

# Holiday Wishes from the Killip Family! 2009

Everyone says that college flies by so quickly, and I never believed them until now. I cannot believe, along with the rest of my family, that in May I will be graduating from William Jewell, leaving my parents without a child in school for the first time in 30+ years. After 4 major changes, in 4 years, I have finally decided on a degree in Business Administration, which has proven to be successful thus far. Earning a 4.0 this past semester has definitely reinforced that I made the right decision and that I have found an area in which I can develop my strengths and what I am passionate for.

Other than the turmoil of searching for the right career path, I have been enjoying college life at its best. I am actively involved in my sorority Delta Zeta and enjoy spending quality time with my sisters at our new Sorority Complex that was completed in fall 2009. This past fall I also completed my final season playing volleyball for Jewell. After 2 surgeries, 4 years of hard work, and the roller coaster of battling athletics and school, I can now say that it is nice to finally be able to enjoy my free time.

As for the future, I am just taking that one day at a time. At this time next year, I may be in a Master's program at a University or living life working in the "real world". At this point, I am looking forward to what challenges and opportunities my life may bring to me... that is all to be continued.

-- Keelia

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I sold my house! I closed on Dec 18th signed the 25 legal documents and handed over the keys! Here is a short list of just a few of the steps that went into closing the deal and how I spent the last few years: I completely remodeled two bathrooms, rewired the second floor and attic myself, retiled the hearth, replaced all lighting fixtures, re-landscaped the yard (front, side, and back), built custom closet storage in each bedroom, insulated the attic, replaced the furnace and air conditioner, reconfigured ductwork, and revamped the basement.

Here are some numbers that sum it up nicely: 78 weeks worth of mounds with remodel remains at the sidewalk on trash day, my friend Brad flying in from Boston to spend 72 hours dressed in hazmat suits, ear plugs respirators and all, the both of us working virtually nonstop hand plane-ing, sanding, staining and refinishing the entire upstairs hard wood floors and two sets of stair steps. Vacuumed 76 times, baked 290 cookies for perspective buyers, had 161 showings, 13 of which showed up at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday while I was still asleep without calling ahead thus forcing me to sit in my car across the street during nearly all of them doing reconnaissance on the perspective buyers relaying the details to my realtor. 9 issues of American Bungalow on the coffee table, 6 reed diffusers, 4 cans of apple cinnamon air freshener, 3 boxes of swiffer dusters, waking up extra early every morning for 547 days to clean the house and put away everything before I could leave for the day in case someone wanted to come see the house while I was out. 5 open houses. All this time I wondered if my house would ever sell... 4 offers and finally one I couldn't refuse.

Thank you all for your prayers and positive vibes sent my way to get me through it all!

You are all probably thinking, "well now what," right!? Well I have sold about half of my stuff on craigslist the rest I moved into my neighbor's basement and I am actively pursuing opportunities in the Big Apple with hopes of moving there soon! So if you happen to know anyone that I might be able to chat with about opportunities in NYC let me know!

**Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! -- Wyeth**

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Happy Holidays! My love for playing volleyball was sidelined momentarily as I had two surgeries over the last two years to repair "potholes" on the end of both femurs caused from playing in the Coed Adult National Volleyball Tournament in May 2008. While my team finished 2nd in the BB finals, I left the tournament a little worse for the wear. I am very

thankful for my family and friends who were supportive and helpful as I spent many weeks on crutches (16 weeks total)! I'm glad to be back to (nearly) 100%, active and healthy!

I continue to coach volleyball, and have switched my focus to work with 5-7th grade girls living in a very poor part of downtown St. Louis. I started the St. Louis Starlings Volleyball Club, an extension of the National Starlings Volleyball Club organization whose mission is to provide the equal opportunity for girls from diverse, lower socio-economic environments to train and compete; and to encourage teamwork, health, positive life skills, and academic achievement. This team presents many different challenges than the previous elite travelling teams I was coaching, but the rewards are often much greater. I continue working as the Marketing Director at McCormack Baron Salazar.

This fall, I served as an assistant coach for the Washington University volleyball team that finished the season as the 2009 NCAA D-III National Champions! The team defeated Juniata College of Huntington, PA, the same team that we defeated for the National Title in 1996 during my freshman season.

This spring I am teaching a class as part of the Junior Communication Design curriculum at the Sam Fox School of Art at Washington University called "Word and Image Studio". This class will expand the students' methodology on how word/image relationships communicate in different ways. I'm looking forward to both helping these students grow as designers and to reconnect with the beginnings of my education and renew my own approach.

**I wish you continued health and happiness in 2010. -- Brielle**

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Wedding bells and baby rattles...a lot has happened in our lives since we last wrote. In May 2007, Klaus and I married in Germany and had a reception in Kansas City in August. Since then we have both been busy in our jobs.

Klaus is still working for Porsche and traveling throughout the world looking after their Sport Driving Schools. Whitney is also still working for Trelleborg Sealing Solutions in the Global Marketing department.

On February 7th, 2009, our little addition to the family arrived, Charlotte Anna Ullrich. She has been keeping us REALLY busy this year. We are raising her bi-lingual (German – Klaus and English – Whitney). She is a real talker and we are getting the first inklings of words. Charlotte is slowly beginning to crawl, but wants to stand up more than anything. She will also wrap up 2 international trips to the USA and will have used her 2 passports (German & American) by the end of the year.

Klaus's parents, Elisabeth & Dieter, will be joining the Killip family for Christmas in Kansas City this year. It is going to be crazy and fun!

**Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and 2010 from Germany. -- Whitney, Klaus & Charlotte**

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The last two years have been full of new directions. I opened a studio/shop in Colorado in the summer of 2008. My sister and I reinvented the wonderful building that she and her husband used as The Bristol Inn Restaurant for 26 years. The building is now called The Studios at Bristol and is located 20 miles from Creede, Colorado along the Silver Thread Scenic Byway. Since my sister, Teri, lives there, she is able to keep the Studio open year round. During the summer tourist months of June through September, I have been fortunate to spend that time working in the studio each day and enjoying the mountains. I create jewelry; photography and photo note cards; floral, fiber surface and commercial design. Little Squaw Resort serves as my home during that time, located 10 miles upstream along the Rio Grande River. I enjoy the opportunity to meet and greet our summer guests each week. The local deer and moose outside my cabin became my friends while I enjoyed the remoteness of nature.

I spent three wonderful, weeks in Germany in the Spring of 2009 with Whitney and Klaus and our first granddaughter, Charlotte, who was born February 7.

My mother died in Oct. 08 at the age of 90. My dad, age 94, moved from Emporia, KS to Kansas City in Aug. 09. My brother, David, our families and I are able to spend quality more time with him.

**My wish for each one of you is a year of peace & happiness with family and friends! -- Kathy**

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To quote Patch Adams; "Friendship is the best medicine."

Stem cells all in a row: It is coming up on two years since my stem cell transplant for Multiple Myeloma. At day 100 following the transplant I was told that I was as close to remission as this disease will ever get. (99%) All the indicators remain strong, and I anticipate following a bone marrow biopsy and 24 hour urine tests in January 2010 that my status will be confirmed. Even though some of the maintenance medications are causing peripheral numbness in my feet and finger tips I think we have this under control.

Sunshine in January. In the last couple of years I have had the chance to spend several periods of time in Phoenix during the winter months. It is a real treat for me to be in the sun and visit family and friends.

At the ADEA Annual Session In March of 2009 I was recognized with a Presidential Citation for my service to the Association. It was exciting to be able to share his honor with my family since this meeting was in Phoenix.

My mother, Joyce is 97 years 'young'. She is living in a retirement community just a few miles from my brother Norm and his wife Val's house (Chandler AZ). Mom still plays bridge, knits, hand writes letters and keeps her care givers on their toes.

Dr. Marsha Pyle was introduced as the new Dean of the School in August. She leads by example with a commitment to hard work and the highest of educational standards. Marsha has been a very good friend of mine for many years so it is a real treat to have her as our new Dean.

Think of today as a present, my friends and family are my most prized gifts. Thank you to each of you for being important parts of every one of my days.

**-- Luv. JWK**