

# Profile in Giving

## Harold C. Mayer, Jr. '41 and grandson Philip Braddock '04

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*Harold C. Mayer, Jr., a class agent and Riverdale trustee from 1966 to 1974, passed away this summer at the age of 87. Billy, as he was known to his friends, graduated from Riverdale in 1941 and went on to earn a degree from Yale University. He enjoyed a long career in finance. His widow, Joan Mayer, recently shared with QUAD how much he loved his alma mater, a sentiment echoed by his grandson, Philip Braddock. Philip graduated from Riverdale in 2004. He received his AB in political science from Vassar College in 2008, and is currently a technical recruiter at Blackstone Technology Group in the San Francisco Bay area.*



### What has Riverdale meant to you and your family?

**Joan:** My husband got a wonderful education here. He was a scholar-athlete and had very fond memories of Riverdale.

**Philip:** There is actually a plaque somewhere with his name on it. When I was at RCS it hung in the staircase going upstairs in the main building.

Although I only attended RCS from sixth grade, I actually went to the day camp from a young age—kindergarten, I think, to fourth grade. It has always been a special place for me and my family because I remember so many different things about the school as a whole.

Without question my grandfather's love for Riverdale influenced my decision to attend. Coming from P.S. 6 there were any number of options for middle and high school. Once I got to the Hill Campus in seventh grade, I recall trying to envision how it was in my grandfather's day. Those were always special moments that I obviously never would have had if I had not gone to school at his alma mater.

While we did share stories about Riverdale we mostly talked about the changes and renovations. My grandfather used to talk about the football team and how he loved the classroom and the athletics department.

### Why do you give to the Annual Fund?

**Joan:** My husband was very loyal to the school. He enjoyed his service as a trustee and felt it was meaningful. He wanted to give back.

**Philip:** I give to the Annual Fund so that those who are now at Riverdale can come away with as positive an experience as I had.