Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumnus Award - 1988

Paul Moore Denison '52

Your friendship with Cate School has lasted many years and taken different forms, but the distinguishing characteristics have been your honesty and loyalty. You want the very best for this School and your on-site understanding and your persistent articulation of ideas has significantly influenced the accomplishment of this institution. You believe there is nothing more important than learning who you are, and that the quality of the School should be measured by what happens to an individual student during his career here. You have worked tirelessly and conscientiously to assure that Cate has been and will continue to be an excellent School.

You have a rich family tradition at Cate which now spans four generations. Your grandfather served on the Board of Trustees, your father was a graduate, a faculty member, and a trustee, you and your brother attended Cate, your son is now a faculty member, and your daughter is the senior prefect.

You returned to Cate as an English teacher and alumni director in 1968, and later served as dean of faculty, dean of students, and assistant headmaster. For ten years, you were deeply involved in day-to-day student and faculty life, as teacher, coach, advisor, dormitory master, counselor, and friend. You helped mold the prefect system into a unique blend of advice discipline. Your classes were informative, stimulating, rigorous, and fun. You were an excellent coach, urging your players to reach their individual best through teamwork and sportsmanship; you were their biggest fan.

When you left the classroom, you were immediately elected to Cate's Board of Trustees, and have served as president since 1986. You headed the very successful campaign for Cate five years ago, and now chair leadership gifts for the Campaign for the Nineties.

In these varying and significant roles, you have served the School generously and well. It is with deep affection and profound gratitude, therefore, that the Alumni Association names you, Paul Moore Denison '52, its Distinguished Alumnus for 1988.