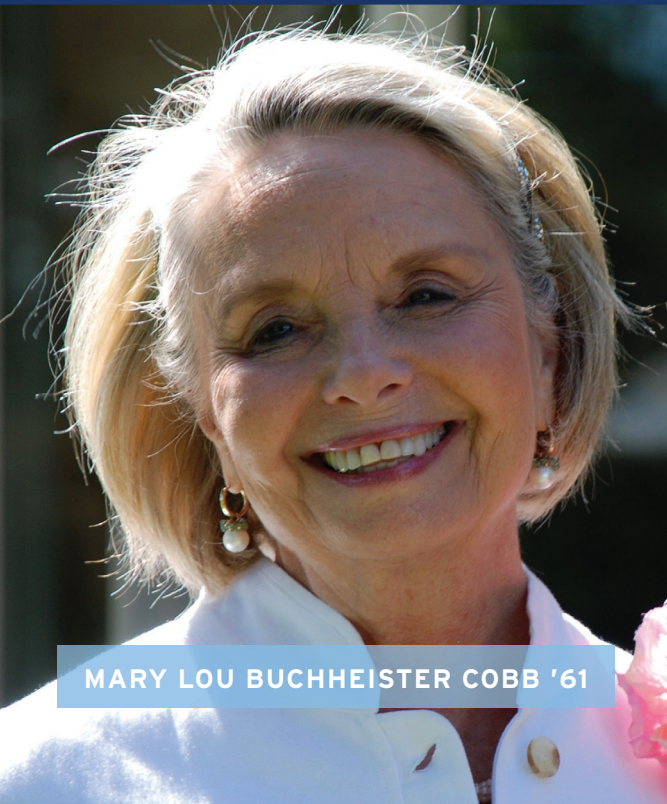


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**Mary Lou Buchheister Cobb '61** founded The Cobb School, Montessori in 1974 and has been Head of School for over forty years. In addition to starting The Cobb School, Mary Lou has been a founding board member of three other Montessori organizations: The Montessori Administrators Association (MAA), the Montessori Training Center of New England (MTCNE), and the Montessori Schools of Connecticut (MSC) and continues to serve on their boards. She also serves on the Board of Sphere, a coalition of Connecticut independent schools dedicated to diversity and inclusion and on the Commission for Membership and Accreditation (CMA) for the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools. Mary Lou enjoys advancing the mission of Montessori and has acted as a consultant for school leaders and mentors through speaking engagements. •

After graduating from Holton in 1961 and Smith College four years later, **Kate Putnam Baxter '61** raised a family, attended law school, and practiced law in New York and Connecticut before moving to California in 1997 where she now lives near her daughter and grandsons. Privileged to travel to developing countries with fellow alumnae from what used to be called the Seven Sister Colleges, she was struck in 2012 with the plight of Cambodians still suffering from the devastating experiences of the Khmer Rouge from 1975 to 1979. Since volunteerism has always played an important role in her life, she decided to dedicate part of each year to sharing with Cambodians the gifts that each of us has—an excellent education and the English language. “To be a native speaker in the lingua franca of the world is a blessing. To share it with others is finding a way to make a small difference in the lives of many.” •

