

A SOLUTION:

HOW TO REMEMBER ALUMNI





BACKGROUND

St. Paul's School, in Concord, New Hampshire, has a practice of engraving each alum's name into a wood panel, which is then affixed to the walls of common rooms throughout the school.

From commencement day forward, graduates return to campus, with family and friends, and show them how they are physically part of the school they love.

CATE DOES NOT DO THIS

Cate, at present, does not have an inclusive and reverential way to celebrate and remember our alumni.

I would like to suggest a solution, and a way to add to the reunion experience for decades to come.

SOLUTION

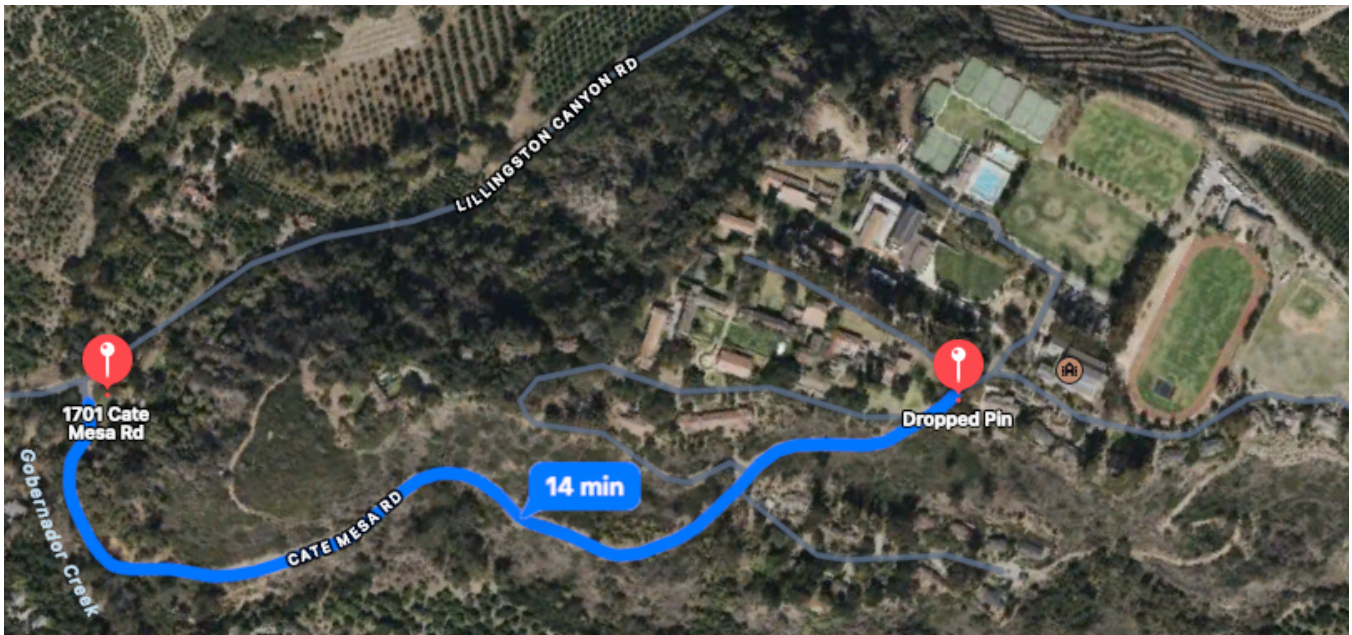
Cate has an established design of low landscape walls.



About two feet high, they are seen in almost every area of campus.

The solution is to create a wall design which uses engraved stone, each with a graduate's name and class. And if they have passed, their years.

LOCATION



Apple Maps tells us that this stretch of Cate Mesa Road is a 14 minute walk, and 6/10 of a mile. That equates to approximately 3,200 feet.

With each graduate's name being placed on a standard 16 inch stone, and the low wall being three tiers high, there would be space for 7,200 students.

In the early years, Cate had few alums, maybe 10. Today there are 75 per class. Allowing for these numbers, this one wall would allow enough space for over 140 years of alums.

And there are many more appropriate campus roads which could add another 100 years.

HISTORY



Importantly, the alumni memorial wall begins at the foot of the Mesa, where Mr. Cate built the first school house. The first graduates would find their names appropriately placed where they experienced Cate.

As the classes move closer to the present, the names and classes move closer to the current school on the top of the Mesa.

CELEBRATION



Every summer, Cate invites reunion classes back to the Mesa. With the alumni memorial wall in place, a reunion flag could be placed on a 20 foot flag pole inserted into a pre-drilled hole at the locations of each reunion year.

This simple addition of flags along Cate Mesa Road would add a feeling of celebration to the Mesa.

When appropriate, classes could recognize a classmate who has passed with flowers or a ribbon on their flagpole, and the carving of their years in their stone.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE

Cate needs to recognize our alumni in a permanent way.

As we get older, and more of our classmates pass, we need a way to remember them with dignity.

Where and when possible, bring this initiative to the attention of the Cate administration, and if possible, build a funding group and architectural and design group to take this idea further.

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