

Alumnus - Kaj Holm



Alumnus Kaj Holm took advantage of his time at Eastern. Kaj, an Elementary Education Major was an active student. He sat on the executive board of organizations such as the Student Education Association, Education Scholars, Kappa Delta Pi (International Honorary Society in Education), and Math Energy. In the 2012 spring semester, Kaj jumped at the opportunity to take his teaching experiences abroad, eventually landing on Andros Island, Bahamas. Kaj participated in the Science and Schooling study abroad program and had the opportunity to work with 3rd grade students of Fresh Creek Primary School. Upon returning home, Kaj began a fundraising campaign hoping to send much needed materials to teachers at Fresh Creek Primary. He created an online donation page, networked with friends and family, and reached out to fellow education majors over the summer. In all, Kaj was able to raise over eight-hundred dollars and gathered numerous repurposed school supplies. In mid-August, a shipment of approximately forty boxes, carrying roughly \$1,700 worth of school supplies, was sent to Fresh Creek Primary School on Andros Island. Kaj isn't finished, though. His efforts to help vitalize the underprivileged classrooms of Andros Island remains ongoing and he hopes that more people will continue to support the project. He is now teaching 5th grade at Jefferson Elementary School in Charleston, IL. For more information about Kaj's efforts and success visit www.gofundme.com/kajholm.