

Alumni



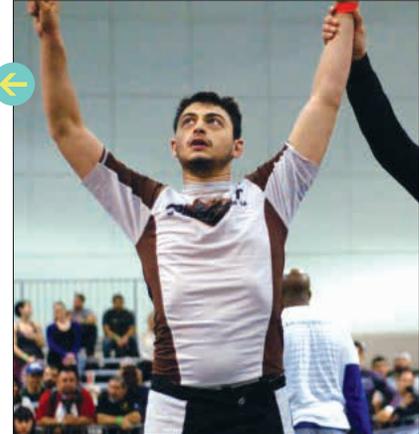
Ruby Erdmann '07 recently graduated from the University of Illinois, Chicago, with her second master's in nutrition science. Now, as a clinical registered dietitian, she works for community health centers throughout the Chicago area promoting nutrition and lifestyle changes as a tool to aid in treatment and prevention of chronic diseases. Through this work, she provides individual nutrition counseling, workshops for community members, and children's cooking classes.



Phill Schwartz '08 is a principal at New Economy Consulting, a business consulting firm based in Portland, Oregon. Phill oversees licensing, compliance, and client projects, and he manages \$6 million-plus in investments. Phill also owns and operates 10th Planet Jiu Jitsu Portland, where he teaches martial arts to kids and adults. He has been practicing *jiu-jitsu* for eight years and is ranked as a brown belt.

Ben Salk '09 spent the last two years working with a social impact firm called Reinvent Communications. For four years prior, he studied political theory at Kenyon College in Ohio to understand the roots of political, economic, and social injustice. At Reinvent Communications, his team partnered with foundations, nonprofits, businesses, and some newly elected political leaders to maximize the impact of campaigns aiming to bring about lasting progressive social change. He is most passionate about an initiative called Brothers, Sons, Selves: a group of 10 community-based organizations working together to improve outcomes for boys and young men of color in Los Angeles County by promoting positive alternatives to punitive school discipline policies and by reducing criminalization of communities of color. Now he is pursuing another passion: music. Ben has been playing/writing music with friends (most of whom are Wildwood alums) and recording piano and helping with production for various artists. Check out his music at soundcloud.com/remoy-beats. Email him at brsalk@gmail.com or follow his Instagram @RE_MOY_.

Danielle Sinay '09 graduated with her Master of Fine Arts in creative writing in May. She wrote her theses (yes, two) on Virginia Woolf and James Joyce, and she has former Wildwood teacher Julia Hart to thank for this obscure passion. Danielle writes for *Teen Vogue* and *Man Repeller*, but she spends most of her time working in education.



Danielle leads a journalism workshop at the Bronx Leadership Academy High School in New York City; tutors elementary, middle, and high school students with 826NYC; and serves on the 826 Development Committee. This means she gets to throw parties for a good cause, which she enjoys greatly. Now she's studying for the GREs and will apply for a Ph.D. in British literature.

Alexia Elkaim '10 works at a marketing agency called Starworks Group in New York City, where she is casting for editorials and advertising in fashion. She is also working on her own clothing line called Miaou, which launched in June. To check out her mix of her own designs and vintage, go to miaouxx.com.





Dani Taubman '10 recently completed her first year of medical school at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City. She graduated from Barnard College in 2014, where she studied psychology and then decided to expand her clinical reach and pursue medicine. After graduation, she attended the Bryn Mawr College Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program to get her premed certificate before beginning at Mount Sinai last fall.

Ivy Jane Klein '11 graduated *magna cum laude* from Wheaton College in Massachusetts last spring and was recruited for a teaching assistantship position at Florida State University. Ivy just completed her first year of a two-year master's program in Italian Studies at Florida State, where she is teaching Italian to undergraduate and graduate students. She is in her native Los Angeles for the summer, interning part time as a script reader for a talent agency, frequenting as many tea shops as possible, and learning the guitar.

Piers Brecher '12 graduated from the University of Chicago in June with a double major in history and romance languages (Spanish). He will begin a two-year Master of Philosophy in Modern Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford University.



Halley Crane '12 graduated from Occidental College this year and then flew to Hanoi, Vietnam, where she started a three-month solo backpacking trip. She will be traveling through Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Indonesia. She will return in mid-August and then move to New York, where she will begin a master's degree program in Food Studies at NYU Steinhardt.

Rae Dagdagan '12 is finishing up her last semester at Cornell University and will be graduating with a degree in apparel design. Her thesis collection, titled "Episode II," is a continuation of the collection she made last year with clothing that attempts to be genderless—not conforming to male or female forms. As part of her thesis, she has decided to go into production with one of her pieces from last year's collection in order to learn that side of retail. She will spend the summer in Los Angeles and plans to intern in Europe for a design studio starting in the fall. More photos of her collection as well as the runway show can be viewed at raedagdagan.com.

Avery Albert '14 is finishing her sophomore year studying apparel design at Rhode Island School Design. Over the past year, she's been working intensively developing her technical and creative design skills, using the Wildwood Habits of Mind and Heart to make valuable, collaborative connections with peers and industry professionals. She has culminated her year with the "Sophomore Print Project," an assignment that challenged students to create a garment from a randomly assigned printed fabric. This summer, she'll apply her new skills and passion for apparel design at Are You Am I, a clothing company based in downtown Los Angeles. View her work at averyalbert.com.

Natalie Cohen '14 has been studying at the Culinary Institute of America for the past two years. In June, she graduated with her associate degree in baking and pastry and is returning in September to complete her bachelor's degree in management and advanced baking. Last summer, she worked as a pastry cook at Gotham Bar and Grill, one of New York City's fine-dining restaurants. She has recently also become the chocolatier for the café on campus called Apple Pie Bakery Café.





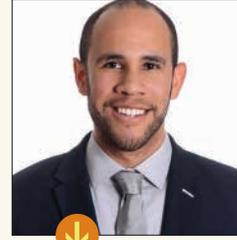
Noa Park '14 will be a junior at Carnegie Mellon University in the fall. She is part of the Biophotonics Laboratory in the Biomedical Engineering Department and is working on mounting optical probes onto patients as pre-screening devices for cancer. She is the treasurer of her service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, and the director of community service of her sorority, Alpha Phi. Noa is currently studying abroad in Seville, Spain.

Elementary Alumni



Jeff Reifman '81 discovered a significant benign brain tumor with the help of an MRI in April 2015. He had surgery in June 2015 and had follow-up radiation. He is thankful for the amazing care he has received, and he is doing quite well. He has written a series of articles about the experience at link.lookahead.io/brain. His writing reflects a bit of how Wildwood prepared him early on to keep in touch with his feelings and perspective about the paths of others through this process.

Anna Forward '95 is engaged to Abraham Garabedian Armenian, the head chef at Beauty's Bagel Shop in Oakland, California. She continues to teach kindergarten classes and is also co-running an art and nature summer camp. She is writing stories for the Jewish Women's Theatre in Los Angeles and working on a children's book.



Bryan Anderson '98 is a clinical social worker and behavioral therapist who works at the Adult Partial Hospitalization Program at UCLA Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital. He provides therapy for adults with mental illness and previously worked for four years as a behavioral therapist for young children with autism at the UCLA Early Childhood Partial Hospitalization Program (ECPHP). Bryan was first exposed to special education through Wildwood while volunteering at the neighboring McBride School. While at ECPHP, he rediscovered his passion for working with children and developed a book to help young children manage difficult emotions and improve social skills. *Grab the Wheel* is an adaptation of the anger-management curriculum written by his father, George Anderson. Bryan is currently launching social skills groups, parent training, and teacher training using his book, which is available at grabthewheelkids.com.