have the willingness to be so generous with your time and patience.

If you read Flintridge Prep's mission statement, it states that the goal is to nurture knowledge, critical skills, community values, and creativity in the students. I think you have been at the forefront of making this happen due to the fact that you wish to see the ways that a diverse group of people enhances a community instead of detracting from it.

It is your leadership that guides the staff and faculty to best appreciate the students' learning processes by instilling respect for one another.

I felt such a sense of relief the first time I walked onto this campus with my eldest son, Harrison. Art Stetson invited my son to come to this school because he saw the rich potential that he could have by coming to Prep. Under Peter's leadership and respect for diversity, the admissions staff welcomed us and did what so few schools do—ask for a parent's contribution and involvement. This action creates a sense of belonging in the parents, particularly those like me who aren't born in this country but have children who are. By creating a sense of belonging, Peter's leadership has made it possible for parents to feel like our voice matters.

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Last year in May, my youngest son, Preston, worked on a History project and presented his project as part of the museum exhibit. As the parents walked around to look at the projects, I noticed a man reading each of the projects, as if he were getting to know the students through their different contributions. Then, I blinked my eyes and realized that man was you! I was taken aback at your passion and exuberance for the students. While some headmasters stay in their office and look forward to their future plans, you stay dedicated to your students and their ideas. It takes a spectacular person to show such devotion to such a young group.

You are consistent with your passion when you teach the older high school students as well. Through the Great Books program, you provide a foundation to give the students the choice to find happiness. The path to happiness informs students to make better life decisions because it offers them the critical thinking skills for them to choose a fulfilling path as opposed to one based on survival needs. Every person who touches the Prep ground has this opportunity to make the best of his life. At Prep, there isn't a cookie cutter way that teachers use to measure success; rather, teachers respect each student's unique approach to a subject. This is made possible only through Peter's respect for diversity in the classroom, which will lead to diversity in the world.

I truly believe that if it weren't for you, my sons would not have the confidence, ambition, independence, and consideration that they do. Your leadership helped my two other sons, Harrison and Winston, who are maturing into successful young men who now have bright academic futures. You offer your students and faculty the best learning environment, so naturally, the result is that the students graduate Prep with excitement to go out in the world.

As I think about our conversations, I reflect on how fortunate I am to know you. Your passion for the betterment of students inspires me to make an impact. You taught me to be more giving and optimistic about the contributions that the younger generation can make. While age gives us wisdom, I believe that the younger generation reminds us to be hopeful and optimistic. Your passion for the students motivated me to better guide others.

As I reflect on my feelings about your retirement, I am happy, a bit sad, but more so appreciative of your contributions to education. May you find the happiness and rest you deserve!

Sincerely,

Sharon Kwan

Jim Thompsen '74

Peter,

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Thank you so very much for all your years of service. Thank you for your kind 'thank you' letters when I make a small donation. Thanks for hosting a visit when I visited Prep from Oklahoma with my family years ago. My wife and kids still remember our great time there.

Over the years I've thought about 'cutting off' prep from my donations.

I didn't like girls going to prep. lol

I didn't like a donation letter addressed to Carol and Jim Thompsen. lol

Then I didn't like a mascot change. Lol

But Prep would have been fine without me and I would have lost out on all the joy of being both a product of and contributor to Prep. That would have been a huge loss for me!

Thank goodness for your consistent leadership and massive improvements that keep making Prep better!! I'm sure I've grown a lot since Prep and changed and gotten better.

I wish you a joyous and satisfying retirement.

Thank you so very much!

Jim Thompsen, PhD

Class of 1974

Eric Baumgarten '59

Best of luck Peter. Unfortunately I graduated from Prep about 21 years before you arrived; however from everything I have seen and heard you have done an excellent job. I hope you have a great time in your retirement.

Eric Baumgarten

Class of '59

The Nixon Family: Diana, Dan and Paige '20

Peter,

The Nixon family joins the entire Prep community in saluting you for making a difference in the lives of generations of students and families.

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Your commitment to creating an environment for dynamic and thoughtful learning, collaboration and growth is evident in the success, happiness and peace that Prep graduates enjoy and experience for the rest of their lives. Thank you for your devotion to our children and families. We wish you and your family continued good health, peace and happiness as you embark on this next chapter. We also look forward to seeing you again. Prep for Life.

With much love, admiration and appreciation,

Diana, Dan and Paige Nixon

Karen Dongyun Zhang P'20

Dear Mr. Peter Bachmann,

Writing this letter fills me with sadness but sitting down and reflecting on everything you have done for the Prep community has also brought me much joy. Your retirement will open up so many new opportunities for you, and the prep community is delighted to support you on this new chapter. However, there is no doubt in my mind that your constant presence on campus will be sorely missed by all.

My daughter's six years at Flintridge Prep have paled in comparison to the 40 years that you have devoted to this institution, yet it is safe to say that your presence during her time there has been formative to her life experience. As headmaster at Flintridge Prep, you have transformed each student's outlook on education and development. And as a parent, I saw firsthand the way your influence at Prep gave Melody an opportunity to grow and prosper.

Melody was so fortunate to be under your leadership, and I am so proud that she now holds all the values that have been instilled in her since the day she stepped onto the Prep campus in 2013.

Peter, you have enriched an institution that is committed towards bringing up a new generation of leaders not only through advanced education but also through the values that you instill in them each day. High school years are most critical, and my daughter has embraced a set of core values and a grounded moral compass that has no doubt been the result of the loving, supportive environment you have fostered at Prep. It is as if everyone around you can not help but adopt the similar core values of integrity, diligence, dedication, and kindness that carry with you each time you step onto campus. Your principals have clearly permeated through all of Prep's faculty, staff, and families, and I am honored to be part of such a loving community.

I am so appreciative of everything you have instilled and am wonderstruck by the incredible legacy you are leaving at Prep. The Bachmann Collaboration Building, for example, has been just one of your remarkable additions to the Prep community. You consistently envision a better

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future and have made it your mission to ensure the well-being for all Prep families for the past 40 years. The Bachmann Building is just a physical representation of your legacy. While the wonderful new facility will create a lovely environment in which generations of students can continue discovering their passions and love for learning, the values and principles you have instilled into us all will continue to run through generations. You bring new ideas with you wherever you go, which always result in visible change and progress. You are truly inspirational and those around you, like Melody and I, have always been motivated by your hard work and unfaltering dedication.

Melody will be a part of USC's Class of 2024, and she is extremely excited for this next stage in her life. I sincerely thank you for making Prep a place that has fully prepared Melody for this transition. Prep's well-rounded education and campus culture has given Melody the chance to truly discover her interests and passions. She has been molded into a leader of tomorrow, and I can now rest assured that she will do great things no matter how far from home she may be. Like many Prep parents, I am more at ease: a direct result of the environment you have cultivated at Prep and all that it has taught my daughter.

Ultimately, I would like to thank you for being the heart of the Prep community for 40 years. Your contributions to Prep will be carried on by the many people that will remember your devotion in years to come. While my son, Grayson, is still a little too young - five to be exact - if he gets the chance to be at Prep, we look forward to seeing how the Bachmann Building continues to inspire and how the institution has changed in your absence. If Grayson undergoes just half the character growth and development that Melody has during her time there, I will be overjoyed.

The legacy you will leave behind at Prep is truly incomprehensible. Those like me, who have been fortunate enough to be a part of the wonderful Prep community you have cultivated will forever be touched. Good luck to you and all of your future endeavors. From the bottom of my heart, words cannot express how much I appreciate everything you have done for my family.

Sincerely,

Karen Dongyun Zhang

The Kim Family: Young, Grace, and Andrew '23

Dear Mr. Bachmann,

Andrew, Young, and I feel very fortunate that we have had the opportunity to get to know you during your last year at Prep.

It was definitely shorter than we wished for. Your presence and love for the students and the community will be greatly missed.

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What the next chapter of your life may be, we wish you all the best to you and your family.

Where our words end, we send our gratitude to you through music:

<https://vimeo.com/433229442/93efdd77e2>

Videographer credit goes to Young, Andrew on the cello, and Grace on the piano.

Best Wishes,

The Kim Family

Luong and Lynne Tran P'20 '21

Dear Mr. Peter Bachmann,

We are so appreciative of everything you have done for our family and write this letter to you with a mixture of sadness and celebration. You have devoted 40 lengthy years towards fostering a school that brings limitless opportunity and happiness to all that have the fortune of attending it. This is an extraordinary undertaking, and we would love to share the positive impact that Prep has had on our family in particular.

As parents of two Prep students, Derek and Brianna, we have seen the positive impact that Prep has had on each of them. Derek's time at Prep has inspired characteristics that we would have only dreamed for him to have had four years ago. He has greatly transformed from the reserved and unsociable boy he used to be into a confident, grounded, and intelligent young man who has a curiosity and passion for learning that continues to grow day by day. This has undoubtedly been the direct result of the environment you have spent decades fostering at Prep.

We often meet other Prep parents and their children and continue to be astonished by each student that we come across. Each possesses a distinguishable charm and perpetuating yearning to achieve, which the Prep community has clearly instilled into each of them. Derek's notable character development is an obvious product of the faculty, staff, and school culture that you have cultivated. Seeing our children grow into the best versions of themselves has been remarkable. Prep's unique, nurturing environment is the effect of the distinctive school culture and values you have instilled into the community; this is why Prep's greatness is unparalleled by any other institution. Derek and Brianna have adopted a love for learning, ever-growing compassion for others, and a set of core values that could only be established through years of influence. Such growth is priceless.

Derek is the first one in our family to go to college in the U.S. and words cannot even describe how overjoyed we are. His academic success is the product of the numerous opportunities that Prep has offered. We can rest easy knowing that Prep has prepared him for anything that may

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come his way in college and beyond. In addition, Brianna continues to mature and it seems as if there is no limit to her intellectual capacity at an institution like Prep.

Peter, you have truly changed all of our lives. Your devotion to Prep and maintaining its excellence has alleviated the burden and worry of countless parents like us. Prep would simply not be the same without your decades of influence, innovation, and your future-oriented mindset. Values you have instilled into the Prep community the moment you started your 40 year legacy there will continue to inspire for generations. No matter where you go or what you choose to do next, the Prep community continues to be touched by your legacy. Your reach is infinite.

Thank you for everything you have done for our family. We are forever grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Luong and Lynne Tran

Charlie Kennedy '10

Congratulations on an epic career at a wonderful school and community!

Just wanted to say thank you for your creativity, empathy, and dedication to a place that was a very important part of my adolescence and that of so many others.

I think it is particularly noteworthy that you tried to bring aspects of college and adult life into the high school experience: having us do interviews and meetings that echo those of the professional world, teaching both big lectures and small seminars to give us a taste of college, participating in mock trials, encouraging us to engage and balance different commitments, and hiring some truly outstanding teachers doing cutting-edge work. Your Great Books class was always a masterful use of 43 minutes, helping us learn about old and new ideas via spirited dialogue between ancient and adolescent minds. Recently I have been studying hunter-gatherers and thinking a lot about Thomas Jefferson & Rousseau's complaint about "the machine in the garden" with regards to civilization and how beneficial it really is compared to our nomadic past.

More important than the courses I took at Flintridge we're the habits I developed: budgeting time, learning to let go of distractions, a willingness to bite off more than I can chew and knowing that it will be ok even if it involves some stress and failure, a commitment to learning about different subjects that interest me even if there is a particular career I want to hone and monetize. These are habits I still use, and it allowed me to have a more fruitful college experience and a more creative life.

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Also of lasting influence on me were the people I met. I still have long, symposiumesque dialogues with Kevin Flynn (albeit mostly on long-distance phone calls). I still discuss TV and movies with Matt Grobar at the beach when I visit LA. Katie Eiler and MC Plaschke shared the stage with me in college improv shows, and I saw Keenan Buchanan perform at UCB. And while Mike Mullins has passed away I still knock on doors to encourage neighbors to vote in my new borough of Queens, NY.

I've now spent a decade in the city that I first felt I wanted to move to in April of my senior year at Prep. I've made countless friends, and continue to do black-box plays, outdoor theater, even a musical once in a while. I'll be performing "Love's Labour's Lost" in Manhattan this September. These friends that I have here are often from cultures, classes, and countries that I had no real exposure to during my time between Crown Ave & Foothill Blvd. But my years at Flintridge taught me to trust people and trust my curiosity - so I like to think these new friendships are, in some ways, an outgrowth of my high school experience as well.

Enjoy the next semester of life! It's good to get outside "the safe island of Flintridge Prep" in order to look back on where we came from with wiser eyes, as you would say.

There is plenty you have changed about the school, but one question I have for you is: what would you change about the education system in general if you had no financial or political obstacles? I imagine you have learned quite a lot about how people learn, and if you have any big takeaways or surprises you've found, I would love to hear them.

Have fun studying the good life, I hope you have plenty of field trips scheduled on the subject,

Charlie Kennedy '10

Darryl LaMonte Harvey P'20

Peter, thanks for welcoming my family into the prep community. Thanks for being there for all of these years and making the school into what it is today. Congratulations on your retirement. Best wishes to you and your family. Take care.

Sincerely,

Darryl

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Carol A. Peters P'00

Sir,

I am deeply grateful to you for far more than this short message can convey. There are wonderful sparks in the embers of memory, personal and in addition to your guidance to the FP community.

I am grateful especially for the guidance to my daughter HEIDI HECKENDORF, who is happily married to the best son-in-love anyone could wish and a Stay-At-Home Mom for 2 darling girlies in Glen Ellyn, Illinois!

Your Director of Admissions, Fran Estes, knew Heidi (and me) from St. Mark's where Fran chaired the Altar Guild and all things appropriate. Fran knew exactly how to "play me" as a single parent, to support my ultimate goals for Heidi's future life-options: "Carol, I understand that your daughter is very taken with Miss Helen and wants to go to Westridge. But do you think it Wise to send her to an all-girl's school ~ while living in an all-girl household? Isn't your cat a girl?" Heidi later had FIVE (5) MALE TEACHERS ~ each different from the others! What a wonderful opportunity to study variances and the different ways various interests can be communicated and taught and 'caught! ~ a bit like the confounding "compare & contrast" query of my college finals!

Your plan to focus on "DIRECT COMMUNICATION" was conveyed at one of the Mother's Club meetings (c. 1997?) and provided me a parallel opportunity to compare and contrast, not only personally but also as a guide in dealing with Evidence ~ and ever since, another joy!

Heidi may remember that I did not understand the honor of being asked to be one of the parents speak to a group at the 2000 Senior Horizon program at the Jonathan Club ~ I was lost but busy fighting Freddie Mac over Mrs. Hunt's 912 square foot house in early litigation about Elder Abuse (Conservatorship, civil, probate, 2 bankruptcies and 5 appeals). What an enjoyable day that was! I wore my blue suit, brought my scales of justice, books, and even hid my astonishment at the maroon hair of one of the students (which now 20 years later is common)!

Thank you for expanding not only Heidi's mind, but mine too ~ your thoughts and guidance smoothed the way for each of us in Going Forward.

With warm regards,

CAROL A. PETERS, Esq.

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