



The past year has been quite the whirlwind filled with graduating, moving back home, traveling, starting graduate school, interning at an awesome soap factory, and so much more!

Life after graduation has been interesting to say the least. In May, I graduated from William Jewell where I received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Still unsure of what I wanted to do with my degree, I moved back home and decided to go to graduate school. Who would have thought that after 17 years in school, I just couldn't give it up. Most of June was spent prepping and taking the GMAT, and after the stress of that was over, I spent the rest of my summer in Colorado! I helped my mom with her shop--making jewelry, running workshops, and being her "financial analyst". I really enjoyed spending time in the mountains, jeeping, and watching the moose and deer every morning outside our cabin window. While I was out there, I climbed my first 14er!! At 14,048 feet, Handies Peak was quite the adventure; definitely one that I will never forget. I am proud that I accomplished something that a lot of people never have the opportunity to do, but let me tell you, after 8 hours of hiking only 6 miles, it is something that I may only want to experience once! We will see, I may change my mind next summer!

Eventually I had to make a return to the real world as school began (but not for long, because I would actually go back to Colorado for another week in September!). This fall, I began a Master's Program at UMKC's Bloch School to pursue a Master's Degree in Business Administration with an Emphasis in Marketing and International Business. I am loving learning about everything and am so excited to be able to study abroad for a few weeks in London and Paris in May where we will meet with successful businesses in these countries. I, of course, will be sneaking a trip to Germany in there!

In addition to beginning my first semester of graduate school, I also found an amazing internship this fall. I was the marketing and sales intern for Indigo Wild, a Kansas City company who makes all natural products for the body

and the home. The name “Zum Bar” may ring a bell, and that’s the company; we have Zum Bar Goat’s Milk Soap, Zum Body Lotion, Zum Mists, Zum Glow Candles, and many more whiffalicious products! It is so fun and I have experienced so many things in this small company, that I never could have imagined! I have helped with product development, written press releases and other marketing materials for publications across the United States, assisted in production, worked an event where I met, talked, and exercised with Richard Simmons (REAL exciting, I know) and have even done a little design work for them! These experiences eventually led to the opportunity of continuing to work for the company. The atmosphere is fun, zany, and quirky, so I fit right in; PLUS I leave smelling wonderful everyday! I am so excited to see what this next year will bring with work, school, and travel. I am positive that next year’s letter will be full of exciting stories!

Until then, **Keelia**

The light at the end of Lincoln Tunnel slowly became brighter as I inched my way toward the Big City. Moments later I found myself pulling a fully loaded 22-foot Uhaul onto 34th street. Up ahead the Empire State Building welcomed me to the greatest city on earth; yep you got it New York City.

I finally made it! It only took five years, Arkansas, Pittsburgh, thousands of miles driven, hundreds of flights taken to and from The City, several thousand baked cookies, scones and cinnamon rolls, but that’s right I finally made it!

At the beginning of last year I embarked on a journey leaving the illustrious life of baked goods, yogurt and cereal behind to venture onward to new and exciting endeavors. I set off to the Big City to find myself a thrilling job in sales. I rang my longtime friend Brad in Boston and said “so I know we have been talking about it for years, but I’m looking for a job in NYC starting tomorrow, are you in?” Without hesitation Brad responded, “Sure, why not?” We spent the next two weeks interviewing, and something must have been working in our favor, because sure enough we both got job offers on the same day. We both accepted the jobs on a Monday morning, and since my job was to start in April and I had a few months to kill, I boarded a flight to Germany the very next day.

I spent the next several weeks enjoying quality time with Whitney, Charlotte and Klaus, drove high performance machines, sipped espressos, indulged in great food and drink, skied the Alps, explored Bavaria with Elisabeth and Dieter, crawled the pubs and Keelia even made it over for her spring break to join in the fun.

I headed back to the states and extended the vacation with a trip to Phoenix to spend time with Grandma Killip. We had quite the week! We jam-packed everyday with breakfast, lunches and dinners, trips to the casino, driving tours around the city, saw the botanical garden, soaked in the sun, went to a rock concert and an art show, had steaks at Norm’s and we even Skyped with Mom and Dad in Kansas City. We had such an amazing time together for which I will be forever grateful.

After returning to Pittsburgh for my final departure, I loaded up all of my belongings and set off for NYC. Brad and I found a great apartment at 34th and Lexington right in Midtown Manhattan, just a few blocks shy of the Empire State Building.

I joined the team at Criteria for Success, a management consulting, sales training firm located just south of Time’s Square. I handle sales for our consulting engagements and absolutely love my job! Check out our blog to hear more about what I do. www.criteriaforsuccess.com/blog

I spent much of the summer settling into my new life, going to friend’s weddings, wining and dining in NYC, exploring SOHO, Lower East Side, and Brooklyn, soaking up the rays in Central Park. Vacation took Ashley and me

to Vermont to enjoy the maple sugar donuts, Los Angeles to sit beachside for a few days before walking the red carpet at Teen Choice awards. Ashley handles that account at FOX. In September I made my annual trip to Colorado and had a great time with the family enjoying the mountains... and facing the sheer 14,015" cliffs of Wetterhorn Peak. See the blog for the full hair-raising account.

The fall was filled with exploring the Big Apple with Ashley and going out on the town with friends. There were a few more weddings, one in Kansas City and then another in Miami. I rounded off the year with a two-week stop in Kansas City where I spent quality time with friends and family, enjoyed home cooked meals, strategized business opportunities with Grandpa Didde and enjoyed some much needed R&R. I capped off a great year by ringing in the New Year in style with friends in the Big Apple.

It was so great to see everyone this year. We made such great memories. Thank you for spending so much of your time with me!

I wish everyone a most happy holiday season and wish you all the best in 2011! **Wyeth**

I would have to say that in 2010, I consciously took time for myself. After fully recovering from my knee surgeries repairing the "potholes" in both of my knees, I was ready to get off the couch and back outside! I took several trips to Colorado to visit friends and family that included seeing hoar frost for the first time while hiking at the Garden of the Gods, enjoying the 4th of July in Vail, playing volleyball in Aspen, sinking a "boat" while "rafting" with Wyeth down the Rio Grande River, and skiing at Breckenridge. I know you are probably thinking, "If you visit there so often, why don't you just live there." I know. I'm working on it.

Spending the week with Whitney, Klaus & Charlotte in Torbole, Italy, was a highlight of the year. It is certainly one of the most wonderful places on earth! I have always been a "mountain vacation" kind of girl, but Torbole combined the best of both mountain and beach worlds. Nestled in the middle of the Gruppo del Baldo mountains, many Europeans flock there for great mountain biking. Also known for its windsurfing, Lake Garda is a huge attraction providing unending winds that switch direction half-way through the day to provide a full day on the water. I took a windsurfing lesson one day... and did manage to stay vertical and turn the board/sail around a few times. Whitney & Charlotte witnessed many of my topples into the water! Spending the mornings in the mountains and the afternoons at the beach created the perfect scenario for one fantastic vacation.

This spring and fall I co-taught 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 expanded the students' methodology on how word/image relationships communicate in different ways. I really enjoyed working with my co-instructors, getting to know each students' strengths and reestablishing my design practice.

I continue to serve as the Marketing Director for McCormack Baron Salazar. It is a really great company that continues to support my personal growth and goals. I truly value the people that I work with and the opportunities we are providing for people across the country.

So for 2011, I'd suggest you take a little bit (or a lot) of time for yourself as a reminder of what makes life so great. A little smile from a stranger, a good belly laugh with friends and a huge hug from someone you love. **Brielle**

What a year! Walking, talking & starting daycare ... traveling, crossing the Alps & running after Charlotte ... starting back to work, getting pregnant with BabyToBe (#2), running after Charlotte! It has been a very busy year.

Charlotte is well on her way to being the family manager and telling us what to do in a mix of German & English; "Mommy sit da (there)!" "Daddy autofahren (drive the car) fast!" She is having a big time figuring out life and always has one of her babies in tow. She will be a great big sister.

Klaus is still enjoying working for Porsche and traveling around the globe. He again crossed the Alps from Germany, through Austria and into Italy on his mountain bike with friends during a one week ride. That is always his highlight of the year. Besides mountain biking, running & skiing, Charlotte keeps him fit by having him push her on her small car (yes, a bright yellow Porsche!).

Whitney started back to work in May and has enjoyed being back in the adult world of global marketing. Her short stay at work will be put on pause again for 1 year starting in March 2011 once BabyToBe arrives. Charlotte not only took off Whitney's baby weight, but has also helped her to stay in shape this time around. What more could you ask for: a daughter, manager and fitness trainer all in one!

We are all looking forward to the arrival of BabyToBe in March and wishing you a wonderful and healthy 2011!

Charlotte, Klaus, Whitney & BabyToBe

Holiday Wishes to All! I am most grateful that I have a family who lives each day with passion. Each person is happy for their life path and is using their talents to improve not only their lives but the lives of each of us and those they meet each day.

2010 was a year filled with many busy projects. I kept up with the activities of our kids, spent a lot of time on Skype with everyone, enjoyed having Keelia return home to live after graduation, loved having all of the kids come to Colorado for a week in September, and tried to keep a peaceful environment in our home for John to relax.

My sister, brother and I spent many hours sorting through our parents home in Emporia, Kansas preparing it for sale and dividing many family memories. The experience brought us closer in our adult years as we shared many thoughts of our childhood together.

My Dad now lives at a skilled nursing home, Villa St. Joseph, in Overland Park. I spend time with him about twice a week and try to take him out for lunch or dinner when the weather is nice. At 96, (in February 2011), Dad is still his lively self referring to his residence as "the resort" and keeping all of the nurses on their toes. We are happy that he feels so good living there. Dad keeps busy with all of the activities offered there and with visits from myself and my brother who lives 5 minutes away...so Dad feels like he has quality time with us.

My Dad was granted a patent in 2009 for a new process to bind booklets & books so that they lay open flat. I am pursuing different markets to carry this idea forward. Dad always has a new idea to add to the project, and still dreams about solutions during the night. We hope that this opportunity will have a great benefit to consumers.

I continued to spend 3 months during the summer in Creede, Colorado to run my studio/shop with my sister. This was our third season and customers and sales continue to increase each year. Wonderful growth, especially in this economy! We are blessed with great customers who keep bringing friends to visit! Our website is: www.thestudio-satbristol.com. My sister and I continue to co-direct our family business, Little Squaw Resort, and our managers do a great job of supervising the resort during the summer. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to greet and meet our

guests while I stayed at the resort all summer. Brielle designed a website for the resort. Check it out at: www.littlesquawresort.com.

I am working on developing a website for myself as well: www.kathykillip.com. Check back throughout the year for updates as I add more. I plan on selling products that I have in my shop and gallery in addition to having an online portfolio of my work available for viewing.

My latest artistic passion is fused glass. I took several workshops during the winter and had so much fun I decided to buy a small kiln. This experience has brought joy to the days in which I create pendants in glass. Finding time to work on this project does not come frequent enough.

I am also exploring the stamping/scrapbooking world. I want to give classes this summer with some of the ideas that I have developed. If I am not busy enough with these other projects, I want to return to designing commercially with companies like Demdaco, Hallmark or others. I really enjoy designing and find peace when I am involved in projects. Many of my Demdaco products are still available on the internet.

Best Wishes for a year filled with love, peace and happiness! **Kathy**

“Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow” What better day to write my long overdue Holiday greeting to our family and friends. (Kansas City received over 8 inches of snow in the last 24 hours.)

It has been a year of fortuitous meetings filled with life’s twists and turns.

My 50th year high school reunion was in Flagstaff the first weekend in September. At the reunion I met Judy Babbitt the wife of one of my grade school neighbors and friends “Thumper” who had died of Multiple Myeloma in June of this last year. Judy and her sister-in-law Jonzie told me about the Down-winders Compensation Program for people who were living in certain areas of the southwest during the times of the Atomic Bomb tests in the Nevada desert. I remember going outside and watching the mushroom clouds float by the mountains north of Flagstaff on the mornings of the tests. If I ever needed a probable cause of my disease, now I had it. Judy and Jonzie are two of my new/old best friends of the year.

In July, I had the opportunity to share a week of silence (at least 20 hours each day) at a self-reflection and meditation retreat with 15 guys at a Zen Buddhist center in Jemez Springs, New Mexico. The meals served by the members of the community were the most wonderful gourmet vegetarian meals I have ever encountered. This was probably the most self-reinforcing experience I have ever had. I am hoping to return this summer to volunteer at least a week of ‘noble work’ to help with the gardens and food preparation. Check Bodhi Manda Zen Center out @ www.bmzc.org

In the early fall, I paid a quick visit to my friends at the Renaissance Festival. Hence the Bungee Jumping Swing photos. What a great laugh we had as four of us experienced the Bungee Swings for the first time! I want to go back soon for another jump.

I had to opportunity to spend Thanksgiving week in Stuttgart with Whitney, Klaus, Charlotte and the impending baby. I spent a day with Elizabeth and Deiter (Klaus’s parents) and made a new best friend--an acquaintance of theirs whom had a stem cell transplant for Multiple Myeloma in the late 1990’s. We teared up as we told our stories and took photos to remember the afternoon. The week was a great opportunity for me to get to know Charlotte. I took an easily assembleable (new word) children’s table and chair kit in my back pack so Charlotte and I

could assemble one of the pieces each day. Whitney, Charlotte and I spent the afternoons visiting the Christmas Markets. Klaus joined us for a visit to a Christmas Market/Medieval Fair--which was really a treat for this guy who loves renaissance festivals, crafts fairs and flea markets. Thanksgiving dinner in Germany was missing the fowl even though I offered to buy a turkey, chicken or Cornish game hens. Whitney informed me that Klaus does not eat fowl. This whole process got lost in the translation when Klaus asked what fowl was. My Thanksgiving dinner was waiting for me in Kansas City when I returned. They now have Starbucks in Stuttgart.

My 98+ year old (young) mother Joyce passed away in November, after experiencing a daily decline in her mental and physical state beginning in the spring. She spent her last days sleeping as much as she wanted and waking just frequently enough to surprise her care givers with such requests as wanting to be rolled outside to sit in the sunshine even though it might actually be 2:00AM. My brother, Norm, visited and helped her every day; his wife, Val, was there almost as frequently. Thanks to both of them, her last months were quite pleasant. Kathy and I were having lunch in Columbia, Missouri, following a Missouri Dental Association meeting that I had participated in that morning, when our son Wyeth called from NYC to tell us that if we wanted to talk to Grandma we should call her immediately. She had just reminded Wyeth of the importance of being thrifty by taking his lunch to work each day and to lay out his clothes for work on the previous evening. We called, she and Kathy had a good conversation, when I took up the phone she had fallen back to sleep. Family and friends gathered in Flagstaff for her memorial on December 6th. There are two photos with this letter from that day. We took all the family for a photo op to Killip Elementary School, which was named after my father. We bought Killip Cougar t-shirts, which Brielle pointed out take on a totally different meaning when they are worn by mature women rather than grade-schoolers. And then on to Northern Arizona University to visit "Grand-ma's A". HHUUUMmmmm "Grand-ma's A". The story goes: that when mom was a student at Arizona Teacher College the members of the hiking club used to hike out to a log cabin located east of Flagstaff for picnics and parties. I have a slight recollection of me and my friends driving to the cabin for a party at least once during my days at Arizona State College. At some point in the late 60's or early 70's the cabin burned down. Grand-ma became an activist in the late 90's leading an effort to locate and return to campus the sandstone "A" that faced the fireplace chimney. Through her efforts the cabin location was identified and the "A" was relocated to the campus and positioned at the entry to the NAU Sky Dome (football stadium/recreation center).



Killip Elementary School photo names from left to right; Kathy, John, Keelia, Brielle, Wyeth, Norm, Val and their sons Joe and Alex. Grand ma's "A" photo names, back row left to right: Alex, Joe, Keelia, Brielle, Wyeth. Front row left to right: Norm Val, Kathy, John

The days are racing by toward the 20th of March, the third anniversary of my Stem Cell transplant. Every indication is that I am remaining at about 97% remission and that the medications that I have been placed on recently may even push me closer to that 100% point. Every March 20th is a new New Year's Eve for me.

In this new year I wish you health, the joys of sharing time with your family and friends and piece within your personal space. **John**