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## From Waste to Fire

Armed with foresight, a business plan, and sheer intestinal fortitude, Kimberton alum Kyle Schutter (class of 2006) is following his dream of creating a biofuel company in Africa and assuring that, at least in his small part of the world, people can rely on renewable energy sources. His company, called Takamoto Biogas—which in Swahili means “fire from waste”—sells to farmers units that can convert animal waste to methane gas, which then can be used in cooking and lighting. Kyle stays in touch with many Kimberton classmates and teachers, and involves them in an ongoing debate about “developing the developing world.” —Michelle Popowsky Spring, class of 1973

Q: I understand that you were in a B.S. program in biomedical engineering at Brown University and decided to go to Africa. What led you down that road?

Kyle: I always wanted to start a renewable energy/biofuel company. As I was applying for my PhD, I realized that I had a choice: spend 5–7 years in grad school, where I knew what I would be learning, or spend 5–7 years in Africa, learning something completely new. Another thing attracted me to Africa—its totally different environment and culture. I chose Kenya for several reasons: it's very developed, has a great banking system, and is entrepreneurial and industrialized; plus, I had run out of money when I got there, and I had to do something.

Q: How did you come up with the idea of converting waste to energy? How do your units work? What do they do, exactly?

Kyle: They are underground tanks, shaped like domes, about the size of an average bathroom. You put animal waste, cow dung, in there, and

in about 14 days the naturally occurring bacteria produce methane gas. This can be used for cooking, lighting, and to power small generators. We saw an opportunity there. The technology already existed; what we did was get it from the idea stage to widespread construction.

Q: Your blog is fascinating ([takamotobiogas.com](http://takamotobiogas.com)), where you talk about the registration process for a small business as a foreign national. Your determination to brave the bureaucracy to start your business in Kenya is admirable. Tell us about your experiences starting it up.

Kyle: People have been really helpful; the former system of bribery has changed. It took about 3–4 weeks to register the company and another 4 weeks for the work permit.

Q: What has been the response of the local people to your business? What do you charge for your units?

Kyle: They are very excited about the business, and some cannot believe that it's not



magic. We don't sell them to the government to provide to the people, though; if someone buys something for you, you don't treat it the same as if you bought it yourself. I sell the units to the farmers directly for \$1,000; they use them to produce their own fuel. Because of deforestation, energy costs in Kenya are very high. After 1–2 years, the cost of the unit pays for itself, and it lasts 30 years. We are working with banks to convince them to provide loans for the equipment.

Q: What does the future hold? Will you expand your business, start another?

# takamotobiogas

Kyle: There are a lot of different opportunities in sanitation and waste management. I'd like to keep on testing out new ideas and finding out what kinds of waste (plastics, glass, vegetable waste) can be turned into profitable products to help clean up the environment, make money, and create jobs. Right now there is no recycling system in Kenya; everything is just dumped, and there is a subgroup of workers called "scavengers" who sift through the dumpsite.

Q: How do you define success? Have you reached it?

Kyle: It depends on how you define "success." I am happy in

Kenya; in my mind, running a company is success. Success is if you can define a problem and solve it.

Q: What are a few of the differences about living there and living here?

Kyle: People are so friendly; they will go out of their way to help you. Kenya has a slower pace (but faster than other African nations).

Q: What do you miss most about America when you are in Kenya?

Kyle: A hot shower. I live on the edge of a slum, called Kibera, in Nairobi, in a two-bed-

room apartment with no running water. One time I came home from work late and there was no water left in the cistern—nothing for bathing or drinking or flushing the toilet. I usually pay someone to haul water for me; she brings it back in a jug on her head.

Q: How did your Waldorf education prepare you for your work?

Kyle: I have an ongoing debate in my head about how much the Waldorf education contributed, and how much is due to my parents, who are engineers. In my classes, we always had a multidisciplinary approach to a subject, which was very helpful. Also, I've kept in touch with many friends and teachers from

Kimberton; we have an ongoing dialogue and discussion about the benefits and challenges of developing the developing world. The Kimberton community is always there to challenge you, push you, encourage you.

Learn more about Kyle Schutter and Takamoto Biogas at

[takamotobiogas.com](http://takamotobiogas.com).





Partial group photo with special guests faculty and retired faculty Andy Dill '72 and Jason Kanter (back row) Nancy Dill '81, middle row, Ed Stone and Nancy Dill Sr. (front right)

# Reunion 2011

Reunion 2011 started with balmy hot weather that may not have been exactly what the Class of 1981 had hoped for as they trudged out with shovels in hand with a plan to make a substantial campus improvement. Despite the heat, the group, led by alumni parent Jeanne Weber, dug, weeded, hauled, planted and mulched an amazing new rose garden that borders the front of the Middle School, as well as planting flowers in the circle in the front of the school near Seven Stars Road.

"While it might have been sweaty, dirty work, we accomplished a lot and felt good

about giving back to the school," said Sally Umble Lipkowitz '81. "Our class was committed to doing a project to show our gratitude to the school and we feel that we accomplished this by leaving a little beauty in our stead."

After cleaning up, members of the Class of 1981 joined about 50 other alumni and their families for a healthy BBQ and delightful bluegrass music that had everyone feeling "at home and at peace." Children took pony rides provided by Dr. Richard Fried, alumni parent to Devorah '98 and Justin '01. In addition, children dug for "magical" shells in the Early Childhood sandbox.

Around town, additional alumni gatherings were planned as well. The Class of '61, celebrating their 50th reunion, celebrated at the home of Mark Birdsall. The Class of '81 made a weekend of it with a gathering at Molly Maguires Irish Pub in Phoenixville. People came as far as California, North Carolina and Vermont.

All attendees received a special memento to celebrate the day, such as a cap, water bottle or mug.

Already the class of 2004 is planning their own mini reunion on campus in August 2011. If you would like more information, please contact Caitlin Bevvino-Ring at [caitlinbr@gmail.com](mailto:caitlinbr@gmail.com).

# KWS Reaching Out To Alumni

Kimberton Waldorf School faculty, staff and board members are scheduling regional events and personal visits in an attempt to “bring folks back into the fold.”

“We’re very serious about getting to know our alumni better, share all of the changes taking place on campus and our recent success,” said Mary Hirsch, director of development and head of alumni relations. “It’s more than sending eblasts and newsletters. We really want to know who our alumni are, get their viewpoint on their education and hear their ideas for improving our school.”

This year, the development office had events in New York City (hosted by Audrey Twarogowski Meredith ’76), Virginia (hosted by Michelle Popowsky Spring ’73) and in Philadelphia at the Pub & Kitchen. Beginning this summer, Mary Hirsch and Caitlin

Elberson will be hitting the road to visit people face-to-face, mainly in New York, North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia. Please agree to a visit if one of KWS’s employees contact you.

If you would consider hosting an alumni event in your home, we would be so grateful. Thus far, hosts have paid for

food and drinks and we are so grateful to them. Regional events include an update on the state of the school from a board member and they have been highly popular. Please contact Mary Hirsch at 610.933.3635 x106 or [mhirsch@kimberton.org](mailto:mhirsch@kimberton.org) if you are interested in hosting a small party at your house.



Above: event hosted at the home of Michelle Popowsky Spring (center front) in Arlington, Virginia. Pictured from left front, Gail Anthony Greenberg ’73, Michelle, Helen Panitt ’57. Back row, Baker Spring, Griffin Greenberg, KWS Board Member Michael Liss.

At left: Philly event attracted alumni parents Ken Schutter and Kris Keller, alumna Gail Anthony Greenberg ’73 and her husband, Neil.

More photos on next page.

# KWS Reaching Out To Alumni



About 20 alumni, alumni parents and KWS board member, Deborah Merroth-Ahola and Associate Director of Development, Caitlin Elbersen attended the Philly event in June at the Pub & Kitchen.

From left: Tim Schutter '10, Kyle Schutter '06, Laura Schutter, '07



From left: Danica Cantrell '08, Liana Garcia-Osborne '06, James McAloon '06, Meredith Mitchell '06



From left: Alex Dews '99, Danielle Friedland '96, Elizabeth Cuesta '96 (Liz is on the faculty at KWS)

PS: Alex and his wife, Sasha, had a baby girl, Evelyn Swayze Dews, on June 23, 2011!

# Introducing Our Newest Alumni



Alexis Bacon is delighted to be attending Smith College. She was also accepted at Elizabethtown College.



Emily Biffis will be attending Smith College. She was also accepted at Bard College and Mount Holyoke, where she was offered a leadership scholarship.



Sonia DelBusso plans to pursue athletic training at Ithaca College, which awarded her a \$10,000 Laurence S. Hill and Adrian M. Newens Scholarship. She was also offered a merit scholarship at McDaniel College. Drexel named her an A.J. Drexel Scholar, and Syracuse University granted her a Syracuse University Dean's Scholarship. Sonia intends to take a gap year to work, travel, and study photography in Costa Rica.



Tessa Bailey will attend Eastern University, where she was awarded a \$13,000-per-year leadership scholarship, a \$2,000 music scholarship and a \$1,000 legacy scholarship.



Angier Cooper will attend Ursinus College, which granted her a \$17,000-per-year Ursinus Scholarship. She was also accepted at Elizabethtown College, which offered her a presidential scholarship, York College (Heritage Award), as well as Lebanon Valley College, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Kutztown, Millersville, East Stroudsburg, and Slippery Rock.



Cordelia Greene will work as an au pair in Paris for a Kimberton alumna's two children, while taking classes at Parsons School of Design, Paris. She will also prepare to apply to art school for the following year.



Aidan Gross will travel and work in Europe, explore the unknown, and apply to colleges.



Leigh Ann Hall is thrilled to be attending Emerson College in the fall. Leigh Ann was new to Kimberton Waldorf School this past fall and by all accounts, she thrived.



Hytham Hanna will take a gap year to attend the KROKA semester in Ecuador and then will attend Bennington College.



Hagay Haut was accepted at Goucher College (which offered a generous merit award) and Randolph College, which offered him a merit scholarship of \$16,000. He will attend Randolph after a gap year. His plans include traveling to Israel and Europe and working on an organic farm in Hawaii.

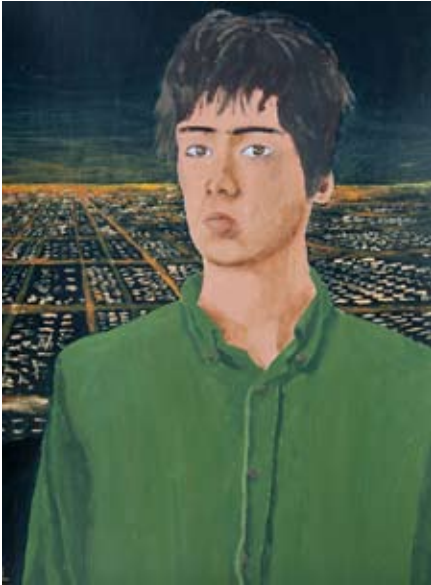


Jackson Hughes will take a gap year to work on an organic farm in Hawaii. He will then attend Bennington College, which awarded him a Bennington Grant of \$28,000 plus a Brockway Faculty Scholarship of \$8,000. Jackson was also admitted to the New College of Florida, which offered him an NCF Scholarship and a New College Grant. Eckerd College offered Jackson a Trustee Scholarship and a College Grant.



Eva Jaunzemis plans to pursue a joint BA/BFA in fashion design at Parsons, the New School for Design/Lang, where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Scholarship of \$11,100 and a Dean's BFA

Scholarship of \$4,900. She was also accepted into Philadelphia University's Design program (where she was offered a Faculty Scholarship and Philadelphia University Grant) and at Drexel, again in Design, where she was awarded a Dean's Scholarship.



Skyler Lehmkuhl was accepted at Embry-Riddle and Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). After a bicycle tour of Europe (perhaps on the electric bicycle he built for his senior project), he will attend RIT.

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Aaron Liss was accepted at Colorado College, Grinnell College, Juniata College, where he was awarded the James Quinter Scholarship, and Cornell College, which offered him a presidential scholarship. He will attend Colorado College.



Danny Minogue is looking forward to attending the Honors College at Ithaca, where he received the John Harcourt Scholarship of \$7,500 per year. He was also admitted to Elon University, University of Massachusetts at Amherst (where he was offered a Director's Schol-

arship, Penn State Abington, University of Vermont, and West Chester University.



Christina Noack was accepted at Juniata and Elizabethtown Colleges. She will attend Juniata, which awarded her a \$14,000 M.G. Brumbaugh Scholarship.



T.J. Pongia was admitted to Ithaca College and the University of Tampa. He will defer his matriculation at Ithaca in order to spend a year training in mixed martial arts at one of the top three gyms in the nation.



Speedy Sebastian Roemer will wear the racing colors of Macalaster College next fall. He was wooed by Dickinson College, which offered him the John Dickinson Scholarship, Washington and Jefferson College, which offered him a leadership scholarship, and Fordham, which also offered him a merit scholarship.



Kieran Schad was accepted to Embry-Riddle University, Drexel and Penn State Berks. He will study engineering at Penn State.



Brian Story chose Eckerd College, which awarded him a \$15,000 presidential scholarship. He also considered admissions offers at Johnson State College in Vermont and Ithaca College, which both offered him merit scholarships, and Goucher College.



Hannah Tucker will attend Ursinus College where she received an Ursinus College Fund Award of \$5,700 and an Achievement Award of \$7,500. Juniata College offered her a Baker award. She was also accepted at Elizabethtown and Lebanon Valley colleges.

## Our Newest Alumni



Jacob Tucker will take a gap year, possibly working in Italy on a farm through World Wide Opportunities in Organic Farming. He is also considering apprenticeship options with Triskeles.



Carley Zarzeka was accepted to McDaniel College, which awarded her a large merit scholarship, Guilford College, which granted her generous merit monies, Dickinson College, with a \$10,000 award, and Hobart William Smith, which offered her another merit award. Carley will attend Dickinson in the fall.

### News on 2010 Gap Year Grads

Zack Dunphy was accepted to Chico State University, University of Montana, Missoula and SUNY-Morrisville. Nell Linderoth was accepted to Eckerd, Otterbein and Roanoke College. She will attend Eckerd College. Lily Sverdlik will attend Columbia College in Chicago to study Public Relations and Sports Management. She was also accepted to La Salle University with a merit Scholarship.

## Sharing Cultures

When we think of Poland, we might envision war-torn villages from a tragic past. Or we might imagine a delicious perogie. But did you know that Poland was the first country in Europe to pass a constitution or realize that they have the financial ability to send a group of 7th grade students to visit Kimberton Waldorf School?

“The whole adventure was like a multi-dimensional reunion captured in a real-life fairytale,” explained Benjamin Burg, teacher of the 7th graders from Primus Foundation out of Warsaw, Poland, and a KWS alumnus from the Class of 1985.

The 7th graders from Warsaw may have names like Maciej and Sergio, but they looked like typical American 13-year-olds wearing jeans and sporting T-shirts.

“There was an interest in having our bi-lingual students practice in a native English-speaking country and my first thought was Kimberton,” Benjamin explained.

Many KWS parents hosted the students for the week that they were here. By opening their homes, they extended the exchange experience to include an intimate setting in which they could learn about the students’ particular interests, the foods they eat, and the music they listen to.

“The program at Kimberton was to review early American History along with biographies of historical figures with an emphasis on local people.”

And how did the KWS students enjoy the visit to the school? “I believe the Kimberton students had a great time, too,” Benjamin said. “Watching all the hugs in the parking lot and seeing them running down the road as we drove away making their last farewell, well, that summed up the trip.”



Benjamin Burg, top left with 7th graders from Primus Foundation, Warsaw, Poland.

# Class Notes

## Class of 1957

Gwendolyn A. Miller '57

Gwen lives in Morgantown, PA.

She has a BS in education from West Chester University and an MA from Millersville University. She



is a retired elementary school teacher. She taught at Overbrook School for the Blind for four years and then Twin Valley School district for another 35 years. Gwen enjoys knitting and collecting dolls.

Gwen adopted four children – Lisa Ann Miller DaDamio, Ann Marie, Angela, and Corey.

“I loved it when Mr. Myrin would ride to school on horseback while we were at recess,” Gwen said. “It was always special at Christmas when the whole school would bring greens on Monday and they were transformed into a huge advent wreath the next day. We’d gather there in the open court and Mr. Myrin would light the tree. Only he could put the lights on the tree. He said ‘the lights should shine from within’ and our lives should be the same.”

Gwen benefited from the teaching of her mother from first through fifth grades. She also loved Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Hayman.

“Although I’ve been a teacher in the public school system, I took much of Kimberton with me,” Gwen shared. “I tried to teach, as the school song said, with patient care and guiding love surrounding each girl and boy.”

## Class of 1961

David Ellis

David lives in Vernon, New Jersey where he is self-employed as an advertising and print broker. Formerly, he was a teacher, Yellow Pages sales and sales training director. He enjoys sailing, tennis and working on his family geneology. He has two children, Jonathan David and Leah Suzanne.

## Class of 1973

Michelle Popowsky Spring and her husband, Baker, have taken up beekeeping at their country place in Linden, Virginia. Writes Michelle, “we are both enthusiastic gardeners, and so beekeeping was a natural follow-on as a way to increase yields. We also appreciate the fact that we are following an ancient tradition. I was thrilled to see that Kimberton is doing the same. Bees are amazing creatures.”



## Kudos to the class of 1973!

This past January I set out to update all the contact information for our class and sent out several letters/emails asking for help and updated information. The response from the class was tremendous; it was really gratifying to get back in touch with so many friends and learn about their fascinating journeys so far! –Michelle Popowsky Spring

## Class of 1975

Chris Peeples

Chris attended the University of Richmond and own a manufacturing company. His hobbies include flying, collecting, architecture, renovations, landscaping and inventing. He has three children – Undine, Hilary and Alyssa. His favorite Kimberton Farms School memory is the Main Lesson Blocks. His favorite teachers include Ed Stone and Ed Matthews because, “they allowed youth to be youth

without being overbearing and authoritative. They used good workable teaching methods,” Chris said.

“Kimberton Farms School helped develop innate abilities to try, learn and excel,” Chris added.

#### Class of 1981

Tara Anastasi

Tara lives in North Carolina where she teaches reading, spelling and writing at Fletcher School in Charlotte. She loves to read, write, garden, laughing and making other people laugh. She has three children, Kelly, 19, Meg, 17, and Georgina, 13.

When asked about her favorite KWS memory, Tara exclaimed, “Oh, yes! Mr. Stone reciting *Parcival* as a main lesson. He is such a fabulous story teller. I also fondly remember ‘kite day’ and going to a French restaurant in West Chester with Madam Coulet Schemdu Gard.” Tara went on to add that Madam was one of her favorite teachers because ‘her name is so much fun!’



“Wilma Beam was super funny,” Tara said. “Mr. Eberle taught me to plant. I really liked the farmers, Mr. Shuldice and Mr. Lehman because they were so handsome. Mr. Matthews was a great teacher and funny man.”

Tara is involved in multi-sensory teaching for kids with diagnosed learning disabilities. “KWS very much uses experiential teaching and learning,” she said. “I don’t really watch TV and boy, oh boy, I don’t think I’m missing much. Many of my KFS teachers encouraged us to read, talk, play or create rather than watch.”

Elisabeth Bell Bachman lives in St. Joseph, Maryland. She graduated from the University of Delaware. She is co-owner of a business that delves into petroleum and convenience stoves. She has four children – John, 19, Jeff, 17, Brett, 17, and Gwen, 11, and she enjoys watching them play basketball, run cross country and swim.

Lauren Emes

Lauren attended Temple University where she received a BS in Information Science and Technology, and then went on to the University of Michigan where she earned a Master of Urban Planning. Today she works in computer programming. Lauren has two children, André and Kieran. Her favor-

ite KWS memory was playing Eeyore in the 6th grade Latin play “in that bloody hot costume!” (“Sed nemo curat; nemini curae est.”)

“I learned about people and that the journey is as important as the finish.”

Ann Emlen

Ann graduated from Katherine Gibbs and Washington College, obtaining a degree in home health care nursing. She enjoys horseback riding, hiking, swimming and reading. Ann has two children, Kemper and James Mason.



A favorite memory is the Mad Woman of Shiov play in high school and field hockey.

“Kimberton Waldorf School helped us to establish friendships, business contacts, and a love for learning and more,” Ann said.

# Class Notes

Lori Freese

Lori graduated from Kutztown University and is a kindergarten teacher. Her hobbies include reading and art. She has a daughter, Lili.

Martin Schwabe

Martin lives in Chico, CA. He attended Penn State and is operations manager at Granite Transformations. He loves music, movies, and electronics. He has one son, Tobias. His favorite teacher was Wilma Beam.

"The connections I made have remained to this day," Martin said.

Martha Striedieck

Martha graduated from Temple University and is a landscape designer for Ornamental Landscaping. She has a daughter, Sarah, who lives in Chester Springs. She loved hockey huddles, senior Halloween, 8th grade and senior plays at Kimberton Waldorf School. She also loved how Mr. Stone always had a unique way to explain things.

Ann Theurkauf Dyer

Ann graduated from Georgetown University with a BSN and the University of Pennsylvania with an MSN. "Most of the time I parent and volunteer," she said. "Some of the time I work as a pediatric nurse practitioner. Her hobbies include gardening, horseback riding and

traveling. Ann has two sons, Jack, 14, and Mark, 13.

Ann's favorite Kimberton Waldorf School memory was a trip to Williamsburg, Ridley Creek State Park, playing sports and singing on the bus to and from school. Her favorite teacher was Jason Kanter who "was able to keep our attention, taught outside the box and taught outside the box."

How did KWS help Ann in her life? "It gave me insight and perspective to navigate life."

Sally Umble-Lipkowitz

Sally graduated from Ursinus College with a BA in English and a MA from West Chester University. Currently, she works as a Communication Disorders, Speech-Language Therapist in a public elementary school. She enjoys gardening and initiated the Class of 1981 gardening project at reunion 2011. She has two children, Julia, who attends Kimberton Waldorf School, and Michael. Her favorite KWS memory was the Candlelight Sing.

Her mother, Mary Jane Umble was her favorite teacher. "Kimberton inspired a life-long love of learning," Sally said.

Laura Wolff

Laura received a BFA from West Chester University. Today she is a waitress and graphic designer. She enjoys horse-

back riding, dancing, writing, painting and psychic spy. She has one son, Joshua. Her favorite KWS memory was having Jason Kanter read the Hobbit.

Class of 1982

AJ. Healy

AJ graduated from the University of Richmond with a BA, and today provide insurance support. AJ enjoys golf, equine, and running and has two children, Ainsley and Sara.

"Kimberton Waldorf School provided a life-long community," AJ said.

John H. Keller

John graduated from Boston University with a BA in French Language and Literature and from Salisbury University with an MA in Teaching. He teaches culinary arts in high school as well as French, Italian and cooking at Chesapeake College, where he shares ideas about organic food, buying local and sustainability in his culinary arts course. He lives in Chestertown, MD. He loves kayaking, golf, cooking, gardening, languages, and European travel. He has a daughter, Olivia, 9.

"Kimberton grounded me," John said.

Class of 1984

Camille St. James

Camille graduated from

Muhlenberg College with a BA in Communications/Fine Art. Currently, she is doing communications work for a Catholic parish in New York City. She enjoys art and reading, and her favorite KWS memory is Mr. Stone's stories in algebra class.



#### Class of 1989

**Fintje Lehman Carpenter**  
Fintje attended Earlham College and has a BA in International Studies. Before becoming a stay-at-home mother, she was involved with data management for clinical studies. She loves ultimate Frisbee and golf. She has a stepdaughter, Lily, who is 11, and Milo, who is 2.

**Kimberton Waldorf School**  
"taught me to be open and understanding of all people and situations that present themselves to me," Fintje said.

#### Class of 1991

**Elizabeth Beebe Harmon**  
Elizabeth attended Kutztown University. She is a homemaker and mother to Avery Rose, who is an upcoming first grader at Kimberton Waldorf School. She enjoys sewing, painting, reading, drawing and logic puzzles.

"KWS exposed me to a broad range of things including literature from around the world that I never would have experienced otherwise," Elizabeth shared. "I truly enjoyed my time here."

#### Class of 2003

**Thea Lothe Dringus**  
Currently, I live in Upper Bucks County with my husband, Aaron, and I am a grades teacher at the River Valley Waldorf School. My class is currently in 2nd grade but we will be moving our way up to 3rd grade



with the beginning of the coming school year.

#### Class of 2004

**Caitlin Bevvino-Ring**  
Caitlin graduated from Barnard College with a degree in English, and is a teacher. She enjoys running, gardening and visiting friends. Her favorite KWS memories include walks in the woods, gardening class, and locking Mr. Lehman out of the classroom on April Fools Day in sixth grade.

Her favorite KWS teacher is Peter Lehman "for his patience, love and wisdom over so many years," Caitlin said.

"Kimberton Waldorf School provided me with a love of learning, a deep appreciation for community, and the ability to persevere through challenges."

#### Jeremy Dunphy

Jeremy attended the University of Montana where he studied Exercise Physiology. He is a carpenter/painter and part-time student. He enjoys running and woodworking. His favorite KWS memory is when Tom Dews told stories while sitting on the floor of the middle school library.

"Above all else, Kimberton Waldorf School gave me the ability to recognize when I don't know something, and the desire to do the work to learn it," Jeremy said.

Andrew Echlin

Andrew attended Oberlin College and studied Russian and Politics. Today, Andrew works as an oil market analyst covering the global fuel oil market. He contributes a monthly report that goes out to investment banks and trading houses.

Class of 2007

Laura Schutter



Laura is Director of Communications for Takamoto Biogas. With a degree in communications and experience working in multicultural settings, Laura, a recent graduate of Elon University, is dedicated to communicating the work of Takamoto Biogas clearly through the socially responsible startup communities and across cultural lines.

Class of 2008

Alek Jauntzemis

Alek is off on a great adventure in the fall -- he is going to be studying at Temple University's Tokyo campus. He wants to learn Japanese and will be doing his Plan (like a senior

project or master's thesis) on Japanese baseball, and Marlboro doesn't offer Japanese, so he's taking his classes through Temple in Tokyo for fall 2011.

Class of 2010

Peter Weidner

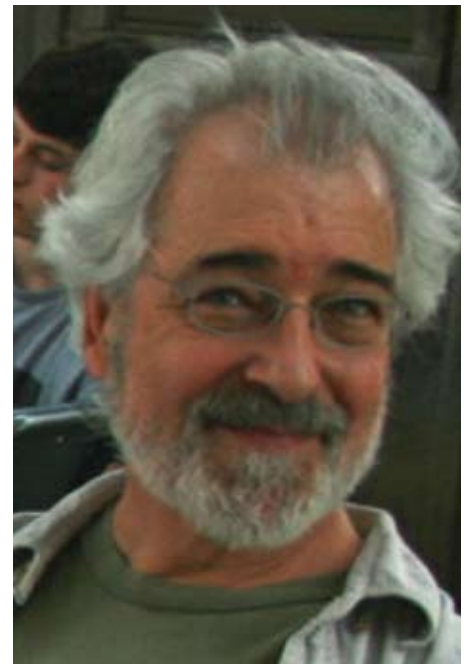
After graduation from KWS Peter spent five months with KROKA on their Ecuador expedition along with Armin (also of KWS). On his return, Peter rested at home with his family in Chester Springs for a month before he went to Boulder, Colorado, to take a three-month course in First Response First Aid in the wilderness. Peter then returned home for three weeks preparing for a one-year course on Survival in the Wilderness at Teaching Drum Wilderness School in Wisconsin. Peter left for Wisconsin about five weeks ago and he will not return until the course is completed in April 2012. No phones, electricity, or store bought food for Peter for a year



while he travels by canoe and foot through the wilds of Wis-

consin. He will be living off the land including making his own clothes from animal skins for the next 11 months. Peter loves the wilderness and found his love for camping and exploration while attending KWS. He sends everyone good thoughts!

Jason Kanter returned for Reunion 2011, helping to celebrate with the Class of 1981, whom he taught from fifth through eighth grades from 1973-1977. Today he designs training programs. He enjoys tuning and playing pianos. He has four children – Joshua David, Noah William, Geneva Blake and Lily Kapell. Jason shares this about his KWS students, "I treasure them all," Jason said. "Four years of the best students ever."



# Giving Back: Gratitude is the Attitude

Developing an attitude of sincere gratitude for your current blessings  
unleashes the power for receiving many more.

There is not a more pleasing exercise of the mind than gratitude. It is accompanied with such an inward satisfaction that the duty is sufficiently rewarded by the performance. ~Joseph Addison

Kimberton Waldorf School is so grateful to the many alumni who have said, "I want to give back. Kimberton changed my life and helped to make me the person I am today. By giving a gift to my alma mater, I am helping the next generation of students thrive in this atmosphere of creativity, freedom and joy."

If you feel this way and haven't yet made your gift to the [Community Spirit Fund](http://www.Kimberton.org), it isn't too late. You can mail your gift to: KWS, PO Box 350, Kimberton, PA 19442 or go to [www.Kimberton.org](http://www.Kimberton.org), scroll down and hit the "donate now" button on the left.

Members of the Leading Light Circle, a multi-year giving circle of gifts of \$5,000 and above over five years:

## Alumni

Kaki '87 & David Decker  
James Fisher '84  
Karen Fraley & Jake Scott '74  
Amy '78 & Bruce Fryer  
Susan Mainwaring-Roberts '68  
Audrey Meredith '76  
Candida Streeter Clark '73  
Nicholas Streeter '72

## Alumni Parents

Lynda Billheimer  
Tom & Kristen Bissinger  
Terry & Pat Brett  
Edie & David Griffiths  
Charles & Marylyn Hilston  
Christine Huston  
Allyn & David Weiser  
Dennis & Zoe Workman

## Parents

Deborah & William Ahola  
Julie & Gary Arthurs  
Bethany Asplundh  
Robert & Barbara Belshaw  
Sushil & Priya Bhat  
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Mary Hirsch & Kevin Jones  
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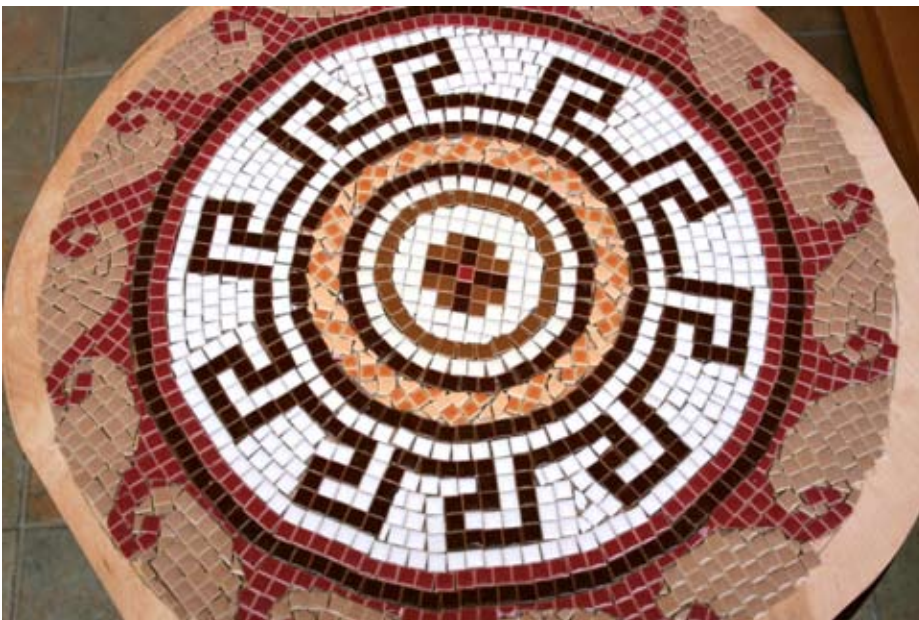
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