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# "...through study and work..."

is my favorite element of Midland's mission statement.

It illuminates the difference between Midland and the "regular thing."

Each day I am moved by the sheer quantity of work accomplished by our students. The educational world is filled with discussion and lesson plans about the merits of topics such as sustainability. Here at Midland, we don't just talk about it, we actually grow half our own food value each year. This sort of authentic engagement with the real job at hand is our mission at its best. We are an antidote to a secondary school educational system that passes off college admissions prep as college prep, and for young adults in need of life prep. Midland is not for everyone, and yet who wouldn't benefit from a Midland education?

Looking back over my first year, I am struck by just how often alumni told me about significant experiences from their years at Midland that I had also witnessed only days prior with our current students. While the nature of the gap between the rest of the world and Midland has changed, the breadth has not. We still ask our students to differentiate between their needs and wants; afternoon showers still require a student laid fire; each night we sit down to a family style dinner, and we actually do our own dishes.

Across the landscape of annual Midland events this year, I have had a glimpse of the breadth of our community. The depth of your commitment to this school, to this place, is profound. This commitment is certainly represented by the leadership of a handful of donors steering the way as we raise the resources needed to renew our campus and endow scholarships. Others lead by the gracious act of supporting the annual fund year in and year out, making the school one of their philanthropic priorities. Such support isn't a want for Midland, it is an irrefutable need.

Walking around our rustic campus, one can see that we are a community that invests in people. Paul Squibb prioritized affordability and scholarship from the very beginning. This past year, over half our students received aid and the average award was over \$33,000. To this imperative we add the demand that we slowly renew our aging campus with an eye toward the next 85 years, the realities of the boarding school market, and especially with an eye toward maintaining an alignment with both the mission and history of the school.

We strive to walk the talk and live our values – a messy and complex business. We are empowered by our supporters to be our best selves and to make the world a better place one student at a time. So, on behalf of a grateful community, I thank you for your generous support. I hope we can count on your support this year and every year.

I hope to see you on campus in the coming year.



Christopher Barnes  
*Head of School*

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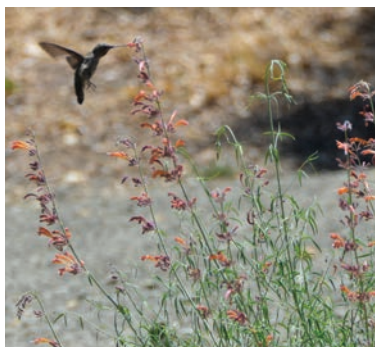
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# AN INVITATION TO CREATE AN ENDURING LEGACY FOR YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR SCHOOL

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees,  
under whose shade you do not expect to sit."  
– Nelson Henderson

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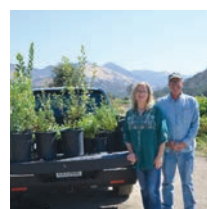
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Thoughtful estate planning is an important way for you to plan for the future—both for your family and for the organizations and institutions which have been important to you.

The Mighty Oaks Club recognizes these alumni/ae and friends whose planned gifts, when realized, will help to secure the future of Midland's timeless curriculum and values. These legacy gifts support diversity, accessibility, faculty and staff professional development and more.

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# A LEGACY STORY

Greg Donovan reaches down to indicate the small fluorescences on the yarrow bushes. "This is like a truck stop for insects," he says pointing to the hedgerows in the Midland garden that he planted four years ago as part of a grant from the Santa Barbara County Trails Council. It is an educational experience for anyone willing to observe. "The elderberry is one of our prize plants for birds and insects," he says. "It has great ethnographic value." The coffeeberry is popular among bees and birds as well. Under Greg's thoughtful guidance, the milkweed rises and subsides throughout campus providing food, we hope, to the dwindling Monarch butterfly population. The hedgerows are a gift not only to the insects that rely on the plants for food and to the plants that rely on the insects for pollination, but also to the Midland community because they highlight our connection to the place where students and faculty live and grow.

Greg was landscaping the Midland front entrance when the school's former ranch manager, Ben Munger, '79, suggested an arrangement in which Midland would give Greg space for an office and a nursery in exchange for Greg's time and effort as a landscaper on campus. Since then, Greg has planted three native hedgerows and a habitat slope in the Midland garden. Greg's role at Midland has continued to expand; recently he led several trips taking students to explore our local watershed from the headwaters of the Alamo Pintado River at Birabent Canyon in the San Rafael wilderness to Surf Beach in Lompoc.

In the summer, we often see Greg on campus because his landscaping crew tends to various projects more intensively when student and faculty presence is at a minimum. Summer also offers Greg and his wife, Amy Derryberry, opportunities to stroll through the garden, watch the ever-changing farm landscape, and occasionally spot quail who frequently forage in the brush. Even when they are not working, Greg and Amy's deep love of nature takes them to Midland.

Amy Derryberry is the first executive director of the Santa Ynez Valley Veggie Rescue, a nonprofit that gleans produce from local farms and redistributes it to various schools, senior centers, and homeless shelters. Last year, Midland's farm donated 1,380 pounds of produce to Veggie Rescue. Thanks to Greg and Amy's efforts, Midland's produce reaches many dining commons far beyond Stillman Hall.

Serendipitously, Greg and Amy live in Ballard in a house built by Louise Crimes, a founding Midland faculty member who also helped design and build the house perched on the slope of Varsity Hill. Based on similarities between the two houses, Greg believes that, after 20 years at Midland, Mrs. Crimes re-created her life at Midland eight miles away in Ballard. From the Midland garden, Greg points at Grass Mountain, "And it's eight miles from here to the headwaters of the Alamo Pintado, which runs right through Midland and right past my house in Ballard." A river runs through it, indeed. Greg states, "Midland has given me a feeling of being part of something much larger than myself and my family. It fits in the pattern of my life and the logic of my life."

This year Greg and Amy finalized a generous planned gift to the school. During discussions regarding their planned gift, they noted that their gift is important to them because it connects them to something bigger than themselves. It connects them not only to Midland's community of students, faculty, and families, but also to an entire watershed of plants, animals, and the earth that runs through Midland both physically and metaphorically. They found deep connection in being able to give back to the cycle that gives Midland life. In addition to the hedgerows Greg planted, the labor he has put into Midland's landscaping, and the produce that Amy takes from Midland's gardens to children and seniors, their planned gift invests in the future and ensures Midland will be here to keep connecting people and students to the land.



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