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How did Linden Hall affect your life after graduation?

I always knew LH had a really positive effect on me, but it was not until some time that I got to realize how much impact it had on my life. Being so far away from home and having to adapt to another culture and language, I became so much more secure of who I was and where I wanted my life to go. Every single teacher in LH positively impacted my life in some way or another: the way they cared for my wellbeing and having the language barrier, how they made sure I understood every single one of my classes and assignments.



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

I personally think LH helped me grow up as a person in so many different ways. The advice I would give girls at LH is to take advantage of all the opportunities LH offers, not only academically, but on a personal level as well. Maybe they won't realize it now, but their time in LH will become one of their most treasured memories.

What did you love most about Linden Hall?

I loved so many things about LH...the small classes, the personalized teachers and advisors, the peaceful town, the long hours at night spent chatting with all my friends going from room to room, and the walks on campus during fall season...just absolutely beautiful.

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

I have so many wonderful memories at LH that I wouldn't know which one is my favorite. One I always share with friends is how I was so obsessed with learning how to perfectly type when I got to LH (but really learn perfectly without mistakes). So, I enrolled in typing class with Ms. Wallace. I remember the long hours she dedicated timing my speed and encouraging me to keep working hard. I became so good at it that at the end of the year, the school had to create an award for me....a typing award given for the first time ever! Funny how I was rewarded on that day along with all the math and science award students....I was really proud of my typing award.

How many years did you attend Linden Hall?

I was only in LH for one year, my senior year, but it feels that it was so much more than that.

What clubs or sports were you a member of?

Even though I was not very good, I was on the field hockey team.

What college did you attend and, where?

After graduating from LH in 1987, I thought of coming back home to Panama, but my experience there was so great I instead went to a small college in Bryn Mawr, PA, called Harcum College.

What is your occupation?

I have been a travel agent my entire life. After I graduated from college, I began working for one in Panama and four years later, I was opening my own travel agency. I have been owner of Discovery Travel, a prestigious travel agency in Panama, for 24 years now, specializing in corporate and leisure travel.

Do you participate in any professional organizations?

I am part of APAVIT (Panamanian Travel & Tourist Agents Association).

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

I participate in many charitable organizations, and I am part of a small group that helps breast cancer patients go through treatment.

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What is your favorite book?

One of my favorite books is a Spanish novel composed of four books, called *Caballo de Fuego* by Florencia Bonelli.

What is your favorite movie or TV show?

One of my favorite movies of all times is *Schindler's List*. I also love series; my two favorites are *The Tudors* and *The Borgias*.

Name three things you couldn't live without.



My family!
My faith!
My weekends at the beach!

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