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John Dewey Academy College Acceptance: (September 1, 2009) Tom Bratter, President and Founder of John Dewey Academy in Great Barrington, MA, 413-528-5662, announced the 7 graduates of John Dewey Academy class of 2009 will all be attending excellent four year colleges, with two of them attending Columbia University, two to attend the University of Chicago, Grinnell College, Skidmore College and Vassar College, with one accepted at Oxford University but electing to attend the University of Chicago.

Agapé Students "Take the Challenge" At Camp: (September 2, 2009) In August, students from Agape Boarding School in Stockton, MO, 417-276-7215 participated in challenging team activities that included high ropes courses, rifle shooting, obstacle courses and camping in the wilderness at a camp in Lexington, KY.

***Shouting at the Sky* Now in Paperback:** (September 3, 2009) Anita Anderson, Publicist, 415-309-0939 has announced the book by Gary Ferguson: *Shouting at the Sky: Troubled Teens and the Promise of the Wild* is now available in an updated version in a paperback edition offered by Farcountry Press at $15.00.

Carlbrook School Begins Construction: (September 3, 2009) Carlbrook School, Halifax, VA, 434-476-2406, announced the construction has begun on their new girls' dormitory. The new 6,000 square foot building will also contain a student lounge, a study area and a small fitness room.

EAGALA Training in October: (September 4, 2009) EAGALA, Santaquin, UT, 877-858-4600, is offering Part 1 training for the certification process in the EAGALA Model Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning in Helena, MT, October 15-17, 2009. Certification with EAGALA involves taking the Part 1 training (required pre-requisite for the Part 2), followed by a Part 2 training and submission of a Professional Development Portfolio. Contact EAGALA for information on a training near you.

Oliverian Honors Mackinnon: (September 5, 2009) The Oliverian School, Haverhill, NH, 603-989-5100 is pleased to announce The Barclay E. Mackinnon, Jr., Fund for Faculty Professional Development established in 2009 to honor The Oliverian School's founding Headmaster. This new endowment fund will be used to promote the ongoing professional growth and support the continuing education of the school's faculty. To learn more contact The Oliverian School's Director of External Affairs, Carl Lovejoy.

New Staff for HealingQuest Ski Therapy: (September 7, 2009) For the 2009-2010 ski season, HealingQuest's Ski Therapy™ family therapy program, Boulder, CO, will be supervised by Naropa University professor Katie Asmus, MA, LPC, Clinical Supervisor, according to Andrew Rose, Ski Therapy™ Program Director. Jody Radtke, MA, LPC, The Women's Wilderness Institute's Program Director, will also join this season as Program Clinical Director. Contact Andrew Rose, Ski Therapy™ Program Director at 303-225-2708 for more information.

New Lifestyles' Luna and Duncan Receive Doctoral Degrees: (September 7, 2009) New Lifestyles, Winchester, VA, 540-722-4521, is pleased to announce that upon completion of their internships on July 31, 2009, Kristen Luna and Kirk Duncan received their doctoral degrees and will continue with advanced training as postdoctoral residents at New Lifestyles. Kristen obtained her doctorate degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, PA, and Kirk received his doctorate degree from George Washington University.

Adirondack's Miller Presents ODD Training:
(September 8, 2009) Patrick McAvoy, Admissions Director at Adirondack Leadership Expeditions, Saranac, NY, 518-897-5011, announced Thomas Miller, LCSW, and Clinical Director for Adirondack Leadership Expeditions, will present a training seminar on oppositional defiance at NATSAP's Northeast Regional Conference, September 24-25, 2009, in Kennebunkport, ME.

Island View's Green Team goes Camping: (September 8, 2009) Island View RTC, Syracuse, UT, 866-952-7930, created a unique family seminar experience for its Green Team students and parents this past August, by taking the families camping on a two day, one overnight, trip as a collaborative inspiration by the Green Team Residential Director Shaun Smith and Recreation Director Jon Griffith. Various groups were held throughout the seminar, including parent support, individual family therapy, and multifamily therapy.

Cates Joins Academic Answers: (September 9, 2009) Executive Director, Chris Kocurek, MEd, and Carolyn Kocurek, Founder of Academic Answers, Austin, TX, 512-306-8567, are both pleased to announce the addition of Melvin Cates as a Family Consultant with the Success Plans Division of Academic Answers. Prior to joining Success Plans, he was a Program Director for SUWS of the Carolinas and the Executive Director for Lone Star Expeditions in TX. Melvin holds a Master's Degree in Community Counseling and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. He is also a Licensed Child Care Administrator in the state of TX and has served on the national board of directors of the National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camping.

CooperRiis Cited by Dr. Sacks: (September 9, 2009) Virgil Stucker, Executive Director at CooperRiis, Mill Spring, NC, 828-899-4673, shared with us that acclaimed neurologist and author Dr. Oliver Sacks has an article in the current issue (9/24) of The New York Review of Books entitled "The Lost Virtues of the Asylum," within which he describes his experience at CooperRiis and offers his observations of the impact of our work.

Current Happenings at Ventures in Peace: (September 9, 2009) Steve and Elissa Rookey, Owners and Directors of Ventures in Peace, Lolo, MT, 406-273-4273, shared some exciting things happening at their program including the enrollment of six students, the massive production of fresh produce coming out of their 3,000 sq. ft. garden, the completion of a 1-mile walking path and the installation of a 12X30 horse barn. Projects that are getting underway include the addition of a wall tent or yurt at the top of their mountain and the setup of an Equine Therapy program. Please visit their website, which has been updated, and if you plan on being in northwestern Montana this Fall, please stop by for a visit.

Lakeland Girls Home Offers Tips for Parents: (September 10, 2009) Gregory Del Valle, Executive Director at Lakeland Girls Home in Lakeland, a division of Teen Challenge, FL, 888-383-3646, has offered tips for parents on how to identify and avoid online parent-help scams, which include avoiding organizations providing fake help or offer parents a reduction in tuition for enrolling other parents, that sell their leads or