

Alumna Fully Endows Cristin Duprey Scholarship Fund

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St. Andrew's has always sought to be a school "open to all regardless of means." In the spirit of this mission, St. Andrew's is proud to announce an incredible contribution to the School's financial aid program, one that honors a special member of the St. Andrew's family. Sophie Stenbeck '98 recently endowed the Cristin Duprey Scholarship, created following the tragic death of Cristin Duprey in February 2007. This endowed fund will allow a student to come to St. Andrew's every year on a full scholarship in Cristin's memory.

Sophie Stenbeck has dedicated her life's work to improving the condition of young people all over the world. She founded and is the president of the Remedee foundation, a non-profit that teaches disadvantaged young people to discover their own unique voices and tell their own stories through filmmaking. Sophie visited St. Andrew's in September 2009 to tell the community about her discovery of work that has changed her life by giving her purpose and fulfillment. Tad Roach introduced her with the following words: "If you are lucky, you will meet one or maybe two people in your life with a heart and soul as large and generous as my former advisee and current friend Sophie Stenbeck."

During her visit to St. Andrew's, Sophie met Stacey Duprey, St. Andrew's Associate Director of Admission and Co-Director of Diversity, and the mother of Cristin Duprey. Hearing about Cristin and the impact she made on all those who knew her, Sophie was profoundly moved and inspired to do something to honor both Cristin's memory and the St. Andrew's mission that dovetails with her own work to empower and advance young people.

In January, Elizabeth and Tad Roach accompanied Stacey and Wallace Duprey to New York City, where Sophie Stenbeck met them for dinner to tell Stacey and Wallace about her endowment of their daughter's scholarship fund. In her recent chapel talk, Elizabeth Roach spoke to the community about this experience, marveling at the connection between Sophie and the Dupreys that was made possible by "their common St. Andrew's family and experience."