

Discover the College Charitable Gift Annuity

How one family plans ahead for their daughter with a special gift to Catlin Gabel

Stuart and Sarah Allen's 4th grade daughter, Elizabeth, is 9—and in another 9 years, she'll be heading to college. With that in mind, Stuart approached the development office this winter with the idea of promoting a planned gift called a college annuity. Wanting to lead by example, Stuart established the school's first such gift in Elizabeth's name.

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between the donor and Catlin Gabel School. In exchange for an irrevocable gift to the school, Catlin Gabel agrees to pay a fixed sum each year for one or two lives chosen by the donor. What makes the college annuity distinctive is that Catlin Gabel waits to make payments until the recipient—usually a young student—is 18 and heading off to college. At that time, the college student receives four annual payments to help pay for tuition. A large portion of those payments is tax free. When the four payments have been made, the remaining value of the annuity passes to Catlin Gabel.

When Stuart established the college annuity in December, he received a tax deduction for 2005, and his gift bolsters the school's endowment. "As a participant in Catlin Gabel's gift annuity program, it is my experience that everyone wins. I have the joy of giving, my daughter will receive income for college, and I provide funds to a school that I admire and respect," he said.

Establishing a college annuity is a simple process, and parents will find that it is a great way to plan in advance for their child's tuition needs. With the rising cost of college and almost all of Catlin Gabel's graduates attending the nation's leading institutions, this is the right time to plan for any young student's future.

For further information about Catlin Gabel's planned giving program, call or email Miranda Wellman '91, director of major gifts and planned giving, at 503-203-5118, wellmanm@catlin.edu.

