Coral Reef Academy Update (October 15, 2009) Julie C. Elliot, LCSW, LMFT, CART, Program Therapist at Coral Reef Academy in Apia, Samoa, 702-997-7634-Internet phone, 011-685-65158-Samoa, 011-685-7703213- mobile, has updated us on the status of Coral Reef Academy. They want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers and to assure all of their friends that the students and staff are completely safe and well. The campus sustained only slight damage from the earthquake and the tsunami, which hit on the south side of the island, completely opposite from where they are located. On October 8, students and staff attended the funeral service for two children of Perelina Ulugia, one of our staff members, to show their support for him in the loss of his son, Jayjay, and daughter, Marilyn. They are deeply saddened by the losses incurred by their Samoan family and have already been assisting with local recovery efforts wherever possible. They have reached out to the Samoan Red Cross and the local Habitat for Humanity to offer their services in rebuilding projects.

Correction: Kelly Corey Joins Paula Feldman (October 16, 2009) We would like to make a correction from our October issue: Paula Feldman, MS, IECA/Certified Planner, 949-759-0330, announced Kelly Corey has joined her as an educational consultant. Kelly holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Social Work. Prior to joining Paula, Kelly was the California Director at Provo Canyon School. Kelly can be reached at 951-699-5295.

Dance and Yoga at the Oakley School (October 16, 2009) The Oakley School in Oakley, UT, 435-783-5001, is proud to announce they are now offering dance and yoga classes at their school in an effort to provide healthy outlets for their students.

Catherine Freer Offers Parent Coaching (October 17, 2009) Sarah Mack, Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Programs, Albany, OR, 800-390-3983, announced Catherine Freer is now offering parent coaching to help improve parent-child communication, assist in strengthening relationships and help to create a sustainable home contract for students returning home. To learn more contact Sarah Mack.

HeartCry Recovery Completes First Year (October 14, 2009) Ramon Palacios, Owner of HeartCry Recovery in Bonners Ferry, ID, 208-267-6083, is proud to report HeartCry has completed its first year in operation. This wilderness treatment program is for adult clients, ages 18-45, with a history of alcohol or substance abuse, addictions or relapse and offers either a 3-week or a 6-week program. To learn more, contact Ramon Palacios.

Students Can Earn College Credits for Wilderness Programs (October 19, 2009) Marmy Kodras, Marketing Director for Blueprint Education, Glendale, AZ, 800-426-4952 ext 4840, announced Blueprint Education is partnering with Feather River College (FRC) to provide college credits for students and instructors in wilderness programs. Currently, the FRC credit program is available only through another Blueprint Education partner, the ANASAZI Foundation. High school students or ANASAZI employees are eligible for enrollment. Blueprint and FRC hope to expand the course credit program to other wilderness programs throughout the country. Call to learn more.

Summit Prep Alumni in University of Montana Marching Band (October 19, 2009) Barbara Cunningham, EdD, Admissions and Guidance at Summit Preparatory School in Kalispell, MT, 406-758-8139, shared a recent Summit Prep coed from California took advantage of the in-state tuition opportunity for Summit Prep high school graduates in the Montana state college system and applied to the University of Montana in Missoula for the fall 2009 freshman class. Not only was she accepted, she was also offered a spot in the GRIZZLIES Marching Band.

Kildonan School Celebrates 40 Years (October 19, 2009) Kildonan School in Amenia, NY, 845-373-8111, is celebrating its 40th year as a School dedicated to helping students with dyslexia reach their academic potential. Originally started in 1969 by Diana Hanbury King and Kurt Goldman, Kildonan has grown from a small campus in Solebury, PA, to 350 acres in Amenia, NY, which now holds separate elementary, middle and high schools with day and boarding programs an option.

WinGate WayPoints Now Open (October 19, 2009) WinGate Wilderness Therapy in Lehi, UT, is pleased to announce the opening of WinGate WayPoints, a Young Adult Wilderness Therapy Program. Focusing on precise assessments, strength development, relationship healing, recovery and transition, WinGate WayPoints creates the right experience for young adults ages 18-26. For additional information regarding WinGate WayPoints contact Brad Matheson, Director of Admissions/Partner, at 800-560-1599 or 801-376-2880 (mobile).

Oregon Investigator Calls Wilderness School Reckless in Teen's Death (October 20, 2009) The Bulletin reports a Lake County Sheriff's Deputy believes the death of a 16 year old Portland boy attending SageWalk Wilderness School was a homicide and the result of criminal mistreatment and reckless endangerment by the school. No charges have been filed against SageWalk or any individuals, and the investigation is expected to continue for another few months.

FFS Names Two New Department Heads (October 20, 2009) Emmanuel A. Argiros, President of the Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, named a new Athletic Director and a new Health Services Director at the school. James (Willy) Williamson, head soccer coach, physical education instructor and student advisor at FFS since April 2009, has been named Athletic Department Director. Williamson's extensive soccer background is leading the 2009 Falcons to an 11-3 season so far, with three of the school's players ranked in the top five in the district. Also joining the school is Robin Morgan-North, RN, as Director of Health Services. Morgan-North has more than 27 years of hands-on nursing experience, has worked extensively with patients with developmental disabilities, has taught NY State medication certification courses and most recently was Case Manager with the Sullivan County (NY) Public Health Department.

BBC Cameras Roll at FFS (October 20, 2009) Emmanuel A. Argiros, President of The Family Foundation School in Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that a BBC production crew has completed two weeks of filming at the school for a documentary being produced about the FFS program. The administration decided to allow the filming after conferring with parents and receiving an overall positive response to the project. The documentary, which is expected to be completed next summer, is intended to show British audiences some of the services available to help troubled teens in the US, as therapeutic boarding schools are not common in Great Britain.

Chaddock Recognized as Agency of the Year (October 20, 2009) Karol Ehmen, Media Advisor at Chaddock in Quincy, IL, 217-222-0034 ext 324 or 217-430-8696, announced Chaddock, a residential treatment center for children who have experienced severe abuse, neglect or other trauma in their early years of development, is the recipient of the "Agency of the Year" award presented by the Alliance for Children and Families. Chaddock was chosen to receive the award because of its demonstrated excellence in board participation and support, the impact of its advocacy efforts on local, state or national levels and its innovative programs. This award was presented at the Alliance National Conference in Houston.

Alleman Joins Echo Springs (October 20, 2009) Echo Springs Transition Study Center in Bonners Ferry, ID, 267-1111, is pleased to announce a recent addition to their program services. Regina Alleman, BSN, RN, is now providing contract services regarding medication management with their students. Services will include reviewing medications and medical history of all newly enrolled students, arranging medical appointments and associated medical needs, and occasional staff education. The service has been extremely beneficial in its first month of implementation, enhancing overall quality of program services.

NWA Students Attend Oregon Shakespeare Festival (October 20, 2009) Several students and staff from Northwest Academy in Naples, ID, attended the annual Shakespeare Festival held in Ashland, OR, after studying the literary and theatrical classics of Shakespeare in class. The students enjoyed the road trip, which was filled with music and movies, theatre and outdoor cafes. To learn more about NWA contact Dr. Adam Mclain, Executive Director at 877-882-0980.

Education is teaching children to find pleasure in the right things.

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