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Ms. Kileen Barry, after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science and conflict resolution in 2009, was hired by Technoserve, a company funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to promote sound agricultural practices among coffee growers in Africa. She has applied to graduate schools in the Washington D.C. area, and plans to study sustainable development.

Ms. Brittany Bergstrom received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science, December 2010. After graduation, she will work for AmeriCorps.

Mr. Michael Carlo is completing his second year in the Peace Corps, in Valinski, Ukraine, serving as a public school assistant. During the fall of 2010, he returned briefly to the United States to work for Representative Chris Murphy's successful reelection campaign.

Ms. Ashley Hyde, 2010-2011 U.S. Fulbright Scholar, traveled to Portmore, Jamaica as part of her Fulbright Program Grant. She is currently applying to graduate schools.

Ms. Lily Katkoff is teaching eighth grade English in Southern China (Guangdong Province).

Ms. Jennifer Lohan Pessalano graduated in May 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science and a minor in Conflict Resolution. She is currently completing her Master's Thesis, on President Obama's conflict management strategy pertaining to Iran, for the Dispute Resolution Program at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. She presented a conference paper on cultural divergence in Northern Ireland and how development of Northern Irish identity would help ameliorate ongoing reconciliation efforts. Ms. Pessalano recently applied for several doctoral programs in the Boston area. In January 2011, she participated in a panel, with President Schmotter, for the Hancock Student Leadership Program training.

Mr. David Clarke Rohlfing graduated in May 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in anthropology/sociology. He writes: "I consider WCSU to have been a great experience, once I figured out how to experience it right. Since graduating, I was accepted to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law where I just finished my first semester. Pittsburgh is a great city that is treating me well, and law school is challenging but rewarding. I am currently applying for internships for the summer, and I hope to be working with a non-profit or public sector employer. This summer [2010] I drove across the country with my girlfriend Melissa Thaisz (WCSU 2001) because she was headed out to Portland, Oregon to attend the law program at the College of Lewis and Clark. Good luck to all the recent and soon to be graduates!"

Ms. Melissa Thaisz is attending the College of Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon.

Ms. Jeanette Wittstein graduated in May 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in anthropology/sociology. She is now pursuing a Master's Degree at University of Connecticut, Storrs, in cultural anthropology. Her main research interests are indigenous rights and globalization in Melanesia.

Ms. Jessica Young decided to pursue a career in clinical mental health counseling after graduating from WCSU.