

## Giving Children an Education for Life!

# What students from Living Wisdom Schools are doing now...



Kai Girard has been leading outdoor and wilderness adventures since 2006, and is now a mountain guide at the American Alpine Institute. He also worked as a field instructor at National Outdoor Leadership School, and was an instructor at Outward Bound. He graduated from Seattle University in 2004, majoring in Spanish.



Dr. Grace Bazan graduated from the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago, and is now working as a pediatrician in North Chicago, Illinois.



Joia Coombs is an integrated sales planner at the New York Times, in Chicago, Illinois. She also worked at BBC Worldwide in sales. She graduated from Lawrence University in 2006 with a BA in psychology and music. Joia was awarded a full scholarship to San Domenico Upper School to attend the Virtuoso String Program.



Gita Matlock has worked in nonprofit fundraising for thirteen years and earned a Bachelor degree in International Studies from Pepperdine University and a Masters in Nonprofit Administration from University of San Francisco. Formerly with Care, Intl., she is currently Director of Development for Ananda Sangha Worldwide.



Mirabai Deranja graduated from the University of California Santa Cruz, and moved to Buenos Aires to pursue her passion for tango. Since then, she has placed 1st place in tango championships and tours the world teaching tango. She says LWS taught her to "finally believe in myself."



Keith Ross is a pilot who flies for MC Aviation out of Santa Monica, California. He graduated in 2005 from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University with a major in aeronautical science and a minor in meteorology.



Shannon Cram is a PhD candidate at UC Berkeley, working at the Berkeley Program in Science and Technology Studies. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 2006 with a Master's degree and Humboldt State in 2002.



Anna Preston attended Lewis and Clark University in Portland, and Ananda College for graphic design, graduating in 2011. She is now a freelance photographer and graphic designer.



Ingmar Zahorsky went to the Art Institute of California San Francisco where he began his career. He is a photo editor at ChinAsia Update and Co-Owner of Audio Age. He completed a photojournalism internship at Rajdhani, was CEO at Ganga Studio, a Videographer at INSIGHT, and worked in web and graphic design.



Christopher Selbie just finished his season with David Taylor Dance Theatre, and is a member of the Colorado Youth Ballet. He received his BFA in Dance in 2010 from the University of Arizona. He was one of the few accepted into this highly competitive dance program.



Eli Snell is Senior Manager at Regulated Firmware at Proteus Digital Health, Inc. He graduated from California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo in 2013 with a BS in Computer Engineering and MS in Electrical Engineering.



Nalini Snell graduated from UC Santa Cruz and earned a degree from the Global College of Natural Medicine, Master Herbalist Program. She is presently practicing health education at Quality Natural Health, in Nevada City, CA.



Stephanie Sexton graduated from Lewis & Clark College in 2008, and realized she wanted work in a field where she could empower youth in the outdoors. She now works with Sierra Nevada Journeys, an experientially based environmental education outdoor school in Portola, CA.



Leiya Mahoney graduated from Mills College in 2014 with a BA in Music History, Literature, and Theory and is currently in the San Francisco Bay Area, interning at Sacred Birth Place and acting as a doula at Heart & Womb (Integrative Doula Care & Support).



Andrew Selbie graduated from Lewis and Clark College in 2008 with a BA in Music and Voice. He now works as a web developer.



Kiya Gornik graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara, Lewis and Clark College, and is a 2014 Sea Grant Knauss Fellow. She currently works with congresswoman Lois Capps at the Knauss Marine Policy. She has also worked as a research associate at the Nature Conservancy.



Rose Summer Atwell graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a BA in Theater Arts. She taught Theater Arts as well as Kindergarten to 4th grade at the Living Wisdom School in Nevada City for 5 years. Rose is a certified Ananda Yoga Instructor and has taught meditation and yoga at The Expanding Light Retreat for many years and has created and led yoga programs for both children and adults.



Peter Kretzmann recently moved to Nevada City, CA with his professional signing group, the Joy Singers and manages his family business, MeditationBench.com.



I'm currently a sophomore studying Science, Technology and Society; Chinese; and Religion at University of Puget Sound. As a Resident Community Coordinator for the Humanities Residential Program and an aspiring teacher, I'm working to learn from and inspire the people around me.

"Each of my friends from an Education for Life school shares two major things in common: a strong sense of self and an interest in giving back to the world."

"As a team leader for high-stress projects in my work environment, I consistently rely on the self centering and affirmation skills I learned through Education for Life."

"Living Wisdom School taught me the value of inner happiness and gave me the tools to attain it... The idea of 'Living Wisdom' has made my life—and my perspective on it— multidimensional, joyful, and beautiful!"

