Ben Kalter

Ben ('02) says JPDS-NC was where he met three of his "closest friends in the world...Nathaniel, Max and Benjy." When he reflects upon the JPDS-NC experience, he notes that "JPDS-NC was not only good for kids, but for their parents too." Ben hopes JPDS-NC "keeps the small classes, community feel and good teacher/student ratio."

Ben attended The Maret School upon graduation from JPDS-NC. While at high school, Ben volunteered with The Friendship Circle, where he worked one on one with Jewish children with autism. On Sundays he was an assistant Hebrew teacher at Adas Israel. Ben attended Tufts University where he majored in Economics and Entrepreneurial Leadership Studies. Ben won several awards with the Tufts Mock Trial team and spent a semester in Madrid, Spain studying finance and Spanish. Back on campus, Ben served as Tufts Hillel Board Social Chair.

While at college, Ben held several internship roles in D.C with Emerging Market Strategies Inc. and the Rock Creek Group. From 2013 to the present, Ben has been working with the Bank of New York Mellon in their NYC office as a Senior Associate Financial Analyst. Outside of work, Ben continues to volunteer with groups like The Friendship Circle in NYC which he began working as a high school student in D.C. In NYC, he helped a newly formed branch of Friendship Circle gain traction in the community. Since 2013, Ben has been on the Tufts Alumni Admission Program, assisting with recruitment and enrollment. He has also been working with JPDS-NC organizing alumni gatherings and reunions for those living in New York. His roommate in downtown NYC is his old JPDS-NC friend from first grade, Nathaniel Kanefield.