

Why our family decided on Cate as an IRA Beneficiary

Gail and Ed Miller, Former Cate Parents

Liza Miller Blue '90

Andy Miller '87



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We believe Andy and Liza benefited immensely from their Cate experience. Academically, they learned to write with facility, and acquired a lasting interest in reading and learning. They read out of curiosity as well as for literary enjoyment. As persons, they developed independence, but at the same time they were encouraged to feel a strong appreciation for the value of family. We are proud that they thrived while working in New York City for five years, and please that they maintained strong ties to us. Of course, we are pleased that they have both elected to return to California to start families of their own. Their Cate friendships have continued wherever they live. We appreciate what Cate gave our children, and we have made a bequest to Cate from our IRA to help Cate provide this for others.

Liza Miller Blue '90

In short, I think Cate provided me with confidence. I feel I emerged from the School with a strong sense of self, of my abilities as a student, and of my potential in the world at large. Perhaps more important, though, Cate provided a caring environment where I was able to form some of my most cherished lifelong friendships. The strength of these relationships, as well as the quality of the people with whom I was able to form them, has added a richness to my everyday experience, a self-assurance, one that has guided me in sorting the priorities of my life and helped me make it what I want it to be.

Andy Miller '87

Upon graduating, I knew Cate had given me many obvious gifts, such as a top-notch education and good high school friends. But only since then have I learned—more with each passing year—the truly great impact that Cate has had on my life. More than the gift of a top-notch education, Cate instilled in me an intellectual curiosity, a sense of confidence, and a healthy resistance to blindly following the most conventional path to any given goal. This had not only led me to visit and live in many different places around the world, but also to enjoy and learn from the people living there, and to understand (if not always agree with) their ways of looking at the world. More than the gift of good high school friends, Cate introduced me to people who I feel very lucky to count as lifelong friends—people who have done a variety of interesting things with their lives because they share this Cate-instilled curiosity, confidence, and individuality. Perhaps the greatest testament to how I feel about the impact Cate has had on my life is the fact I hope to give my children the same gift of attending Cate that my parents so wisely gave me.