



## UPPER SCHOOL 2023 50TH REUNION GIFT CLASSES OF 1973 AND 1974

**Margie and Hank Hamlin Endowed Fund for  
International Student Support**  
**Fundraising Goal: \$100,000**



### CASE STATEMENT

Traditionally, Principia's reunion classes have found great joy in making a significant gift that has a lasting impact on today's students. In fall 2023, in anticipation of our 50th Reunion, the 50th Reunion Steering Board for the Upper School Classes of 1973 and 1974 met on the School campus and evaluated three funding priorities presented by Principia Head of School Dr. Merry Sorrels. The Board overwhelmingly voted to fundraise in support of international student assistance.

### Making an Impact

As we toured and talked with current students, we learned that Principia is accepting more international students today due to the growth and interest in Christian Science abroad. Principia has been enrolling students from around the world for 125 years. This year, international students make up 26% of the Upper School student body, representing 14 countries. The world needs more graduates with the skills, knowledge, and spiritualized thought developed at Principia. Our class gift will provide ongoing funding to ensure these wonderful young adults go out to bless the world. All Principians benefit from a wider sharing of cultures, perspectives, and experiences among students. A gift supporting a robust international student program furthers Principia's strategic goal to grow enrollment.

### How Will the Funds Be Used?

From basic everyday needs to the logistics that many of us take for granted, international students have additional expenses beyond those of domestic students. These expenses can range from winter clothing for students who hail from warm climates to staffing support for vacation periods when international students aren't able to make the trip home.

Attending a school in another country with a different culture can be difficult for some students. Events that foster a connection to home and cultural touchpoints often improve a student's ability to learn and stay enrolled. In short, this funding is intended to assist with expenses beyond normal tuition, room and board that could prevent or impact international students' ability to attend or return to Principia.

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## Endowing the Initiative

Our class gift will ensure the long-term funding of international student support. Today's international student assistance is a line item in the budget, dependent on Annual Fund fundraising each year, and covers only a fraction of the total need. We love the idea of creating an endowed fund that provides assurance that Principia can continue to be a beacon to young Christian Scientists from around the world.

## Honoring Principia's Long-Term International Student Advisors

Hank (US'41, JC'43) and Margie (Day, US'38) Hamlin both graduated from the Upper School and spent their lives in service to Principia. The couple loved helping international students, and Margie served as an advisor to hundreds of international students on both campuses. Hank and Margie traveled the world as leaders of Principia College abroad and Principia Lifelong Learning trips, educating people about Christian Science and Principia.

In 2003, they were honored as the first couple to receive the David K. Andrews Distinguished Alumni Award. In honor of their support of international students and service to Principia, this fund will be called the "**Margie and Hank Hamlin Endowed Fund for International Student Support.**"



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The 50th Reunion Steering Board set a goal of \$100,000 for our gift to establish the Margie and Hank Hamlin Endowed Fund for International Student Support. Reaching this goal provides the initial seed funds to start growing an endowed fund that will generate enough annual interest to cover unexpected and necessary expenses of international students while attending Principia. To be clear, funds may be used to cover any expenses deemed necessary by the Head of School to ensure international students at Principia School can attend classes, participate in activities, and maintain similar living situations as domestic students. International student assistance is defined in the broadest sense and may include expenses related to the continuous staffing and resources needed for annual training, activities, and management of the international student program. If earnings from this endowed fund start to accumulate and are not being used fully, Principia's Head of School may designate that unused funds be used for financial aid for international students attending the School.

Thank you for considering a gift to our 50th Reunion class gift.

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