ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Honoring
Michael Laurence Mauzé ’85
June 6, 2015

When Mike Mauzé applied to Davidson College, he wrote about his experiences as a camp counselor and how the relationships with the campers helped him realize how fortunate he was to have the family and life he did. It also made him realize what an influence he could be on younger kids. He wrote: “It seemed that whatever I liked, they would like, and whatever I did, they would all do. Thus, I felt an obligation to them to set the best possible example, not because my employer told me I had to, but because of the impact I had on those kids. By exhibiting good sportsmanship, friendliness, patience and by never using foul language, I honestly felt that by the end of the summer, I had made a positive impact on my campers.”

Mike’s interest in using his influence for good—and awareness of how easily others are influenced—carried through his time at Davidson and has certainly stayed with him as an alumnus, businessman, husband and father. He is an example of generosity, kindness and hard work.

During his time on campus, Mike was an economics major, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and played varsity soccer. Following Davidson, he earned an MBA from Columbia University. Mike is a founding partner of VMG Equity Partners in San Francisco, a private equity investment firm that focuses on lifestyle and wellness industries. Prior to VMG, he was a managing director of The Shansby Group (TSG) and an investment banker with Lehman Brothers and Paine Webber.

Mike is married to Alison Hall Mauzé, Davidson College Class of 1984, and together the couple has supported the college as benefactors, advisers and friends. From soccer facilities and scholarships to internships, the new academic building and Dean Rusk international studies programs, the lives of countless Davidson students have and will be transformed by the Mauzés and their unwavering commitment to the vision of the college. Their lead-by-example approach is inspiring to many.

Mike has served alma mater through annual giving campaigns, capital campaign leadership, the Davidson Alumni Admission Program and the Trustee Investment Committee. Mike is serving unofficially as advisor to the current Game Changers campaign which launched in November 2014, as Alison is co-chairing the effort. Together, they have three sons—Christopher, Davidson Class of 2015, Jackson, Davidson Class of 2016, and Teddy, Yale Class of 2018. They are also the host family to a young man, Geoffrey, from Ghana who will be enrolling at UCSB this fall.

Because of your commitment to Davidson students and their experiences on and off campus; because of your leadership and guidance as an alumnus and friend of the college; and because of the genuine, positive example you set for others, the Davidson College Alumni Association proudly honors you, Michael Laurence Mauzé, Class of 1985, with the Alumni Service Award on the occasion of your 30th Reunion, June 6, 2015.