



ESTATE AND GIFT PLANNING INFORMATION FOR DEERFIELD ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS

Deerfield Academy Helps Montague Sow the Seeds of His Success



Verena and Richard Montague '52

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IN HIS WILL REFLECTS
HIS DETERMINATION TO
CONTINUE HIS SUPPORT
OF THE ACADEMY.



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The "arms" of Deerfield Academy extend far beyond the Pocumtuck Valley. Richard Montague '52, for one, is living proof. Although he has lived abroad for more than 30 years, distance has not diminished his affection for, and support of, the school.

Once Richard's brother, Theodore '43, attained his goal of entering the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, their parents had no doubt that Richard would also come to Deerfield. Richard has fond memories of John Williams House, where he lived as a freshman, next to "Red Sullivan," and where he returned during his last two years as a proctor. Another important influence in Richard's life during those years was Ben Havalind, his German teacher and lacrosse coach.

Following his graduation from Deerfield and later Harvard in 1956, Richard served as an artillery lieutenant assigned to the U.S. Garrison in West Berlin. He then returned to Washington to serve with the Pentagon's Office of Polar Projects, where he was involved in U.S. military and scientific activities in the arctic and antarctic. After leaving the military in 1966, Richard studied for his master's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri to prepare for the

next step of his life; that of moving to Alaska, where he joined the staff of *Alaska Magazine*. He published three guidebooks on Alaska and served as the director of tourism for the state. Europe called again in 1981, and Richard joined Carré Orban & Partners, at the time the second largest executive search firm in Europe. He retired in 2002 but continues to live with his German-born wife, Verena, in Ebenhausen, near Munich. Now they engage in more travel, hiking and cross-country skiing than time permitted during his working years.

Despite the distance and the passage of more than half a century, Richard remembers Deerfield. When considering charitable contributions, he focuses on those institutions that have played a major role in his life. Richard and Theodore established a special fund at the Academy in memory of their parents to help in defraying the costs of continuing education for Deerfield Academy faculty. Richard has generously supported the Deerfield annual fund over the years and more recently teamed up with his other classmates of 1952 to endow the Peter G. Hindle '52 Schoolmasters Chair.

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Richard has informed the development office that he has made a bequest to the school in his will. As Richard says, he feels "a moral responsibility to support the school that gave so much to me." He strongly supports the concept of private secondary school education in the United States and believes that "the only way such schools can continue is for those who have gone before to provide for those who are yet to come."

And this is exactly what Richard has done: the bequest to Deerfield in his will reflects his determination to continue his support of the Academy. And Deerfield is grateful to Richard and every other graduate and friend of the Academy who care enough to honor the school in this way.

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT
WAYS TO MAKE A
CHARITABLE BEQUEST TO
DEERFIELD ACADEMY, AND
THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF
ASSETS YOU CAN GIVE.

Ways to Make a Charitable Bequest

Making a bequest to a charitable organization is not only a sign of benevolence; it is also the mark of savvy estate planning. There are many unique ways to make a gift in your will that can produce remarkable tax-saving benefits for your estate. More important, your bequest will become an enduring testimonial of your desire to help shape the future, and you will gain a kind of immortality that cannot be achieved any other way. Here are some popular bequests:

Direct bequest. By making an unrestricted gift, you allow us to apply the funds to our most pressing needs. You simply bequeath to us a given sum of money or other asset, and our governing board will then determine the best use of your bequest. Your gift can also be contingent. For example, you direct specific funds to go to an individual if that person survives you; otherwise, the funds are paid to us.

Percentage or residue. You may choose to leave us a percentage of your estate or the balance remaining after bequests are made to your other heirs. A percentage will adjust for any substantial change in the value of your estate. This is especially practical if you are unsure what amount of money will be available from your estate.

Trust for spouse. By means of your will, you may want to place some or all of the residue of your estate under the management of a trustee for the benefit of your spouse in a "QTIP" trust. Your executor or personal representative must file an election on your estate tax return to

create this trust. This special trust for surviving spouses stipulates that your spouse is to receive the trust income, together with principal advances if necessary, for his or her lifetime. At your spouse's death, all or part of the trust remainder will be distributed to us.

Life income and lead trust plans. A charitable remainder trust provides that we, or another trustee, are to hold and invest the principal amount and pay a fixed or variable income to a named beneficiary(ies) for life or a term of years. After that, the remainder is distributed to us. There are several types of life income plans from which to choose. An alternative to these plans is a charitable lead trust that pays us a fixed or variable income for a designated term or a lifetime, after which the principal passes to your named beneficiaries. With either arrangement your estate can realize significant estate tax savings.

Memorial fund. You can establish a permanent memorial fund and the charitable organization will use the memorial fund's income as you specify. The principal will be invested to provide this income to the organization in perpetuity. The fund can be established in your name or in memory of another person.

HOW WE CAN HELP

Please share with us your bequest intentions so that we can thank you and, if you wish, discuss your desires for the use of the gift. We can also help you and your attorney formulate a plan to carry out your wishes and achieve valuable tax savings.

Five Assets Worth Giving

1. RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS.

"Give to charity the assets that will cost your family the most to inherit," says Christopher Hoyt, J.D., Professor of Law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Money accumulated in pensions, profit-sharing plans, 401(k)s and IRAs often constitutes a substantial portion of your assets and can be highly taxed at your death. When left to Deerfield Academy, retirement plan assets can escape income taxation and entitle your estate to a charitable estate tax deduction.

2. SECURITIES.

Typical gifts include common stock, preferred stock and mutual funds. These assets are often highly appreciated and easy to transfer. In order to avoid tax on the capital gain, be sure to donate the stocks themselves, not the proceeds from their sale. Securities must be held for more

than one year before donation to deduct the full market value.

3. CASH (INCLUDING CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT).

Simple and straightforward, a gift of cash allows charities to meet their most pressing needs.

4. LIFE INSURANCE.

Consider donating policies whose coverage you no longer need, thereby reducing the size of your estate and receiving a charitable deduction for the year in which the gift was made.

5. PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Items such as artwork, jewelry and coins are particularly good gifts if they are related to the purpose of the charitable organization. If you have a particular use in mind, we recommend that you discuss it with our representative to make certain we can carry out your intent.

WHEN LEFT TO DEERFIELD ACADEMY, RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS CAN ESCAPE INCOME TAXATION AND ENTITLE YOUR ESTATE TO A CHARITABLE ESTATE TAX DEDUCTION.

Give a Meaningful Gift

To learn how to make a meaningful gift and save specific assets, send for our **FREE** brochure, *How to Make Effective Bequests*, by completing and returning the enclosed reply card.

How to Make EFFECTIVE BEQUESTS



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New Tax-Saving Opportunity For Donors Aged 70½ Or Older

If you are 70½ or older, recent legislation has made an allowance that could be very beneficial to you! Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, you can make a gift to Deerfield using funds from your individual retirement account (IRA) and not be assessed any penalties or taxes. The gift counts toward your required IRA distribution amount, but does not count as taxable income. There are no federal minimums imposed on making gifts from IRAs and you may contribute funds this way if:

- You are age 70½ or older
- The gift is not more than \$100,000
- You transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA to Deerfield (not a donor advised fund)

After consulting with your financial or tax advisor, contact your IRA custodian to transfer your desired gift amount to Deerfield. It's a tax-advantaged way to make your gift this year!



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Zeke Knight Proud to Support the School That Gave Him His Start

Gordon (Zeke) Knight '54 was the first in his family to go to Deerfield in 1950. A younger brother, a cousin, two nephews and (to date) one grandchild have followed him. Zeke hopes that perhaps others of his nine grandchildren or future great-grandchildren will also attend.

Zeke's family was not exactly a democracy. His father did not attend Deerfield, but a friend from Cornell taught here, and after conducting his own research, he concluded that Deerfield would be the ideal spot



Gordon (Zeke) Knight '54

for Zeke. The fact that several of Zeke's classmates from the Bancroft School in Worcester were also coming to Deerfield made it an easy sell.

In addition to the education he received at Deerfield, Zeke treasures the friendships he made here; they have endured more than half a century, even though he spent more than 30 years in the Pacific. Zeke believes that Deerfield fosters these relationships by keeping alumni up to date with current school life via class letters, local events, *The Deerfield Magazine* and communications from the head of school and the alumni/development office.

Zeke is selective about which organizations he supports and gives to those that cultivate the intellectual, spiritual, emotional and social development of young people. Deerfield is high on his list of institutions that meet these criteria.

Money is not the only thing Zeke gives to Deerfield. Since graduating in 1954, he has been a member of the Annual Support Steering Committee and the Alumni Executive Committee, chair of the 50th reunion for the great class of 1954, the national annual support chair, a trustee of the school, and the 2004 recipient of the C. Alice Baker Award "for loyal and devoted service to Deerfield."

Beyond his annual support gifts to the school, Zeke, along with friends and family members, established an endowed scholarship fund in memory of his father, William W. Knight Jr. In addition, Zeke has made a bequest to Deerfield in his will. This type of planned gift allows for flexibility and offers favorable tax consequences: While Zeke is living, he maintains full control of his assets; later, the donation is exempt from federal estate tax.

Zeke wears his Boyden Society pin proudly at Deerfield functions and enjoys explaining its significance to anyone who asks. He is also proud that 24 other members of his class are Boyden Society members. Deerfield has certainly found one of its most loyal supporters in Zeke Knight, who returns to campus four to five times a year from San Diego, where he now lives with his wife, Ellen.