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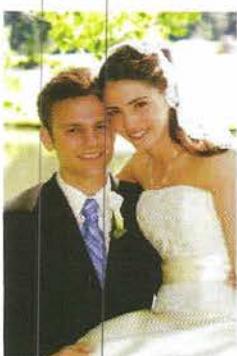
Three Special Occasions for Honoring Kate's Memory



A Birthday with Long-lasting Meaning: Hayley Derbyshire told her mother Chrissie that she didn't want to get presents for her 10th birthday. She wanted to do something to help others. As Hayley loves nature, her mother, a high school classmate of Kate, showed her Kate's newsletter and website. Hayley was moved by one of the North Carolina Outward Bound scholarship recipient's comments on how her life was forever changed by this challenging wilderness experience. In lieu of standard birthday gifts, Hayley's friends sent donations to the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation.



In the Wilderness, a Worthy Bat Mitzvah Cause: Gracie Cook selected the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation as the focus of her bat mitzvah project. When she chose Kate's Foundation for her mitzvah project, Gracie had no idea that her grandparents and Kate's grandparents had been close family friends for three generations. Rather, Gracie chose the Foundation from among many deserving causes because, much like Kate, Gracie is passionate about the environment and the powerful forces of nature, particularly the study of weather. Donations from Gracie's bat mitzvah guests helped provide scholarships to the stimulating National Outdoor Leadership School for those less fortunate.



A Wedding as an Opportunity to Honor a Friend's Memory: Jessica Weisbein and Gabe Brooks decided to use their wedding as an occasion to honor the memory of one of Jessica's dear friends. Kate and Jessica were close friends at Germantown Academy, so it was a donation from the heart when Jessica and Gabe sanctified their ceremony by donating a portion of their wedding gifts to Kate's Foundation. The final page of the beautiful wedding service booklet was devoted to describing Kate and the mission of her Foundation.

From Ellen and Frank

On November 10, 2007, the Germantown Academy Class of '97 celebrated its 10-year reunion. Classmates gathered from as near as Fort Washington and as far as California to share what's been happening in their lives in the past 10 years — marriage, babies, careers. We are of course glad that the reunion was a success, but knowing that Kate couldn't be there made the day quite painful for us.

A recurring theme in this column is expressing how thankful we are to have the support of so many wonderful people who help us carry out Kate's dreams. We are especially grateful to the three friends who honored Kate at special times in their lives with a monetary gift. We are proud of the fact that with your help, we've been able to change the lives of so many young people through the grants and scholarships of the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation.

We know that at the reunion you talked about Kate, and we would greatly appreciate it if those of you who knew Kate from school or camp could please help us by sending us a story you remember about her — something she did or said to affect your life that you've never shared with us before. Please share it with us now. Go to Kate's guestbook at www.katesvitekmemorial.org. You have no idea what a meaningful gift that would be . . .

Talk to me about my daughter,
 Tell me what you know.
 Your memories are precious gifts
 That I treasure so.

Please don't think you'll make it worse
 Should you say her name
 Her spirit lies within my heart
 Her soul's with God from whence it came
 So bring her up, share with me
 Go that extra mile.
 Her name is always on my lips
 Right behind my smile
 by Nancy McKeane

This poem couldn't have said it better
 how much we would cherish your
 memories of Kate.

Frank Ellen

5th Annual Under the Tent Event Beach Boys Music Performed By All Summer Long

The Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation's 5th annual Under The Tent Event, honoring Hope and Bob Clair, held on June 30, 2007 was a huge success. Beach Boys music performed by All Summer Long on a perfect summer evening provided the entertainment for the night.

The familiar music floated through the air evoking visions of youth, rolling ocean waves, miles of sand and suntanned surfers. "Good Vibrations" were felt by all as the crowd, "Danced, Danced, Danced" in the hopes of "Keepin' the Summer Alive." A multitude of Hawaiian shirts and vibrant table decor complimented by candles, shells, sand and water provided the perfect backdrop for the ultimate event. Nearly 200 people attended with recognition given to the forty plus couples who have attended all five of the KSMF summer events. At a poignant moment, Ellen Svitek presented to her parents, Hope and Bob Clair, a beautiful portrait of their grandchildren. The painting was commissioned in honor of the Clair's love, dedication and continuing financial commitment to the Foundation.

Over \$82,000 was raised and our heartfelt gratitude is once again extended to all of the diligent supporters for their help in making this event the best ever.



Pictures Above: All Summer Long; Frank and Ellen, Hope and Bob; Gail Jurikson and Gates Rhodes



Pictures Above:
Janice and Gary
Graf, Michelle
Landau, Rozi
Snyder, Lynn
Samson and Todd
Landau



Left: Tom and
Trish Williams,
Ron and Joyce
Burd, Alice and
Andrew Simon

West Virginia University at Parkersburg Students Receive Supplies and Grant Money from KSMF

Marie Butler was one of 13 students selected for an innovative course at West Virginia University at Parkersburg entitled "Environmental Behaviorism." When Marie found the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation on the website, she realized that the leaders of this course shared Kate's vision of the natural world, and she applied to the Foundation for grant money.

Taught by husband and wife professors Dr. Phil McClung and Denise McClung, this experiential new course offered students an opportunity to learn about environmental concerns, resource management, and nature in the wilds of West Virginia. The main focus of the course was a week long camping trip around the state to explore a variety of environmental issues, including water conditions, mountaintop removal, and wind energy.

Agreeing that this educational initiative aligned with the Foundation's mission, the trustees of the Foundation awarded a \$2,000 grant to help underwrite the program. In addition, the Foundation surprised the students with a shipment of water

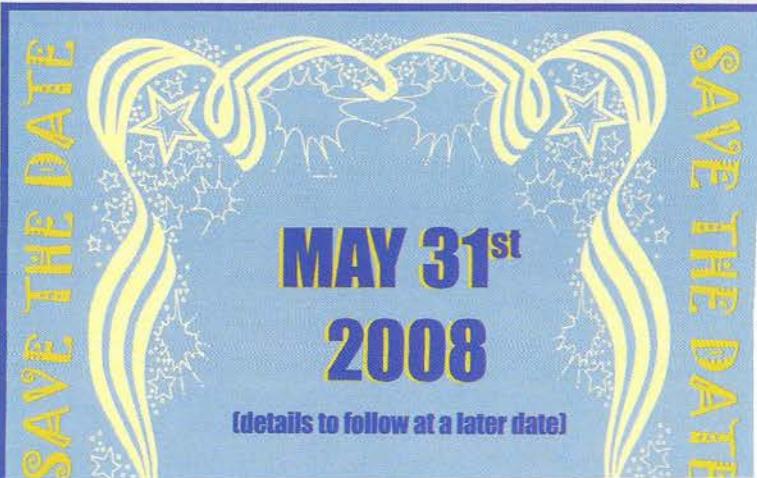


bottles and helmets with lights for the trip.



This year's inaugural trip had a far-reaching impact on the students, prompting such results as a new recycling program, additional trips, and participation in the Ohio River Sweep. As one student

commending the sponsors summed up, this journey "would change my life forever . . . This class opened my eyes to a whole new, greener earth beginning right here at home."



The University of Vermont – Letters from the recipients of the Kate Svitek Memorial Scholarships

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek:

I have just returned to Vermont a couple of weeks ago from my summer internship in Alaska; what an experience! I worked for the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Anchorage Forestry Sciences Lab participating in the Forest Inventory and Analysis program. This program provides information necessary to assess America's forests and projects how forests are likely to appear 10 to 50 years from now. This enables the Forest Service to evaluate whether current forest management practices are sustainable and to assess whether current policies will allow the next generation to enjoy forests as we do today.



My summer consisted of bushwhacking the Alaskan wilderness, taking vegetation samples and measurements, flying in helicopters, living on a boat and carrying a shotgun. We navigated mostly by photo and compass through some of the wildest terrain this world has to offer. During this internship I gained experience in bear safety, underwater helicopter escape, living on a boat, taking ecological measurements, and I also got my foot in the door for a possible career with the Forest Service.

When I first got the job I was not sure if I was going to be able to get all the way to Alaska. On top of getting there I needed to buy the required gear for flying in a helicopter and working in the woods. I am a student which by definition means I have no money and my folks do not have much either. My father works full-time for the Post Office and my mother cannot work due to a long-time illness that attacks her immune system and depletes her ability to fight off illness.

I was able to get to Alaska though because of the generosity of a family I have never met. This summer was life changing in many ways from personal to professional and was only possible because of your generosity. I am honored to receive an award in the memory of your daughter. I am sure that she loved the outdoors and the environment and now other people can experience them in her name. Thank you so much for enabling this summer to happen, it means so much to me and my family. I have grown so much this summer and could not have done it without your help.

Sincerely,
Zachary Bergen
Burlington VT



Dear Svitek Family,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your gracious help that allowed me to spend my summer volunteering in Costa Rica. I spent two months on the remote Osa Peninsula, located in southwestern Costa Rica, working as a volunteer with the nonprofit organization, Fundacion Neotropica. This organization works to promote environmental integrity through education to all people ranging from tourists to local farmers. Although I have been to Costa Rica before with a group from my high school, this experience went above and beyond any of my educational expectations. I had such a valuable trip, in which I learned an enormous amount ranging from how nonprofit organizations run, to maintaining an organic garden, to even giving environmental education lessons to local schools. I felt like a sponge soaking up an incredible amount of information from every activity that I did.

My role was a volunteer environmental educator at the Tropical Center, which is a place where international and local groups of students come to stay for an environmental education experience.

I was responsible for measuring the amount of rainfall, and this data was sent monthly to the National Weather Institute. I worked in the organic garden, pruning, planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting the vegetables. I helped create itineraries, make reservations, and coordinate schedules for groups, which is more easily said than done. Business works differently in Osa and if you need to coordinate something like transportation, it is not possible to send an e-mail and it is difficult to reach someone by phone, therefore you have to actually meet someone face to face to make plans.

Not only did I work from the business end, preparing for groups with logistics, but also as an environmental educator once groups arrived. For groups from the U.S., I helped plan bio-laboratories and supported the guides of the groups on hikes by fielding questions of the students. I started learning the ropes to becoming a guide and took a group by myself to paint a local school and help with a reforestation project. Environmental education to the local people is another important component to the foundation's goals. I prepared a lesson on climate change and taught in 5 of the local schools. It was a rewarding experience to see even just one child from each group light up with enthusiasm for the topic.

I cannot express how grateful I am to have had this experience. I felt more than just a tourist wandering around Costa Rica. I feel like I helped further the goals of the Foundation and of myself through working directly with students and local people. It was a rewarding experience to help foster students reactions to seeing the rainforest for the first time or to have the local kids ask me what they could do about climate change. I made deeper connections to a place I already loved.

Thank you so much for your gracious help.

Sincerely,
Gwen Kozlowski



The Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation's mission is to provide financial support to individuals, groups, and various institutions whose interests and goals align with Kate's hopes and dreams. The primary focus is to promote and help underwrite a range of activities and education principally related to outdoor and wilderness exploration, study, observation, preservation, improvement, expansion, and enhancement. Please remember Kate by visiting our website and making a tax deductible contribution. All volunteers are welcome to assist in the planning of all activities. Please visit our website at www.katesvitekmemorial.org to learn more about Kate, her dreams and her accomplishments.

Ten Scholarships Awarded to CAP Students to Attend North Carolina Outward Bound

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

I, Michael Phillips would like to thank you for a great scholarship, that has given me a wonderful experience. This adventure that took place in the wilderness has opened my options to so much more. I have been rock climbing which has an extraordinary view, when you hit the top at six hundred feet in the air. Canoeing was also a great experience, especially when it flipped over and I was thrown into the cold water. I had to overcome many obstacles; some were difficult but it was worth it. The hiking was not bad it actually helped me physically and the habitat that I survived in helped me mentally. North Carolina Outward Bound also challenged me with a seven mile run. I had to use self-discipline to make it through the whole course. I would like to thank you for taking me away from an environment that can be rough at times and for keeping me out of trouble.

This Pin

I wear this pin with pride

Why?

Because I survived something that most men would've quit before having tried.

I completed this challenge without an excuse or white lies.

This Challenge lays in the past of some young lives.

This challenge saves me from being a statistic of the so young that died.

It showed me the beauty of the trees and the light blue sky that turned darker as the time flew by.

Bars surrounded, this Outward Bound thought that could not escape my mind. This pin I did not win but I did earn.

I did face, not once was I turned this challenge

I did fear but ended with no concern, self-reliance, compassion, craftsmanship. I did learn these I gripped with a clinched fist ever so firm.

This pin I did not win but I did EARN.

Sincerely and Thank You,
Michael Phillips

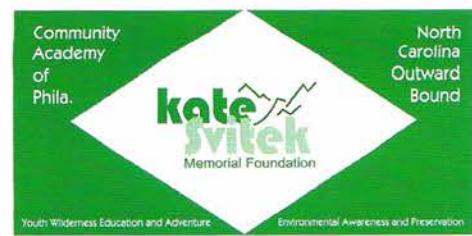
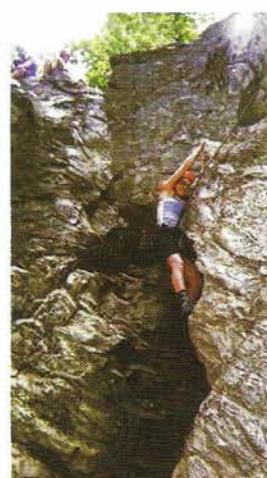
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

I personally experienced and went through many changes this summer by attending Outward Bound. There I began to witness and experience things that I never thought were possible. As I went rock climbing, white water canoeing, and backpacking my comfort level was forced to expand in ways that I could never imagine. Due to this experience I now find myself as a more independent and mature individual. Attending this course was possibly the hardest yet most rewarding experience I have ever had, both physically and mentally. I had to hike for several miles a day while sleeping in the woods for three weeks without showers or bathrooms but that was not all. I had to learn how to deal with being in an environment that reminded me so much of tragic events that befell my family. While dealing with these ongoing dilemmas I began to feel as a stronger individual for facing all of my weaknesses and fears and overcoming them with an immense pride.

Heading back home from my long experience I began to see a change in myself. I no longer felt like the same person who was always depending on others. Instead I was now motivated, interested and involved. I became extremely appreciative and thankful for everything in life. Even the smallest things like clean water, toilets and a bed are special to me. I never realized how much people in general take things for granted.

Not only was it a good experience it was more of a life changing event. I honestly give credit to this experience for molding me into a content individual who pushes beyond her limits. I can say that I am happy with the person that I am today, strong willed motivated and ready to accept all challenges. This certainly steered me into the right direction especially for my senior year. I hope this experience stays with me everywhere I go. I can't thank you enough for giving me this opportunity. As you can see I definitely learned from this experience. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Ortiz



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

I would like to show appreciation to you for the opportunity of allowing me to go on this course. I learned a lot about myself, the outdoors and about companionship while on this course.

During my 21 day course I faced a lot of challenges. Backpacking was a little complex because I had a 60 pound backpack on. Even though it was complicated I learned a lot. I learned new skills and it was a new experience for me. I enjoyed every moment of my course. Rock climbing was the most difficult because I am terrified of heights. At first I refused to rock climb or repel but the only way that I would get over my fears is if I try to do the things that I fear. At the end of the day I was very pleased that I did it. I never thought that I would climb a mountain but when you gave me that scholarship I knew it would be the first time. Outward Bound helped me realize what I am capable of doing things that I thought I could not do. I was so proud of myself I now view a lot of things differently than what I use to.

Canoeing was amusing at times. Throughout the days on the river I felt very nauseous. I was scared to get flipped from the boat. I always like to be in the front because I could see more or less where we were going. Our instructors were awesome they taught us a lot. They also let us play games on top of the boat and they let us jump from a mini cliff. At that time when everyone was jumping off I was still in my boat with my partner when I felt an urge to jump off too. My partner and I just tied up the boat and climbed up ready to jump. I had a really good time canoeing and rock climbing.

My crew members and I got along very well. Our instructors were very hilarious. We had two males. We had responsibilities that we had to do through the day. We all had to take turns doing each task but there were some things that I tried to ignore. I always like to be one of the cooks. My favorite meal was the chili and rice that I made every time we had to get more supplies. Everyone had something that they were good at. We all supported one another when one of us had trouble. This whole experience was great I had an amazing time.

Thank you
Annabelle Matos

GOLF TEAM CHALLENGE SCORES AGAIN

Tuesday, September 4th was a glorious day at Commonwealth National Golf Club. Everything was perfect- the weather (unlike the previous year) was sunny and warm. Twenty seven foursomes representing national and regional insurance companies and Philadelphia area insurance brokers competed in the Sixth Annual Insurance Industry Golf Team Challenge.

This year, history was made when Dave Long of Travelers Insurance made a 160 yard hole in one on hole #16. His prize was 2 airline tickets.

We would like to thank our corporate sponsors and our ever faithful volunteers who helped make this event possible: First Insurance Funding Corp, Young Adjustment Co, Wilson Elsher, Belfor and Keenan Motors.

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During dinner, the participants watched a short video of interviews from recipients of the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation North Carolina Outward Bound Scholarships. Recipients shared how their experience at North Carolina Outward Bound changed their lives.

The \$46,000 raised will help send 10 more Community Academy of Philadelphia students on this life changing experience.



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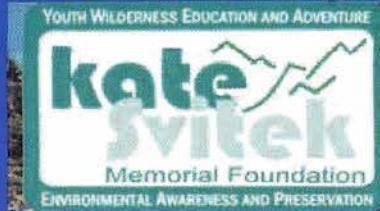
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Check out the new pictures for all of this year's great events!



Please take some time to visit our fabulous website! www.katesvitekmemorial.org

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The following are excerpts from thank you letters received after the students returned from North Carolina.

... During my trip I learned how to canoe and many values. Living with thirteen strangers made me realize for example that people are all different and come from different backgrounds. No one should be judgmental. If we would just have respect for others this world would be a better place. I was also able to stand up for my beliefs and myself and get out of my "comfort zone". I now appreciate life and all that revolves around us: food, animals, plants, people, family, and even a toilet.

- Lydiani Oquerdo

... When I do things I got confidence in myself and know that I can do it. When I came back my parents did not know me they said I was so diffrent and I saw it in me as well. this trip I would recommend for everybody it is something crazy in a good way. When you go to Outward Bound you learn how to communicate with other people and how to work in a team. I learned how to survive in the wild by myself and learn that not everything is easy and not everything comes to you. It was the best feeling ever that I would love to see other people feel the same way. I thank you for making me feel this way and change so much of my life I appreciate that you made me a bigger person. Thank you.

- Amanda Ruiz

... After being out there for 21 days, I have learned to be much more appreciative, compassionate and also to work as a team and everything would be a success. If anyone were to ask me about this course, I would definitely recommend it. I just want to say thank you again and that I would never forget that experience and I will share my experiences upon everyone.

- Felix Ocasio

.. I will love to thank you for presenting me with this scholarship. I can honestly say that this school, my instructors and my crew members have helped to mold me into a better person. I have met peole who I know care for me and will be there for me if I need them, people who I can depend on.

Before I went to Outward Bound I just wanted to give up. Then attending this school reminded me of my reasons in life and what I am to do. I no longer feel like giving up. Instead I want to continue to go on living day by day and enjoying every moment. I try to make the best out of life. It has also helped me to remember the dreams and goals that I had for myself. Attending this school has encouraged me to do my best at accomplishing those dreams.

So once again, I will like to thank you and your family for giving me this scholarship, so that I can attend the North Carolina Outward Bound School and have such a great, wonderful and memorable time.

- Jazmin Torres

... I was challenged to do things that I never did before and I'm proud of myself that I made it and now I feel that I could do anything in life. Outward Bound showed me that I could do anything. I'm not afraid to speak to others and to make new friends. I would love to do this again in the future and I just wanted to say thanks for giving me a chance to do Outward Bound. The best part of the course was rock climbing and I had a great time being in Outward Bound.

- Jahaira Roman

... Outward Bound was so exciting. I did things I thought I could never do. I rock climbed and learned how to read a compass. Outward Bound has shown me my strengths and weaknesses and that I can go behond my comfort zone.

- Jaileen Rodriguez

This Meaningful Poem Written by a NCOB Scholarship Recipient Exemplifies the Foundation's Mission.

I'm in the forest
With my backpack on
Running like the water
I thought it get a lil easier
But it got a little harder
I was close to quitting
My crew got me a lil farther
The forest helps me relax and
 Think about things
Like not knowing my father
Not taking care of his son like
 He gotta 17 years
 17 years
 Never bothered
I wish my hood was like the forest
 A little more silent
Instead of gun shots
 And violence
 The police sirens
With drug dealers selling packs next to
 hydrants
 You just gotta love rock climbing
The feeling at the top of the mountain
 Seeing that great view while
 While my heart was pounding
Not having to watch my suroundings
Chillin' at my campsite with my crew
 Just clowning

Flipping in the canoe without drowning
 Playing werewolf
And Stu always died without howling
 Those were the best days
 When sitting under lurking moon
With no music but the bird still sang the
 perfect tune

To make it on this course
I had to believe in my crew
Cause ain't no "I" in team
And it ain't only you 21 days
 Feel so long now
We only down to a few
 Not even
 It's only two
But Imma remember
 Pilot Mountain
When that sky was midnight blue
 When I say I love you guys
 It ain't a lie
 It's true
 Everything I say I mean
I got so many memories I don't wanna erase
For example, Dave chasing a bear with mace
 Or on solo tying my tarp with shoelace
 Gather up
 Form chow circle

Who do you appreciate?
I was thinking a specific name
 But in my mind I said wait
I said I appreciate all of you
 I was shocked
Cause I was a kid full of hate
I came from a dangerous place
In my city I held my fear inside
 But in here
 I showed it my face
When it rained I ws quick to put
 on my rain gear
 I love the sound of the breeze
 Hittin the trees in my ear
We made a bet if we finished final
 We get to shave Dave's beard
We crossed the road to base camp
 When team JED said clear
Kissing it without having a hunch
 Chilling with team JED
 Eating some lunch
These 21 days felt like a bunch
 The truth is
I met a family in less than a month

- Michael Phillips
North Carolina Outward Bound
July '07 - age 17



Getting To Know Kate

Those who had the fortune to meet Kate all knew what a vivacious and unique person she was. Not only did her sparkling personality shine through, but her intelligence and understanding of her world were immediately evident. This section of the newsletter is being included to give those who did and didn't get to meet her a better understanding of what she stood for and the mark she had made on her world in the short time she lived.

*A college reference letter for Kate, written by Roger Eastlake,
Director of College Guidance at Germantown Academy*

When I prepare to write a reference letter I often seek out a quotation that seems to express some unifying theme that thinking about the student suggests. As I read through Kate's self-evaluation, however, I found some thoughts that are better than any others I could have hoped to find. "I love adventure and I love to be challenged...Nothing feels better than to know that you went through your own hell to get to the top of a peak just as the sun is setting." That's eloquent, as well as typical of how Kate sees things. What a pleasure it is to stand solidly behind this rugged, independent and tenacious young woman as she plans the next step in her education.

Kate's teachers invariably express their respect for her good mind and cheerful spirit. In the words of one, "...she was one of the most intense members of the class, one who wrestled to get the most meaning and value from every piece that we read." Kate's observations are pointed and mature, and she has made excellent strides in learning to back up opinions with textual evidence. What turned a few A's into B's and a few B's into C's is a tendency toward inconsistency that she is working hard to overcome. Given Kate's whirlwind schedule of school, activities, synagogue commitments, off campus job, work on the family farm and community service commitments, sometimes her course work was not her highest priority (although it was never the lowest, either). I mention this not as an excuse but as an explanation. Kate's average record of last year is not a result of any particular problem. Rather, she was overextended—happily so, I would add—as she tried to do so many things. Kate's teachers have recently remarked that she is clearly becoming more focused and intellectually aggressive. Where she was once tentative in class and even shy, she is now much more confident about her ability to match wits with her peers.

Outside the classroom, being tentative has never been an issue for this adventurer who has scaled peaks—actual and figurative—that would intimidate the faint and even the not so faint at heart. Kate's extra-curricular resume is extensive, and not meant just to impress

colleges. Everything she does involves genuine commitment and an honest and generous expenditure of time, talent and heart. Special Olympics volunteer—Big Sister to a homeless child—homeless outreach—Habitat for Humanity—etc. Kate shows extraordinary willingness to reach out to those less fortunate and to make the world a more humane place. She is also transforming that easy going self into a strong leader. Each of our advisories elects a student to represent it in the class government—Kate's peers have asked her to represent them last year and this. Her extremely challenging Outward Bound Program in the Pacific Northwest also brought out leadership talents. One of two women in her group, she used her physical courage, resilience, listening ability and good humor to emerge as a leader. Kate's determination borders on the fearless while avoiding the reckless. She has been in Class V rapids alone in a raft and she has scaled peaks that require a high degree of technical skill. She has even literally reached into a suffering ewe at her farm to turn a lamb trying to enter the world in a breech position. In her spare time, she has a parttime job as a waitress in a retirement community. Indicative of Kate's impressive breadth, she has turned into a gifted sculptor, winning the Upper School Sculpture Prize. I wonder if she ever eats lunch because of her numerous club affiliations—stock exchange, ethics, modern issues discussion, etc. Finally, when she is home, she is just as likely to be stacking bales of hay as she is to be concocting an elaborate dinner or mucking stalls. She is also an actively committed member of her synagogue.

Elsewhere in her evaluation, Kate wrote: "I think the colleges I have chosen are realistic and I'm 'psyched' to get this stuff over with and become a FRESHMAN...somewhere!" Well, I am psyched to be describing one of the most purposeful, energetic and tenacious members of the senior class, and I commend Kate to the admission committee accordingly as well as warmly. She has many peaks yet to scale to see those memorable sunsets, and I have every confidence in her ability to meet the challenges that await her.

Roger McC. Eastlake
Director of College Guidance

KSMF Has a Booth At This Year's Greenfest

On September 3, 2006, the first-ever "South Street Green Festival" was held along one block of South Street. A project of the Urban Green Partnership, the street festival was a huge success, drawing 6,000 people to an event designed to accelerate greening in Philadelphia, and the Kate Svitek Memorial Organization was a sponsor.

This year, on September 9th the Urban Green Partnership expanded the scope and scale of the festival.

The festivities spanned four blocks from 7th-11th on South. There were 130+ exhibitors including green builders, a sustainable fashion show, eco-films and eco-poetry, food, bands and fun for kids.

The Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation manned a booth and many people stopped by to talk to Michael Svitek and find out about the good works of the Foundation.

Four grant applications were received as a result of this exposure. The Foundation is committed to participating next year as well.

We would like to hear from you. Please consider a gift to us. Your support will bring us one step closer to delivering on Kate's dream. We welcome suggestions or ideas regarding fundraising events or programming. Perhaps you have a unique outlook or proposal, a special contact in the environmental or wilderness field, or know of an organization or student in need of our support.



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