

# Lindsay Brown Celebrates 25 Years at St. Andrew's

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*Headmaster Tad Roach delivered the following remarks during the 81st Commencement in celebration of Lindsay Brown's 25th Anniversary at St. Andrew's.*

Ted Sizer once wrote a book on education entitled [The Students Are Watching](#). It was a text reminding teachers that we express our values and habits of mind and heart by the ways we live and work and communicate in school settings. Sizer argues that the spirit and energy of a school reside in the maturity, kindness and patience of its teachers.

For 25 years Lindsay Brown has met and exceeded that standard of consistency, maturity, humility and professionalism. He has served as a great History teacher, a strong History Department Chair, the Dean of Students, the faculty advisor to the Honor Committee, a coach of volleyball, cross-country and crew. He has served St. Andrew's students as an advisor, dorm parent, mentor and coach, all the while both challenging and assuring St. Andrew's students that they could be their best selves, academically, ethically, athletically. This year's crew season and Henley team reflect Lindsay's commitment to sportsmanship, excellence and teamwork. He is wise, discerning and inspiring. He represents our School with great dignity, honor and class. Just last week, I received a beautiful letter about Lindsay from Michael Porrazzo, Alexandra's father.

He described the following moment from last week's Stotesbury Regatta Award Ceremony: St. Andrew's had just finished an amazing accomplishment, second in the most competitive race in secondary school crew in the nation, but for a few moments our competitive and excellent crew felt disappointment. Michael Porrozzo's letter reads:

*When the SAS crew came to the dock to receive their medals, the disappointment on the boys' faces was equally evident. Lindsay came to the dock and, after the obligatory handshake after awarding each medal, kneeled down to each young man, put his hand on each shoulder, and, looking squarely into the eyes of each boy, said a few words to each. In so doing, he helped them through a tough moment. The crew remained composed in the face of a disappointment. They came to the dock as runners-up. With Lindsay's leadership and care, they rowed away from the dock as winners.*

We salute him today for his deep and earnest belief in all you and all of us. It is an honor to award Lindsay Brown the Headmaster's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal, thanking him for his great contributions to St. Andrew's.