

Passionate

Andre Stipanovic

Walk into Upper School Latin teacher Dr. Andre Stipanovic's classroom and you'll feel transported back to ancient Rome. Stately white columns and shelves displaying the Iliad and the Odyssey encompass the room, and in place of the usual student desks' arrangement, a large wooden table invites students to sit down and discuss their latest Latin translation. Dr. S's room was built with an endowment donated by alumna Katharine Stirling "Peggy" Pitman DeGolyer's family in honor of Peggy who had died in 1950 at the age of 24. Her portrait is still displayed in the room. The endowment covered the dismantling and reconstruction of the room when the academic building was renovated in 2005. But it is not just his classroom that sets his class apart. "Dr. S's passion for Latin, particularly classical poetry, inspires his students to appreciate the language and understand its relevance in the world today," senior Latin and Greek student Katherine Dau said.

Comforting

Brain

"This my brain to keep me calm," Dr. S said.

Commemorative

Momentos

Dr. S collected these over the summer from Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde. He and his family took tours in the National Park in Colorado and climbed the side of cliffs to reach the house-like caves built into the side of the rock.

Archaeological

Rock Collection

Dr. S collects rocks on his desk. Among them are jasper, quartz and a wide variety of others from Crater of Diamonds National Park in Arkansas. "This is my geology lab," Dr. S said.

Colorful

Hole Punch

"They tell me it's a pink hole puncher but I can't tell the color," Dr. S said since he is color blind.

Commemorative

Pointer

Pointer that reminds Dr. S and his class of the Cat in the Hat from Dr. Seuss, one of the first books Dr. S read.

Reminiscent

Mug

Former student Merritt Milliron made Dr. S this mug in 2007 with the acronym SPQR on it for Senate and People of Rome.

Meaningful

Bottle

A student gave Dr. S this Big Gulp Mo Ranch water bottle in 2009, and he still keeps it on his desk.

Scholastic

Aeneid

Dr. S's copy of Vergil's Aeneid that every Latin student translates in the course of the Hockaday Latin curriculum.