

## **Windy Hill School Dedication Ceremony**

*Remarks by Anne Winton Black '73,'75*

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It is with extraordinary pleasure that I join you today for the dedication of the Windy Hill School. On behalf of our President and the Board of Trustees, it is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank and applaud the donors who have made this day possible. It is through our collective philanthropy and the shared vision for providing an exceptional laboratory school at Colby-Sawyer College that our new Windy Hill School stands before us. And, what a beautiful and functional vision it turned out to be! I doubt there is a person here today who is not awed by how stunning this space is and how perfect it is for the children who will launch their academic journey at Windy Hill.

The Windy Hill School has for many, many years been a signature program at Colby-Sawyer College. Today, we celebrate the beginning of a wonderful new chapter in its distinguished history. Our president, Tom Galligan, once spoke of buildings being the houses for our dreams – well, this is a truly magnificent “house” and is evidence that not only do dreams come true, but also that we should always be bold when we dream. These young children and the college students whom we serve deserve no less.

As I view Windy Hill I am inspired and awed by the remarkable lead gift of \$1 million that was presented to us as a challenge. Those donors, in their infinite wisdom, found a way to not only transform the landscape at Colby-Sawyer, but also provided a means for many others to come together with gifts both modest and large to complete this exceptional school. I, President Galligan, and the Board of Trustees extend our most sincere appreciation to all of our donors and most especially to our anonymous donors for the immense interest they have taken in the college’s endeavors.

Today’s dedication is a vivid reminder that philanthropy has the power to transform. Our college has been the beneficiary of many extraordinary gifts, which, over time, have dramatically enhanced this beautiful campus and given our students remarkable facilities designed to improve their academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities. Let us all take a moment to reflect upon the potential we have to leave something behind that is greater than ourselves. It is a marvelous legacy and one that bears repeating over and over again!

Thank you, each and every one of you, who contributed to the “new” Windy Hill School. You have made a difference in the lives of the young children who will come to know this special school, you have made a difference in the lives of the teachers who will guide them, and you have made a difference in the lives of the Colby-Sawyer students who will use this laboratory school and our exceptional Child Development Program to gain the skills they need to serve as teachers in other communities, near and far. It is not only an honor, but also a privilege to recognize and celebrate the generosity that makes all of this possible.