

Molly Skelton '21: Rooted in Gratitude

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For Molly, Hebron Academy has always meant opportunity and connection. When she reflects on her time as a student, one thing stands out: the generosity that made her experience possible. “If it weren’t for financial aid, I wouldn’t have been able to attend Hebron,” she says. “That’s true for so many of us.”

That opportunity opened doors to belonging, lasting relationships, and memorable adventures. Among her favorite experiences were the piano lessons she and her sister taught to the children of English teacher Barbara Waterman, a connection that continues to this day. “Through her, I’ve stayed in touch with what’s happening at the school; it’s been really special.”

Her sense of gratitude also inspires her to give back. “Every time I donate, I debate where my gift should go,” she laughs. She often chooses “where the need is greatest” because she values all aspects of Hebron, its academics, athletics, and people. She is especially passionate about supporting faculty and academic programs, while recognizing that athletics draw many students to campus. “Sports often bring students here, and then they fall in love with the academics and the community. Both are essential to what makes Hebron special.”

Her years at Hebron challenged and prepared her well. “Those long AP labs everyone complained about were the best preparation for college,” she says. Majoring in biology, she discovered a love of learning and exploration. Now working at an orthodontic practice in Falmouth, she’s gaining hands-on experience as she prepares for dental school.

Though life has taken her beyond Hebron’s campus, her roots remain strong. Nearly her entire family has ties to the Academy, reinforcing what she values most: “It’s all about community.” Stories like Molly’s are a reminder that when we invest in Hebron, we invest in people and in opportunities that last a lifetime.