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### **Academy receives \$318,000 for scholarship from Hoopy estate**

Harrisburg Academy recently received a \$318,000 bequest from the estate of businessman and philanthropist George C. Hoopy, Class of 1926, to create an endowed scholarship fund. Revenue from the Patricia R. and George C. Hoopy Scholarship Fund will be used annually to provide financial aid to needy families.

“The Hoopy Scholarship Fund demonstrates the major impact of planned gifts on independent schools, such as the Academy,” said Head of School Jim Newman. “The bequest from George and Patricia Hoopy is the third substantial legacy gift to the Academy in six years. The other two gifts benefited the academic program and the faculty compensation endowment.”

Born in a limestone farmhouse a mile from the present Academy campus, Hoopy attended Harrisburg Academy when it was an all-boys boarding and day school (before the merger with the girls’ Seiler School). He founded Hoopy Insurance Agency in the midst of the Great Depression. With seven other business owners, he formed the West Shore Businessman’s Association, which, by 1956, had become the West Shore Chamber of Commerce.

A longtime Academy supporter, Hoopy provided a challenge grant to the school’s 1999-2000 Foundation for Learning capital campaign. The campaign raised funds for a major expansion of the school, including a new Middle School/Upper School Library, cafeteria/gallery space, meeting room, art studios, Lower School addition, and improvements to the auditorium, gymnasium, and fields. Hoopy was named Alumnus of the Year in 1999.

“The Hoopy Scholarship Fund brings us one step closer to achieving our strategic goal of making the Academy accessible and affordable for students with financial need,” Newman said.

Harrisburg Academy challenges and inspires children in preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to reach their full potential. An IB World School, Harrisburg Academy is the only school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.