

## KATHERINE GALVIS '13

### How did Linden Hall affect your life after graduation?

I think Linden Hall truly taught me what it was like to be independent. I started attending LH at a very young age (11 or 12), and I had to learn how to take care of myself and how to grow while my family was more than three hours away. That sense of strength, independence, and empowerment has carried with me.

### What piece of advice would you share with girls at Linden Hall today?

Get involved and try new activities. Take advantage of every opportunity you can to expand your horizons. But also, take care of yourself. I remember many times when I would feel so overwhelmed because of all the things I wanted to do that I forgot that self care is one of the most important acts you could do for yourself and for your community. Do some things not because they are expected of you or because it will look good on college applications, but for you.

### What did you love most about Linden Hall?

I loved how dedicated the faculty and staff were at LH. There were many times, especially during my first few years, where I felt like I wanted to leave because I missed being home. I had many mentors throughout my time at Linden Hall that allowed me to keep pushing myself and improving myself, while still giving me a foundation of support and care. I learned from them that one of the most important things you can do in life to keep succeeding is to surround yourself with good people who want to see your success as much as you want to see theirs.

### Describe your experience at Linden Hall. What is your favorite memory?

Linden Hall was both a place where I was challenged and where I thrived. Where I learned how to listen and when to speak up. It is where I learned my passion for community. Some of my favorite memories include being in drama productions, having late nights and long days of rehearsals and creating a tight-knit family along the way.

### How many years did you attend Linden Hall?

I attended Linden Hall for six years, from 7th grade until I graduated in 2013.



### **What clubs or sports were you a member of?**

A lot.... Linden Hall truly taught me how to be an active member of my community, and I was very thankful to have a wide range of activities that I was dedicated to during my time there. I participated in soccer and basketball. I was class president for a few years and very active on student council. I was also very active in the drama department (shout out to Mr. Foreman, who helped me develop my love for theatre and the arts) by being in every single school play every semester from the moment I got to campus until I graduated. I was also on the Drama Team, Drama Reading Group, Women's Choir, Chamber Chorus, and I was an Admissions' Ambassador.

### **What Blue and White team were you on?**

I was on White Team! I was captain my senior year when we won!

### **What college did you attend; and, where?**

Right now I am studying abroad in Paris. But I am currently still a student finishing up my senior year (Sociology and Political Science double major) at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, PA. I am going to take two years off to work then go back to graduate school to obtain my Ph.D.

### **Do you participate in any professional organizations?**

No.

### **Do you participate in community service? If so, what organizations? Any leadership roles?**

Yes, a habit I picked up at LH! I've worked most frequently with various immigrant organizations as well as prison reform and prisoners' rights/advocacy organizations.

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### **What is your favorite book?**

That's hard to choose since I am very much a book worm. I think *The House on Mango Street* is one of my long-time favorites that I can personally relate to the most. I actually read it for the first time in English class with Mrs. Snyder-Hess.

### **What is your favorite movie or TV show?**

Currently my favorite TV show is Jane the Virgin. If you haven't watched it yet, I highly recommend it. And it's on Netflix!

Name three things you couldn't live without.

Books, milk, and love.

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