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MARGARET M. PIERCE: Still Working for Remington Students

For Margaret M. Pierce, school was a way of life and now, more than 20 years after her death, her legacy continues to provide for the children of the community she loved.

An integral part of the Remington community, the well-loved principal left behind funds to establish a scholarship in her name for students who attend Margaret M. Pierce Elementary School.

A veteran educator, Pierce spent 48 years at the Remington School, first as a teacher and later as the principal.

Pierce was a native of Fauquier County and attended both Warrenton Elementary School and High School before pursuing a teaching degree from what is now Longwood University.

Though her teaching career began in Prince Edward County as a fifth and sixth grade teacher, she soon returned to her

family home near Fauquier Springs and accepted a teaching job at the Remington School.

After she became principal in 1956, Pierce pursued a master's degree in supervisory education from the University of Virginia, becoming one of only five Fauquier school division employees to hold such a degree at the time.

Long before the school was named for her, Pierce had made her place in the hearts of the community she considered family.



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2011 Scholarship Recipients

- Ryan Smith and Gregory Ussery, both of Warrenton, received the Steve Athey Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 award honoring Athey's passion for baseball and efforts to establish the sport in the Fauquier community.
- Amy Phillips of Warrenton received the Laura Bagshaw Memorial Scholarship, a \$500 award in memory of Bagshaw, a young woman who demonstrated school spirit, athleticism, community service, compassion, and leadership.
- Alexandra Thornton of Warrenton received the Patrick Ryan Gay Memorial JMU Scholarship, a \$5,000 award in memory of Gay, a Fauquier High School and James Madison University graduate who exemplified diligence in his studies and kindness toward others.
- Kelly Teboe of Bristow received the Jason C. Heim Memorial Scholarship, a \$500 award in memory of Heim, a Brentsville District High School graduate with great artistic talent.
- Adam Burke of Marshall received the Debbie P. Hoysa Hokie Club Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 award in honor of Hoysa, a Fauquier High School and Virginia Tech graduate who was an avid Hokie football fan and season ticket holder.
- Lee Chastine of Warrenton and Megan Defibaugh of Remington both received the Margaret M. Pierce Scholarship, a \$750 award in memory of Pierce, who was a dedicated elementary teacher

and principal in Fauquier County and inspired many with her enthusiasm for education.

- Jillian Brown of Orlean received the Dr. Eric J. Maybach Memorial Scholarship, a \$500 award created in memory of Maybach, a compassionate and generous physician who served the Fauquier community for many years.



Maybach family with Jillian Brown

- Kayla Green of Marshall received the Paul S. Tribble, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 award in honor of Tribble, a Fauquier native, local businessman, and father of four Fauquier High School graduates who strongly supported athleticism and scholastic.
- Amy Phillips also received the Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce/Max Tufts, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, a \$2,000 award created in memory of Tufts, an energetic community volunteer who was committed to numerous organizations in Fauquier County.
- Khalil Abu Roman of Bealeton received the Sonny Utz Memorial Scholarship, a \$5,000 award established by friends and family of Utz to honor the memory of the Virginia Tech and Dallas Cowboys football player.

Meet the new NPCF Board of Directors



Marshall Doeller

Delaplane resident Marshall Doeller might be retired, but a host of volunteer activities ensures his schedule is never dull.

In addition to currently serving on the BB&T Affiliate Board and chairing the board of directors for the Fauquier Health system, Doeller is returning to the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation's Board of Directors after a two-year break.

"I love where I live and I want to see it prosper," said Doeller who helped establish the foundation 10 years ago.

[The foundation] helps non-profit organizations by giving them resources outside their normal budget scope," he said.

He looks forward "to being a part of it now that we are up and running and have some resources we can actually do some of the things that we were hoping to do when we started."

When Doeller is not spending time with his wife of 30 years, or helping out in the community, he said his spare time usually finds him working on the family's farm.



Trice Gravatte

As a doctor, Trice Gravatte has served the Fauquier and Culpeper communities for many years and considers his recent election to the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation's Board of Directors an additional chance to make a difference.

"I believe in the vision," he said of his enthusiasm for joining the foundation.

A busy physician, Gravatte finds the time to participate in a variety of organizations and currently serves on the board of the Virginia Association of Free Clinics, as well as the credential committees for both Fauquier and Culpeper hospitals.

"The foundation provides a vehicle for people to place endowment money to grow that is well managed and benefits the community," he said.

Gravatte looks forward to bringing his medical perspective and knowledge of the needs in that area to his time on the board.

"It's nice to be a part of an organization that can impact people's well-being in so many ways," he said.

Gravatte, who lives with his wife Laurel, has three grown children, and among other things, enjoys hiking, golfing, and visiting family.



Mike Leake

Rappahannock County native Michael Leake has served a variety of community organizations over the past 15 years, but is always interested in new opportunities to positively impact the lives

of those in need.

The 1987 graduate of Longwood University is president of the Union First Market Bank for the Rappahannock region where he has spent the past 13 years working in the communities served by the foundation.

Leake was drawn to the foundation because of its desire to help a variety of people.

"I like how their grant making is spread among the counties that they serve," he said.

Leake moved to Warrenton in 2009 with his wife, Pamela, and eight-year-old daughter, Caitlin.

At home, as in business, Leake enjoys supporting those around him and recently helped start the Young Hawks program at Highland School, which offers second through fourth grade students an opportunity to participate in sports during their elementary years.



Nina McKee

Nina McKee did not start her working career as an accountant, nor did she start her life in Virginia, but the Maine transplant says she could not imagine living anywhere else.

"[the Northern Piedmont] combines the best of everything...it's beautiful, it has culture, history, seasons...and I really do feel connected to it," she said.

The Orlean resident, who has extended family ties in Middleburg, said caring about the area drew her to become involved with the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation.

McKee, who puts her time where her conviction is, currently serves as an advisory board member of the Mosby Heritage Area Association and treasurer of the Old Dominion Hounds.

"This is a really special area, so I want to give back as much as I can," said McKee, who has followed the development of the foundation since its inception.

McKee, who has worked as a certified public accountant for the past 20 years, owns her own firm with offices in Warrenton and Washington.

The avid golfer, skier, and polo player lives with her husband, Rooster Yacubian, and their four-year-old daughter, Lily, who all enjoy riding and foxhunting together.



Carty Yowell

Born and raised in Madison County, Carlton (Carty) Yowell always knew he would move back to the place he grew up.

Yowell, who moved back to his long-time home in Etlan two and a half years ago with

his wife, Lynne, said it is good to be back and connect with old friends and be involved in his community.

"It was time to come home and start participating in the community," said Yowell, who also serves on Madison County's planning commission.

Yowell said he believes the foundation is a worthwhile endeavor and hopes he will be able to contribute to it through his background in accounting and finance.

The 1976 graduate of the University of Richmond has worked in accounting for 35 years and is currently the finance director for Skyline Community Action Partnership, a non-profit program that helps run Head Start programs in six neighboring counties.

"I'm very comfortable talking to the people that I know in Madison and I hope I can help the foundation get some more contacts in the area," he said.

In his spare time, Yowell coaches youth baseball and helps his parents at the family farm where they raise pick-your-own fruit for sale.

BB&T Building the Foundation of Community

Every year the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation receives a valuable donation, one that plays a larger-than-life role in equipping the organization to better serve its community.

For the past eight years, the BB&T Bank in Warrenton has supported the administrative needs of the foundation through a generous donation of office space, offering an opportunity for growth and stability that would have been hard to find otherwise.

"It's extraordinarily important," said John McCarthy, chairman of the foundation's board of directors, regarding the space.

McCarthy called the donation a "show of support" that gave the organization instant credibility when first starting.

"By believing in us, BB&T allows us to realize our ambitions," he said.

"Initially, I expected it to last a couple of years, but it's lasted a lot longer," said former board chairman George Scheulen of the relationship between the foundation and the bank.

In the beginning, Scheulen said the foundation had very little available to pay expenses.

"We set up endowment funds to help support charities, [but] there were no endowed funds to support us," he said.

Scheulen said the donation enables the foundation to do "that much more for the community."

Though subject to change on an annual basis, BB&T Business Manager Pauline Smith estimates the value of the donation this year at more than \$18,000.

BB&T cleared the basement room, previously used for loan file storage, furnishing it with a desk, filing cabinets, and a conference table for the foundation's use.

While many non-profits work out of tiny spaces tucked into back offices and obscure locations, BB&T provides a meeting space that is adequately sized to accommodate office work as well as board meetings in a location central to the region served by the foundation, said Cole Johnson, executive director of the foundation.

"When you work for a non-profit, you want the least amount of money spent in overhead, because you really want your money out there working in the community," Johnson said.



"For someone to donate rent is a big deal and I am grateful for this space...it makes my job so much easier," she said.

"It's been a wonderful relationship," and one the foundation has always been grateful for, said Marshall Doeller, who helped found the organization.

To express their thanks, the foundation's board of director's recently presented the bank with a commemorative plate portraying BB&T and recognizing their service to the community.

Both the foundation and the bank hope the partnership will continue long into the future.

"[The foundation's] mission and vision really resonated with what our goal and vision are in terms of making the community a better place and giving back as an organization," said Ray Knotts, senior vice president at BB&T and area executive for the Piedmont region.

Knotts said the bank is not looking for any kind of benefit other than the knowledge that they are helping an organizing that's doing good in the community.

"We're just doing our part in assisting the foundation to meet its goals and mission... hopefully it will help them continue to grow and expand," Knotts said.

"As long as they would like to use the space, we hope to make it available to them," he said.



M. M. Pierce continued
 “Community was absolutely important to her,” said a long-time friend who serves as a trustee of the scholarship fund.
 “She took part in anything and did things for individuals that very few people ever knew about,” she said.

To Pierce, who had no family of her own, the Remington community was her family and she did anything she could to love and support the people in it. Through the Margaret M. Pierce Scholarship Fund, she continues to support and impact that family.
 “She realized the value of education and knew there were many children who should go to college who would not be able to or would need a little extra to go and she wanted to do what she could to help,” said one fund trustee. Those who knew her are not surprised at the generosity she demonstrated in establishing the scholarship fund.
 “She was an exceptional person,” said Sue Floyd, a long-time Remington resident who served on the board of the parent

teacher organization for the school during Pierce’s time as principal.
 “She knew every child in the school and what they needed,” Floyd said.
 The impact Pierce had on those around her is only confirmed by the number of students who returned as adults just to talk to their beloved principal.
 Friends said she was speechless to learn the school had been named after her--a rare honor for a living principal.
 “She couldn’t believe it,” they said. 🌀

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What is the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation?

We are a public charity created by and for the people of Virginia’s Piedmont region. A vital link between caring people and the needs of our area, the Foundation builds philanthropic capital to enhance and preserve the quality of life in the area and to strengthen the region’s non-profit organizations.

Through the Foundation, individuals, families, businesses, and organizations with philanthropic interests can easily and effectively support the issues about which they care. They can establish a charitable fund by contributing a variety of assets and may also recommend grants to non-profit groups they want to support. Individuals can donate while living or through their wills.

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