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**CELEBRATING  
32 YEARS OF  
LEADERSHIP**

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# Letter from the Executive Director

**D**ear KWE Families and Friends,

During my magical Kieve camper days more than 50 years ago, our counselors and directors taught us to always leave our campsites better than we found them. Over these past 32 years at the helm of the first Kieve Affective Education and then Kieve Wavus Education, that lesson resonated with me every single day. The time has come for me to step down as executive director at the end of 2021 and into a new role here as executive director emeritus. Trading in my “buck stops here” role, I’ll be mentoring Sammy and his leadership team, further cultivating and

sustaining constituent relationships, and acting as an ambassador for KWE—always available as needed. I’m confident the board could not have chosen a more capable, committed, and compassionate leader than Sammy Kennedy.

When I think back on all that we’ve collectively accomplished in these last three decades, I can’t help but smile from ear to ear. The generations before us set us off on an incredible journey, and we are honored to follow their lead. My grandpa, a teacher by trade, bought this sacred land in his early 20s and founded Kieve in 1926 on a wing and a prayer, an abundance of hope, and the strong conviction that camp—a new idea at the time—would be an excellent way to both educate the heart and create confident, kind, and exceptional leaders. His two sons soaked up a Kieve education as they grew up and then directed camp in the late 1950s. My dad, also a teacher, took the Kieve helm alone after his

twin graduated law school. They always felt a strong responsibility to share this place full of incredible counselors and teachers with more people, so in the 1970s they turned our family business into a non-profit organization. Armed with a board of trustees and the ability to raise capital, Kieve Affective Education began to grow into a world-renowned institution.

When the board hired me in 1990, we were still a young non-profit running one summer camp for 250 boys, an innovative but fledgling Leadership Decisions Institute, and a beautiful but aging campus built only for warm-weather months. Fifteen years ago, we took the bold leap to merge with the Wavus Foundation and built a second campus on the lake where Wavus thrives again. Across KWE programs, we give away more than \$1 million in financial aid every year to many different people and programs. More than 1,200 boys



*Here's HRK at the helm of his cabins Loud's Island raft on a camping trip in 1968. Luckily the raft floated, enabling many of these guys to send their sons and daughters to Kieve and Wavus!*

and girls now attend our camps, both with long waitlists, and Kieve Wavus deeply impacts thousands of people a year through a variety of programs and retreats on our spectacular, year-round campuses. We're training aspiring teachers, many of whom now work in schools throughout Maine and beyond. Our business plan is economically sustainable and our campuses are carefully designed and constructed to protect our lake and surrounding environment. Soon all of our electricity will come from the sun. We've purchased and protected an additional 2.5 miles and 200 acres of fragile lakefront land between our two main campuses, and we acquired deep water oceanfront land nearby to explore Muscongus Bay aboard the Snowgoose III. We've forged many meaningful, mutually beneficial long-term relationships with several partnering non-profits, leveraging our collective resources and talents to further all of our missions. We routinely, inclusively, and nimbly



*Henry, Stella and BJ Kennedy*

open our doors to people in crisis: families affected by the 9/11 attacks, those facing food insecurity during the pandemic, people impacted by cancer, and combat veterans confronting PTSD, to name a few. We employ 300 amazing people each year who instinctively treat everyone they encounter with kindness and respect and are committed to making a difference in the life of every child they educate and every adult they comfort.

As I prepare to step down, I'm proud that we left our campsite better than we found it. My wife, Beej, and I cannot wait to get back out on the road to rekindle the many friendships we've made over the years. We'll reminisce about old times, get to know your new family members, and enjoy many more adventures with y'all. We'll also be right here on the lake with four generations of our growing family, Charlie and Annie Richardson & Kate and Sam Kaplan, and many other lifelong friends and colleagues ready to greet you when you arrive. Thank you for all you've done for us personally and professionally over the years. It will be soooo fun to see what KWE will accomplish next as we approach our 100th and beyond!

Faithfully yours,

Henry R. Kennedy,  
Executive Director

## Going Solar!

Our ongoing efforts toward achieving carbon neutrality took a leap forward this year when construction started on a photo-voltaic electricity generating system. Our joint venture with Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust (CRCT) will produce nearly all the electricity that both organizations require, approximately 300,000 kWh in year 1. The project is being built on CRCT land near Round Top Ice Cream. Our campers and students can learn about solar energy and climate change while licking ice cream cones! Soon we'll be installing electric car charging stations on both campuses as well.



**COASTAL RIVERS**  
CONSERVATION TRUST



# Kieve Wavus Celebrates Leadership Transition

We're fast approaching a series of milestones in the evolution of Kieve Wavus Education. In 2022 Wavus will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Kieve reaches the century mark in 2026. Our camps were once again full of kids this summer after a 12-month pandemic hiatus, our educational programs continue to impact the communities that need us the most, and the number of selfless donors who help to facilitate our cause grows every day.

There's one particular milestone, however, we must note more immediately: one of a thoughtful and prepared transition of leadership, which is requisite for the continued replenishment, nourishment, and reinforcement of the values and capabilities of the families and communities KWE serves. Sam Kennedy will succeed Henry Kennedy as the executive director of KWE, effective Jan. 1, 2022.

Henry has tirelessly captained our ship for the last 32 years. In



that time, he has led the successful merger with Wavus, overseen the growth and development of countless generations of young men

and women in both our summer camps and The Leadership School, and championed the organization's protection of the environment. Over this period, KWE's endowment and charitable giving has also grown 20-fold, empowering us to further fulfill our mission. Thanks to Henry's outstanding stewardship, KWE arrived at this junction where a seamless succession can be achieved. We are very fortunate Henry will remain actively involved at KWE for years to come, focusing on mentorship and advancement.

With help from outside experts, KWE's board of trustees engaged Sam in a multi-year process that led to this moment, choosing him because of his skill and experience.





Camp has played a formative role in Sam's life since his kiddie camper days in the early '90s. He was a camper, maintenance worker, and summer camp counselor at Kieve until 2008. Sam graduated from Colby College in 2009 with a B.A. in English. He spent eight years in Chicago where he worked with tech startups—mainly at Guild Capital, an early-stage venture capital firm. But Sam long aspired to return to camp. After a decade away and a Harvard master's in education, Sam came home in 2018 to share an office with Director of Education and Operations Charlie Richardson, a 40-year-veteran of KWE. Under Charlie, Sam relearned this organization from the inside out. He

cleaned out the trip shack, remade the website, shadowed educators-in-residence, hired counselors, recruited campers, and led Camp Kieve for the last four years. Sam's been instrumental in shepherding KWE through the pandemic, using the disrupted year to strategize for the future. This is a small organization that asks its people to wear lots of hats, and Sam has worn nearly all of them.

*"I am deeply honored and humbled to be selected as the next executive director of Kieve Wavus Education,"* says Sam. *"KWE gives every camper, counselor, director, cook, maintenance team member, and school group an opportunity to learn from some of the best role models around. I'm especially*

*fortunate to have grown up surrounded by those teachers. From them, I learned kindness, respect, responsibility, courage, perseverance, loyalty, grit, hope, resilience, and independence. But it was my time away from KWE that taught me to appreciate what I value the most: kids. They are the most hopeful thing in this world and justification for the hard work of all the teachers I've watched come through here for decades. I chose to come back to Damariscotta Lake because, more than anything else, I want to join, recruit, and cultivate the next generations of educators at KWE."*

Sam lives on the Kieve campus in Nobleboro with his wife, Sarah, a nurse practitioner and KWE's healthcare and risk director, and their daughter, Stella. The family will welcome a son early next year.

It is a blessing when an organization finds someone from within its ranks so ready to lead. We are beyond lucky to have a Sam waiting in the wings. There is truly no one else with a greater understanding of KWE's roots or a clearer vision for its future.

*"I'm so inspired by this team and excited about what's next for KWE. Here we go!"* says Sam. In the coming months, you will hear more of this advancement. We look forward to your support and best wishes in this next stage of our growth.

Sincerely,

Dixon Thayer  
Chairman,  
Kieve Wavus Education

# Wavus Maine Trails Reflections

**A**fter a summer apart, we welcomed the largest group of campers in Wavus history back to Wavus Point. Louder singing, longer dance parties, and bigger hugs seemed to be the only impact of missing the summer of 2020!

This summer, 35 Wavus campers completed Maine Trails. Many of these campers were set to do Trails in 2020 and chose to return in 2021 to finish their camper years together. We started a new tradition this year on both sides of the lake; each 'class' of Maine Trails campers planted a tree on their respective campus with a plaque listing their names. I told each Wavus Maine Trails group that this tree, in addition to representing their amazing accomplishment, stood for the legacy that they will leave behind. We often think about all the amazing things a camper at Kieve and Wavus soaks in during their time at camp - new friends, excellent role models, confidence, and a whole lot of love. In a few years when these campers become counselors, their experience will be less about what they take and more about what they choose to leave behind as they guide, lead, and love the next generation of campers. In addition to their tree, they also left us with a lot of wisdom at our Closing Embers fire on the last night of camp.



Maine Trails 1, 1st Session

*"Oftentimes, after a long or hard day on the trail, I'd find myself thinking a lot about the best parts of Maine Trails:*

*It certainly isn't the constant tripping over roots and stumbling on rocks, but it's the fact that I'm too wrapped up in someone's story to focus on the ground in front of me.*



Maine Trails 1, 2nd Session

*It isn't the feeling of sweat dripping down my body all day, but it's the amazing feeling of the breeze while I walk and how refreshing it is to finally reach the campsite and swim, surrounded by so much beautiful nature (except for that one time with the leeches).*

*It isn't the uncomfortable feeling of my pack against my hips and shoulders either, but it's the satisfaction and pride that come with me knowing that I am carrying myself and everything that I need from place to place every day.*

*And no, it isn't the steep uphills, nor the slow and careful downhills, but it's the feeling of accomplishment when I look back at the mountains I've conquered and look ahead to my next challenge.*

*The more I think the more it becomes clear that the best part of Trails is overcoming obstacles, together, with a group of people that I couldn't possibly love more in a place that is more beautiful than you could ever imagine.*

*I think back to my previous years at Wavus, when I was*

*unsure if I should come back the next year. I always doubted my strength and my ability to complete the next, harder trip, but the most important thing that I've learned from my years at Wavus is that, with the right group to support you, you can accomplish so much more than you know."*

**-Sophia Russo, Maine Trails 1, 2nd Session 2021**

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*"You would assume that the best part of a trip would be summiting a mountain or finishing a long day of hiking, but when I think back on our past 22 days I can't pick and choose specific days that stood out to me. What I really remember about Trails are the hours we spent laying on the tarp together or the conversations we had during pack breaks in the middle of the woods. I remember taking time to pause during trip to remember how much I would miss those moments later. On Day 9 we didn't think we could continue knowing we weren't even half way through but by Day 22, all we wanted was another week with each other on the trail."*

**-Kendal Parker, Maine Trails 3, 1st Session 2021**



*Maine Trails 3, 1st Session*

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*"...as my trips got longer and as I made my way around the circle that we're sitting in today, I knew that my Trails year was getting closer and closer. But last year, when we were told that camp was canceled, my cabin mates and I had to decide if we were going to follow through on what we've been working towards for so long. Standing here now, I can safely say that coming back*

*for Trails was the best decision I've ever made. I had so many doubts about if I could do it, and even though it was difficult, every moment was worth it. I encourage each and every single person around this circle to make yourself and your cabin mates come back because it will truly be the best decision you've ever made."*

**-Olivia Bagan, Maine Trails 3, 1st Session 2021**

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*Maine Trails 2, 2nd Session*

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*Maine Trails 2, 1st Session*

## Reid and Jess Anderson

Reid and Jess Anderson have been a part of the fabric of Kieve Wavus Education for a combined 50 years. Through those years, they have embodied the dedication and compassion required to consistently treat thousands of campers, counselors, participants, visitors, and colleagues with kindness and respect, day in and day out.

Reid arrived at Kieve in 1992 as a camper in South Harris. Of the many things Reid learned at Kieve that summer, perhaps the most important was that Kieve was where he wanted to be. Reid would grow up to lead campers up Mt. Katahdin seven times as a South Harris counselor. He became a fixture in Baxter State



*Peter, Jess and Reid Anderson*

Park. His deep love for Kieve and the Maine woods made him one of the most impactful trip directors in KWE's long history.

Jess joined the Kieve staff in 1999 after meeting Reid at Hamilton College. She soon took up residence

in the Infirmary, caring for hundreds of campers every summer. Reid and Jess were married at the Kieve chapel in August of 2002, and they continued to return in the summers to lead the trip shack and infirmary while teaching **CONTINUED—PAGE 11**

## KWE in the Community

### KWE and YMCA Team up for Back to School Bash

At the end of the summer, KWE joined the YMCA's Back to School Bash in Damariscotta. Pictured here are Sam Kaplan and Cam Miller, who along with a team of KWE Educators, helped local school kids fill up their backpacks with everything they needed to start the school year off right. KWE also helped out at the YMCA's Trunk or Treat!



## Kieve Wavus Recognized with Award for Community Service

In June, Kieve Wavus Education was presented with a Rotary Club of Damariscotta - Newcastle's 2020 - 2021 Paul Harris Fellow Organizational Community Service Recognition award. During the pandemic KWE fed hundreds of local families who struggled with food insecurity. Over the past year, the Pasquaney kitchen prepared, packaged, and delivered over 75,000 meals. Pictured are Marianne Pinkham, local rotarian, along with Lee Giberson, Director of Food Service at KWE and Charlie Richardson, Director of Education and Operations.



## Kieve and Wavus Trips to Sugar Island

It's our second summer partnering with members of the Penobscot Nation who have generously hosted Kieve and Wavus campers at Sugar Island. The Sugar Island trip is a two night, 19-mile canoe trip that gives campers the opportunity to meet members of the Penobscot Nation and learn about their history and culture. Campers also participate in service work while on their trip. Here's a Wavus group at Sugar Island with their guides this summer!



*Wavus 2nd Session Abenaki Cabin with their guides on Sugar Island*

# Protecting Damariscotta Lake

## Saving Deep Cove

Last spring, the Buck Family acquired 20 acres of land in Deep Cove, just southeast of Kieve, to knit together the land already protected there by the East Neck Sanctuary. The Bucks intend to let the land heal up after years of extensive logging and development. We're thrilled that beautiful Deep Cove will continue to be quiet, dark, and wild for future generations!



## Educators Dive In To Protect the Lake

Every year, Midcoast Conservancy volunteers survey as much of the nearshore area of Damariscotta Lake as possible, in search of invasive aquatic plants. This year, a team of Educators from The Leadership School, led by KWE Environmental Educator Sam Pierce, helped to

monitor the sections of shoreline around Kieve, Wavus and Southover. Patrolling involved diving down and investigating all the plant life to see if there were any signs of invasive plants. In 2009 hydrilla, a fast growing invasive was found

in Damariscotta Lake. Midcoast Conservancy volunteers and staff and have worked hard to eradicate it over the years. One of the best ways to prevent destructive infestations is early detection which is why we survey every summer!



# 1936 Kieve Long Voyage Memories

By Henry Kennedy

Recently, Tim Coburn, a 1936 Long Voyage camper, sent me this note along with an Annual Fund donation:

*“My summers at Kieve did so much to mold me, especially the Long Voyage to the Rangeley Lakes in 1936. Uncle Don was a surrogate father to us all. I remain well in my 98th year.”*



The Long Voyage

This past summer on closing day of camp, Danielle Oster, mom of current campers Rush and JD Oster, handed me a classic, old (wool!) Kieve t-shirt with her dad’s name sewn into the collar. Her dad, Danny Brewster (brother to Walter and

Andre, also Kieve men), happened to be in that same Long Voyage cabin with Tim. We then opened up the 1936 Kieve Annual to see if we could find a photo of the crew to include in this newsletter. Here they are, all wearing that same shirt!

**ANDERSON—FROM PAGE 8** during the school year.

As time went by, the Andersons’ orbit drew them to KWE full time, and KWE is stronger for their dogged commitment. Following the merger of Kieve and Wavus, Jess oversaw the cohesive operation of two infirmaries as the healthcare manager for KWE. Reid’s role expanded to include both Kieve and Wavus tripping departments, being an educator for The Leadership School, and leading The Leadership School for a year. Following KWE’s risk management review, Reid spearheaded KWE’s risk management practices and training

while also coordinating logistics year-round for all KWE programs. After the birth of their son Peter in 2012, Jess became the director of The Leadership School, growing its breadth and depth through the development of the mentor program, enhanced professional development opportunities, and the transformational Educator-in-Residence program. Jess was also integral to writing, “Kindness and Respect: An Experiential Approach to Social-Emotional Learning.” Through countless interactions with visiting teachers and parent and teacher workshops, Reid and

Jess built positive professional relationships throughout Maine and beyond.

Reid and Jess have lived and exemplified the KWE rule: that “everyone and everything has the right to be treated with kindness and respect.” For that and for their dedication to the organization, KWE will forever be grateful to the Andersons. Reid continues to work across the technology, education, and outdoor fields. During the school year, he is the Technology Integrator and teaches computer science at Nobleboro Central School. During the **CONTINUED—NEXT PAGE**

ANDERSON—FROM PAGE 11 summer, he is the Recreational Guide Manager at Northeast Whitewater and Guide Service, where he wears many hats including managing the Recreational Guide staff, leading recreational trips, driving raft trip buses and put-in trucks, and taking photos for rafting trips. Jess is putting her social

emotional learning and experiential education expertise to work, running the Alternative Education program, Food Pantry, and Outing Club at Wiscasset High School. During the summer, she also runs the Outdoor Adventure program at school and works in the Health Center at Chewonki. Peter continues

at Damariscotta Montessori School where he is in the fourth grade now and recently attended The Leadership School with his classmates. If you wish to reach out, they would love to hear from you and can be reached by email, reidsanderson@gmail.com and jessicaannanderson@gmail.com.

## Teaching the Teacher: The Leadership School Evolves

By Sam Kaplan

In the Fall of 2020, it was The Leadership School's Educator-in-Residence program and our newly formed EASEL professional development that started KWE's return to some semblance of normalcy.

We couldn't bring schools back to our campus, but we could take our experiential approach to social-emotional learning (EASEL) on the road and to Zoom... so that's what we did.

Our Educators were tested and returned to campus in August 2020. After forming a COVID free bubble, they went on to serve over 20 Maine schools through EASEL Workshops and our TLS Educator-in-Residence program.

While the absence of kids from across Maine and New England left our campuses eerily quiet, we quickly realized that The Leadership School could and should expand from a largely seasonal residential program to a 10-month school that fully embraced Dick Kennedy's philosophy - that all young people are at promise and that we do the greatest good when we teach the teachers.



Fast forward to the fall of 2021 and we are two months into our first trimester, with a team of 33 directors, educators, and interns who are spending each week serving Maine schools in whatever ways COVID will allow, while becoming experts in our EASEL curriculum.

Once this trimester concludes, each Educator will take the content and skills they've learned into their second trimester as TLS Educators-in-Residence, serving 23 schools from across the state of Maine 5-days a week for 20 weeks while our campuses are largely hibernating for the winter.

Their third trimester begins after Patriots' Day and is all about

transition - for our campuses to be ready for summer camp, and for our Educators who will be gearing up for another year at KWE or for the next step in their careers - whether in education or another field that they have learned is their passion.

This shift to TLS becoming a 10 month school is just the next evolution of our mission. The outstanding programs that Charlie Richardson and Henry Kennedy created were exceptional on their own, and when unified, are the perfect environment for us to empower our Educators into successful careers in whatever they choose to pursue.

It is exciting to think that this coming summer's Junior Wavus and Kieve campers can start with us at 8 years old and fresh out of 2nd grade. They can begin a path that takes them from Intro Camper, to Full Session Camper, to Junior Counselor, to Head Bunk Counselor, to TLS Educator, to a successful career as a leader in whatever industry they choose to work in. And if just a few of these awesome KWE leaders commit to a career in education? Well, all the better!

## CHARLIE RICHARDSON

Director of Education and Operations

Charlie has been an integral member of the KWE family since 1983. He has had a number of roles over the years: Leadership School (formerly LDI) educator, Kieve counselor, Leadership School director, and Kieve director. He is involved in helping to provide the best educational experience for each and every person and group that comes to our incredible campuses. He is a 1984 graduate of Bates College and has an M. Ed from Cambridge College. In the community, Charlie has been a board member at the Central Lincoln County YMCA and board member and chairman of the Nobleboro School board. His teaching and administrative experience have taken place in the Hull Public Schools in MA, the Linsly School in Wheeling, WV, and McDonogh School in Owings Mills, MD. He now resides year round at Kieve with his wife Annie.



Dedicated to the memory of Richard C. (Dick) Kennedy, who taught that all young people are at promise and that we do the greatest good when we teach the teachers. Thank you, Dick. Now it is our turn to pass it on.

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# EASEL

Experiential Approach to Social-Emotional Learning



# New Kieve and Wavus Maine Trails Tradition

A triumphant return to camp after a difficult year away reminded us never to take each other for granted. Our routines can change in the blink of an eye. After so many happy returns to Damariscotta Lake each



*Wavus 1st Session Maine Trails*



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## This tree planted by Maine Trails

### Campers

Natalie Anderson  
Olivia Bagan  
Sarah Casey  
Isabel Clare  
Emily Cox  
Ali Frazier  
Lexie Jacobs  
Bronte Levin  
Alex McVean  
Alice Moskovitz

### Counselors

Claire Brady  
Lila Brady  
Charlotte Epker  
Caroline Jessup  
Anna Krush  
Bailey Ytterdahl

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## This tree planted by Maine Trails

### Campers

Emily Aarts  
Paxton Beladino  
Blakesley Bonanno  
Sara Dayya  
Darcy del Real  
Charlotte Duffy  
Natasha Edwards  
Julia Kelley  
Addy Levine

### Counselors

Caroline Niccolini  
Avery Packard  
Delaney Pascuzzo  
Julia Powell  
Sophia Russo  
Caroline Slattery  
Molly Sullivan

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summer, camp can feel inevitable and everlasting – camp should feel everlasting. When a teenager opts to spend a month hiking 200 miles on the Appalachian Trail in their last summer as a Kieve or Wavus camper, it's cause for a lasting celebration!

Because Camp was closed in 2020, this year there were two “graduating classes” of Maine Trails campers who returned for their epic rite of passage: 71 campers across Kieve and Wavus – and another 20 counselors with them. Together they've got a combined 604

years at camp!

When each cabin returned to the lake from the trail, the whole camp greeted them with ear-splitting, well-deserved cheers and chants, and plenty of proud tears. The trekkers showered, chowed down heavily, and got a good night's sleep. The next morning, we gathered for a joint Kieve Wavus Maine Trails breakfast with the directors, followed by a new tradition: planting a tree on each campus.

Each tree includes a granite plaque at the base with every Maine Trails camper and counselor's name etched into it. How fun will it be for them to return to the lake in future years and see how their red maple tree has grown, especially in the fall when it's in full bloom? Someday their kids will hopefully follow in their footsteps and plant their own tree. We are so proud of these resilient, confident leaders and it's an honor to memorialize them here for the rest of time. Thank you and congratulations Maine Trails!



*Kieve 1st Session Maine Trails*



*Kieve 2nd Session Maine Trails*

**This tree planted by Maine Trails**

**Campers**

Graham Abramo  
 Sam Elkins  
 Remy Erdman  
 Reed Falkenrath  
 Benjamin Meglin  
 Wes Naake  
 Alistair Nalle  
 Benny Sanford  
 Stephen Smith

Chase Tilson  
 Nic Valdes  
 Stephen Wright  
 Vernon Wright, II

**Counselors**

Matthew Brown  
 Matthew Kellett  
 Teddy Truex  
 Felix Vlack

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**This tree planted by Maine Trails**

**Campers**

Charlie Burke  
 Tommy Burton  
 Ascher Cahn  
 Luke Casteen  
 Dan Cibbarelli  
 Aidan Del Col  
 Peter Del Col  
 Daniel Evans  
 J.D. Farkas  
 Eli Forant  
 Garrett Hall  
 Collin Handy

Max Jiang  
 Will Kaufmann  
 Nelson Lamb  
 Miles Lasser  
 Griff Makovsky  
 Harris Proctor  
 Hallsey Souder  
 Dillon Sutko  
 Griffin Warren  
 Griffin Woodard  
 Beckham Ytterdahl

**Counselors**

Quent Abramo  
 Ben Adler  
 Nic Giandrea  
 John Hollington  
 Sage Landry  
 Felix Vlack

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# Turning the Tide Ovarian Cancer Retreat

From September 8-12, 2021, KWE hosted the Turning the Tide Ovarian Cancer Retreat, organized by Anne Tonachel and Robin Bray, both ovarian cancer survivors themselves. Since 2012, Turning the Tide has hosted this retreat for women currently undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer and those who have completed treatment for ovarian cancer.

It was a stunning week on Damariscotta Lake for 30 women to heal and relax together. Leadership School staff Grace Lawlor spent the week with the group taking them on day trips, facilitating the ropes course, and organizing canoe and kayak trips. Reflecting back on the experience, Grace says, *"It was absolutely amazing to see the ways in which the women learned from and supported each other. They don't have many others in their lives who have gone through the same experience and they gain resilience, hope, and new friends from every one of these retreats."*



The group also participated in art projects, cooking classes, yoga, and dancing. We're thrilled to be able to provide this space for a truly

amazing group of women. Special thanks to Diane Impallomeni for loving on the group with all of her amazing food!



# Colby Sophomore Class comes to Kieve Wavus!



On September 11th and 12th, the Colby Class of 2024 took over Kieve and Wavus. KWE Educators and Colby Student Leaders hosted the retreat which was designed to build community and stewardship for the upcoming school year. The weather was absolutely perfect for a fun 24 hours in the lake, on the ropes course, and all over both campuses!



# 20 Year Anniversary of 9/11 Family Camp

It's been 20 years since our first 9/11 Camp brought families impacted by the September 11, 2001 attacks to Damariscotta Lake. This summer, at the end of August, many people from that original crew returned to Kieve to spend a week together swimming, laughing, remembering, and healing. Many of the kids in this picture to the right, from 2002, are all grown up now with families of their own. They have become part of our Kieve Wavus family and we're honored to be part of theirs.

Here's a letter from Erin Joyce reflecting on her experience this summer:



9/11 kids in 2002. Erin Joyce was 6 years old and is sitting halfway up the ladder on the left.

*Thank you for everything!*

October 6, 2021

Dear Henry, BJ, Lala, Charlie, Annie, and the whole Kieve family,

I'm sorry it took me so long to put into words what my heart has been feeling for these couple months following camp. I just wanted to thank you all, and everyone who makes Kieve home, for everything you have done for my family, and all of the families who have been impacted by 9/11. On the heels on the 20th Anniversary, I watched a few short weeks ago as they read names of brothers, sisters, sons, mothers, aunts, friends, and countless other loved ones who lost their lives that day. Hearing names of family members of those who I've come to call my Kieve family particularly hit hard this year.

As we grow, year after year, Kieve continues to hold the memories of those we lost. Kieve is a place that is filled with so much love, so much honesty, and so much peace, that I wish every person in the world could just get a glimpse of what it is like. I looked around Pasquaney as Bruce Marshall sang **Show the People**, and now at twenty-six years old, I was able to reflect on these feelings. This place will forever be the place that created a family that comes together each August and silently, and knowingly, recognizes the shared understanding that we will and can do this, no matter how hard life gets, we have each other. Five years had passed since I last stepped foot at Kieve and the bonds were the same, the smiles were the same, even the HS swing was the same (somehow got roped into that one again!). Something was different though. I couldn't place my finger on it while I was there, but after settling back into real life I couldn't help but think about **twenty** years of memories, and how Kieve fostered the strongest support system this world has ever seen. This was because of the selflessness of you all; I will be forever grateful for the way you **reshaped** humanity. The rippling effect of Kieve will live in the hearts of us, and all of the generations to come; it is a place unlike anywhere else in the **world**. There's comfort in knowing that there are so many people like me that feel this indescribable feeling from being touched by the magic of Kieve.

My heart aches each time I drive away from Kieve, mostly because I know that I will never be able to describe this incredible place to anyone who hasn't experienced Family Camp. This place that gave so many families, so many of us kids, for **twenty years**, a place to feel safe and a place to grow with purpose and understanding that things are hard, will be hard, but **kindness and strength** prevails. Thank you for giving me my **best friends** who completely and without judgment understand **all** of me. It's so hard to explain the way even twenty-years later the impact of a single devastating day; but these people, the people **you all** gathered here twenty years ago are the only people who I know completely and fully understand me, as I do them.

I teach children as an elementary teacher each day to display kindness. I recognize how hard that is to do for one person. How **immense** of a task it is to change a life after being knocked down in a way unthinkable and unimaginable. With remarkable ease, you all created a place that did that for 100's of people from all walks of life. I know sometimes, us New Yorkers especially, it takes a lot to get past our thick skins and our sarcasm to the center of hearts. I watch my dad's eyes light up each year at Kieve. How can it be that he feels this way when we understandably know the horrific underlying reason as to why we're all here? I looked around this year, being older, and hopefully more wise, to see that this was true for all on the deck of Pasquaney, or at the BUCK climbing the walls, or at Chapel listening for the loons, or talking about old memories and creating new on the docks: Kieve has forever changed us and will continue to change us for the better and **for good**. Each of us will carry on the legacy of Kieve in all that we do.

Thank you for the indescribable serenity that is Kieve. I am proud to call myself a family member of 9/11 Family Camp. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for truly everything. The feelings fade for a little until our next "family reunion," though the memories last forever; I promise to continue to uphold and carry on the highest values that Kieve has instilled in me, in all that I do.

Through **courage, perseverance, and loyalty,**

Erin Joyce  
*Erin Joyce*



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# ALUMNI UPDATES



*Drew Millhorn (Kieve 1978-82), HRK's South Glenayr camper in 1978, here to pick up his son, Henry Millhorn (Kieve 2018 & 2021).*



*Lt. Sheila Koebel (KGSC 1997 & 1999, Kieve Staff 2000-04) with Henry Kennedy, Hayden and Lincoln Koebel.*



*Jeb Burns (Kieve 1969-70, Kieve Parent 1996-99, KGSC Parent 1999); Dixon Thayer (Kieve 1961-64, Kieve Council 1970, Kieve Parent 2003-10, Board of Trustees); Tom Haas (Kieve Council 1972-74). Henry Kennedy (Kieve 1967-72, Kieve Council 1973-80, Executive Director 1990-21); and Brad Geismer (Kieve 2006-11, KW West 2012, Kieve Council 2013-14 & 2021) on Birdsong Island.*



*Walker and Cioroeba families sporting Kieve gear on a hike.*



*Kieve alums Connor Kaniewski (Kieve 2010-15, CIT 2016; Kieve Council 2017) and Bruce "Gets Loose" Haywood (Kieve 2008-14; Kieve Council 2017-19 & 2021) graduated from Wake Forest University together in May. Happy trails, boys!*



*Decker Rolph (Kieve 1986-90, Kieve Council 1995) and Leland Rolph (Kieve 2021).*



*Sammy Kennedy (Camp Kieve Director 2019-21, Camp Kieve Assistant Director 2018, Kieve Council 2005-08 & 2010, Kieve West 2003, Kieve 1995-02), Walker and Ben Wolven (Kieve 1995-02, Kieve Council 2006-07, Kieve West 2003) on the first day of camp!*



*Jake (Kieve 2000-02, Kieve West 2003, Kieve Council 2006) and Lucy Edwards (Kieve West 2003, Kieve Staff 2005-06 & 2008) welcomed Otis into the family!*



*Wendy and Charlie Harrington's 50th wedding anniversary at the Harriet House with Gretchen Brinkler and Charlie Richardson. North and South Harrington cabins' namesake!*



*Sammy and Henry Kennedy with Will (Kieve 1969-72), Sam (Kieve 2006-08), and Frank Rutan (Kieve 1968-70, Staff 1971-76), who stopped by Kieve for a visit this summer.*



*Ralph "Sy" Richardson (Wavus Alum 1975-76) with Henry Kennedy.*



*Chase Martin (Kieve 1990-92, Kieve Council 1997) dropping Byers (Wavus 2018-19 & 2021) off at Wavus this summer!*



*Mark (Trustee and Wavus Parent) and Eleanor Robinson's (Wavus Parent) with their new grandchild, Ebbie Bourneuf.*



*The Wavus crew celebrates Julia Welter (Wavus Council 2011-14) and Greg DeWitt, married on August 30th in Boothbay, Maine!*



*Oliver Buck - Kieve 2029! Congratulations to Henry (Kieve 1998-02; Kieve Council 2006 & 2008-09) and Callie Buck!*



*One of the founding women of Wavus, Katie Moulton and husband Jason Straziuso dropping Harper (Wavus 2021) off for her first summer as a Wavus camper!*



Another Kieve Wavus couple! Congratulations to Bee Crudgington (Wavus 2006-08; KW West 2010; Wavus Council 2012-14) and Paul Reilly (Kieve 2000-07; Kieve Council 2009-10) on their engagement.



On August 29, Jamie Drayton (Kieve 2007-11, Kieve Council 2014-16) and Nick Saari (Kieve 2006-08, Kieve Council 2015-16) finished the 70.3 miles in an impressive five hours. Their strong performance can be attributed to the many miles of portaging canoes at Kieve. They raised a whopping \$7,300 for the Loyalty Fund to send a camper to camp next summer! Thanks for the amazing support from the KWE community!



Welcome Charlotte Pace! Charlotte joined Mims (Wavus Wilderness Tripping Director 2017, Wavus Wilderness Tripping Assistant Director 2016, KWE Assistant Director CIT Program 2015, KW West Trip Leader 2014, The Leadership School Staff 2013-16), Tyler, (Kieve 1994-01, Kieve West 2002, Kieve Council 2003-06 & 2012, Kieve Wilderness Tripping Assistant Director 2016-17, Kieve Assistant Director CIT Program 2015, KW West Trip Leader 2013-14, The Leadership School 2010-17) and big brother Griffin on August 30, 2021.



Miller Monatt Pelletier joined Erik (Kieve Council 2010-12), and Lucy (Kieve Council 2010-12; Wavus 2010), and big sister Susie on 9/24/2021!



Ember joined Cam Miller (KWE Challenge Course Director; TLS Educator 2011-15) and Kayleigh MacFarlane (TLS Educator 2011-14; Wavus Council 2011; Wavus Summer Staff 2019 & 2021) October 21st. She can't wait to join Stella and Natalie at Kiddie Camp this summer!



Kieve Wavus crew gathered to celebrate the wedding of Hannah Lovejoy (Wavus Assistant Director 2021; TLS Director and Kieve Wavus Wilderness Tripping Coordinator 2020-21; Wavus Wilderness Tripping Director 2018; Wavus Wilderness Tripping Assistant Director 2014-16; Wavus Council 2013; The Leadership School 2012-16) and Dave Berndston (Wavus Wilderness Tripping Assistant Director 2018, Kieve Council 2015-16, The Leadership School 2014-16) this past May!

# Kieve Annual Dedication



*Campbell Walker (Kieve 1988-91, Kieve Council 1995-98) introducing his family to Maine and Kieve.*



*The Wavus spirit burns bright in Colorado! From top: Sarah Wilson (Wavus 2007-14, CIT 2015, Wavus Council 2016-18 & 2021), Lindsay Stewart (Wavus 2007-12, Wavus Council 2015-17), Chase Leisenring (Wavus 2007-11, Wavus Council 2015-17), Alison Obstler (Wavus 2007-13, KWE West 2014, Wavus Council 2015-17), Lindy Perry (Wavus 2006-11, KWE West 2012, Wavus Council 2013-19 & 2021), Cat Wood (Wavus 2007-09, Wavus Council 2016-17), Molly Wood (Wavus 2006-09, Wavus Council 2015-17), and Brooke Vienneau (Wavus Council 2021) together at Red Rocks!*



**Sept 14, 1935 - September 28, 2021**

Kieve Wavus educates the heart. When Kieve Affective Education was in its early years as a non-profit, we were known as being one of the best boys camps in the world, but we wanted to figure out ways to share the magic of this place with many others.

As luck would have it, Anne and Dick Jackson sent their son, David, to Kieve in the late 80s and early 90s. Anne had lots of experience serving on non-profit and school boards of trustees, and her infectious love of life, endless curiosity, and enthusiasm for our mission led to many exciting conversations about what could be. We then hired Anne to lead an extensive long range planning process, during which she famously urged us all to be bold and “look across the lake.” Modern day Kieve Wavus Education was born at that moment. After the plan was complete, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted her to join them. Thank you, Anne. We will miss you but your spirit lives on here forever through your grandchildren and in our hearts.

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