WELCOME TO THE
ALUMNI UPDATES!

Every semester has a lot of folks that are doing some really cool things, so grab a mug of tea and get ready to be inspired. 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 well! As always, updates from spring semesters and apprentices will appear in the spring. Happy reading!

SEMESTER 1
Hello out there, RMS 1 and faculty! I was so sorry to miss you all at the 20th reunion; it sounds like you had a great time! MATT WALKER, CHRISTINA DAVIS, ELI ROBINSON, LEAH CHUBB, and ALANNA GINO all gathered there, with an RMS-1 rental house, a la the 15th. CHRISTINA DAVIS reports that the basement, where she and Eli stayed, was freezing and had bunk-beds, so they donned jackets in bed and made it a great throwback to their days in the HMI cabins! The weekend was particularly impactful for Christina, who, taking inspiration from Molly & Christopher's pursuit of their dreams and advice from Eli on opportunities in Texas, followed it up by applying to Austin Center for Design, where she has now moved and is studying Interaction Design and Social Entrepreneurship.

MATT WALKER wrote to say that he’s still loving life in Colorado, where he and his wife Gina are raising their two girls, and Matt continues to love his film work. LEAH CHUBB is still living in Portland, where she runs the production for Greensavers, a construction company that specializes in energy efficient upgrades. She works closely with an RMS 15 alum, Peter Kernan. JESSICA “J-CAT” PARKER got to hang out with Matt Walker this summer in Denver when she was passing through; she’s still rocking the mountain life with her two boys, as well as working as the operations director at creative agency Wheelie Creative. Check out their website for some awesome adventure footage! I was lucky enough to get to spend a long weekend this past spring with ANGIE HERRING, who is still in the Boston area, raising her two “physically small but emotionally and energetically ENORMOUS” boys, Max and Cecil, along with her hubby, Rob. The boys, I can attest, are adorable. Angi is working as the communications lead for Global Alliance for Genomics and Health, and reports that “the job is amazing because it allows me to work from home crazy mom-friendly hours, and to travel the world twice a year plus do good, meaningful work for said world.” Also with two kids, 5 and 2.5, CHARLOTTE (BLAU) MAXWELL has become a citizen of New Zealand, where she has lived and worked for some years. She reports she’s getting close to finishing up her training in Plastics (and reconstruction and burns) surgery. And I, ALEXA “BO” HOLLERAN, have started up in a new Nurse Practitioner post at the local primary care clinic where I’ve received care for 20 or so years. If all goes well, I’ll just have gotten my feet wet there when I’ll need to go on maternity leave in about two months, as Brenda and I are expecting our first kiddo (kicking me in the ribs as I write this) in early December. We’re thrilled, and hope the HMI gift shop sells onesies. I hope you’re all well, and hope to see you at the next HMI reunion, if not before (come visit VT!). And if you haven’t been in touch in a while, please consider reaching out.

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SEMESTER 3
Hey RMS 3! I know you’re all up to some pretty fantastic stuff, but these two stars are the only ones who wrote in to me, so they get all the glory! STEVE FANTONE reports that he earned his second MA (in Optics) in May 2017, and recently attained his part 107 commercial drone certification—but he just flies for fun for now. Gardening is a new hobby and he’s still living outside of Boston and working for Optikos. Our Little Pony is all grown up! CAITY JOHNSON writes “This past year has been great—I left my job to start a massage therapy business, and it’s been such a joy. I’ve been performing (with my band, Purple Heart) and dancing, and traveling a lot, but feeling rooted and happy in Oakland. The highlight of summer 2018? (Ok, it was the summer of 2017...but I didn’t report it to you back then!) was that I hung out with Jamie Wheal and the Flow Genome Project crew, leading some movement workshops at the Flow Dojo in Eden, Utah—and had a sweet reunion with Natalie Niksa (RMS 4). I (SAM WILSON HARLOW) still love life in Vermont with my husband and our new baby girl, Emmy Lou (born April 16th, 2018). I’m back to teaching again and am doing 9th and 10th grade English at the Stratton Mountain School. If anyone is in southern Vermont, let me know!

— Sam Wilson Harlow (samantha.w.harlow@gmail.com)
SEMESTER 5

Tarquin Thornton-Close is still happily married with his wife Lauren in San Francisco. While still a personal trainer, he’s now primarily a gym owner, having opened his own facility almost 2 years ago. It just underwent an expansion, doubling its square footage so things are humming along and doing well. The biggest news to date though is that he and Lauren welcomed their daughter Waverly into their lives almost exactly 8 months ago as of this update, and she is amazing! Already developing an awesome/funny/attitude-filled/sweet personality, Waverly is the best thing to ever happen to Tarquin. He thinks the picture says it all. Matt Chandler is happily living in Jackson, WY these days with his wife Jordan and dog Oliver. He recently spent some months in Afghanistan, deployed as a strategic communication planner with the U.S. Navy where he serves as a reservist. When he’s not doing that, he’s still working as a communications consultant and trying to spend as much time as possible on bike, skis, boat, etc. Natalie Nunez is living in Tucson, AZ with her 8 year daughter, Zia. She just purchased a house and is undertaking a complete remodel, so needless to say, she has planted some roots in the desert. She is a Senior Environmental Scientist and has just celebrated her 10 year anniversary with the company—wow, time flies. In her free time she enjoys hiking, traveling and spending time with loved ones. Liz Jose just finished a 5 day bike trip in coastal Maine with a friend. It was hot so that they had to eat a lot of ice cream, but somehow they made it! Liz is celebrating 3 years at her company Seattle Works where she works with nonprofits and for-profits to set up volunteer experiences that benefit the community. Mostly she spends a lot of time determining how many gallons of paint are needed to paint a mural, or how quickly 50 tech interns can spread mulch. She is constantly learning and trying new things! Ashley (Albright) Green and hubby Dan are still loving life on Vancouver Island in the little village of Sooke. They just welcomed their son Arlen to the family this past June and are deep in the throes of new parenthood and loving it! They are also in the midst of a van conversion and touring around whenever possible with their newest passenger. Spare rooms and cribs available to anyone heading to the Pacific Northwest. John Cochran got married last year and is currently living in Wenatchee, WA. He and his wife bought their first home in town and have spent the last 8 months remodeling with no end in sight! John took a temporary break from his career as a RN two years ago to help build and manage a cannabis start-up. He’s currently overseeing
compliance with WA State regulations and Project Manager for future expansion of the company. When not working or remodeling, the Cochrans spend their time hiking, biking, and exploring the Eastern Cascades. **MEGHAN (MCDONALD) MICHAEL** is still living in Dallas, Texas with her husband and 3.5 year old twins Claire and Archer, and she continues to enjoy her job as a neurosurgical anesthesiologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center. When she isn’t working, she loves to jog, enjoy good food, and most of all spend time with her husband and kids. Greetings from Sweden! **YASMIN KOHLI DUMORNÉ** and her husband are currently traveling around Scandinavia visiting family for their nephew’s first birthday. They both still reside in NYC and Yasmine directs a fellowship program at UNICEF for young professionals who are interested in the UN. They’re also eagerly awaiting their first child who is due to be born in January 2019. When not waddling around, Yasmine is knitting the biggest, baddest baby blanket of all time (since the doctor won’t let her do anything else fun). **DAVID JOHNSTON** and his wife recently celebrated his son’s first birthday (future RMS 71 student?) at their home in Rhode Island. He had the opportunity to visit the campus with his family in June to see all the great improvements and growth the school has gone through. As a lawyer, he takes special pleasure in drawing the risk-reward chart from our old Nalgene bottles for his clients. He also enjoys putting the other skills picked up during RMS V to work in the woods and off the coast of New England whenever he can. **ROBERT IRWIN** and his wife Mina are living in Santa Monica, CA where he is the General Counsel of a FinTech startup working on providing financial access to the underserved globally. He is traveling internationally as much as possible and cannot wait to get back to Australia this winter. He is also on the hunt for the world’s best espresso. **MAGGIE MINK** is aging in place in Cambridge, MA. She makes brief forays into the wilderness with her boyfriend Adam. This summer it was to Glacier National Park, the plains of eastern ND, and lakes of Minnesota. Otherwise, she’s still architecting residences on sheep farms, Maine coasts, and Boston penthouses. **SAMUEL DWORKIN HUNTINGTON** has created an audio branding agency specializing in custom theme songs for tech companies. The service is called **Music for Business™**. He uses the proceeds from this slush fund to make art. When not singing
about the woes of interoffice email and chat bots, he enjoys Brooklyn’s unmatched pick-up basketball scene and surfing on Long Island. He lives in a tiny 1 bedroom in Bedstuy with his girlfriend Hilary and her cat Belle. DAN SCHIEFFELIN is still spending half the year in Antarctica, and having gotten a promotion recently is letting the power go to his head. He manages cargo operations at Williams Aerodrome 10 miles from McMurdo Station on the Ross Iceshelf. This past January he finally made it to the South Pole where the opening to the hollow Earth is (sorry flat earthers, your game’s weak). The other half of the year he resides in Spearfish, South Dakota where he is in the process of purchasing a home in between mountain bike races, cheeseburgers, and hail storms. There’s a girlfriend, some globetrotting, no kids, and with any luck a first mortgage payment next month. ROSALIE OSBORN is still living and working as a middle school special education teacher in Brooklyn, NY, but last week’s back to school also punctuated the end of her maternity leave, as she and her husband welcomed baby Raymond in March. New parenthood is a trip, but has brought us a boatload of joy. Baby Ray loves life, hates naps, and has recently learned to commando crawl across the floor in search of all manner of potentially hazardous things. Mom is doing her best to keep up.

JEREMY LOEB is living life in Sacramento, finding balance between the worlds of being a new parent to a 14-month old named Cody with second kid on the way, finishing up a master’s of engineering degree at UC Davis and starting a job—maybe a career—at the California Energy Commission working with renewable energy research and development. In his spare time, or what’s left of it, he can be found exploring the Sierras and sometimes New England with mountain bike, tele ski, or baby carrier backpack. When the mountains elude him, he contents himself with trail running, brewing beer, golfing and harvesting the unruly backyard garden. If you find yourself in Sacramento, simply pull out your bombilla of mate and say a prayer to Saint Thomas to summon him!

ANGELA EVANS still lives in Colorado, writes for Boulder Weekly and spends as much time outdoors as possible. Her adventures recently took her on an epic trip with friends to a little place called El Nido on the island of Palawan in the Philippines, where limestone cliffs just straight out of the sea, ever changing in its colors of green, teal and indigo. It was a week full of isolated beaches, snorkeling, sea kayaking, cliff jumping, cave exploring, motorbiking, sun-soaked fun. Earlier in the summer she spent a weekend camping at Turquoise Lake with fellow RMS V alum CARTER STEPANOVSKY and their family, stopping by HMI for the 20th anniversary celebration where they also hung out with REYN STIFLER. It was a real trip being back on campus, but sure great to re-live some of the memories. AMY (MAHNKEN) MURPHY is starting a new year as a speech-language pathologist at a school only a five minute bike ride from her home in New Orleans. Aside from hanging with the elementary school crowd by day and bicycling around her favorite city by night, she and her husband have explored places like Tuscany, Prague, and Vienna this year. If you ever need any advice on using credit card points to travel the world (or just want to catch up), call or email me!

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SEMESTER 7

There is always exciting news to share from the one and only RMS 7. Let’s start with our good friend ERIK LEVY. It’s been an exciting year for Erik. He was promoted to CFO in January and has enjoyed the challenges that go along with being a recovering attorney. He continues to serve as President of a local non-profit that helps adults with disabilities find meaningful work opportunities. And he thoroughly enjoyed seeing Sam and 100’s of other alumni at the HMI 20-Year Reunion. JACQUE HASTINGS is serving a client in Portland, Oregon and is loving the opportunity to explore the Pacific Northwest (please send her PNW hiking and camping recommendations!) She recently completed the Hood 2 Coast relay and ran 199 miles in a team of 12 from Mt. Hood to Seaside. Jax thinks Molly Barnes could have run that distance solo but was very glad to only have to run 15 of the miles!

EMILY KAUFMAN is a PhD candidate in Geography at the University of Kentucky. She lives in Cincinnati (where she does ethnographic research on young kids’ experiences, adaptations, and contestations of racialized policing) with her partner of 7 years and their rainbow baby, Sevvi. Sevvi’s favorite activities are hiking (in her carrier), biking (in her trailer), and crawling (on a haphazard and ever-changing arrangement of knees, hands, feet, and face). JAMIE VAN PELT had her second daughter, Olive, this past July. Jamie is currently enjoying the last of her time off until she returns to work next month where she manages the Enterprise Data Operations group. She is planning a winter trip to visit friends in Denver with the family and can’t wait to be back in the mountains.

MARIAN PIERCE has continued running Gap Year programs at the High Desert Center based in Colorado with her husband and son. Last year they lived in Guatemala for four months, and this spring they are hiking the Arizona Trail, from the border of Mexico to Utah, focusing on immigration issues along the way. CARISSA LOOK just attended her 15-year high-school reunion, where she was delighted to spend the weekend hanging out with PAPER BUCK. They’re both exactly the same, with just a few more wrinkles and war stories. SAM TIMBERG just returned to New York from 10 days of drinking wine, eating incredible food, and hanging out in Cape Town, South Africa all in the name of work. He continues to play ice hockey once a week and is loving his move to Brooklyn. He was thrilled to see the
turnout at the 20-Year Reunion and hopes the 25 will see lots more RMS 7 faces!

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SEMMESTER 9
The members of RMS 9 have been racking up the life accomplishments this year. LIZA COHEN and her husband are expecting a daughter this winter and look forward to “teaching her to sleep outside from the get-go.” EMILY TROYAN (formerly Emily Chase) and her husband are expecting their first baby in October. They hope he “likes to be out doors next summer as much as we do, and we can get him out west.” SAM GARFIELD and his fiancé have been living in Brooklyn, NY for the last year, though this fall he was working on a ship heading to Norway for an exercise with the Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization. He is planning to get married Oct. 6 and “assured my wife-to-be that I will be present for our wedding.” PHIL QUINN has been living and working in London. Late this past summer, he got married in Portugal, which he called “one of the coolest and most laid-back countries I’ve ever been to.” LINDSAY GILLENWATER has been living in Albuquerque, NM and working for the city’s parks and recreation department. She has been restoring a “cruddy house” that she bought and enjoys getting to hike for work, but finds the desk part of her job annoying. CAROLYN LOEB and her boyfriend are still living in Vermont and just moved to the rural town of Richmond, “where the star gazing gets an A+.” She is finishing up a master’s program in applied field ecology and spent the summer swimming in Lake Champlain and bushwhacking for her thesis. LIZ “IZZY” WEAVER and her girlfriend bought a house in Portland, OR this year and she “can’t help but wonder when they will realize they sold a home to a teenager impersonating an adult.” She has been trimming trees for a living and is contemplating growing a mullet. I, CHARLIE EICHACKER, am still living in central Maine and writing for a daily newspaper. I’ve been getting into birdwatching and trying to swim as much as the northern climate allows.

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SEMMESTER 11
Semester 11, we’d love to hear from you! Email your updates to Sasha Rice at sasharice87@gmail.com.
GARFIELD joined the Air Force and just had 5 weeks of boot camp and academics. She finished the officer training in Alabama and is moving to Colorado Springs where she is getting stationed at the Air Force Academy as a physical therapist! She also spent the summer on Cuttyhunk helping her parents run the oyster farm while doing some physical therapy on the side. She traveled to Europe for 3 weeks this spring which was great and is 40% of the way done with the dissertation for her Doctorate in Education! She also had some amazing times with Taylor Verderame this year in California and had the pleasure of going to Frances Chase's wedding a few weeks ago!

ERICA MACKENZIE graduated from business school at Cornell in May and moved back to NYC from Ithaca. She also did some traveling this summer and went on her belated honeymoon in Spain. She is now working in Brand Management (marketing) at Revlon in NYC! She and her husband Derek are living in Brooklyn currently.

ELIZABETH SINCLAIRE is living in Philadelphia and going to nursing school, finishing up her bachelor's of Science in Nursing in December. She has loved nursing school although it’s been very challenging! Her family sold their longtime family home in Cincinnati, Ohio this year and have all been making a move towards the west coast. TAYLOR VERDERAME is living in Oakland and trying to soak up all the great things the Bay Area has to offer by getting outside as much as possible. She got married last month in Mill Valley, CA, which was wonderful!! She is working full time at a small residential interior design firm and slowly getting her MA in interior design and architecture. She got to see Kassie Garfield a couple of times last year while she was living in CA as well! PHIL THURNER is leading Contiki traveling tours for people visiting the U.S. If you want to see what that’s been like the last 5 years, look up #contikiphil on Instagram. He also went to the Super Bowl this February (although he was very disappointed with the outcome), and can’t wait for the Red Sox to win the World Series again next year. KASSIE
for TiVo’s analytics team, where they focus on building the visualizations to help clients understand television viewing patterns.

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**SEMESTER 15**

RMS 15 is scattered around the country and world, pursuing their passions, hobbies, and careers. In his words, **SAM BARBER** is a “party time lobbyist, full time lobbyist” based in Oregon. This year he backpacked part of the John Muir trail and released an album under the name Big How, which you can find it on Spotify and Apple Music. Over on the east coast, **JULIA VAN DER BERGH** recently moved back to New Jersey after living in Basel, Switzerland for a couple years while working for a pharmaceutical company. She’s looking forward to slowing down life for a bit and doing yoga, and welcomes any visitors that come to the NYC area. Always concise, according to **KAYLA BECKER**, she still lives in Vermont. Also in the northeast, **CLARA (RUBIN) DECERBO** successfully completed her PhD in Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island (yay Clara!) and is now a director for Providence’s Emergency Management Agency. When she is not working she enjoys renovating her house with her husband Paul and is looking forward to visiting **AGNES BECKMANN** this winter in Vienna, Austria. **RICHARD FREUND** spent the summer working in climate finance in NYC, and is now back in Boston finishing in Masters. He has a side gig as a watchmaker’s apprentice (so cool!) and looks forward to getting a dog when we finishes grad school. **SUSANNAH FREW** is now in Philadelphia (she relocated from New Haven) and is working as social worker helping families with youth involved in the juvenile justice system. She is getting married this fall—congrats! **BAILEY GEORGES** is currently in NYC working at Columbia as a research assistant in the publishing industry, however, she has fallen in love with all things Norwegian and is looking for tips and insight to the Scandinavian wonderland. She is also an artist doing self-portraits and you can follow her work on Instagram @365daysofgender. **RAY MCGAUGHY** is holding down the fort in Leadville entering his fourth year as admissions director at HMI. He just renovated the old cabin out behind his house and turned it into a guest house... so stop by for a visit sometime! Also out west, **HANNAH (ORCUTT) MOOK** and her new husband (as of last week—congrats!) recently bought a house outside of Jackson, WY, where she is the Director of Development for Teton Science Schools and pursuing an online Sustainability MBA through Green Mountain College. **KELLER MORRISON** is still in Bellingham, WA where he bartends at a bottle shop called Elizabeth Station. You will find him on the slopes of Mt. Baker all winter long. **CHARLOTTE FRIEDMAN** got married to her longtime partner Sam Abrahamson this summer!

Our very own **KRISTIN DELUCA** was in the wedding. Kristin and Charlotte both live in L.A. Charlotte works at a foundation awarding money to local L.A. nonprofits and Kristin works in fashion and has recently started her own cake company (check it out on Instagram: @cakebykiki).

**JAMES MCKENNA** still lives in Point Arena, CA baking bread. He frequently sees “heaps of whales” on his runs. **ALI MILLER** is moving again! Every time we check in with her she and her husband Steve are headed to a new place. This time she’s off to Greenville, SC. As for me, **LIZ CEPERLEY**, I recently took over the newsletter position from Ray, and am still kickin’ it in Madison, WI. I’m finishing my PhD in geology this year, and when I’m not in the lab or office, I fill my time playing ultimate Frisbee, homebrewing, growing grapes, and canoeing with my with my fiancee (I realize that this has been my update since 2014, well not the finishing the PhD part…). Earlier this year I got engaged and went on an amazing geology field trip to the south island of New Zealand. Please let me know if you ever pass through Madison!

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**SEMESTER 17**

There are many reasons for RMS XVII to celebrate this year! **SUSANNA McMILLAN** married Ben Alter, and **CLAIRE MAGGIOTTO** was also married earlier this year. **LIZ GIRAUD** made a career change to speech language pathology, and is attending graduate school at the University of Utah, where she enjoys working with stroke patients. She also got engaged and bought a house! **MOLLY DOUGHERTY** also bought a house this year with her partner. They spend a lot of their time working on their new house. Molly continues to teach in DC, and is also the IB coordinator at her school. **NOAH STROUSE** is now based in the Bay Area, where he is getting his MBA in Sustainable Management at Presidio Graduate School, working for an impact investing firm, living in Oakland, camping in the redwoods, and surfing. Big achievements for Noah this year include taking his parents to Burning Man, meeting a pretty awesome lady, and climbing some pretty cool mountains in South America. **ALLI GUZY** continues to be based in Miami, and enjoys living by the beach and the warm weather. **HENRY STANISLAW** is currently living in Kapala Uganda, where he has started working for an off-grid solar firm called Fenix International. Soon, he will relocate to Côte d’Ivoire where he will stay until Christmas.

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SEMMESTER 19

JAMES WEINER is starting grad school at Western State for an MDA in the Outdoor Industry. LILY FENDER is co-writing a webseries, learning to play the guitar, apprenticing with a carpentry business, and working as a Program Instructor at the Berkshire Outdoor Center. MAX HOLLMAN is living in Venice, CA and working for HBO in the Drama Department. KATIE HELFGOTT is residing in Seattle, where she works for Amazon. CARRIE CECIL finished her masters and recently moved to Bakersfield, CA to join the Bureau of Land Management as an archaeologist. COBY UNGER is building a low-cost water filter system, a human waste incinerator, a pizza oven, and a device that holds bags for harvesting corn. LIZ KELMAN finished nursing school and is now a pediatric nurse in Somerville, MA. CAMERON YU is finishing up a two-year stay in Hong Kong, and will return to Boston, MA after travelling around China and Taiwan first. RACHEL SCOTT is raising funds for cancer research in honor of her mother, and is working for a nonprofit that helps people seek treatment for alcoholism and grief support groups. ADRIAN ZEMOR moved from NYC and is now studying violin repair in Red Wing, MN. ADELAIDE DAVIS is living in Geneva, Switzerland, working on Health Emergencies for the World Health Organization. JOHN MARINO is living in Connecticut, working in Rhode Island, and slaying dragons regularly. MATTHEW FORD is attending business school in New York City, and is now engaged to his girlfriend, Olivia. CAROLINE STEPHENS graduated from medical school, and is now completing intern year of her family medicine residency in San Antonio, TX. BEN LAWRENCE got married this summer, and is now living with the Hopi Nation where he works as a U.S. History teacher. EMILY FAXON was a groomsman in Ben’s wedding, and she is living in Tulsa, OK seeking adventures with her dog Ziggy. REED SNYDERMAN finished his MDA from Babson and is now starting a hi-tech indoor vertical hydroponic leafy salad green business, “Ascent Farms,” in Salt Lake City, UT. CAROLINE BUCK is living in Manhattan, working as a real estate agent for Brown Harris Stevens, and enjoying time in the closest mountains or water. CHELSEA DIECK is preparing to defend her PhD thesis in December. TUCKER PFORZHEIMER is living in Martha’s Vineyard, cultivating organic mushrooms on his farm, and distributing them to restaurants locally and in Boston. LIBBY CHAMBERLIN is living in Washington, DC and working for a digital strategy firm that stemmed from her work on the 2016 Bernie Sanders campaign. LYDIA ENGLISH is in the second year of a graduate program in Ames, IA, and is caring for a new kitten in her free time. LIZ FUCILLO is fixing broken bones as an orthopedic PA. JACKSON SMITH is living in Minnesota and working as the Finance Manager for the Park Square Theatre. JOEY PATTERSON is working for a travel technology company in Denver, CO, but will be relocating to Amsterdam in the winter.

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SEMMESTER 21

BRENDAN BUCKLAND is starting his Masters at Columbia Teacher’s College in the Klingenstein Cohort and lives around the block from Allie Balter! He loved catching up with some of you in June, truly the highlight of his summer. HILLARY SAUNDERS is coming up on three years at Facebook and recently left the team dealing with Russia to join the Privacy team pre Cambridge Analytica! She doesn’t get out of the office all too often, but she loves it and misses and loves all of XXI!! REBECCA (SMITTY) DECESARI is living in Boulder with her husband, Ryan, & pup Raleigh. She’s working in the outdoor industry in a marketing role, which allows her to play with really cool gear and travel around the US throughout the year working events and visiting retailers. Whenever possible, she’s traveling for fun or outside running, hiking, biking, camping, or skiing. She just got back from her honeymoon in Iceland and is already dreaming of her next big adventure. JULIA HURLEY just finished her masters in elementary and special education and started teaching 5th grade at a new school. She’s still living near Boston and going to Fenway as much as possible! EMILY BLAU is still in Leadville and was recently promoted to the Dean of Students at Lake County Intermediate School. She also really enjoyed hosting the most amazing friends at
Director of Development and Finance for Perry-Mansfield. Perry-Mansfield is a performing arts school and camp. She enjoys spending weekends exploring the mountains alongside her labradoodle puppy, Mattingly. This past spring MERRILL CLERKIN and IAN SLADE TULLIS were lucky enough to have their annual rendezvous in New York’s beloved Chinatown. They began their day at the “Museum of Chinese in America” where they then secretly joined a tour group to explore hidden milk tea and dumpling shops. Merrill is going into her fifth year of teaching and working every day to provide a positive, safe space for her artists, authors, mathematicians, and scientists! Yan, aka, Ian Slade Tullis, relocated this year from Shanghai to Los Angeles following his completion of his master’s degree from the Shanghai Theatre Academy. Before Yan left Shanghai, he starred as the lead role in a Shanghai-produced film called “Little Milo”. This summer, “Little Milo” had its US premier at the Action on Film Festival in Las Vegas. The film took home two awards, including the best LGBTQ film. Having his dad in the audience and the whole experience was the highlight of the year. The low point of the year was missing his flight to the HMI reunion in June. He was absolutely devastated and embarrassed. Come visit Yan in LA, he will take you around the HMI reunion in June! The group included Geoff Long, Allie Balter, Brendan Buckland, Sylvia Parol, Peter Engh, Sophie Ohaus, Izzy Wolfe, Cate McFarland, Leeds (Lily) Mallinckrodt-Reese, Walker Nordin, Daniel Learner, Will Potter, & Smitty. WILL THACKER is in Midtown Atlanta, GA. He’s a Portfolio Manager and Analyst with Bank of America U.S. Trust. Unfortunately most of his time is taken up studying for the CFA, but otherwise he’s following around his favorite bands and cycling the foothills in North Georgia. He and his girlfriend recently added a new hiking and backpacking partner to their family. Her name is Luna and they found her at the rescue here in Atlanta. DAN PRIOR is doing well these days. He’s in his fourth (and final) year of medical school and just sent out his applications to residency programs this past Friday. He’s going into pediatrics. Otherwise life consists of a pretty regular routine of running, eating a lot of ice cream, and binge watching The Office. ESME LOVELL SMITH reports that she has been working in retail real-estate for three years now, which moved her to London last summer with her company after spending two years in Paris. She tries to make it back to the states a couple times a year and is devastated that she missed the big HMI reunion. KELLY CASEY LATTERMAN is excited to report that she was recently engaged to Harry Murray! She and Harry live in Steamboat Springs where she recently started working as the...
in his mint-condition 1985 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz. **SAM DAVIDSON** loves Philadelphia and his work at an Education nonprofit. He got engaged in April to his best friend Emily. He was really sad not to have made it out to the 20th reunion and extends an invite to all of RMS XXI. He misses all of XXI very much. He still can’t hear someone say something is “intense” and not laugh thinking that’s it actually “intarps” (#wereamess21). **CHAP GRUBB** is living in Taos, NM spending his time climbing, rafting, and backcountry skiing. He’s freelance writing now—but has been a professional poker player for many years. He has three dogs and lives on 40 acres and is building tiny homes on the side. **GEOFF LONG** is currently living in Waltham, Massachusetts, and is working as a full-stack software engineer at a cybersecurity company (Carbon Black—they recently went public under CBLK). As always, his goal is to delve into entrepreneurship, so he’s trying to rev up his work-efficiency to the point where he can hold a full time job while actively developing a side project, which has been proving difficult. His main update is that he’s moving to NYC (hopefully Manhattan) in the coming months, so if any of you all are living there please let me know! **PETER ENGH** is living in Bellingham, Washington working on becoming a pilot, and actively trying to abscond to British Colombia. This summer, **ALLIE BALTER** finished her master’s at the University of Maine, where she studied changes in the East Antarctic Ice Sheet over the last 15 million years. She is now starting her PhD at Columbia University, and will be continuing to study the history of our Earth’s ice sheets, with an eye to how they behaved in the past when climate was warmer than today. She just returned from her first field season in Greenland, where they camped on bedrock that was uncovered by retreating ice only a few years ago, a visible reminder of our changing climate. If anyone wants to hang in NYC, hit her up! **TJ CALLAHAN** reports that he recently celebrated his work anniversary at Seattle Opera, where he is now the Community Programs Coordinator. He thoroughly enjoys what he does, particularly when it intersects with racial justice and representation in classical music! TJ lives in downtown Seattle where he’s growing his career as a singer, taking voice lessons, and exploring as many islands in Puget Sound as he can. Since last year he’s made his debut with the Byrd Ensemble and he started helping with PR for Vox16. You can also hear his voice on ODESZA’s “Corners of the Earth,” which released around this time last year! **MACKENZIE G KENDRICK** is living in Oak Harbor, WA with her beautiful wife Chelsea. This is their first Naval duty station. While Chelsea is in the Navy, Mackenzie works for the county as a Juvenile Probation Counselor. It has been a great adventure so far. Her job can be stressful at times but it is very fulfilling.

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**SEMMESTER 23**

**ALEX TRAUTMAN** just began a new software engineering job at Honeywell in Atlanta. He really enjoyed seeing Arthur Piantedosi, Megan Morrow, Rachel Whaley, Abby Barnstone, and all his XXIII teachers at the HMI Reunion. **CHRIS CHANG** is living back in Seattle working at an evaluation and strategy consulting firm, and is excited to be getting married in November. **MEGAN MORROW** just began a master’s program in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University. She had a wonderful time at the 20-Year Reunion in June. She loved being back in Leadville, seeing old friends and teachers, and being reminded of all the lessons she learned at HMI! **ALANNA KROWIAK** has decided to take a hiatus from working on her master’s in cognitive science and philosophy in Berlin, and will be taking a position at a nonprofit in Oakland, California. Though she will miss Berlin terribly, she is excited to continue her research at the intersection of neuroscience, psychology, and phenomenology. Her hope is to help to make the power of mindfulness practices legible to the Western mind. Also, should any HMI alumni find themselves in the Bay area, please message her, as she would love to go hiking together in the area. **ABBY BARNSTONE** is working at a Swag Agency in El Segundo, California. She is currently taking classes in product design. She regularly DJ’s events throughout Los Angeles. She also sells prints of her art at a store called New Profanity on Melrose Avenue. She had a great time at the 20-Year Reunion—she loves being reminded of the values instilled in her during RMS 23. **CAITLIN KUCZKO** is a Canine Behavior Consultant and head of the training department for Charleston Animal Society in Charleston, SC. She plans to move back to Colorado next year to open her own training and behavior business focusing on puppy development, aggression cases, and detection canines.

**ELIZA GREEN** is in her 2L year at Harvard Law School. When she isn’t buried under casebooks, she is building a table, training for a half marathon, and exploring Cambridge restaurants. She is hoping to do a lot more hiking and skiing this year. **SACHI TWINE** moved to Nairobi, Kenya in August to complete a yearlong Princeton in Africa Fellowship. In Nairobi, she’s working for Global Partnerships, an impact investor focused on expanding opportunity for people living in poverty. Sachi’s excited to explore the music and outdoors in East Africa, and would welcome any visitors! **ALYcia MARTENS** is currently living in San Francisco and working as a mental health counselor at a non-public school for emotionally disturbed children outside of Oakland, CA, working toward earning her Masters in Social Work. She enjoys hiking and skiing in Lake Tahoe whenever she can. **LAWRENCE CHAN** just started year 2 of his clinical psychology Psy.D program and is interning at Boston University’s Alzheimer’s Disease Center administering neuropsychological tests to
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KATHERINE GEPPERT is living out in LA and working as a Personal Assistant. She is also studying to be a personal trainer and training for a NPC bikini competition in spring of 2019. HANNA DETHLEFS graduated from Penn last semester.

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RACHEL WHALEY is living in Chicago, working at a nonprofit called Year Up and completing her master’s degree in computer science. She very much enjoyed visiting Leadville for the reunion in June and seeing so many familiar faces! After a semester in Ireland, MICHAEL MARINO is back living in Maine. He has gone back to work for Maritime Construction and Engineering building piers on the coast of Maine and New Hampshire.

ELIO ICAZA lives in San Francisco. He’s currently fascinated by the city’s built environment and is learning how to recognize its stopping features and local flora. Most recently, he was a visiting artist at Music Tech Fest in Stockholm, creating audio sculptures inspired by his travels in Sweden. He enjoys making ends meet as an industrial designer.

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ALLY ROACH is in her second year of law school at the University of Connecticut and is living with her fiancé and their two dogs and two cats! MELISSA GRIP recently left her job at Rugged Maniac to pursue her Master’s in Elementary Education! She is enrolled in a yearlong teacher residency program at Lesley University, while also gaining hands-on experience as a 5th Grade Associate Teacher at the Belmont Day School. Melissa just started an outdoors club for the 3-5th graders and loves every minute of it! HALLIE SKRIPAK-GORDON moved to Fargo, ND in April to work on Heidi Heitkamp’s campaign for the Senate. Hallie works crazy hours, but is so excited to be a part of the midterm campaigns! After the elections (don’t forget to VOTE!) she will be taking a road trip and hopes to see Jamaica in Denver and hopefully a couple of others on her way! JAMIE SARAFAN lives in Colorado and started graduate school at University of Colorado, Boulder, pursuing two master’s degrees in History and Religious Studies. Jamie has continued to rock climb and enjoy the Rocky Mountains! TONI HALL moved to Chicago and is a TFA corps member teaching Science. ROBBY KUSTER is living in Medellin, Colombia for the past year and a half. He is currently working as a project manager for a Colombian coffee company that grows, processes, and exports sustainable coffees all over the world. Robby will reside in Colombia for another year and a half and welcomes the HMI community to visit him if they are planning a trip to South America!

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LOUISE OWENS is in her last semester of nursing school at Duke University in North Carolina. Her interest in medicine was sparked during her WFA course at HMI, so she is very excited to officially become a nurse this December. PETE JAMES is in his first year at Brown Medical School and is a fly fishing guide in Montana during the summers. SARAH HUNTER has extended her Peace Corps service for a third year in Ethiopia and will remain there until May 2019. PRIYA MUTHU just started a one year MBA program at The University of Rhode Island.

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SEMMER 27

ANDREW ALLISON-GODFREY is living in Colorado Springs, working for Colorado College’s Outdoor Education department. He just returned from a two month trip through Israel, Greece, Turkey, and the Republic of Georgia. Did you know that Georgia has the tallest mountains in Europe? Take that, Alps! GAVIN ARNOLD graduated from the University of Minnesota this past spring with a degree in English, and is working at United Healthcare in the Medicare and retirement area. He was one of the two Semester 27 folks at the reunion this summer and it was a blast. INDIA BUSHNELL is back in California, and has been cooking in a wonderful restaurant called Gjelina. Every day she gets to work with the most beautiful food and learn tons about wine. Her free time is usually spent in the water, surfing. She is very, very happy over here! ISABELLA CALIANDRO graduated from St. Lawrence in May, and is living in Vail, Colorado for the fall. She is also part-time guiding for a school in California. In December, Isabella will move back to Portland, Maine to work full-time for Apogee Adventures as an Assistant Director!

KUBA CHANDLER graduated from Colorado College this spring, and is hiking the Pacific Coast Trail right now. OLIVIA CHARTIER is in Washington, DC, working for Senator Doug Jones (D-AL) and attending Georgetown University part-time for a Masters in the School of Foreign Service. She sees Colleen frequently, usually for a meal around her busy schedule! LESLIE DINKIN is living in Jackson, Wyoming and working at Teton Science Schools in the office (while recovering from ACL surgery). In January, she hopes to be a science instructor there. During her recovery, she has thrown herself into pottery and was successful at her first local art fair this month, and she thinks she’ll continue to attend them in the future! ANNIE HALL is enjoying living in Washington, DC, and is working for the Association of American Publishers. She recently attended a Kentuckians in Washington event with Colleen Orr. MARTIN HARRISON is currently in Boston, working for a tech company that does healthcare technology, and has been exploring New England.
as much as possible. “The mountains might not be as big as they are in Colorado, but they’re absolutely beautiful. If anyone’s in the area I’d love a buddy to do some camping with before it gets too cold!” After graduating last year, KELEY HOEKSTRA moved home and started working at Vanguard, and just moved into Philadelphia last month. She has been traveling as much as she can, including seeing Andrew Allison-Godfrey in Colorado and going to Amsterdam in November. DANNY ICAYZA is in his last year of college studying Industrial Design at RISD. “I drove furniture from Providence to Berkeley this summer and swam in rivers that were so clear you could open your eyes underwater. I also visited HMI earlier this year!” Since graduation, ANDREW MEYER has worked in outdoor education and wilderness trip guiding. He has spent the past two summers in the North Woods leading canoeing and hiking trips in the Boundary Waters among other places. Currently, Andrew lives in Costa Rica and works at the School for Field Studies. Since graduation, CLAIRE O'BRIEN has been leading outdoor trips and working in wilderness education. She was also in the Boundary Waters for her fifth summer working at a wilderness camp; this year she guided a month-long whitewater canoeing trip on the Bloodvein River in the Ontario and Manitoba territories. Claire also had the awesome opportunity to be the English apprentice at HMI for the spring semester, which was such a dream! “I loved being back at HMI and supporting students as they went through what we all did once upon time.” Claire just moved to Los Angeles where she is figuring out what comes next and staving off early-life crises. KINORI ROSNOW moved to Tokyo, where he worked for a Japanese company and played lacrosse. Kinori was fortunate enough to get a chance to try out for the Japanese National Team, and got to compete in the 2018 World Championship in July. He is now in the process of moving back to the US, and plans on living in Boulder, Colorado. COLLENE ORR is in Washington, DC, working for Principles for Responsible Investment as a US Policy Analyst. She joined a running group in DC, is a volunteer coach for Girls on the Run, and sees Olivia Chartier and Annie Hall in DC frequently! LUKEY WALDEN is living in Providence, Rhode Island and just started the MFA in Painting program at Rhode Island School of Design. Danny Icaza also attends school there and they hang out all the time! MILES WILSON is living in Manhattan working as an actor and entertainer! Miles graduated from Bowdoin this spring. Life is good, and wouldn’t be the same without HMI.

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SEMESTER 29
Semester 29, we’d love to hear from you! Email your updates to Henry Fulghum at hzf@uw.edu.

FROM THE HMI ARCHIVES | Semester 31

SEMESTER 31
After years of adventure in Wyoming and Montana, GAVIN RATLIFF is back in Vermont coaching hockey and running a landscape design company with his dad. EMILY SHANNON is spending weekends climbing mountains in the Adirondack High Peaks during her last semester of college! LIZA POTTER is is enjoying outdoor excursions and geology studies in the Adirondacks during her senior year at St. Lawrence University. FUREN BEMIS is in the fall semester of her senior year at the University of Connecticut! She is balancing classes, an internship and job hunting for post-graduation! BRYNA COYLE is enjoying the start to her Senior Year at Colorado College! She is continuing her work with the Office of Sustainability on campus and is hoping to be in Denver after graduation! LOUISA McBRIDE is finishing her senior year at Colorado College studying Organismal Biology and Ecology. She led a freshman orientation trip doing trail work with her fellow Semester 31 member, Bryna Coyle! After living in Thailand for 5 months, LINDSAY BORMAN is kicking off their third semester at Cornell University and delving deeper into climbing, pottery, mushroom foraging, and wildcrafting. LISA KEMP, who now goes by SULLIVAN, is kicking off their third semester at Cornell University and delving deeper into climbing, pottery, mushroom foraging, and wildcrafting. LISA KEMP, who now goes by SULLIVAN, is kicking off their third semester...
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at the University of Wyoming strong studying Zoology. They spent the past summer working as wildlife technician under a master’s student in the Red Desert of Wyoming. After an amazing summer of copywriting, farming, and visiting HMI, CAROLINE ZERILLI is back at Brown University for her final year of school. When she’s not writing her senior thesis, she can be found feeding her sourdough starter.

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SEMESTER 33

MADISON Llstro led for a second time for Overland this past summer in North Carolina and is currently a captain of the women’s ultimate Frisbee team at Bates (they are the #2 DIII team in the nation!) She is amped to study abroad in Valparaiso, Chile this spring. JONATHAN SCHMIDT (SCHMIDTY) is studying abroad in Morocco in the fall of this year, learning about migration and immigration politics while taking Arabic classes. He attempted to summit Mt. Rainier in August and would love to attempt it with some HMI folks in the spring if anyone is interested! MADISON WILKINSON worked for the second summer in a row for Teton Valley Ranch Camp as a girl’s season counselor. At Colorado College, she works for the Office of Sustainability and is super excited to be studying abroad in New Zealand in the spring with the University of Otago!

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SEMESTER 35

MARIAH REINKE is going into her Sophomore year at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, after spending summer at home in Maine, where she worked at a small Coffee, Wine, and Cheese shop, and was visited by many fellow Semester 35 alums! This fall, she is doing another outdoor education program through SEA (Sea Education Association), based out of Woods Hole, MA. She and 14 other classmates will fly to American Samoa, before boarding a boat which they will sail to Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, and Thailand. MOLLY LOVETT is currently studying Philosophy at Colorado College and loving it! She just returned from summer working back in LA and eating lots of Korean food. Also at Colorado College, CHRIS TOBIN has just begun his first year after taking a gap year.
to hike the Appalachian Trail, which he finished in December, before embarking on a NOLS semester in New Zealand until April. During that time, he spent 24 days backpacking in New Zealand’s South Island’s rainforests, 24 days mountaineering on the Tasman Glacier, and 21 days sea kayaking around the Marlborough sounds. After, he found himself back at HMI to get a WFR this past June, before attending the reunion, and spending the summer as a camp counselor at Camp Moosilauke in New Hampshire. AVERY DYER has just begun her sophomore year at Middlebury College, where she is studying Political Science and writing. This past summer, she led backpacking and canoeing trips for kids in North Carolina. MADDY STUTT started at Middlebury last February and is going into her second semester this Fall. She spent the summer at home in Brooklyn, working at a restaurant. Back at school, she is looking forward to continuing studying writing, Political Science, and Economics and spending the fall hiking in the Adirondacks and Vermont. LILY ESPOSITO is in her third year at Skidmore College, where she is loving it! This semester she’s studying in New Zealand, writing environmental education curriculum for the town of Kaikoura, and preparing for an upcoming homestay on a farm as a WWOOFer. CHLOE KENT is loving being at Ithaca College, where she’s been taking advantage of the great hiking in the area. Now going into her second year, she is studying psychology with a minor in English. SAM KWON is back at Colby in Maine for his sophomore year of college, where he’s been loving getting involved with the Ultimate Frisbee team. He is continuing to work as an officer for the student run EMT organization, and has declared a major in chemistry with a concentration in biochemistry. GEORGE SIDAMON ERISTOFF just finished up a gap year working in France for the fall, going backpacking in New Zealand with NOLS for a month in the spring, and then working and volunteering in Manhattan until the beginning of summer. He is now beginning his freshman year at Tufts, where he is a member of the Sailing team.

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**SEMESTER 37**

JESSE LEENER just had her first softball game of the season at Kenyon. NICK SCHINE is fondly reminiscing about Dylan Kane blaring September over the Who’s Hall speakers two years ago. LEAH GRANGER is on a backpacking trip in Peru and Bolivia with Where There Be Dragons. CLAIRE BABBOTT-BRYAN and PATRICK STEVENSON are enjoying Middlebury, getting to know some other HMI alumni, and anxiously awaiting the arrival of their four other Semester 37 classmates who are starting in February.

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**SEMESTER 39**

HMI Semester 39 has had an eventful couple of months since departing from Leadville this past December. CARTER MYERS-BROWN spent part of his summer backpacking in the Yukon Region of Canada as well as farming with his grandfather. CHANEY DALTON completed a NOLS course in Alaska over the summer, and is excited to continue her involvement in her high school’s Green Club and Student Council over the course of her senior year. DAN WEEBER’S time has been mostly spent working for his Dad’s contracting company, yet he also seemed to fit in some time to hunt. ELIJAH WOODS worked at a water ski camp this summer, while simultaneously building a car with his own two hands. After having graduated from the Taft School, LILY THEBAULT is currently taking a gap year during which she is scooping ice cream in Vermont in hopes of saving money up to fund her travels next semester. Upon returning from HMI, OLIVER DIAMOND’s newfound love of running inspired him to join his school’s varsity track team. Over the summer he also worked at Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota for a month. Her experience at HMI engendered SYDNE MILLER to become more involved in her school’s outing club, which ultimately led to her being appointed the head position. Some of her responsibilities include organizing and leading hikes for her classmates. Similarly, LIA TREBLICOCK started an environmental club at her school last year, which includes leading outdoor trips for middle schoolers throughout the year. She’s also managed to squeeze in time to compete for her team’s varsity track team. FURMAN JONES recently completed two mission trips to New Guinea and Alaska over the summer, during which he worked with children and war veterans, respectively. He was also able to return to Colorado to hike with his grandfather. Most of ISABELLA WHELAN’s life since returning from HMI has been dominated by soccer; however, over the summer she found time to spend time with her family in New Hampshire and work at a concert venue with CALI JOHNSTON, who returned to her home school as captain of the varsity swim team, and spends much of her time horseback riding. She had a wonderful summer in New Hampshire with Isabella, working, wake surfing, and hiking. EMILY BUCHALTER recently moved to Aspen, Colorado, where she is now the captain of her school’s cheer team. BEN THOMSON spent his summer working at a youth leadership program, and recently began school at a United College in Costa Rica. ELIZABETH STITES has brought a part of her experience at HMI back to her hometown in Louisville, where she started an outdoors club at her school, while also learning to play the guitar—a passion she discovered while at HMI. FRANK CHETE has spent most of his time playing soccer, while also making time to work construction. He and JONATHAN BAEZ still spend lots of time together in their hometown of Houston. HANNAH
BLUMENTHAL joined her school’s cross country team upon returning home to Seattle. She also was able to visit Elizabeth in Louisville, and had a wonderful time. Naturally, OTIS MILLIKEN has devoted much of his time to playing soccer as well as spending time with his friends back at home. After having played field hockey all summer, CRICKET BARNES is currently playing on her school’s team which she reports is off to a good season. Besides field hockey, Cricket was able to travel with her family throughout the summer. JARED DIOSDADO has been engaged in community service lately, as well recently joining his school’s Spanish Club, Diversity Club, and becoming a dorm prefect. He enjoyed travelling to Belize this summer to visit family. JESSIE CALI also travelled to Alaska this summer, and got to experience the beauty of the Northern Lights. For Semester 39, going to Alaska was quite a theme this summer! Jessie’s also proud to have started a Bob Ross Outing Club at her high school, which she says entails hiking, climbing, and making Bob Ross videos. Inspired by her morning runs at HMI, SABINE FROM THE HMI ARCHIVES | Semester 39

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upstate New York, MATTHEW JUSTH has been busy playing for his school’s soccer team. SANJANA SRIDHAR enjoyed spending time painting upon returning from HMI, and lifeguarded over the summer. XAVIER KHERA was recently accepted to CITIterm in New York City, where BIANCA GONZALES is currently spending the fall semester of her senior year. We are all very proud of Bianca’s recent accomplishment: earning her Associate of Arts in May at Colorado Mountain College! Similar to many of his HMI comrades, JOE TANNENBAUM started an outdoors club at his school, as well as began writing his own music. He also recently joined his town’s fire department and became a local EMT. NATHAN BECKER went on a trip to Patagonia, in addition to getting his Wilderness First Aid Responder certification. He also worked as an assistant trip leader for Back To Earth, a program dedicated to leading transformative wilderness trips for boys. AJ ROSSENbach has been enjoying continuing to rock climb and backpack, and recently became a certified firefighter; which, as anyone from Semester 39 would know, is a long-time dream of hers.

Similar to Sanj, NINA BARATELLI has devoted much of her time since returning home to painting. JORDAN EDNER has continued to enjoy painting upon returning from HMI, and spent her summer working at an art camp for middle schoolers. The friendships she formed at HMI also gave her a reason visit the west coast for the first time this past year. Overall, the HMI Semester 39 alums continue to cherish the relationships they formed during their time at HMI, and try to get outside as much as possible. Over 25 of us were able to get together for a reunion this summer, and everyone is already busy trying to plan another!

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PAUL DRYER has stepped into the role of CEO at Avid4 Adventure, which empowers kids (starting at the age of 3!) to live active and healthy outdoor lives—basically, to grow up and go to HMI. Avid4 is based in Boulder, CO, but they run summer programming throughout the Front Range of Colorado plus the Bay Area, CA and Portland, OR. Give Paul a shout if you have a kid who wants to go the “adventure camp” or if you need a summer job adventuring with kids! BEN EDMUNDS is still overseeing the brewery at Breakside. Their beer is available through most of the Mountain West, PNW, Southwest and California at this point. If any HMI alum make it through Portland, they should always be sure to come by the brewery for a tour and pint. Cheers! CAM DEAMER-PHILLIPS is desperately trying to get over his stone-fruit allergy as he settles into life in Wenatchee, WA, the apple capitol of the world. He is also eagerly awaiting his wedding in early October, where he aspires to break a record for consecutive hours danced. He frequently daydreams of wandering over to the Dilbert zone to make sure that Josh Afrod isn’t working too hard and/or supervising Tom and Pearl’s work on the back 40. ELIZA O’NEIL is in the process of moving from Cambridge, MA to NYC to start a job at Seeds of Peace, a youth leadership development organization that fosters dialogue in communities divided by conflict in the Middle East and South Asia. She can’t wait to reconnect with NYC-based HMI alumni, so let her know if you’re in the area! CHRISTOPHER AND MOLLY BARNES are starting their 3rd year in Los Olivos, California where Christopher is the Head of School at Midland School. Both Porter and Jack Rabbit enjoyed going to the HMI reunion in June, had a terrific summer at Camp Pasquaney in New Hampshire, and are enjoying the start of the school year at Midland. Porter is also excited about being a part of Semester 42 in the spring. Christopher and Molly had a fantastic summer that included a month of sailing on Sila, mostly in Nova Scotia. It was their first sailing adventure since moving off the boat in 2016. Any alumni passing through the Santa Barbara area should be in touch with Molly as both Christopher and Molly would love to
EMILY GRAF is residing in Boulder, CO, teaching high school Humanities at the Watershed School. Watershed is an experiential learning school with lots of opportunities for wilderness experiences and travel; in fact, they just returned from a backpacking trip Indian Peaks, and this fall will be taking students on a Wyoming road trip to support their study of the American West. Outside of school, she’s been spending her time climbing lots of cool rocks in the Boulder area, cooking, biking, and enjoying the more moderate climate of the Front Range. WHITNEY JOHNSON is still in Leadville and just keeps sinking her roots deeper and deeper. She and her partner, Luke, just bought a house for themselves and their dog family! It has an extra bedroom for visitors... Whitney taught Spanish at the public high school last year and developed a new three-year program for the native Spanish-speaking students. Even though she felt really busy with work, Whitney was able to travel with family to Germany and Austria and go on a NOLS alumni horse packing course (essentially backpacking but instead of carrying a backpack, horses carry all that stuff and instead
of walking, horses carry you. Yeah, it’s awesome)! She’s currently looking to direct her professional life in a bit of a different direction, so she’ll keep you posted on how that turns out. While Ruby misses being the only dog-child, she and Whitney still enjoy lots of hikes, swimming fetch games, and backcountry ski opportunities. **Ivan Barry** and his wife **Rebekah Callard** remain happily teaching at Cate School in Carpinteria, CA. Their big adventure this year was to take their boys, Kiy (11) and Aydin (9), to Peru for a month. They took Spanish lessons, explored magical Inca ruins, and stayed in cool small towns like Ollantaytambo. The highlight was an amazing 5 day hike across Salkantay Mountain range in the Andes terminating at Machu Picchu. This was a repeat adventure for Ivan who says “in the spring of 1999, when I was working at HMI, I traveled to Peru with two fellow HMI apprentices, **Sean Bowditch** and **Kate Botham**. We went on a 7 day, self-supported hike to Machu Picchu that was the same route I just did with my boys. Back in 1999, the hike was more or less undiscovered so we literally saw almost no people. Now the ‘Salkantay’ hike to Machu Picchu has become a thing, so there were more people and more huts and the like along the way. Quite a change, but the beauty and majesty remains.”

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*Ivan Barry, Sean Bowditch, and Kate Botham in Machu Picchu in 2000—18 years before Ivan returned with his family! (right)*

*Ivan Barry and Rebekah Callard with their sons, Kiy and Aydin, in Peru this spring (below)*