

CHRISTOPHER ADISHIAN '87

Like many Chadwick alumni, **Chris Adishian '87** vividly recalls outdoor education. He went rock climbing at Joshua Tree National Park, made two weeklong camping trips along the Colorado River, camped and hiked on Catalina Island, and participated in a “home and away” exchange with a private school in Connecticut.

“These are just tremendous learning experiences for young students that stay with them for a lifetime,” Adishian says. “I still remember mine over 30 years later.”

But more than just for the fun of being outdoors, Adishian appreciates Chadwick’s outdoor education program for what it brings to each student’s sense of being.

“Chadwick’s commitment to educating the whole child is rare,” he says. “I believe it helps each child discover and develop his or her confidence, perspective, abilities, interests and potential.”

As a student, says Adishian, he “seemed to be always playing sports either during or after school.” He rowed

during his freshman year at the University of California at Berkeley, and still takes yoga and martial arts classes every week. His other exercise, he says, comes from wrestling with his two children, Mark (4) and Talar (2). Adishian resides in Hawthorne with his wife Lena, and their children.

For Adishian, time out for fun and family can be hard to find. He balances his workdays between his legal practice, where he focuses on business, real estate and employment law (he earned his J.D. from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles), and his real-estate firm, where he manages approximately \$33 million in residential and commercial property and makes good use of his B.A. in Mathematical Economics from UC Berkeley.

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As busy as he is, Adishian suddenly felt like a man with time on his hands when Chadwick approached him about a trusteeship.

“Chadwick was such a positive, growing experience for me in so many ways,” he says. “When I was asked to join the board, it seemed like the natural thing to do.”

As an experienced world traveler, he admires the school’s global perspective, especially the opening of the campus in Songdo, Korea. “When I first heard about Chadwick International,” he says, “my first thought was, ‘That is simply brilliant!’ What a visionary idea.”

Now it’s his turn to help form the vision for Chadwick’s future. “My hope,” he says, “is that I can contribute my skills to help Chadwick achieve its short- and long-term goals so the school can continue to fulfill its mission for the students at Chadwick School and Chadwick International.”

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