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-Costas Christ, ‘80

Costas and Sally Christ are Friends World College Alumni met while attending FWC in the late 1970s. Today they are married with two boys and reside on the rural Maine coast, where they maintain a 40 acre organic farm on top of their hectic international business and travel ventures.

Name: Costas and Sally Christ

Year of Graduation: 1980

All Degrees Received:

Costas: BA FWC 1980; MA University of Oregon 1985

Sally: BA FWC 1980; MPH John’s Hopkins School of Public Health 1984

Why did you decide to attend the Friends World Program? How was the program different than others?

“This was back in 1976 and the reason to attend was the creative, innovative, independent and international studies focused education FWC offered.”

What was your area of focus while in the program?

Costas: Wildlife and Environmental Ecology

Sally: Public Health

What are you currently doing professionally?

Costas: “Working for the National Geographic Society as an Editor and Columnist, also serving as a Chairman for the World Travel and Tourism Council-Tourism for Tomorrow Awards.”

Sally: “Currently self employed as the owner and manager of a small education travel company as well as working as a Public Health Consultant.”

What additional things have you done in the past that you think readers may find interesting?

“Many, I am the Special Advisor to the United Natures Foundation and also World Travel and Tourism Council on Sustainable Tourism. [My wife and I] travel regularly for work, in fact, my work has taken me to more than 120 countries across six continents including expeditions to some of the world’s most remote wilderness areas and archeological sites.”

How have you been able to apply what you learned at Friends World to what you currently do?

Costas: “I am now the Global Travel Editor at National Geographic Adventure Magazine and Sally runs an Ecotourism Company offering trips to Africa and Central America, while also doing Health Education consultancy work. There is no question that our education at FWC was the foundation for our future careers.”