



THE WATERFORD SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Greetings from Waterford!

My first class, when I arrived at Waterford, was Class VIII Ancient History. My classmates were halfway through Homer's *Odyssey*, and I rushed to catch up.

Almost twenty years later, I found myself at a wedding, surrounded by those same Waterford classmates, when Matt Culberson, our teacher and guide through the *Odyssey*, put a hand on my shoulder and said hello. It had been years since I'd seen Matt, years since I'd seen many of those classmates. A bit overwhelmed, I thought about the *Odyssey*, and I thought about reunions and about coming home. An image from late in the poem came to mind, of "shipwrecked sailors... swimming, struggling out of the frothing surf to reach the shore, their bodies crusted with salt but buoyed up with joy as they plant their feet on solid ground again."

No matter how long we've been gone, we can always come home to Waterford. Whether that means returning to campus for a visit, surrounding ourselves with classmates, or simply rekindling an old friendship through a text message or a phone call. Waterford is our community. Waterford is, and always will be, our home.

The start of a new year kicks off our opportunity to ensure that the Waterford community continues to exist for today's students. As graduates, we're living proof of the power and promise of the Waterford experience. Our participation in the Waterford Fund encourages others to give and strengthens our community. Alumni support, from all over the country, highlights that we share in the investment and continued excellence of our school.

I invite you to take action today by making a gift to the Waterford Fund. This year, I'm honoring Matt Culberson with my gift and the many other faculty members who were formative during my time on campus. Who will you choose to honor with your gift?

Thank you in advance for investing in the students, in Waterford's Mission, and in the future of our school. I hope to count on your support to help us *Reach New Heights!*

Sincerely,

Mike Judd '00

President

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