

## **Lillian Kahl**

Lillian's current major is in sustainable Agriculture at the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland. Prior to her schooling, she worked as an arborist, a landscaper, a beekeeper, and a carpenter in the green-construction industry. As she notes, "My character is rooted in the earth, every aspect of my life is tied into its growth."

She now focuses on the changes that need to occur in order to balance environmental protection with production, economic viability, and the social well-being of people. She has learned the life and structure of soil, the processes of plant growth, and the intricacies of business management.

Her academic advisor notes that Lillian is a critical thinker and a problem solver. "She can see connections between crop production, social justice issues, and climate change."

Those that have employed; worked with her; or have taught her all agree that an investment in her education is an investment in the future of her pursuit to improve the state of agriculture, the environment and the habitats we develop going forward.