

Why the Copes are #ForTheFeet! *A Q&A with Evan Cope '94*

What are your most memorable Webb experiences as a friend, parent, student or as an alumnus?

I have so many wonderful memories of my time as a student. I'll never forget taking Latin in the 8th grade from Mr. Lagler. While I can't remember Latin declensions, I will never forget Mr. Lagler instilling us with gratitude for the privilege of attending Webb and living in the United States. (Thankfully I never had to "hug the desk", but that prospect kept me focused!) I would leave his class so inspired I would have followed him into battle had there been one to fight that day.

What are some of the benefits of a Webb education that you see in your community?

Two benefits stand-out to me: the sense of belonging to a close-knit community of faculty, staff, students and alumni, and the emphasis on the fundamentals of scholarship and good behavior.

Please share details about your family's strong bond to Webb?

I remember visiting Webb for the first time with my aunt, Jessica Woosley '82, while I was in the 5th grade. I fell in love with the school from the moment I first set foot on campus. My affection for Webb has only increased over the years since then. My brother, Ingram '96, loved Webb as much I do.

Why do you give so generously to Webb?

I am deeply grateful for Webb and what it did for me, and I want to see it continue to thrive.

Why is the Webb Fund vital to Webb, and why are you willing to serve as chairs?

The Webb Fund allows tuition to remain competitive with our peer institutions and supports the excellent academic and extracurricular programs that make The Webb School the special place that it is. Beth and I are willing to serve as chairs of the Webb Fund at this time for many reasons, not least of which is the inspiring vision and leadership of our head of school, Ken Cheeseman, and his staff.

What are some of the recent Webb advancements that you consider notable?

We are on track to adopt a strategic plan that will set the course for The Webb School for years to come, and the future is very bright.

What are some of the visions you have for Webb?

We are excited about the many ways Webb is innovating to meet the needs of the current and future generation of students while maintaining its timeless traditions and mission. We want to see that continue.

What would you say to encourage someone to give to Webb?

Webb has over a 150-year tradition of producing leaders in every field and profession. Every child's talent is expertly honed by the dedicated adults who lead and serve Webb students. Every year Webb graduates children who will contribute to the improvement of our world by virtue of the education and inspiration they received at Webb.