She did it!

Back in 2015, Kimberton Waldorf senior Hannah Wolfram bought a vacant house at 121 King Street for $29,500 with an investor to renovate as her senior project.

She hoped to finish the renovation in 2016 and sell the house for a profit. But the project took a lot longer than she thought, and by the time it was finished, Wolfram had completed three years at Ursinus College, where she will be a senior this fall.

Recently, she sold the house to an investor for $94,000 and will use the profits to pay off her college loans.

Kimberton graduates are exceptionally well-rounded. The school embraces a hands-on learning philosophy that is worlds apart from the “drill and kill” methodology used in public schools.

At Kimberton, textbooks are rarely used. Students are prolific writers, but all reports are written and illustrated by hand, rather than on computers, until the 11th grade. Rote memorization and “teaching to the test” are scorned. Creative thinking is prized.

“Applying all my subjects to the real world really helps me to learn them,” Wolfram says. Although she was mentored by professionals in such things as plumbing, heating and wiring, Wolfram insisted on doing everything herself.

“You can’t learn it any other way,” she says. Wolfram even did some roofing work (using a safety harness).

Wolfram reported her progress on Facebook: Hannah’s Senior Project.

And as Hannah was doing the work on her King Street house, she carried a triple major at Ursinus — theater, applied economics, and German.

Pottstown can learn a lot from Hannah Wolfram. Her view of her house — “It’s in an up-and-coming neighborhood” — her optimistic, “can-do” attitude, and her confidence is refreshing in a town diminished by nay-saying.