

BAKERPRIDE

SUMMER 2008

Determined student accepted to Oxford

Loaded with class assignments, Student Senate meetings and personal goals, a campus planner helped Kim Kilmartin keep track of her busy schedule as a student on the Baldwin City campus.

Kilmartin recently penned another line in her planner: headed to the University of Oxford. A month before her May graduation, the student from Topeka received an acceptance letter from the prestigious university, stirring emotions for her family.

"I started hyperventilating and crying," said Kilmartin, who celebrated the news by notifying her parents, Tom and Kathy. "My mother had to leave the room to compose herself. I figured it was a longshot to get into Oxford. I applied because I thought it would be an honor if I got accepted."

At Oxford, she plans to pursue a master's degree in medieval British military history and a doctoral degree in philosophy. She has aspirations of being a history professor.

"It grabs my attention," said Kilmartin, who gained an appreciation for history while in high school at Shawnee Heights. "There's something fascinating about it. I think there's a puzzle there, and we don't know what happened especially in the medieval period since no journals were kept. You have to figure out all the minute details of living and what the culture is."

Studying abroad as an undergraduate was common for Kilmartin. She traveled to China on an abbreviated study abroad initiative in the summer following her sophomore year and was in Edinburgh in spring 2007. The travel enhanced her Baker experience.

"It makes you learn more about yourself and you believe you are capable of doing more than you think you can," Kilmartin said. "It makes you more confident. You meet more people from different cultures. Some of my best friends are Italian, and we still keep in contact."

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KAREN EXON, PROFESSOR OF HEALTH SPORT AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Kilmartin's accomplishments at Baker were noted when she was nominated for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation graduate scholarship, available to senior undergraduates who demonstrate intellectual and academic excellence and provide evidence of social responsibility and peer leadership.

Kilmartin capitalized on several leadership opportunities at Baker while taking 18 hours a semester. She was Student Senate president her senior year, served in various leadership roles at Alpha Chi Omega, played soccer and was a member of the French Club.

"You get out of Baker what you put into it," she said. "I initially became involved in my sorority house and it gave me an opportunity to get involved in other things. Sometimes there's a feeling if I don't do something, nobody will."

Karen Exon, a member of Baker's faculty since 1990 and former director of the honors program, said Kilmartin was among the most dedicated students she has encountered at Baker in nearly two decades.

"Kim is one of the best students I have worked with in terms of balancing her intellectual and social interests and academic, social, athletic and personal responsibilities," Exon said. "She is exceptionally self-disciplined in all that she does." 🍁



Kim Kilmartin shares scrapbook memories with friends.



Kilmartin celebrates during spring commencement.

WORLDVIEW



Katie Weyhrauch Yunghans, CAS '03, SON '05, and Mike Yunghans, CAS '02.

Husband, wife prepare for Peace Corps

Since watching them excel as music students, John Buehler has admired the dedication of Katie Weyhrauch Yunghans and Mike Yunghans. So it came as no surprise to the music department chair when the Baker alumni decided to join the Peace Corps for a sense of adventure and a desire to help others build better lives for themselves.

"As students, they were very accountable, responsible and capable," said Buehler, who worked closely with Katie and Mike as a professor. "They are both wonderful learners and are very indicative of the students we have."

Katie, CAS '03 and SON '05, and Mike, CAS '02, met on the Baldwin City campus through their involvement in music and married in 2006. Mike, of Kansas City, Kan., earned a degree in music education and is an independent guitar teacher. Katie, of Topeka, earned a degree in voice performance before pursuing a nursing degree from Baker. She is a registered nurse at Stormont-Vail HealthCare in Topeka.

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Dr. Marvin Hunt, Dean of the School of Professional and Graduate Studies, and Dr. Peggy Harris, Dean of the School of Education, discuss the strengths and future of their schools as enrollment continues to increase.

Q&A with Dr. Marvin Hunt



What are your short-term and long-term goals for the School of Professional and Graduate Studies programs?

Personally, I want to know all staff and electronic systems as soon as I can. Our broader goals include opening a new SPGS location in the Northland, resolving space issues, increasing security, launching new degree programs and working with University Advancement on development issues.

How are the enrollment figures and interest in the SPGS programs?

Our degree programs perfectly align with working adults in Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka, Lee's Summit, and soon, the Northland. Because of the match between student needs and our offerings, in both form and content, our enrollment figures have remained strong. We have had yearly enrollments of more than 2,000 students at SPGS since 2006.

What sets your programs apart from other universities in the region?

We extensively support returning students. Our face-to-face classes take place evenings, and at the first class, students' books are waiting on their desks. We offer several undergraduate and graduate degrees. We are in five convenient locations, and we are accredited through the Higher Learning Commission. Most classes use cohort groups that require students to learn from peers, develop interactive skills and create lifelong friendships. That's a powerful package.

What impact do your programs make in the community?

Education fulfills lives through personal enrichment, community building and other ways. We graduate more than 200 undergraduate and 300 graduate students yearly. College graduates earn twice as much as nongraduates. The Census Bureau estimates this difference at \$1 million per lifetime. This represents one half billion dollars in our economy for one year of SPGS graduates. Kansas greatly benefits because graduates work in a wide range of Kansas companies.

Q&A with Dr. Peggy Harris



What sets your program apart from similar programs at other universities?

The SOE has always placed a premium on hiring faculty with proven competence in prekindergarten-12 schools. Our faculty members have served as teachers, counselors, principals, district administrators and school superintendents. SOE programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels are noted for their relevance to current issues and for developing educational leaders who are prepared to serve student needs in today's classrooms and schools. The cohort model, used in many of our graduate

programs, has enhanced collaboration and communication between practicing educators. We feel it is a special strength of the Ed.D. program.

How has the Doctorate in Education in Educational Leadership enhanced the School of Education?

With the addition of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, the School of Education is able to provide a comprehensive program of study. Our programs train classroom teachers and educational leaders at all levels.

Baker graduated its first cohort of doctoral students on May 18.

What was the experience like for the students and faculty?

I think it is fair to say everyone found the experience motivating and challenging. I am proud that both faculty and students have risen to the challenges inherent in starting a new program. I believe students have enjoyed the challenges that come from the academic and research expectations, collaboration with cohort members and program activities relevant to actual on-the-job responsibilities.

What are your short-term and long-term goals for SOE?

Our short-term goals include preparing for our upcoming Kansas State Department of Education and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education program review and accreditation visits. We will also be finalizing the Concurrent Credit Partnerships with high schools in Johnson County and begin operation of this program within a year. In the long term, we will continue to insist on relevant and quality programs, investigate the expansion of current programs to new delivery sites, investigate new methods of delivering coursework and programs — online and satellite programs — and continue the development of relevant continuing education programs focused on addressing the professional development needs of teachers and school districts. 🍁

For more on the School of Professional and Graduate Studies and School of Education, go to: www.bakerU.edu

ALUMNI WEEKEND

REUNITING WITH FRIENDS ...

A record-high 346 loyal alumni, including 32 members of the Golden Alumni Class of 1958, attended reunion festivities in Overland Park and Baldwin City during Alumni Weekend May 16-18. These are the classes who celebrated milestone anniversaries.



Elinor Kirby Lewallen



Ruth Wagner Junk



Overland Park Celebration (L-R) - Marybess Hudgins Grisham, Paul Coole, Lloyd McKemey, Harold Horn



Baldwin City Celebration (LtoR) - Margaret Myer Jones, Lloyd McKemey, Jay Morgan, Fran Baker Manson, Betty Clarke Corpeny, George Spear



1st Row (L-R) - Eleanor Mize Head, Beth Barnett Johnson, Phyllis Riley Thomen, Carole Timms McGlumphy, JoAnne Hardman Steele, Lois Henry Culver 2nd Row - Martha Walker Hoffman, Barbara Seburn, Jean Coles, Tom McGlumphy, Jerry Steele, Maurice Culver 3rd Row - Shirley Bebermeyer Holle, Gene Davenport 4th Row - Ken Head, Bill Bunten, Bill O'Byrne, Clyde Correll, Cecil Miller, George Schrader



1st Row (L-R) - Shari Lidikay Layle, Annette Wilson Nilsson, Kay Keirns Best, Ellen Lewis Sadler, Carol Austin Fortin, Pat Spear Potter, Carol Gabbert Grantham 2nd Row - Carolyn Critchfield Breithaupt, Larry Wilson, Tom Keefe, Perry Miller, Dick Anderson, Steve Sublett, Chuck Brown, JoAnn Lawson Harper, Shirley Ducate Hoffman, Kay London Goodnow, Sharon Ducaate Bedinger 3rd Row - Jim Silvers, Bill Hines, Janie Haskin Wilson, Rosie Bayha Coleman, Gary Ashburn, Jim Marvin, Dean Lawrence, Jared Grantham 4th Row - Jerry Bamesberger, Keith Dunn, Jim McDaniel, Mel Hawk, Bill Coleman, Scott Mann



1st Row (L-R) - Genny Anderson Joiner, Barbara Low Bailey, Ronda O'Hara Deel 2nd Row - Paul Joiner, James Fisher, Norman Samuelson, Bob Sarna, David Higgins



1st Row (L-R) - Patty Lichty Barry, Kathy Jones Struby, Connie Weathers Crows, Jamie Demastus Engel, Ann Turner Ebling 2nd Row - Laurel Stone Jackson, Dee Ann Doebbeling Lenkey, Terry Lenkey, Judy Haskin Rapp, Andrea Meyer Martin, Bruce Ebling 3rd Row - Richard Stevens, Jim Bottomley, Ron Skaggs, Bob Everley



1st Row (L-R) - Janice Evans, Joyce Evans, Marilyn Sollars Johnston, Lucille Fredrickson Powell 2nd Row - Steve Horn, Mike Ward, Dean Richards III, Ed Johnston, Andy Anderson, Steve Kay



Don Roberts



1st Row (L-R) - Terri Smith Blake, Terry Buchnowski Geemens, Mary Casper Sutton, Marta Johnston Drown, Denise Russell Trowbridge 2nd Row - Liz Cheatham Lee, Cheryl Pregel Stanberry, Susan Sloop, Susan Yates Klotz, Craig Wansing, Dave Geemens 3rd Row - Stuart Hoffman, Mark Sutton, Greg Drown, Scott Trowbridge



1st Row (L-R) - Brenda Tuller Stasiulis, Kate Weaver Wiese, Ruth Riddel Ashcraft, Mary Kay Hunt Garcia, Darla Paulsen Smith, Carla Hinkley-Suarez Minor-Cameron, Kathy Soulen Kirse 2nd Row - Gail Moore Wolkamp, Heather Obley Layton, Abbie Jones Flory, Denise Clement Weber, Kristy Lyerla Acree, Lisa Arnold Stobie, Janice Johnson Morton, Cheryl Schlaegel Yingst, Shannon Wang, Jocelyn Stall Leonard, Patricia Francisco Weakley, Lori Ann Finch Wesselowski, Collette Roeder Fultz, Doug Kitch, Tom Acree, Jon Yingst, Betsy Kohl, Lori Broers Ishmael, Troy Corrigan



1st Row (L-R) - Heather Teague Rutkowski, Cara Carlisle Rhoades, Lisa Eaves Maheu, Christie Apgar Bagley 2nd Row - Ed Zeller, Nicole Lampe-Burk, Wendy Zimmerman Conaway, Mike Slife, Lisa Baker Cummings, Carol Brown, Deb Tompkins North 3rd Row - Jason Harding, Jeff Osborn, Brent Hanf, Mark Skidmore, Kevin Cummings



1st Row (L-R) - Kelly Fletcher Ehrenberg, Ashley Scott, Anna Norris, Wendy Mosher, Amy Upton, Drew Theophilus, Kim Toler Theophilus



(L-R) - Lindsay Ferrell, Ben Chapman, Leigh Guetterman



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Recent graduates assigned to northwest Africa

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For their Peace Corps assignment, the couple traveled to Mauritania in the Sahara Desert in northwest Africa. They left in mid-June for three months of training in Rosso along the Senegal River, the southern border of Mauritania, officially named Islamic Republic of Mauritania. Of the 70 Peace Corps volunteers assigned to that location, Mike and Katie are one of three married couples.

"I think it's important to have an international perspective," Katie said. "I have lived in Kansas my entire life. I wanted to have an opportunity to live outside of Kansas and America for a while to see how other cultures and nations perceive Americans and to change that perspective if they have some incorrect stereotypes."

In Mauritania, Katie will be a community health agent, related to maternal health, nutrition and child development. She has expertise as a labor and delivery nurse.

"I hope to be able to share some of the knowledge I already have and learn additional things as well," she said.

Looking forward to the relationships he will form in the Peace Corps, Mike will focus on teaching English as a foreign language. He and Katie have backgrounds in French, one of the official languages of Mauritania.

"You can't go with the attitude that you are going to change the world," Mike said. "It's the friendships you make and the attitudes of others and yourself you might change."

Katie believes a project during her last semester as a Baker nursing student served as a model for her future responsibilities for the Peace Corps. For the project, students surveyed a community to find out its needs and what could be changed, incorporated the changes and evaluated the plan to see if it could be sustained.

"As Americans, we are so much a consumer society," she said. "I am looking forward to being able to see if it is possible to live with less and to be able to adjust to a completely different environment and hopefully bring those values back."

As a nurse at the Birthplace at Stormont-Vail, Katie was known as gentle, informative and professional in her interactions with staff and patients.

"She will be an excellent ambassador from the United States in her work with the Peace Corps," said Libby Rosen, a School of Nursing instructor. "Katie is an up-and-coming leader in the nursing profession. We look forward to hearing about her experience." 🍁

Friends of Mike and Katie can follow their Peace Corps experience on their blog at <http://ktyrock.blogspot.com>.

Alumni Weekend Winners

Baker University honored three individuals and a family during Alumni Weekend on May 17 in Baldwin City. Individual winners were Jesse Milan, Honorary Alumni; John Thompson, 1995, Alumni Citation; and Jerry Weakley, 1970 and MBA 1992, Grace Irwin Award. The Family of the Year was presented to the Rose/Sievers/Seager families. See complete list at www.bakerU.edu

ALUMNICALENDAR

SHOWING BAKER PRIDE ...

JULY

27, 29-30 SAVE THE DATE
Alumni Events in Colorado
More information coming to area alumni

27, Sun. Back to School Picnic in Arvada, CO
4 p.m. Inviting area new students, potential students, and returning students

29, Tues. Baker After Hours in Colorado Springs, CO
5:30 Social
to 7:30 p.m.

30, Wed. Baker After Hours in Englewood, CO
6 to 8 p.m. Social & Bowling

AUGUST

28, Thurs. Athletic Luncheon
Noon Speaker Mike Grossner
810 Zone, Plaza, KC, MO

SEPTEMBER

6, Sat. Football-Baker vs. University of
4:30 p.m. Tennessee-Martin

19, Fri. Men's Soccer-Baker vs. Azusa Pacific
7 p.m. Laguna Beach High School, CA

20, Sat. Women's Soccer-Baker vs.
2 p.m. Point Loma Nazarene
Laguna Beach High School, CA

25, Thurs. Athletic Luncheon
Noon 810 Zone, Plaza, KC, MO

OCTOBER

3, Fri. Homecoming Hall of Fame Banquet
6 p.m. Social
7 p.m. Dinner
Ritz Charles, Overland Park

4, Sat. Homecoming Tailgate
Noon Tent outside Liston Stadium

4, Sat. Homecoming Football Game
2 p.m. Baker vs. Graceland University
Liston Stadium

For reservations or for more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 1-888-781-2586 or by e-mail at alumni@bakerU.edu

For a complete schedule of alumni events go to www.bakerU.edu



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