

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Heather Robertson came to St. Paul's School as a member of the Form of 1987. In her candidate's application she wrote:

"The most meaningful experience I've ever had involved making a real difference in someone's life." She went on to describe her summer working at a day care center, and her impact on one child in particular. "This experience made me realize that in order to feel good about yourself, you must do something for someone else."



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Though entering St. Paul's in the fifth form, Heather took the challenge in stride and blossomed. One teacher wrote about Heather in her first fall, "She seemed to bring it off happily and without a hitch." Notes from her time as a student include, "a gifted writer," "a first-rate student," "an excellent creative writer." In her first year, her writing prowess allowed her to become the co-editor of the *Horae Scholasticae*, which publishes the creative works of students.

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Heather made her first gift to St. Paul's School the June following her graduation. She became an SPS Associates donor in 1995 and a member of the Pelican Club in 1997. Starting in 2003, in addition to her annual fund support, Heather began funding a scholarship for a student who, according to her, "shows a definite literary leaning shall we say, but other than that I have no gender or geographic specifications. SPS makes a lot of good choices and I trust them to do so with this."

Tragically, Heather's life was cut short by cancer. She passed away in April 2007. Yet due to her planning, her name will live on at St. Paul's School in perpetuity. Through her estate Heather made a very generous gift to SPS which will permanently endow a scholarship for a student who, like herself, loves the study of English, literature and creative writing. As she wrote years earlier:

"... in order to feel good about yourself, you must do something for someone else."

Plant an acorn that will impact our students now and in the future. Please contact **Bob Barr, Director of Gift Planning**, at 603-229-4875 or rbarr@sps.edu