

Katie Claridge



Katie Claridge was raised in Eureka, Montana, and is the first in her family to earn a college degree. She earned a BS degree in Environmental Science from MSU in 2005. After graduating she went to work as a Work Service Specialist for Reach, Inc., where she helped developmentally delayed clients prepare for, obtain and keep vocational employment. Katie has traveled extensively in Slovenia, Southeast Asia, Honduras and Guatemala. During her 3 trips to Central America, she was involved in offering medical assistance in clinics and helped with the drilling of a well in a small Guatemalan community. These experiences led her to return to MSU in 2006 to obtain a 2nd BS degree from the College of Nursing where she will be going into her final year next fall. During the past 3 years she has worked full and part time as a Certified Nurses Aid at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. Besides all this, she has served 4 seasons on the Eureka fire crew, and since 2008, she has been a Ski Volunteer with the Eagle Mount stand-up ski program. This coming summer she has been awarded an internship for a course at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital that will enhance her nursing skills and will also be volunteering with 'Summer of Hope', a program that brings older Philippine children to the US for adoption. Katie was chosen from 12 worthy applicants for the scholarship. Bozeman BPW is so pleased to give Katie Claridge the \$1,000 award for the 2009-2010 Educational Scholarship for Career Advancement.