WELCOME TO THE
ALUMNI UPDATES!

We are particularly excited to present these to you as our 20-Year Reunion approaches. As you re-connect with past classmates and friends through these updates, we hope you will consider re-connecting in person this June at the 20-Year Reunion in Leadville. Don’t forget to flip to the end of these updates to find out what former HMI faculty members have been up to—it’s pretty inspiring stuff! As always, updates from spring semesters and apprentices will appear in the spring. Happy reading!

SEMESTER 1

NINETEEN (?) years after our semester together in Leadville (we truly can’t believe it—all of those things old folks told you about decades flying by are true!), RMS 1 is still close enough that all of our news email updates go out to all. So we have little to update one another on, but here it goes for you, younger alumni and faculty emeriti. MATT WALKER and his wife, Jee Nah, welcomed a second baby girl, Mae Davis Walker, on September 1st of this year. Big sister Lucy (3.5 years) loves her new role, as well as her pre-school class. The Walker clan has been back in Denver for about a year, and loves it. Matt has been catching up with two of our faculty members, Lucia and Reed—let’s hear it for HMI connections! Also with two kids, JESSICA “J-CAT” PARKER is still living the rural life in Northwest Montana. She invites all to “come ski, hike, paddle, and get lost” with her—tempting! ELI ROBINSON and her partner Callie are in San Francisco—“Castro, duh” – where Eli works in tech innovation (she’s keeping mum about the current state of the self-driving cars) and enjoying the outdoor opportunities in the area. ALANNA GINO is also in San Francisco. Her little sister Ariana was recently an HMI apprentice and is still living and teaching in Leadville. Alanna reports that Leadville has gotten way cooler since we left, with live music and yoga and such; can’t wait to check out the rebirth at the next reunion! The two Gino sisters went camping together near Windsor Lake. EMILY BECK, deep in the toddler years with her son Owen, is living in Maryland and enjoying the opportunities that waterfront living affords, both personally and professionally. On the latter side, she teaches at The Gunston School, and is involved in launching their new semester school, The Chesapeake Watershed Semester. It will open fall of 2018! The program will focus on both the science and public policy of the restoration of Chesapeake Bay, and will include kayaking, camping, and meeting with politicians to form what sounds like an outstanding educational trifecta! Check it out at chesapeakewatershedsemester.org.

CHRISTINA DAVIS is back to living in Chicago, where she has joined the board of the Lincoln Park Zoo, which, in addition to its own free-to-visit animals, monitors wildlife in the city parks and supports research initiatives abroad. And I, ALEXA “BO” HOLLERAN, finally became a Nurse Practitioner this summer. While studying for the boards, I went back and worked as a nurse at my old summer camp in VT, The Aloha Foundation, which has heavy overlap with HMI. There, I met a number of younger alumni, including Sophia Sacerdote of Semester 36, who invited Ray from HMI to come give a promotional talk at one of our assemblies. So I got to be part of pitching HMI to a crew of 200, some of whom might well end up in the 40’s semesters. I had a blast describing our adventures in and around Leadville, and reflecting on my decision to head to a brand-new, untested semester program almost two decades ago, where the cabins weren’t quite built yet and only two
SEEMESTER 3

DAVID BARAHONA has a new daughter (Luisa) who is 18 months old and his son (Nicolas) is almost four. They rock and are way cooler than he is (which is a good thing). Time flies! On the “boring job note,” David just moved to the greater NYC area and took a role on PepsiCo’s Sustainability Team. He is very pumped about it—“so far so good!”

SAMANTHA WILSON is still living in Newfane, VT, doing admissions at The Putney School, and enjoying married life.

— Samantha Wilson (Samantha.e.wilson@gmail.com)

SEEMESTER 5

Seventeen years later and it seems like RMS V is busier than ever. MAGGIE MINK started the year with a trip to New Orleans to visit old friends, including Amy (Mahnken) Murphy. The red beans and rice were flowing, and it was a grand old time. She highly recommends a swing through that town. Another recommended destination: The East Coast Trail in Newfoundland. She and her boyfriend Adam and I spent some time there in August and it was the bomb. It follows the coastline for about 300 miles. Whales are splashing around just off shore, wildflowers abound, the geology shifts rapidly, and there was hardly anyone on the trail. Otherwise, she’s still an architect living in Cambridge, MA, designing custom homes. She won an award this year from a local magazine called 5 Under 40. Part of the prize involved designing a rug that was then made in Nepal and auctioned for charity. That was an experience! She hopes to see more of you in the coming year! CARTER STEPANOVSKY still lives in Lyons, CO and is busier than ever chasing around their two
daughters (4.5 year-old, Tobin, and 1.5 year-old, Wilder) with their better half, Mandy. Carter works for a tech start-up as the Director of Customer Success, serves on the board of their daughter's preschool and on the Inclusion Committee at HMI, and hustles to help underrepresented techies find their dream jobs in tech as a Customer Success Consultant with include.io. They spend what free time they have outside: on a paddle board or on a run with their 3 dogs. MEGHAN (MCDONALD) MICHAEL is enjoying life in Dallas, Texas as an anesthesiologist. She and her husband Wayne spend every free minute having fun with their 2.5 year old twins Archer and Claire, and the whole family hopes to make a trip to Colorado sometime soon! ANGELA EVANS is currently enjoying the fall in Colorado, spending as much time outside as work will allow. It’s been a tough year in journalism, but she keeps busy with her job as Senior Editor at Boulder Weekly where she’s written about refugees in Greece, immigrants claiming sanctuary in Denver-area churches, and the rise of hate crimes and homelessness. Occasionally she gets to interview musicians and artists as well, which helps keep her sane. She also just bought a season pass to Copper Mountain, which will mark her return to the resort for the first time since that RMS day where she flailed down the mountain on tele-skis with a sprained ankle and spent the majority of time inside. This time she’ll be on a snowboard. SAMUEL HUNTINGTON continues to reside in New York City, where he picks up food scraps by cargo bicycle as part of the team at Reclaimed Organics. He is currently in the process of converting his band (Mobile Steam Unit) into a full service technological music company, because “rock bands aren’t cool anymore—what’s cool is tech start-ups.” TARQUIN THORNTON-CLOSE has opened his own Personal Training Facility in the Bayview neighborhood of San Francisco. It’s open to independent trainers to work with their clientele, and also offers a limited number of memberships to people outside of personal training. From renovating the space, to setting up and building the equipment, to advertising, as well as cleaning, it’s definitely a full time operation. More importantly, Tarquin and his better half Lauren are expecting their first child! They’ll find out if it’s a boy or girl come their expected due date of December 27th, because life clearly doesn’t have enough surprises already! Throw in their three dogs and a cat, and it’s going to be a very full and happy house. ASHLEY (ALBRIGHT) GREEN still lives with her husband in a small logging and fishing community on Vancouver Island and rides her bike into the little city of Victoria, BC each day to do corporate project management for the BC pension investment fund. She runs an eco-
get back into nursing when they move back to Boise, ID in 2018. When they are not working, John and Molly continue to explore the pacific NW and are planning a trip to Japan for some powder in the spring! As for me (AMY (MAHNKEN) MURPHY), I'm still living with my husband in New Orleans and, having at last finished grad school, am a REAL LIFE speech-language pathologist! I'm currently working with students in two different elementary schools and it is every bit as fun, challenging, and fulfilling as I'd hoped it would be. If anyone is planning a visit to New Orleans, email me—I'd love to see you!

— Amy Mahnken Murphy (amymahnken@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 7

What amazes me about the RMS 7 updates is how far and wide these updates come from, we are a truly global set of HMI Alums! Let’s start in South America: CARISSA LOOK traveled to Brazil for a month this past May, learning Portuguese and attending a wedding with her partner, Isa. She can report that it helps to be the pitiable gringa when making etiquette mistakes and that Brazil is really lovely! On to the North Pole, well close. After a year in Montana, WHITNEY LEONARD, recently moved back to Anchorage, Alaska, where she’ll be working for a law firm that represents Native American tribes. She is also enjoying serving on the HMI Board, particularly when she gets to meet the current students every fall and hear them gasp when she says she was in semester SEVEN. Now let’s hop a flight Down Under. JACQUE HASTINGS is completing her international assignment at Deloitte Australia and is availing of a two month leave of absence to travel before she starts work with Deloitte back in the US. She will travel to Japan, Vancouver, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Key West, Grand Cayman, and Nashville to see family, friends and new sights before moving to Cleveland, Ohio and starting work in the Digital Controllership space in January 2018. She looks forward to being in the US, which will make the trip to the 20th Anniversary significantly easier. Off to Europe! JENNIFER RAINES moved to Oslo, Norway this summer to live with her (Norwegian) boyfriend and study for her MS in Strategic Marketing at BI Norwegian Business School. She’s loving the new adventure and looking forward to lots of cross-country skiing and northern lights-spotting this winter! Now to France to see AIMEE WESSEL who is living in Paris, eating lots of cheese, and still in a long term relationship with bacteria. She’s studying them, still, and occasionally finding something interesting to write about (#Rafts4Biotech, in case you’re interested in the research). Occasionally she rows on the Seine River, and always takes an hour, minimum, to enjoy lunch at work. Her favorite thing about France is the appreciation for delicious food. She welcomes visitors and promises to be a fun tour guide. Now to the other end of

JEREMY LOEB is still living in Sacramento with his partner Naomi, gorgeous dog Tucker and their newest member, Cody Loeb, who is 3 months old and super cute. After working 8 years of residency and high stress jobs, Naomi landed a chill, 3-day-a-week job as an urgent care physician so they’ve had plenty of time to play in the Sierras, road trip through the Pacific Northwest and take a long summer vacation in Maine. Since everything is running pretty smoothly, he has decided to overcommit himself by going back to school—finally!—for a master’s degree in Biological Systems Engineering at UC Davis. He is super excited to be back in the classrooms studying all sorts of cool subjects like biofuels, aquaculture, agriculture and biotechnology, though between parenting and studying he is crossing his fingers to get as many powder days in Tahoe as the epic season last winter. He says, “If you’re ever in the area, drop me a line, I miss you!”

YASMINE KOHLI (FORDHAM) DUMORNE just returned from an incredible week of dancing in the streets of Habana, Cuba with her husband, Fred, for their one-year wedding anniversary. For her day job, she’s currently working at the Open Society Foundations’ Justice Initiative where she oversees workforce planning and strategy development for eighty strategic litigation projects focused on international human rights law across twenty countries. She also serves on HMI’s Inclusion Committee as well as the Alumni Association at Grace Church School. In their spare time, Yasmine and Fred have been working on their luxurious garden on their Brooklyn fire escape, brewing their own beer, and playing outside when the weather’s nice. ROBERT IRWIN has moved to LA to join Tala as its first General Counsel. Tala works to provide financial access for the two billion underserved people around the world. He and his wife Mina are taking every opportunity to escape, brewing their own beer, and playing outside when the weather’s nice.

LIZ JOSE lives with her husband (Patrick) and cat (Catty Wompus) in Seattle. She spends time gardening, watching terrible Netflix shows, and hosting neighborhood potluck dinners. She works at a small nonprofit connecting companies interested in volunteering to needs in the nonprofit community. She is simultaneously hoping for a snowy winter (snowmen!) and a mild winter (bicycle commuting!).

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the world, **SAM TIMBERG** was honored by “Wine Enthusiast Magazine” as a 40 under 40 Tastemaker for his work importing South African wine to the United States through his company, Meridian Prime. He’s excited for everyone to enjoy a glass or two at the 20th Anniversary next year! Back to the USA now, **MEEYA SAKURA** is living in Georgia with her fiancé, Adrian, their four boys (Dadrian 18, Darius 15, Jayden 10 & Caycee 3) and furbaby Jade. Meeya and Adrian plan to be married April 6, 2018 in Puerto Rico. Meeya is still involved with dog rescue and is just trying to maintain her sanity managing the busy schedule or teenage boys and the psychotic life with a toddler. Up to Minnesota! **ERIK LEVY** celebrated one year at his new job in September, and is really enjoying the life of an in-house lawyer. He was recently elected the incoming President of a non-profit that helps adults with disabilities find meaningful employment. He’s definitely going to the 20-year reunion and looks forward to seeing everyone! Head east to find **PAPER BUCK** who is living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with his partner, Joy. He is a student at Carnegie Mellon University working towards a Masters in Fine Art. This summer he had the opportunity to travel to participate in artist residencies in Berlin, Germany and Belgrade, Serbia. This November he will be working to support fellow RMS 7 alumna, **VICTORIA ALVAREZ**, as she completes her first major film project as a producer, part of her thesis work at Brooklyn College. Now all the way back to Colorado where you will see **MARIAN PIERCE** who is nearing a decade in Paonia, Colorado. She runs a gap year program with her husband and their young son. Things she’s excited about besides her work at the High Desert Center include spending four months in Guatemala this winter, her two pigs, and scoring 20 cartons of ice cream from the dumpster yesterday. Score! This concludes the RMS trip around the world! See everyone at the 20th!

— Sam Timberg (samtimberg@gmail.com)
**SEMMTER 9**

**CHARLES EICHACKER** continues to work as a staff writer at a daily newspaper in Augusta, Maine. Over the summer, he finally succeeded in growing his own tomatoes and cucumbers. Now he’s looking forward to a season of fall foliage. **LIZA COHEN**, who lives in Cambridge, Mass., is starting a new job in November and has the whole month of October off. Fifteen years after HMI, she was excited to again go camping for more than two days in a row. **ZACHARY REDLITZ** continues to work for a bank in Philadelphia and just brought home an all-black kitten he’s named Arnie. **EMILY TROYAN** (formerly Emily Chase) got married last summer and is still living outside Pittsburgh. She spent this past summer training for her first half marathon, and found it “a humbling learning experience.”

— Charles Eichacker (ceichacker@gmail.com)

**SEMMTER 11**

**MADELINE O’BRIEN** is still living in the Washington D.C. area suburbs and is the Director of Alumni Affairs at St. Andrew’s Episcopal School. Madeline, her husband and dog enjoyed a relaxing summer and traveled out west to Park City, UT and Taos, NM. She is looking forward to the 20th Anniversary next summer!

— Madeline O’Brien (mwallace@saes.org)

**SEMMTER 13**

**PHIL THURNER** is busing around the country with foreigners on vacation with Contiki. Phil is enjoying his work for now but may change in the future. **SAMSON FINKELSTEIN** just became a father three months ago to baby girl Freya! We’re all so excited for him! His wife Charlotte also got a
job teaching math at Midland school where Christopher Barnes is the Headmaster. They moved from Chicago to southern California and live on campus at the Midland school. **Taylor Verderame** moved from NYC to the Bay Area last December where she is pursuing work in interior design which has been a passion of hers for a long time. She’s seen a few fellow RMS XIII’s in the Bay Area and has been enjoying life near so much greenery and outdoor activities. **Kassie Garfield** is also living in California near the Bay Area. She’s working at an Air Force Base as a physical therapist and is also writing her dissertation for January! She’ll hopefully be done with her research and paper by mid-summer and then may get involved in education. She’s also been enjoying the California life, traveling and exploring the mountains and Yosemite! **Joanna Yeczies** is living in DC and working in finance. She’s also looking forward to her next step, whatever it may be! She also got the chance to see Eric Bernstein recently which was wonderful. Our thoughts are with **Eric Bernstein** as he and his family cope with the loss of their beloved mother, Frances Rita Blechman Bernstein, who passed on July 29th after a long battle with ALS. They have all been handling this journey with such grace, openness and strength. Eric will be running the NYC marathon again this year in her honor. We send them all our love and thoughts.

— Elizabeth Sinclair (e.sinclair@gmail.com)

**SEMESTER 15**

**Liz Ceperly** still resides in Madison, advancing her PhD in paleoclimate and glacial geology. She will be done in about a year and a half and then will start looking for a professorship at a liberal arts college. In the meantime she’s gotten into grape growing and beer brewing with her boyfriend. **Sam Barber** is “living the dream as a part-time lobbyist, full-time hobbyist.” He’s been road biking, traveling, gardening and making music (let’s hope he never stops that last one). Check out his band, the Big How, on Spotify and Apple Music. **Keller Morrison** is also living the dream. He’s out in Bellingham, Washington, counting down the days until the Mt. Baker ski season begins. **James McKenna** lives in Point Arena, California, and recently started a bread bakery. He’s been surfing and traveling all up and down the Pacific coast with his girlfriend Izzy, his Peruvian dog Killa, and his Japanese van with the driver seat on the right side. **Charlotte Friedman** recently started a new job at the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles a career move she is super excited about. She also got engaged to her longtime partner Sam and is getting married this upcoming spring! Congratulations Char!! Speaking of which, **Kristin Deluca** made it out to Charlotte’s engagement party and will be a bridesmaid in her wedding next year (editor’s note: I love that so much!) Kristin is wrapping up her fashion job in NYC and will be moving to Los Angeles in the immediate future. **Mark Hammes** also got engaged to his girlfriend of four years, Julia Bollinger. They currently run an organic farm in Floyd, VA and are working on getting their own farm up and running. **Editor’s note: check out Julia’s beautiful art and photos of Farmer Mark on Instagram at @juliabollinger. So many exciting engagements...** **Hannah Orcutt** and her partner Will ALSO got engaged this summer (Will popped the question right on the iconic Snake River outside of Jackson, WY). Hannah continues working in development at Teton Science Schools and recently started an online MBA program. Fun fact: Hannah is the chair of the HMI Alumni Council! **Clara Decerbo** is finishing up her dissertation at the University of Rhode Island and continues to volunteer with the fire department and local ambulance department. “I spend most of my days working on my PhD and my nights responding to 911 calls on the ambulance” she writes. Clara and her husband Paul recently bought a house in Providence—congratulations! **Jake Takiff** owns and operates Cedar Springs Farm in Hotchkiss, Colorado. He writes: “This 40-acre permaculture system is home to thousands of fruit and nut trees, and is managed by herds of cattle, hogs and turkeys, growing healthy soil, happy animals, and a thriving community.” **Kaitlyn Lee** lives in Decatur, GA where she and her husband recently bought a home! Her husband works at the Georgia statehouse while Kaitlyn is a part-time server, full-time mom to their 3-year old son. **Agnes Beckmann** lives in Vienna, Austria and hopes that you all will visit her. Her current title is “Psychotherapist in Training” meaning she will be a licensed therapist in Austria in about a year and a half. **Editor’s question: does that mean
you work in German, Agnes? Impressive! RICHARD FREUND is in the Boston area, in his second year of grad school at Tufts. He works on “city climate finance issues” and is “generally stoked about the energy transition and climate change mitigation.” Good on ya, Rich. PAUL ‘BOB’ STAPELL moved to Utah three years ago and has since worked as a ski patrolman and an EMS provider. He recently started a new career with American Expedition Vehicles as their western sales manager. PETER KERNAN got married this summer.... at HMI! It was a great wedding and an amazing excuse for a number of us RMS XV folk to get together (see photo in the Faculty section). He’s moved out to Portland, OR, with his wife Caroline and now works in the home energy audit and retrofit industry. ALI MILLER has moved to Schenectady, NY with her husband Steve. She has been taking full-advantage of the outdoor opportunities in upstate New York. When I told her I was inviting people to my house for the HMI reunion she said “Uh oh if it’s anything like the last time everyone stayed over at your house...” And me, RAY MCGAUGHEY? I’ve passed the two-year mark living in Leadville and decided to buy a house in July. Leadville Living is a dream! I hope you all consider coming out for the reunion this summer...or visiting at any time whatsoever.

— Ray McGaughey (rmcgaughey@hminet.org)

SEMESTER 17

RMS XVII alumni have had another busy year! AMIE MOORE has been enjoying her first year as a mom to baby Charlie! She also has her own business selling blankets, towels and baby loveys handmade from Indian kantha fabric, and you can find them in 15 stores. LEAH HEAL finished her Master’s in Physician Assistant Medicine, and accepted a job in primary care at a federally qualified health clinic in Dunn, North Carolina. She starts her new job at the end of October, and until then she is enjoying getting to know her new town and the local run club she joined. HENRY STANISLAW is living in Paris, France. ALLISON GUZY is still living in Miami, finishing her MA in History. SUSANNA MCMILLAN is finishing her final year of naturopathic medical school in Portland, Oregon and will graduate in June! Susanna recently got engaged! She and her fiancé plan to move to Mountain View, California after graduation to begin working together at a naturopathic practice with other doctors. The wedding will be in March of next year! Susanna was also lucky enough to see both NOAH STROUSE and ERICA LANDERSON over the past year. Noah and Susanna met up in Portland over Cuban food. Susanna visited Erica and her family in Massachusetts, where she was able to meet Erica’s two boys!

— Allison Guzy (allisonguz@gmail.com)
DEAR ALUMNI COMMUNITY,

HMI Day 2017 was a success! We had meet-ups in cities all across the country with students from semesters spanning from RMS 14 to Semester 38, including Summer Terms. Thank you to everyone who hosted and planned successful events, and to all of our wonderful alumni who expressed their gratitude for HMI on October 2nd! We hope to see all of you at the 20-Year Reunion in June for a continuation of the celebration.

With gratitude,
Barrett
**SEMESTER 19**

**ADELAIDE DAVIS** is in graduate school at Sciences Po in France, currently on exchange for the semester in Australia. She interned for the US Mission to the UN in Geneva over the summer. **CAROLINE STEPHENS** is finishing up her 4th year of MD/MPH program in San Antonio, and interviewing for family medicine residencies. **MATTHEW FORD** is starting an MBA at Cornell, and is still going strong with his girlfriend Olivia who is holding down the fort back in NYC. **EMILY FAXON** is working in business development for a tech startup called Tenstreet, and as a yoga teacher, and as a dog mom to 2 doggos and a cat. **CHELSEA DIECK** is starting her 5th year in her PhD program and hoping to finish up in a year or so. She’s living in NYC and spends her spare time cuddling with her puppy Winston. **JOHN MARINO** got his Bachelor’s degree in sustainable energy management last May, and is now working as a solar site analyst in Rhode Island. **TUCKER PFORZHEIMER** is growing organic mushrooms in Martha’s Vineyard. In his spare time, he enjoys taking trips with his tall girlfriend. **EMILY BLAU**, here, happy to report on the new and exciting chapters of many RMS XXI’ers lives. I am still in Leadville, a quarter into my third year teaching for Lake County Intermediate School. When I’m not at work, you can usually find me with my puppy Tallulah, or hanging out with **AVERY KERNAN** (RMS XXII). **CARRIE CECIL** is living in Alaska and working towards wrapping up her Master’s degree in Anthropology/Archaeology. When not working on her thesis, she’s been keeping busy interning at the Bureau of Land Management, slinging pints of beer at a local brewery, and adventuring in the Alaskan wilderness. **LIZ KELMAN** is in nursing school, living in Baltimore, the Leadville of the East (I think we made that same joke last year). **ELIZABETH FUCILLO** is working as a Physician Assistant surgical resident at Norwalk Hospital/ Yale School of Medicine. **JACKSON SMITH** is working as the Finance Manager at Park Square Theatre in Saint Paul, MN. He is also studying for the GMAT to go back to school in a couple of years to get a Masters in Arts Management. **CAROLINE BUCK** is a residential real estate agent in Manhattan working for Brown Harris Stevens. She is also taking some classes at The New York School of Interior Design, with hope of combining real estate and design someday. **LIBBY CHAMBERLIN** is working on health policy for Senator Sanders in DC. She is also working on a Masters in Public Policy part time around work, and playing ultimate Frisbee with her beloved team, Grit. **COBY KETNER UNGER** is living in Somerville, MA with a house full of friends and a garden full of veggies. He is climbing as much as he can and looking forward to ski season. **MAX HOLLMAN** is working at HBO and doesn’t know how Game of Thrones ends. He took a great trip in September with his family through Wyoming, Montana, and Banff. He described the hiking as “invigorating.” **LYDIA ENGLISH** started a Masters in Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State this fall. She is studying the integration of prairie into corn/soybean fields, and coming to terms with the fact that she will probably never leave the Midwest. **CAMERON YU** is working at an engineering firm in Hong Kong, and eating all of the Chinese food he’s ever wanted while using minimal Cantonese and the classic “finger pointing” technique. **JOEY PATTERSON** is living in Denver and working for a software startup in the travel/tourism industry. **BEN LAWRENCE** is living in Nashville and working on a Master’s in Education at Vanderbilt to become a Social Studies teacher. He is getting married next summer and is hoping to move to the Rockies shortly thereafter. Congratulations, Ben!

— Joseph Patterson (josephpatterson10@gmail.com)

**SEMESTER 21**

**EMILY BLAU**, here, happy to report on the new and exciting chapters of many RMS XXI’ers lives. I am still in Leadville, a quarter into my third year teaching for Lake County Intermediate School. When I’m not at work, you can usually find me with my puppy Tallulah, or hanging out with **AVERY KERNAN** (RMS XXII). **CARTER MCFARLAND** is in Portland and has become a real estate broker! When he is not at

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**ALUMNI: share your photos**

With the expansion of Who’s Hall in 2015, the new student lounge now includes an “Alumni Connection Board.” The goal of the board is to help current students get excited about joining HMI’s alumni community by seeing the amazing connections, adventures, and accomplishments that come after their time in Leadville! The board features photos from reunions, alumni visits to campus, alumni accomplishments, as well as a few profiles.

If you have pictures that you would like to put on this connection board, please send them to bdonovan@hminet.org!
work, he spends most time at the gym and on long walks on the beach. MERRILL CLERKIN is back in New England finishing her master’s in Education at Lesley University, while working as a 3rd grade teaching assistant at the Brookwood School. She will be attending the 20th reunion. DANIEL PRIOR is still in CT for the rest of eternity in his third year of medical school at UConn. He is not that fond of Connecticut. KELLY CASEY-LATTERMAN is still in Denver. She is working towards her Masters in Political Science at University of Colorado Denver. She will be moving up to Steamboat Springs this winter. HILLARY SAUNDERS is still at Facebook. She is working as a content specialist writing communications around fake news, misinformation, and integrity. SYLVIA PAROL has been living in the Bay Area, splitting her time between tech sales and DJing. When she is not working, she is attending music festivals, block parties, exploring the Pacific coast, and immersing herself in the various sub-cultures of the Bay Area. You can expect to see her at the reunion as well. SOPHIE OHAUS is still living in Denver, where she gets to go on lots of new adventures with her rescue pup, Jack. In February, she got a new job with Girls on the Run working to coordinate all of the coaches for the Front Range. IAN TULLIS is working as a film/stage actor and Shakespeare coach in Shanghai, China. This past year, he has graduated from Shanghai Theatre Academy with a Master’s in Intercultural Communication Studies, a degree that focus on understanding China’s performing arts and traditional culture. MAURA O’BRIEN is newly engaged! And she has completed her Masters of Fine Arts in Painting from the Art Institute of Chicago. She is now working as a first grade teaching assistant at the Buckley School in New York City (which happens to be where my mom works). Is this not the smallest world ever? TJ CALLAHAN lives in Seattle and absolutely loves it there. He’s about 6 weeks into the nonprofit life, working at Seattle Opera in their Education & Community Engagement department! He is singing professionally with Vox16 and as a soloist at St. Paul’s, Seattle. This job is the hardest thing he’s ever done
This year’s Challenge is particularly special because it coincides with our 20-Year Reunion Celebration! In honor of the 20 years that HMI has been in operation, we want to encourage our alumni to #givebackcomeback – donate to the Challenge, and return to Leadville in June for the reunion.

Our goal this year is to achieve 40% participation and raise $50,000 towards Alumni Scholarships for one Semester and two Summer Term students. Whether you are a long-time supporter of the Challenge, or you’ve never participated before, we’d love your support! Your gift, no matter the size, will help make an impact on financial aid at HMI and ensure that our programs are available to all students.

The Alumni Summit Challenge will kick-off on Giving Tuesday—the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, November 28th. This school, and our financial aid program in particular, has a bright future with such generous and committed alumni. Thank you for your support!
but it’s great too. TJ even taught someone to VOEMP!! JULIA HURLEY is living in San Francisco working for a startup, spending weekdays in the city while trying to split time between the California coast and the Sierra Nevada on the weekends. She says that if anyone is coming through town to hit her up. WILL POTTER is living in San Francisco working for a startup, spending weekdays in the city while trying to split time between the California coast and the Sierra Nevada on the weekends. Julia, Will, and Hillary should definitely hang out more! See everyone at the reunion!

— Emily Blau (Emily.blau@gmail.com)

SEMMESTER 23

Over the past several years, which she has spent living nomadically, ALANNA KROWIAK has learned much about fortune (the calculation of choices and the possibilities they will allow) and of the variety of identities she can house in one person. In the past year, she has begun to delve into yoga and meditation, as well as other embodiment practices, and hopes to bring these under scope in the pursuit of a master’s degree, which she will being this fall in Berlin, where she will study the mind from both philosophical and scientific perspectives. She hopes to work hard, to learn a lot, and to build upon her offering. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ is living with Sam in Boston’s South End and still working in Commercial Real Estate. He enjoys spending time outside when not at work and has been studying for the GMAT. Benjamin and Sam hope to see more of Matt Turnbull who is also living in the area and can’t wait to reunite with their RMS XXIII friends.

ALYcia MARTENS is living in San Francisco. She quit her job in tech sales two months ago and has been traveling, practicing yoga, and decompressing from corporate life, before she makes her next (unknown) career move. ROBBIE HUGIN is a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He is stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico where he is training to become a rifle platoon commander. MERRIN MELTZER completed a master’s degree in Human Rights at the London School of Economics over the summer. She is currently living in London and enjoying traveling Europe while she decides her next step. SEDLY GRAY is living in Los Angeles where she works in the writers’ room for the Netflix series, Santa Clarita Diet. Outside of the office, she enjoys spending time with her rescue pup, Leo, working on her own scripts, and fantasizing about traveling the world in a converted school bus. RACHEL WHALEY is still living in Chicago and working at Year Up, a workforce development organization. She also started a master’s degree program in computer science this fall. In her free time, she co-hosts a podcast with two friends and this summer, she participated in her first sprint triathlon (brought back memories of AMX!). MEGAN MORROW is living in the Boston area and continuing to work in urban transportation at a startup called Superpedestrian. She’s enjoyed being able to travel quite a bit over the past year to promote her company’s product: The Copenhagen Wheel. In her free time, you’ll find her riding her own Wheel around the streets of Boston. ROBBIE GALLOWAY is living in Burlington Vermont pursuing his master’s degree in applied math. He is teaching an undergrad pre-calculus class, and spent his summer working with adaptive mountain bikers through his internship with Vermont Adaptive. SACHI TWINE lives in Portland, OR where she works for a wind power company, and is applying to graduate programs in business and environmental management. She’s excited to plan her next move, and looking forward to seeing Nick Gannon at the One Young World Summit in Bogota this October! NICOLETTE KRIL lives in Washington, D.C. where she works for an IT Strategy and Architecture consulting group for federal clients. She spends her free time obsessing over barre class and finding new wineries to try. She has a number of trips planned over the next year that include Chicago, Nashville, L.A., and Oregon and is looking for suggestions! NICK GANNON moved to London in June and has loved working and traveling in Europe. He hopes to collect a few more passport stamps this ski season, and his couch is open to anyone traveling through the UK. CAROLINE LEAHY moved down to Durham, NC and is currently a first year at Duke Medical School. (Plug for Durham: there are a lot of fun outdoor activities and people bring their dogs to bars...come visit!). Prior to starting school, she spent three weeks exploring Japan with Lizzy Eversbusch, and it was the highlight of her year! LILLY HOLMAN is now a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she is working towards her MA/PhD in film studies. As she spends most of her time in movie theaters and doing theory readings, she misses HMI, XXIII, and going outside very much. CAITLIN KUCZKO continues to grow personally and professionally in Charleston, SC. At 23 she was awarded Charleston’s Choice Best Dog Trainer. In September of 2017, she made two trips to Florida with the response team and partnered with the Humane Society of the United to transport over 270 animals affected by Irma. LAWRENCE CHAN is still in Boston and began his first year as a doctoral student at William James College’s Clinical Psychology program. He is concurrently providing therapy at The Gifford School for students with a variety of learning and social disabilities. ABBY BARNSTONE works in branding and makes custom products mainly for the entertainment industry. She lives in Los Angeles, California. In her free time she DJs parties and makes art through graphic design. MICHAEL MARINO is working for maritime construction and engineering after graduating with his associates in construction technology. He will be starting his bachelor’s degree in construction management at Cork Institute of Technology in Ireland, January 2018. ALEX ‘CIOUS’ FEROE is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in Earth Sciences, Soils and GIS at the
University of Minnesota. In his free time, Alex is helping set up the Sally Manzara Nature Center by compiling ice-sheet maps and determining where rocks in the park come from. **SAM HORSTMANN** is still living in Boston with Benjamin, working in Cambridge at HubSpot. He misses all of his HMI friends, and hopes to see them soon! **LARA WHITE** is still living in DC and working at Gartner. Hopes to see everyone soon! **ANDREW LAVRENNIKOV** recently celebrated his second year anniversary at The Gersh agency where he is now an agent in training. He wishes his fellow RMS XXIII’rs all the best and hopes to see them soon! **ALEX TRAUTMAN** had a great year apprenticing at HMI in the fall (with Arthur Piantedosi) and working as a wilderness therapy guide in Vermont in the spring. He recently moved to Atlanta where his partner is in school and is enjoying the new city and getting to spend time with Lizzy Eversbusch.

— Alex Trautman (alexjtrautman@gmail.com)

**KATHERINE GEPPERT** is still living in the Pacific Palisades in California. When she is not running around as a Personal Assistant, she is training for fitness competitions, hiking, and enjoying the LA sunshine. She misses her classmates very much and feels fortunate for having a continuously strong community of friends after all these years. **LOUISE OWENS** recently moved to Durham, North Carolina for a 16-month accelerated nursing program at Duke University’s School of Nursing. **EMY TAKINAMI** has been working full-time at an educational non-profit in Brookline, MA called Steps to Success. She has incorporated outdoor education into their programming and has taken students from the 4th grade through college out on backpacking trips. She also recently received her yoga teacher certification and plans to start teaching free community yoga classes to the low-income population she serves. **MELISSA GRIP** is currently living in Boston and working at the obstacle course race company Rugged Maniac. She has been travelling across the US and Canada for the past year, putting on events, and getting...
muddy! If anyone is ever interested in coming out to an event, let her know! Melissa loves seeing familiar faces across North America. **MARY ANNE BODNAR** is currently living in Brooklyn, and enjoying choreographing and freelance dancing in New York City. **GLENYS HUNT** has spent most of this last year in Baltimore, working as a curatorial intern at the Flag House, jamming in the local bluegrass scene, and climbing at all the east coast crags. She’ll be moving back out west this winter, to Dillon, CO, to work on the build crew for Ice Castles, where she’ll be harvesting icicles, stacking blocks of ice, ice climbing, and doing everything else it takes to build a castle out of ice! **SARAH HUNTER** is finishing her second year as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia. In the Spring on his way to Israel, **SAM ALLEN** saw Mary Anne, Nathan, and Louise in New York. He went to Israel with the Birthright program, a 10 day tour with other young Jews from the U.S. He also traveled with Israelis for a portion of the trip. After the trip, Sam stayed in Isreal and visited some friends from Silverton, CO/Los Alamos, NM who were volunteering at a school there. He then stayed at a farm until he started the Holy Land Challenge, a self-supported mountain bike ride/race from the North to the South. Since then he has been landscaping in Highlands Ranch, CO but is trying to figure out his next job, hopefully something interesting. **HALLIE GORDON** just got back from spending the year assistant teaching English in Barcelona and traveling around Europe with Lauren Cooper in her free time! She is now back home, working on a farm and looking for the next opportunity!

— Katherine Geppert (katherine.geppert@gmail.com)

**SEMESTER 27**

**GAVIN ARNOLD** is in his last year at University of Minnesota. He was an intern at HMI this past summer, and said it was fantastic to spend some time back in Leadville. **ISABELLA CALIANDRO** is a senior Environmental Sociology major at St. Lawrence, and is Vice President of the Outing Club. She does a lot of art and hiking, and this past summer, she lead three-week trips through the Alps. **LESLIE DINKIN** graduated from Colorado College in May with a degree in Anthropology. Leslie is the Wilderness Apprentice this semester at HMI! **KATIE EATON** graduated from St. Lawrence University in May with a degree in Environmental Studies and Performance and Communication Arts. Katie is also in Leadville working as the Marketing
Apprentice this semester! **KELSEY HOEKSTRA** graduated from Middlebury College in May and moved back to her hometown of Philadelphia, where she is a reporting analyst at Vanguard. She is celebrating having vacation days by visiting Andrew Allison-Godfrey in November. **ANDREW ALLISON-GODFREY** graduated from Colorado College in May, and was hired as the Outdoor Education and Ritt Kellogg Coordinator for the Colorado College Outdoor Education Program (a two year position). **ANDREW OBERNESSER** graduated from Colorado College in May, and completed an artist residency at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. **COLLEEN ORR** graduated from Colorado College in May with a BA in Environmental Science, and moved to the DC area to work for Terra Alpha Investments, and advocacy investment firm in Virginia. She is hoping to make it out to HMI soon to see everyone!  

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**SEMESTER 29**

**LÉNE EPP** has spent the past year in school at the University of Minnesota Duluth studying environmental and outdoor education. She likes it, but not as much as she likes getting out in the backcountry which she does at any chance given. She’s been excited to improve her climbing skills and knowledge, traveling to several places in the country to do so. Before working the summer as a trip leader at YMCA Camp Menogyn in the Boundary Waters, she spent the month of May backpacking in the Cordillera Blanca of Peru and working on a Coffee farm near Machu Picchu. She’s happy that it’s her senior year of college and is excited to see what the “real world” of outdoor ed has in store! **ELIZA KRAUSE** spent fall of 2016 studying abroad with a program called Sea Semester where she sailed through the Pacific ending in New Zealand. After spending three weeks in New Zealand, Eliza returned to school for her spring semester at University of Redlands. Over the summer of 2017 Eliza worked at a shellfish farm and did research for her internship. She is now in her senior year at the University of Redlands. **EMILEE BAE** spent the summer interning at a production company in LA (again) before heading off to New Zealand for a semester abroad. Since arriving, she has been hiking LOADS, feeding baby lambs and attempting to conquer her fear of the ocean by dipping her toes in every once in a while. Ebae is loving exploring New Zealand and looks forward to backpacking the South Island when finals end next month. She also misses HMI a lot and still hasn’t stopped talking about it. **ELLIOTT WEILER** spent the rest of 2016 and the first couple months in 2017 continuing his studies at the Air Force Academy and traveling around the world in his free time. He began the summer by going into survival training and upon completion, went through airborne skydiving training to earn his jump wings. Since the school year started, he has been busy with academics, his job as a reconditioning trainer, his freestyle snowboarding team, and his training towards earning his civilian skydiving license. Though Elliott’s free time is rare, he will take any and all opportunities to get back to Leadville and out in nature. **HENRY FULGĦUM** spent the last summer in Jordan, Montana doing GIS surveys, fossil collection, and working on the Tufts-Love Tyrannosaurus excavation site. Henry is working on his degrees in evolutionary biology and paleobiology, and works as a researcher in the Wilson Vertebrate Paleontology Lab at the University of Washington studying paleo-mammal histology.  

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**SEMESTER 31**

**CLARE COURCEY** interned for NBC this summer in NYC and is currently abroad for the fall in England. She will be meeting up with FuRen Bemis soon in Lisbon, Portugal and is so excited! She’s always missing HMI and can’t believe it’s been four years. This past summer, **TANISHA DELEON** interned for Senator Elizabeth Warren in Boston and did sociology research for her school. She is currently studying abroad in Mexico for the semester but always misses Colorado and the HMI community! This past summer, **GAVIN ACHTEMEIER** returned to Albuquerque to work at Sandia National Labs. He’s planning an adventure race fundraiser for the Purdue Outing Club in Hoosier National Forest and is also consulting for an educational toy maker. **JENNIE YOORS** spent the last year at Prescott College (PC) in Arizona and was home for the summer. She will be spending the semester in Mexico learning Spanish, Cultural Studies and Natural History through PC and is excited to be exploring new landscapes like she did four years ago in Leadville. This past summer, **LOUISA MCBRIDE** interned at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Neuroendocrine Unit. She’s currently studying abroad in Tanzania doing wildlife management and conservation and she can’t wait for the HMI reunion this summer. **LINDSAY BORMAN** is a Junior at Cornell University in Ithaca, where she lives with her Tibetan Buddhism professor’s family to help take care of their goats, chickens, and garden. On weekends she teaches backcountry cooking. This past summer, **FUREN BEMIS** was the head of sailing at Camp Onaway, which she loved. She’s currently studying abroad in Granada, Spain and is planning to see Clare Courcey in Lisbon, Portugal in November! She hopes to return to Europe this summer to work! **ANNA MALVIN** spent her summer interning with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department on a black bear research project. In between baiting bears with donuts she managed to squeeze in a visit home to Albuquerque where she saw Gavin Achtemeier. She looks forward to continuing her studies in Wildlife Biology at the University of Vermont, as well as continuing to hike, climb, and explore around New...
England. **Maggie Canty** is currently a Junior at St. Lawrence University studying Psychology and Environmental Studies. She lives in the Greenhouse with 10 other students including Spencer Rundquist. The Greenhouse is an environmentally focused house on campus which focuses on local food and sustainable living. She will be studying abroad in Vienna Austria this Spring. **Bryna Coyle** is currently a junior Economics major at Colorado College. This fall she is studying abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, completing her Spanish minor and exploring South America! When she gets back, she will continue working at Colorado College’s Office of Sustainability. She can’t wait to see her fellow XXXI Tigers at school when she gets back and the rest of the semester at the reunion! **Spencer Rundquist** spent the summer doing research on endangered salamanders in British Columbia. He is currently a junior at St. Lawrence University and is studying Environmental Studies and Government. He is an Outdoor Program Guide for St. Lawrence, and leads backpacking and canoe trips throughout the Adirondacks for students. He is ecstatic to be currently living at the Greenhouse with Maggie Canty. He is studying abroad in Australia next semester. **Benny Wanger** is an Economics and Environmental Engineering double major at Yale. He spent this past summer in Alaska playing on a collegiate baseball league in the Anchorage area to prepare for his third year on the Yale baseball team. **Emily Kramer** is an Economics and Political Science double major at the University of Chicago. She spent her last summer working in the Investments division at AIG and will be studying in Barcelona this winter. She looks forward to the year ahead and to her upcoming summer internship at Goldman Sachs. **Sawyer Frisbie** is a Sociology and Hispanic Studies double major at Hamilton College. She spent her summer living in Brooklyn where she started her own business managing social media and digital advertising for other small businesses. In the spring she’ll be doing a homestay in Madrid to finish her Hispanic Studies major! **Gavin Ratliff** is now at Montana State University in Bozeman, double majoring in English (Creative Writing) and Agricultural Business. This fall he is studying land management practices around Eastern Montana before returning to Bozeman for a winter of hockey and skiing. **Caroline Zerilli** is an English Nonfiction Writing major at Brown University, where she is involved in multiple food insecurity initiatives and writes for a female-penned humor publication! She misses HMI dearly. **Lena Drinkhard** is an English and Business double major at Skidmore College. She works as a research assistant for the head of the Business Department and spends her afternoons working on short-stories for her fiction courses. She is going abroad to Cape Town next semester and is so excited! HMI is always in her heart and she misses laughing with people in her semester and enjoying the great outdoors.

— Caroline Zerilli (caroline.zerilli@gmail.com)
ALEX TOMB worked full time all summer at a park system in Hartford, which she found tough but humbling. Now she is in Southeast Asia for 3 months during the first part of her gap year, where she is traveling and doing service work, along with 8 other students and 4 leaders! LILY ESPOSITO spent her summer at a sleep away camp in Maine, teaching wakeboarding and living with 8 year olds. Now she’s back at Skidmore College pursuing an environmental studies degree. She works as the school’s compost manager and is also the publicist for the Outing Club. MADDY STUTT is starting at Middlebury College this February, where she hopes to study political science. Until then, she is backpacking around Europe with a group of her fellow Middlebury “Feb,” and then plans to work at home in New York until school starts. HANNAH LUCAS worked as a sailing instructor by day and a waitress by night on North Haven, ME before heading to Bates College. Now that she’s there, she is studying politics with a focus on race education. She is also in the outing club and on the sailing team. AVERY DYER spent the summer working and playing in Northwest Colorado building and maintaining trails for Rocky Mountain Youth Corps. She just started her freshman year at Middlebury College and has no clue what she wants to study yet. JACK SADOFF just started his freshman year at Dartmouth College, where he is excited to be studying math and engineering and has joined the Competitive Woodsman Team. CHRIS TOBIN is currently spending the first half of his gap year hiking the Appalachian Trail! Between June 21st and September 22nd he hiked 859 miles! He’s climbed over tall mountains and over rocks and roots galore, he’s trekked across the alpine zones of the White Mountains at high altitudes and rambled southbound over glorious mountains, green and great. Springer Mountain, GA is calling his name next! MOLLY LOVETT is currently studying Spanish and ecology in Costa Rica with a program through Colorado College. She is captivated by sloths and is very excited to be at CC this spring. LESLIE MCNAMARA is studying behavioral psychology at Colorado College, and is the proud captain of an intramural inner tube water polo team. SAM BANNETT MAS is currently taking a gap year, and has spent the past three months interning at a software company in Philadelphia. SAM KWON is loving his time at Colby College in Maine, where he’s met tons of new people, started playing Frisbee, and been running as much as possible. This past summer CALLIE PLATT worked in Dubois, Wyoming at the Teton Valley Ranch Camp as a camp counselor, backpacking, riding horses, and fly fishing on the Wind River. She is now so happy to be back for her sophomore year at the University of Colorado Boulder, where she is studying Marketing and Operations Management and eagerly waiting for ski season to start.

— Madeline Stutt (mstutt@middlebury.edu)

MATEO PRIETO did an internship this summer at Columbia University investigating how information and communication technologies can be used to subdue domestic and global conflicts. IAN WOHLHEITER was inspired by AMX and the fun run to join his cross country team and become a top 5 runner. He tutored 8th grade math and ran a half marathon this summer. EMILIA HOPPE got a yellow lab puppy named Wally this spring who is very cute and very naughty. She also went on an amazing month-long backpacking trip in the Wind River Range this summer. Currently she is hosting an exchange student from Madrid! PATRICK STEVENSON spent the summer on Cape Cod coaching in an adaptive and community sailing program in Hyannis.

— Patrick Stevenson (pstevenson18@nobles.edu)

Former Science Faculty (Semester 27-32) ROB BACKLUND was recently married to Meredith Niles in Millinocket, ME on 9.16.17—attending were HMI community members and former faculty Peter Kernan and Dave Clark-Barol. He lives in Burlington, VT and builds custom furniture from reclaimed and salvage materials in his small workshop. His business is The UnSQuare Crafter, LLC. Rob is excited to know that his former apprentice Coco Loehr (Semester 32) is now the Science Faculty! MARY CLAIRE MCGOVERN is in her 3rd year of Physical Therapy school at UVM. Her research is focused on post-professional mentorship for manual physical therapists and also kinematics of Nordic Skiing—a great way to combine many interests! In Vermont she ran into HMI alumni all the time—she even had class across the hall from Anna Malvin (Sem 31)! Now she’s in Colorado Springs for her hospital clinical internship. Next, she’ll head to Steamboat for another rotation. She thinks it’s great to be back in Colorado—and to finally see what Colorado Springs is all about after hearing so much from CC students and alums. The highlight of the last year for MC was traveling to Ladakh for the winter and coaching ice hockey, teaching wilderness first aid, organizing AMX, and teaching English at SECMOL: the HMI of the Himalayas. She can’t wait to go back. CHERYL ALBRECHT (RMS 6-8) is still in Durango CO. Exploring the mountains as much as she can with dogs in tow now as she started a new business dog training at www.leadoffleashK9training.com. Her daughter Roan is
Ray McGaughey (RMS 15, HMI Director of Admissions), Peter Kernan (RMS 15 and former faculty), Danny O’Brien (Head of School), Sam Barber (RMS 15), and James McKenna (RMS 15) celebrating Peter and Caroline’s wedding this summer.

Whitney Johnson jumping for joy in Switzerland.
Emily Blau (RMS 21, Apprentice Semester 33) and Whitney Johnson spending time together in Leadville, CO.

Johanna Mickle with Ben Edmunds on a tour of Breakside Brewery in Portland, OR. Look out for Breakside Brewery beer at the 20-Year Reunion this June!

12 and in 7th grade and Kennan is still taking adventure photos. If any of you are in the southwest, look them up! **BEN AND LAURA DOUGHERTY** now live just outside of Concord, New Hampshire. Their two children, Mia and Finn are 5 and 3 respectively and although their chocolate lab Siena (who used to spend every day at school) is slowing down a bit and greying, she is doing great! Ben and Laura both work in independent schools. Ben is the Head of Upper School at the Derryfield School and Laura is the Director of Communications at the New Hampton School. In addition to gardening and traveling when they can, the whole family has been doing a lot of biking. Mia and Finn are cruising the neighborhood impressing everyone with their skills and Laura and Ben just raced the Vermont 50 mountain bike race for the 3rd year in a row this past weekend. Laura won her age category in the Expert division! **EMILY POWERS** lives in the Denver area, and keeps really busy running a yoga studio and private practice. Sam Friedman (RMS 24) came to one of her classes recently and it was so amazing to reconnect! She tries to get up into the mountains for hiking and camping as much as possible, and would always love to see other HMI folk when they’re in the area! Though **WHITNEY JOHNSON** moved on from her teaching role at HMI, she stuck around Leadville. This past year, she worked at a local non-profit called Full Circle where she provided lots of after school programming for students at the middle and high schools and taught a class on life skills for ninth grade girls. She’s currently back to teaching Spanish at Lake County High School and developing a new multi-year program for native Spanish speakers at the school. She continues to play in the mountains with her hulky pit bull Ruby and to drink excessive amounts of coffee. She was lucky enough to have a surprise Cancun airport reunion with Chloe Kent (Semester 35) and planned Leadville reunions with Madison Liistro and Lily Meier (Semester 33) and Erin Paglione and Emma Robinson (Semester 36) were wonderful and so refreshing (and all involved joyful tears). Emily Blau (Semester 21 alum and Semester 33 apprentice) and Whitney hang out regularly... unsurprisingly. **JOHANNA MICKLE** has been living in the BC Kootenays for the past 5 years. She and her family have been living off grid in a yurt on our property. Johanna is running a wood-fired catering business where she goes to festivals and events to sell wood-fired bagels and pizzas made with local ingredients. She is trying to ski and bike as much as possible and while instilling the outdoor mountain lifestyle in her 7 year old son Wiley. This spring Johanna and her family took their camper and dogs along the West coast to San Diego and back and were able to visit Ben Edmunds, former faculty member and friend from HMI. They got a grand tour of his Brewery in Portland, Breakside Brewery. **STEVEN WISEMAN** (former apprentice coordinator) is living in Roanoke, VA where he is a preceptor and RN on Neuro/Trauma ICU at Level 1 Trauma Center, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.
Steven received a national scholarship from the American Association for Nurse Practitioners which will help pay for his current graduate school credits studying to be an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (he will graduate August 2018). Steven was commissioned First Lieutenant in U. S. Army Reserve as 66S (ICU Nurse) and is an active instructor for NOLS WMI. Steven is super excited that Deschutes Brewery has opened a location in Roanoke. His two kids are 9 and 6-years-old, which is unbelievable! Their favorite local hike is “Dragon’s Tooth” which is a rock formation on the Appalachian Trail just outside of Roanoke. COOPER MALLOZZI is still in the role of Professor of Outdoor Education at Colorado Mountain College in Leadville, primarily teaching backpacking, mountain biking, winter camping, and program management classes for students in the Outdoor Education and Outdoor Recreation Leadership degree programs. After a sabbatical last spring wherein the family traveled to New England so that Cooper could explore downhill mountain bike parks for curriculum ideas and potential expansion while visiting family and friends, he is back at the college working on new initiatives with the Lake County School District to help get local youth engaged in the outdoors. This has involved programming numerous activities for 7th and 9th graders on campus as well as teaching a Wilderness Experience class to eleven upperclassmen with Becca Katz. They will be taking the group to the Jacob’s Chair area in Utah for a 6 day expedition in November. Throughout all of this, Hattie (6) and Hobbes (4) continue to grow and amaze their parents with their love of adventure and simply being outdoors. They love to ski, bike, and generally get dirty. STEPHEN AND DOE HATFIELD (faculty RMS VI - VIII, apprentice from RMS IV) and their daughters Hanna & Thea hosted a visit from Ivan Barry (former RMS faculty) and his family this summer. It was great to catch up and see the kids meet and enjoy spending time
together. In other news, their family adopted a chocolate lab puppy this spring—her name is Tilly Jane. Susan Getty (RMS IV student, who also lives nearby in Portland) helped them find a breeder. Tilly is 6 months old now, and should soon be ready for some bigger adventures. Stephen and Doe would love to catch up with other RMS friends. Look them up if you are passing through Portland, Oregon! MARGI DASHEVSKY is embracing life in Alaska! KIRK PHELPS (RMS faculty 1 & 2) and his family (children: 6, 5, and 3) live on a small farm in central NH. They grow apples and berries, and in the spring, they make maple syrup. Kirk continues to work summers at a seven-week boy’s camp where, for the last two summers, Christopher and Molly Barnes’ sons, Porter & Rabbit, have attended. Kirk is hoping to get his tribe West to visit HMI someday. Other former faculty/staff members who still live in town include KARL REMSEN, KATIE (REDDING) BALDASSAR and KATE BARTLETT.