

Mollie Burns '90

A Lifetime of Giving

Arriving at Proctor over 30 years ago, Mollie Burns '90 never expected the life-changing experiences on which she would embark as a Proctor student. It began immediately with Wilderness Orientation where her Orientation leader, Dave Pilla, introduced Mollie to her first lesson in how one's actions can impact others. Mollie reflects, "I had zero interest in camping. One long and weary afternoon, Dave made me sit on the ground and apologize out loud to a patch of flowers I had trampled through to cut my trail hiking time in half. He spoke of these things with such delicate passion and made me rethink the repercussions of my actions—all of his lessons stuck with me." As Mollie reflected on her experience and the adults that fostered the life-long lessons she received as a Proctor student, she knew she had a responsibility to do her part to help future generations of students experience the magical moments Proctor provided her. "Along with continuing annual fund donations, I decided to make Proctor a part of my estate plan. A very painless and meaningful way to contribute and pay tribute to those who got me where I am today. I have such deep appreciation for Dave Pilla's gift in my life, so I specifically requested my estate funds to go to 'Dave Pilla Minded Wilderness Programming'."

