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How did Linden Hall affect your life after graduation?

Linden Hall played a pivotal role in preparing me for what Millennials call "adulting." Being a boarding student taught me preparation, planning, and consideration for others. Living and working with women from all over the world made me comfortable being in, and discussing, culturally sensitive situations and topics. I also developed a realistic view of what feminism is and what creates a strong woman. This has played a large role in how I am raising my stepdaughter and in my expectations for myself.



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

I would like to tell the young women to try anything and everything they can while they are in school. Interests change and grow, and you may be actively pushing away the things you're "missing" in life, or something you will be able to use in the future. Never doubt your ability to surprise yourself!

What did you love most about Linden Hall?

I loved that the school provided an instant family. You didn't need to know everyone or be in every club in order to feel a part of Linden Hall. The LH traditions, such as reciting the Alma Mater, singing songs at chapel, and meeting in the theater every morning, provide a culture that is inimitable and irreplaceable. Everyone generally acknowledged each other and accepted one another with little judgment.

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

My experience at Linden Hall was enlightening and fun. I was exposed to so many new things in my two years at LH, and I found that I morphed into a different person because of it. Every day and evening was full of interesting conversations, hilarity, projects, research, and even well-meaning mischief! My favorite memories of Linden Hall were the casual and unplanned interactions with peers and teachers in the hallways and dorms. Two girls would start talking, and soon enough a bunch of us were clustered around talking about everything from our love of Mexican candy, to

Andy Roddick (an ILD dorm favorite) and Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*.

How many years did you attend Linden Hall?

I went to Linden Hall for my Junior and Senior years.

What clubs or sports were you a member of?

I enjoyed writing articles for the newspaper, going to dance class, and spending my time working on art projects. Having dance in the middle of the day was such a great respite from tough classes and provided great comic relief! I also felt fortunate to be able to spend extra time in the art studios, where I came to love a variety of mixed media methods.

What Blue and White team were you on?

I was on the blue team. I have the blue LH bandanna hanging on a wall in my house!

What college did you attend, and where?

I graduated from Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA, with a BA in Psychology and Health and Wellness.

What is your occupation?

I am currently finishing my Master's degree in Administration of Human Services by completing an internship at a small nonprofit called Mitzvah Circle Foundation. My primary jobs are to manage the hundreds of volunteers who donate their time each month, develop relationships with corporate groups of volunteers, and create training materials. Concurrently, I have enjoyed being a bartender and coaching tumbling to children. After graduation I hope to counsel young girls in a supervisory role in an educational setting.

Do you participate in professional organizations?

I am a member of AAUW, the American Association of University Women. The group takes action on social platforms that impact women and minorities.

Do you participate in community service? If so, what organizations?

Along with interning, I volunteer at Mitzvah Circle Foundation and help those in crisis and poverty. I have had Relay for Life teams, volunteered at my stepdaughter's school, and volunteered with the Girl Scouts of Eastern PA. I'm a "cookie mom" and handle Girl Scout cookie sales.

What is your favorite book?

The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka.

What is your favorite movie or TV show?

I love Dirty Dancing and Friends.

Name three things you couldn't live without.

My Yorkie, Penni. My family. Books.

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