



Borgia Alumni Spotlight Kelly (Lamb) Pollock '92

What are you currently up to?

I'm currently the Executive Director at COCA – Center of Creative Arts -in St. Louis. COCA is a dynamic arts education center serving 50,000 people from 221 zip codes across the St. Louis region. Also, this past year, I was a U.S.A. Eisenhower Fellow which provided me the opportunity to travel to Brazil, Northern Ireland and Ireland to study how arts and culture are being utilized to promote economic growth and address issues of inequality.

Tell us about your family?

I married my high school sweetheart, Mitch Pollock (Class of 1991), and we have two kids - Oliver (12) and Adelaide (10).

What was your favorite memory of high school?

I have very fond memories of the many activities surrounding Homecoming – building floats, the parade, the football game, the dance, etc. It was always a very fun-spirited and social time!

How has your Borgia education helped you in your life?

I have a strong sense of social justice and team-work, both which were nurtured at Borgia. I work with extremely diverse community stakeholders and I'm constantly challenged to see the world through someone else's perspective and find pathways to work together. I'm grateful that my sense of compassion and ability to collaborate were instilled in me from an early age.

What is the great takeaway from your Borgia education?

The community of people that surrounds you in your formative years has a significant impact on the person you become. In addition to receiving a quality education, I was fortunate and privileged to have a very loving and supportive group of peers and adults surrounding me at Borgia, and beyond. That experience has been influential in shaping my professional career which has largely been focused on building a positive and supportive community in which young people from all backgrounds can thrive and reach their full potential.

What word or adjective would you use to describe Borgia?

Spirited