

# ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

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We admit qualified students of any race, color, disability, religious affiliation, national and ethnic origin, and sexual orientation to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. We do not discriminate in violation of any law or statute in the administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan program, and athletic or other school-administered programs.



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*“Grant that in all the joys of life we may never forget to be kind.  
Help us to be unselfish in friendship, thoughtful of those less happy  
than ourselves, and eager to bear the burdens of others . . .”*

*—from the St. Paul's School Prayer*

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The Form of 1982 plans to establish a special scholarship fund in honor of Jim Kuhn and Peter Cooley, two formmates whose all-too-brief but remarkably full lives exemplified the spirit of community, selflessness and service that SPS is all about.

While their interests, experiences and friendships at SPS were no doubt varied and distinct, Peter and Jim shared a strong sense of independence, a deep love for their family and friends, a passion for the outdoors, and an abiding commitment to, and involvement with, their communities—both during and after their time at SPS.

Given the legacy that Peter and Jim have left behind, and in consultation with their families and friends, the Form intends to endow a Memorial Fund in their names that would provide need-based financial aid to deserving SPS students who have shown dedication to and leadership in community service.



Peter, who attended Yale and Stanford Business School after graduating from SPS, continued his passion for outdoor adventure honed as a leader of the SPS Outdoor Club. He became an expert hiker, kayaker, and mountaineer, ultimately losing his life after a fall on a challenging technical route up Mt. Rainier. Peter and his wife Allene settled in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with their three children, Sarah, Alexander and Robert, and Peter was deeply involved in the local community. He sang in the choir and served as treasurer of his church; he served on the board of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, was a volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Portland and spent countless hours coaching his children's soccer and Little League teams.



Jim, who was known as much for his wrestling and football prowess as his sharp wit and Chapel skit performances at SPS, went on to Stanford before returning to help run his family's farm in El Centro, California. Before his death in 2005, Jim spent 20 years growing Kuhn Farms into one of the leading agri-businesses in the Imperial Valley, recognized nationally for its innovative approach to farming and locally for its leadership in the community. During this time Jim married his wife Heidi and had two children, Fritz and Vienna. His lifelong love of nature and his interest in wildlife photography led him to publish two bird guides as well as a traveler's guide to the Baja peninsula. In 1997, Jim combined his passion for ornithology with his commitment to the economic development of Imperial Valley by organizing the Salton Sea International Bird Festival, an event that continues to flourish today.

## BENEFITS OF THE COOLEY-KUHN FUND

- This scholarship will go to one or more returning Fourth Former(s) each year, who would receive the scholarship throughout their SPS careers while they continue to need the support and show leadership.
- This scholarship will affect as many students as possible, supporting one or two returning students in each Form.
- This scholarship will help SPS continue to address one of its key capital initiatives, increasing financial aid
  - From 1997 to 2007 financial aid has nearly tripled, from \$2,000,000 to \$5,500,000.
  - Currently 35% (182 of 524 students) receive financial aid.
  - The average financial aid award is about \$28,000 vs. the full tuition and fees of \$40,000.
  - In 2006-07 financial aid will be approximately 15% of the annual operating budget of \$35,600,000.

## OUR GOAL

Our goal is to raise as much money as possible for the Fund this year. For example, given that the School will draw 5% of the Fund's principal to support financial aid each year, a Fund of \$750,000 would provide \$37,500 of financial aid (about one full scholarship) each year in perpetuity. We expect that the Fund will continue to grow through appreciation and future gifts, with the amount of financial aid provided increasing as well.

Thanks to the generosity of some early donors, as of early October 2006, approximately \$375,000 has already been committed to the Fund.

## PLEASE HELP

While we can never presume to capture the full richness of Peter's and Jim's lives, our hope is that this Memorial Fund will help honor their memories and contributions and potentially inspire future SPS students to give back in similar ways.

As you contemplate your gift to the School this year, please consider designating some or all of your 25th Reunion Gift to the **Form of 1982 Peter Cooley and Jim Kuhn Memorial Scholarship Fund**. We recognize that this is a highly personal decision, and there is no requirement to direct any of your gift to this special fund. Gifts for any purpose or cause will be gratefully received and will count toward our overall 25th Reunion goal of \$1.3 million.

Our simple goal with this Fund is provide the entire Form with an opportunity to remember two formmates with a gift that recognizes their legacy and helps give back in a meaningful way to a place they loved.