

## Where Are They Now?

Claire Stewart graduated from Cottonwood School in 2001. Claire, who began school at age two, is a lifelong Montessori student! She continued her education at Sandia Prep, where she excelled on the soccer team, and was twice voted *Most Valuable Player*. She credits her Cottonwood School experience with preparing her well for middle school. She successfully embarked on her secondary education with good organizational capabilities, a strong grasp of grammar and language, and well developed time management skills. She said the planners they used at Sandia Prep were just like the ones she used at Cottonwood!

Claire's elementary foundation served her well after she graduated from Sandia Prep in 2008.

She is now a sophomore at North Arizona University in Flagstaff majoring in Chemistry. She was the highest ranking student in the Chemistry Department last year, which earned her the distinction of undertaking a paying job in the chemistry lab this year.

Claire has been an honor student for two years now, and enjoys the privilege of residing in the Honors Dormitory, which her little sister describes as a "resort!" (For those of you who don't know this Cottonwood family, Claire is Pilar Clum's big sister!) Claire's mom, Carla Graf, a founding teacher of Cottonwood School, firmly believes that Claire's successes stem from the disciplined approach to learning that she developed at Cottonwood. Claire deeply values "independent learning with responsibility."

## The Alumni Corner



**Claire Stewart**  
**Cottonwood School Class of 2001**  
**Sandia Prep Graduation 2008**