JUST AS SARAH PORTER ENVISIONED, it is not only our students who grow from their time at Miss Porter’s School—their families, communities, and the world will experience and benefit from the effect of their education. Graduating from Miss Porter’s School ensures admission into an accomplished network of women devoted to each other, their alma mater, and their communities.

Our graduates have learned from exceptional teachers who exhibit high professional standards in their respective subject areas and understand the value of single-sex education. We offer ongoing professional development, with each teacher receiving an annual professional development stipend, tuition assistance for the pursuit of advanced degrees, grants for international travel, and professional conferences. We are not afraid to invest in our teachers—we are afraid not to! Students are inspired by their teachers’ commitment to lifelong learning and intellectual curiosity.

Though nearly all of our teachers have a master’s or doctoral degree, education is so much more than a diploma. To understand the world, you need to have seen the world, and we believe that is essential for our teachers as well as our students. In our hiring process, we seek out individuals who have had an international experience and for our teachers who have not yet, we offer international opportunities for them. In my time as head of school we will see the realization of our global initiative to offer an international travel experience for all students.

Students, teachers, staff, parents, and Ancients are well versed in the promise and challenge of our mission, and we are unified in our pursuit of its standard. Our endowment per student is the most robust of the girls’ schools and among the top in the boarding school realm—this means decisions are made based on what is best for the girls and not just what is possible due to the budget. All of our funding and resources are designated for girls and all student leadership positions are held by girls. Our students are not simply provided access to resources and leadership, they are given the resources and authority to lead and they seize it!

Miss Porter’s School’s legacy is one owed to the philanthropy of our graduates and generous donors. We are set apart from most other schools by our commitment to and growth of our endowment. Since 1990, our endowment has increased 315 percent due to philanthropy and investment income. The careful stewardship and upward trajectory of the school’s endowment over the years are a testament to the responsible administration of our resources.

Our legacy is affirmed not only through philanthropy but through ambition and advocacy. Our legacy is advanced each year by the students, parents, teachers, trustees, donors, and Ancients who firmly believe in all that a girl can and will accomplish as she learns to become an informed, bold, resourceful, and ethical global citizen who is expected to, wants to, and will shape a changing world. Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

Sincerely,
Katherine G. Windsor, Ed.D.
Head of School