

Alumniotes



Ariana Arcenas-Utley (UE '96) writes: "I'm now living in Santa Barbara, California. I work as a Corporate Responsibility & Sustainability Specialist at Deckers Outdoor Corporation (you might know our UGG Australia brand). My other big news is that I got married this past April and am now Ariana Arcenas-Utley."

Sébastien Boléa (UE '96) completed his AA at Holyoke Community College in Creative Writing and is working in Northampton, MA.

Rémy Boléa (UE '01) graduated from the University of Denver, Daniels Business School with a BS in Business Administration. He majored in Finance with a minor in French, and will begin broker training in August with Charles Schwab and Co. in Denver, CO.

Stéfan Boléa (UE '00) graduated from Boston University with a BA in International Relations and a minor

in Chinese. He is working as a Business Analyst for Good-year Asia in Shanghai, China.

Celine Bondoc (UE '05) just went to Junior Rowing Nationals for the second consecutive year. She has been a dedicated rower at the Saugatuck Rowing Club for several years. Having graduated from Hopkins this past June, she will attend Washington University in St. Louis.

Callie Ferguson (UE '05) graduated cum laude from Hopkins. She won the Baldwin Essay Prize, the Jerri Trulock DPH Sportsmanship Award and the George Gillespie Prize for Excellence in Literary Scholarship. She was co-captain of the field hockey and softball teams and a member of the Disciplinary Committee. She will attend Bowdoin College in the fall.

Grace Hough (UE '01) graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design in June. While at SCAD, she majored in graphic design while continuing to pursue her photography and fine arts interests. You can check out her website at www.gracehough.com.

Sam Hough (UE '99) graduated from Colby College in 2009 as an English major. He is employed at Vanguard in Valley Forge, PA but plans an imminent move to Greenwich Associates in Stamford where he will work as a research analyst.

Hannah Leonard (UE '01) graduated from Villanova University cum laude in May with a BA in Psychology and Cognitive Science. She is heading to graduate school at Sarah Lawrence for a two year program, for a MA in Child Development and is considering earning a MAT concurrently. Hannah has also been accepted as a Teaching Assistant in the Lab School at Sarah Lawrence.



Justin Manley Powell (UE '05) graduated cum laude from Hopkins in June. He was co-captain of the varsity cross country team, captain of the track team, features editor of the yearbook, and a member of the honors choir. He was awarded the Mary

Brewster Thompson Scholar Award, which is the highest award at Hopkins. He is spending part of the summer working at Camp Washington as a junior counselor (this is a camp that the Montessori kids went to when the Lower El used to go on the 3 day camping trips) and he will attend the University of Chicago.

Wes Hamilton (UE '91) is owner of the Three Penny Taproom, a craft beer bar and restaurant in Montpelier, VT.

Ray Maccio (MS '09) is spending the summer crossing the country on bike with 14 others as part of Apogee Adventures' America Coast to Coast Adventure. It is a 43 day journey that concludes in San Diego on August 4th, traveling an average of 85 miles daily through the southern states, and will perform service work in Arizona.

Kate Nelson (MS '09) and **Gavin Nelson** (MS '09) will be juniors at The Ross School, in Sag Harbor, NY. In 2010, they founded The Gift of Words, a non-profit foundation that aims to inspire a love of reading in young children. The Gift of Words works with teachers in schools serving under-privileged areas. Through this collaborative effort, an appropriate book will be chosen

and presented to each student on his or her birthday. This book is the child's to keep, read, enjoy, and explore, with the hope that this will instill a love of reading in children as they grow to anticipate not only their next birthday, but the next "birthday book" they will receive. Learn more at http://giftofwords.org/The_Gift_of_Words/The_Gift_of_Words.html.

Artie Niederhoffer (UE '00) is living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn and studying publishing at Columbia.

Kira Niederhoffer (MS '06) finished her first year at Columbia Engineering and is now working in New Hampshire on the campaign trail for Gary Johnson.

Rand Niederhoffer (UE '95) lives in Brooklyn, New York just blocks away from 1995 Montessori classmates **Rebecca Hopkins** and **Jane Seymour**. She is to be married this fall in Weston, CT. **Martha Rendeiro** will be in her wedding party. Her Fort Greene womenswear boutique, Thistle & Clover, can be viewed online www.thistleclover.com.

Victoria Niederhoffer (UE '98) is living in NYC starting a fashion business and reading fellow alumna **Alyssa Galella**'s popular blog <http://woodlandcreature.com/>.

Harrison Potter (MS '10) was awarded the 9th Grade Faculty Prize at Greens Farms Academy, which is given to the student whose "citizenship, concern for others, and contributions to extra curricular activities best exemplifies the high standards of Greens Farms Academy."

Melissa Rendeiro (UE '97) writes "I am currently finishing my master's of science in nursing at Columbia University which is also preparing me as a certified nurse midwife. I am very excited to be graduating in October, and I am hoping to find a midwifery job here in CT."

Alec Ross (UE '02) is at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. An economics major, he enjoyed a semester in New Zealand and internship with Northwestern Mutual.

Ian Ross is at the University of Hartford and a member of their Men's Soccer team. With brother, Alec, he is a co-founder of Slothwear, LLC (canyousloth.com).



Ben Zeman ('87), and wife Fiona welcomed baby Maximus Aristotle Zeman on December 7, 2010. Congratulations also go out to first-time grandma MaryZ!

Alum mom **Jeanette Kuhns** (**Charles, James** and **John Kuhns**) shares that "the Kuhns boys are all back at Forest Bluff Montessori in Lake Bluff, IL. We are soooo happy to be back near friends and family... hope all is well in Wilton."

Alum mom **Nicole Baedke** (**Dylan, Ethan** and **Morgan Baedke**) writes from Illinois: "We love to go on the [Montessori] website from time to time. It's a wonderful way for us to feel connected to the school from far away. And we appreciate the mailings that keep us in touch. We miss you!"

Thank you to everyone who sent in news—please keep it coming! You can send word to Lisa Potter at lisap@themontessorischool.com. If updates from you were received after our deadline for this publication, we apologize that you were not included herein, but promise to include you in the next AlumNotes.