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ALUMNI UPDATES!

As our 20-Year Reunion approaches, we hope you enjoy reading what our spring Semester alumni, our Summer Term alumni, and former apprentices are up to! From folks in Semester 2 chasing around little ones, to folks from Semester 38 deciding where they are going for college, these pages span 20 years of HMI alumni doing amazing things. We hope you’ll read, be inspired, and take a trip down memory lane—and of course, join us in June to celebrate in person! As always, updates from our fall semesters and former faculty will appear in the fall. Happy reading!

SEMESTER 2
NORA HEINS and her family welcomed their son, Oliver, last summer. They are still adjusting to life with a new little one, and will be at the Reunion in June!

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SEMESTER 4
NATALIE NISKA became a mommy on January 28, 2018 to Smith Felice Niksa (9lbs, 3oz, 23 inches). Congratulations!!
PETER WRIGHT is now the father of two (Willa and Trey)! He is currently working on building his real estate empire. He hopes everyone is doing well. If you are ever in Seattle let him know, he’d be happy to meet up. JESSICA KRIEGEL is living in San Francisco, CA and is busy with her 10 month old Eleanor!

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Jessica Kriegel (Semester 4) and her family!

Natalie (Felice) Niksa (Semester 4) recently welcomed new baby Smith!
SEMESTER 6

SARA (SERENA) LONGLEY recently had her first child, Penelope. She says, “I say recently, but she is almost a year old. That’s the biggest update in my life.” Other than that, Sara is living in Brooklyn and working as an attorney in NYC and trying to get out of town for fresh air as much as possible. She just returned from a trip to Sedona with her sister Alice (also an HMI alum) full of hikes with views, fresh air, and of course the vortexes. She wishes all the best to her RMS 6 alums and would love to know how they are doing.

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SEMESTER 8

It’s been an eventful year for RMS VIIIers. Kicking us off is ADAM KLAFFKY who got married last April. He’s still working for NOLS, but he’ll be moving to Fort Collins, CO this spring. We also had two engagements this year. Even though EM POWERS owns and runs a yoga studio and private practice in CranioSacral Therapy, while also dappling in real estate, she found time to travel to Ireland in October, where she ran the Dublin marathon and got engaged to her boyfriend Adam. ANDREW BERNSTEIN closed out 2017 by proposing to his girlfriend, Gloria—of course she said yes! And then there’s ERIN (KLOEPFER) WOOTEN who wrote in from Farmington, NM where she’s been living with her husband, son, and Beagle, Cooper, and who celebrated her eighth anniversary last fall. JOHN SHUBERT and his wife welcomed their second child back in November. They’re currently in Santa Fe but will be moving back to North Carolina in the spring. RUTH POLAND and her husband, Jesse, had their first child, Theo, last May. At less than a year old, Theo has already been baby ski-joring (well, pulled in a chariot by their dog). Ruth writes that she’s in her second year teaching high school biology and environmental science and loving it; she’s also active in a local environmental group. After a year in London, ODILE SCHALIT is back stateside, but that hasn’t stopped her from dreaming up her next getaway...Scotland, Norway, Tokyo, and Buenos Aires are some of the contenders.

MATT PALEVSKY writes “I just left Harvard Divinity School and, as of yesterday, am the President of Upaya Zen Center in Santa Fe. I get to live with a community of 20 residents and host 2-3 thousand people as they come through for our full schedule of Zen, arts and philosophy related programing. It’s a far cry from my life in New York and feels quite a bit closer to the joy of living in Leadville with all of you.” LEIGH BROWNING is getting ready for a move of her own; she’ll be finishing up her veterinary internship at the University of Minnesota in June and is planning to move to Colorado or Santa Fe to work in a veterinary ER. TED STARNS is still up in Alaska working as a geologist with ConocoPhillips. He’s been doing a lot of salmon fishing and hunting—he recently got a caribou and he won the hunting permit lottery when he got a coveted dahl sheep tag. TIM HAGIST is still in Carbondale, CO with his wife and two kids. The excavation company he started three years ago is keeping him busy—his wife takes care of all his books and office work while also working as a nurse. Also in Colorado, CARLY AACKERMAN is still doing hair at The Parlour in Fort Collins. She writes, “Life is boring and I love it!” which is hard to believe with a four-year-old and a one-year-old. LIZ (BAGLEY) LEMOINE is also chasing a little one around. She and her husband bought a house and rental cottage in Woodstock, VT last summer and her 19-month-old, Adelaide, is keeping Liz on her toes. GRACE BOWMER is also in VT. She’s living on a farm with her husband, 18-month-old daughter, Aubrey, and way too many sheep. You can hear Grace’s voice come through when she writes, “Maybe one day I’ll grow up and figure out what I’m doing with my life, like you all have, but for now I’ll keep chasing little legs around.” MIKE RYAN wrote in from Austin, TX where he has a three-year-old and a four-month-old and still manages grow his real estate tech startup Ojo Labs. Mike writes that he recently met up with fellow Texan and RMS Viller JP BLEIBTREU. ABBY SMITH is working as a biostatistician at a non-profit in Ann Arbor, MI,
and she and her husband are hoping to take their two kids hiking out west this year. **MICHELLE MAY** is in Arlington, VA and has a psychotherapy practice that focuses on Intensive Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy (ISTDP) as well as couples therapy, and she is finishing a three-year postgrad program in ISTDP. Yet, she still finds time for lots of rock climbing with her husband. Hopefully, by the time you read this, **ISAIAH THOMAS** will have defended his dissertation—he’s aiming for April or May. As busy as he’s been, he managed to travel to London and Paris in October and Rome in March—not to mention the weekend in Boston with **DAN LUSTICK** in December. As for me, I’m halfway through nursing school and loving it; I became an RN in the fall and now I’m in the nurse practitioner portion of the program. When I’m not in school, I practice kung fu and tai chi.

—Dan Lustick (danlustick@gmail.com)

**SEMESTER 10**

Hello to and from RMS X!!! Unfortunately, **GIDEON STEINBERG** has retreated back into his Fjord and we are unlikely to hear from him for at least 10 years. Luckily, I have some exciting news from some other RMS Xers!! Apparently, we are in our 30s now and everyone is having babies!!! Perhaps the newest little one is Logan Robert Boucher, **ALI (KOSAK) BOUCHER’S** little boy!! He is perfect (in her completely unbiased words!!) But really, he is – Facebook doesn’t lie. She is still in Vermont working as a physical therapist and loving motherhood. **KATIE CLARK** is also expecting!! She is due in April. In her free time, she is a second year hematology/oncology fellow at the University of Virginia and she loves Charlottesville. She welcomes anyone to visit and hike in the Shenandoah, just be prepared to wear a Baby Bjorn. **MOLLY BLANCHARD** is working in Development and Outreach for education programs at FotoFest International, which is a photography and new
media arts non-profit in Houston, TX. She is helping to produce a Biennial festival of art from contemporary photographers from India and the global Indian diaspora community, and the NYT featured their expedition – which is SUPER exciting! She’s also getting married this August in Keystone, CO. She did not technically invite everyone reading this…but it is on August 11th so I bet you could find out where and I’m SURE she would welcome you! SARAH TOOKE, LIZ BUBRISKI and JAMIE POSTER continue to hang out together in LA. They recently visited Molly and Christopher at Midland in Santa Barbara and give it rave reviews!!

PAUL-HARVEY WEINER is still living in DC, but last summer he started a new gig with a place called Climate Focus. One of his projects took him to Colombia in the fall to work with cattle farmers in the Llanos. Other than that, Paul finally invested in his first set of telemark skis after years of renting and with the decent winter we have had in the east, he’s had plenty of opportunities to use them. MICHAEL GREGORY says, “things are going really well. We just had a baby!! Little Henrietta was born on December 6. She’s awesome: sleeps well and spends every waking moment investigating this world she’s just entered. It’s all incredible.” Michael is loving fatherhood. They’re living in Colorado and he’s still making films and still serving HMI on the board of trustees. All is good! As for me, DYLAN GRAETZ, your faithful correspondent, I now live in Memphis Tennessee. I came here for fellowship at St. Jude and for the BBQ and Blues music. Thus far, I spend most of my time at the Jude but I’m learning a lot and hoping to do some pretty cool research in Global Pediatric Oncology. I also gave up vegetarianism after 10 years…and the BBQ is definitely worth it! Come visit!! Also – for those of you who I can no longer reach (names and emails have definitely changed!) please contact me to give me your updated email and let me know you are alive! And all of you should join HMI Connects and the new RMS X group!!

Lots and lots of love to the rest of RMS X!
—Dylan Graetz (dylan.graetz@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 12

Big congratulations to the members of RMS XII who are out there crushing their jobs, getting married, having babies…not to mention having a ton of fun! Here’s what folks are up to: ILSE GRIFFIN is still working as a learning center coordinator for adult refugees and immigrants in Minneapolis. She traveled twice to Holland this last year to see her sister and is planning a trip to Goa, India in a month to visit her friend. She bikes to work every day whether it’s 0 degrees or snowing, which always somehow reminds her of life at HMI. LILLY (HABERL) NANNES is living with her husband Cal in Durham, NC while he completes his fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology. Lilly is staying home with their now two kiddos: Zoey Evelyn Nannes was born December 1, 2017 joining big brother Jack! ALI ASHBURN completed her masters in energy policy and climate from Johns Hopkins in December, and got engaged on a hike in Colorado last summer! ASHLEY SAUNDERS also got engaged to fiancé...
Brandon last September! They are planning their wedding for August in Leadville. She is still living in Texas and teaching preschool. **DEXTER LOCKE** is working as a Postdoctoral Fellow at SESYNC, the National-Socio Environmental Synthesis Center in Annapolis, Maryland. **BETH (BAI) DO** just graduated from the University of Washington with a MA in International Studies and is now applying to law schools. Last year she visited Croatia, Korea, Mexico and Morocco; this year she plans to visit Australia, New Zealand and do a national park road trip. **EMILY (CAPELIN) PALMER** is still working as a licensed massage therapist and recently designed and built her home in Mancos, CO where she lives with her husband and 2-year old Hazel. **GREER (SCHOTT) PEARCE** started adventuring with sisters Liza Cohen (RMS IX) and Jamie Cohen (RMS XIV) on a women’s backpacking weekend hosted by Pacha Co, a female-focused organization started by two of Jamie’s and my fellow Colorado College alums. Liza rocked her gaiters and Melanzana, bringing classic HMI style to the mix, while Jamie and I cursed our early HMI-era synthetic sleeping bags for being so bulky. (ok ok, after almost 15 years, maybe it’s time for a sleeping bag upgrade). Greer and her husband Charlie are also expecting their first baby (a boy!) in early April. They’re excited to start training him for RMS 72!

—Greer Pearce (greerpearce@gmail.com)

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**SEMESTER 14**

**CLARE ASHBURN** is working for a healthcare company in DC while also coaching ice hockey and planning weddings on the side. She was lucky to spend a weekend on the HMI campus last June for the wedding of **PETER KERNAN** and Caroline Koehler. Thus far **EMILY “EARL” GASPERETTI** and **LIA ENGELSTED** have registered for the 20-Year Reunion and encourage the rest of the semester to join…I (**PAUL LANDSBERG**) took many steps forward in my career-promoting to the rank of Captain, upgrading to instructor level navigator, and taking a supervisory role in my office. The major highlights of this past year for me were reconnecting with old friends, including **KENDALL MACKEY** briefly over the holidays. She told me about all the great work she continues to do as a community organizer living in Portland, Maine. I was also lucky enough to stop through Los Olivos, CA to see the Barnes family at the Midland campus on my way to a camping trip. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 20-Year Reunion!

—Paul Landsberg (landsberg.paul@gmail.com)
On the East Coast, **Brooks Ross** is living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and working for American Express. He’s looking forward to a 10 day ski/sailing trip in Norway this May. Not too far North in Cambridge, MA, **Andi Wang** is loving teaching 2nd grade at the Shady Hill School and being a dog mom to her new rescue-pup, Bear. She recently got a taste of the Rockies during a trip to Colorado, where she visited **Joy Shure** who is living in Boulder and enjoying her free time hiking and skiing. She occasionally sees **Sylvie Lam** around Boulder and recently hosted an HMI alumni event. **Betsy Bayliess** recently moved to Iowa to be the Assistant Rowing Coach at Drake University. It’s been an eventful year for Betsy, including coaching a winning rowing team at the West Coast Regional Championships, finishing her Master’s in Coaching, embarking upon a Western National Parks trip last summer, and shoulder surgery, from which she is now recovering. **Terrence Word** is living in Durango, Colorado and will soon be working as a field guide for Open Sky, a wilderness therapy school. He went wine tasting with Molly and Christopher in the fall when he was doing outdoor education in Santa Barbara County, CA. He has been spending his winter wishing there was more snow and mountain biking, while also working on his mogul turns. He plans to hike the Colorado Trail this summer, and is looking for partners! Farther North in the Rockies, **Hilary Burt** moved to Bozeman, Montana in September after finishing her Master’s in Mental Health Counseling at the University of Vermont. She’s psyched to be starting her career as a therapist in an elementary school outside of Bozeman. Out on the West Coast, **Daly Wolf** is living in Los Angeles and working at a startup called Shipsi, which partners with brands and retailers to provide a solution for last mile delivery. And representing RMS XVI from abroad, **Gillian Richter** and her husband are finishing up their Peace Corps service in Kukës, Albania, and look forward to their next adventure!

—Hilary Burt (hilaryeburt@gmail.com)
SEMINER 18

DYLAN STEWART got engaged to Katie and went on a 6 week road trip out west which included a 10 day rafting trip down the middle fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. They got a little mutt named Izzy who joins them on all their adventures! He is doing his artwork full time now (Boli Coast Burns). He says this year has been a lot of trial and error and new technique development. He is still diving and fishing whenever possible. JUSTIN HUDGINS is still working in education in Beijing. If anyone happens to visit or wants any advice on visiting China, feel free to email him! He’s currently getting back into studying Chinese outside of work, and will hopefully be taking the necessary language tests this fall to apply for MA programs at a university here, likely in Beijing.

HANNAH BARANES is living in Amherst working on a PhD in geosciences, coaching high school and college Ultimate, and competing with a team in Boston. She’s also gotten a split board and started touring a bunch in the past year, so she’s been fondly thinking of the HMI winter camping trip a lot recently! NUBIA GALINDO is still living in Denver – she is getting used to not worrying about moving every few months for work. Her boyfriend Tom and she just bought a house and are working on furnishing and fixing it up. YSABEL DEVITT has had a big year; she has come out as a transgender and now goes by Ysabel and uses female pronouns. She has been taking hormones for nearly 3 months and is feeling wonderful and more positive than ever! She is a sous chef at a traditional Neapolitan pizzeria (they won best restaurant and best pizza this past year!) She is hoping to make it back to Colorado someday – she needs to dig up that time capsule she buried! SYDNEY CHUN is living in NYC and still working for a financial research company. This past October she had the pleasure of attending Alex’s wedding and had a chance to hang out with some HMI Alumni. Can’t wait for the 20th reunion in June! CATIE CZAJKOWSKI is currently living in and working in Denver. Over the past year she has continued to enjoy exploring all of CO has to offer, as well as getting to go on 2 overseas adventures to Italy and Colombia! She is looking forward to returning to Leadville for the reunion as well! JUD PACKARD is an MFA candidate at Rutgers Camden with a focus on poetry and very happy to be back east. CAKEY WORTHINGTON is in the midst of planning her wedding and is super excited to be attending the 20th anniversary in June too! CORI MCGINN is living in LA and working for the CEO of AECOM. She travels a lot for work and most recently went to Switzerland for The World Economic
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!
and a trip to Paris with his girlfriend. When he wraps up his travels, he’ll hit the laptop for another 11 months of blogging. **KARI SICELOFF** lives in Seattle and is currently working at the Bush School coaching tennis and substitute teaching. She skis in the North Cascades during her time-off. In June, she will continue her work with the Gifford Pinchot Forest Service as a forestry technician and a wildland firefighter. This will be her second year in the woods. **HANSON SMITH** still lives in Boulder and is still working on his PhD in math. This is year 4 for those who are counting. A relatively big milestone for him this year was writing a single author paper. Another milestone was co-teaching Abstract Algebra I at his alma mater, Colorado College, this semester. Aside from math, Hanson still loves to climb. However, due to a litany of injuries, he has recently gotten into yoga. **JOE ALI** is still teaching French in Baltimore at Calvert School. While he thoroughly enjoys singing songs and torturing his students with grammar rules, Joe also works closely with Calvert’s Character and Leadership Institute which helps middle school students learn how to be leaders within their school and local community. When the work day is over, Joe heads off to his own class at Johns Hopkins School of Education where he’s working towards his M.S in Independent School Leadership. During his free time, Joe plays soccer on a couple of teams and spends many nights drinking wine and trying out new recipes. Joe is nearing the end of his time living in a city and has set his sights on moving out west when he finishes his degree. Joe misses the trees, fresh air and snow! **HEATHER CABOT** lives in Denver and happily finished grad school last year. She holds a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction and now teaches 1st and 2nd Grade in Westminster Public Schools. She’s making the most of her first teacher summer and going to Thailand and Vietnam with her friends! **ZOÉ SOLOMON** is living in Boulder finishing up a teacher training program in elementary education and pursuing her Master’s in Education and Human Development. She has been student teaching in two Kindergarten classes alongside two great mentors and hopes to have her own
class this fall! She has decided to give mountain biking a go and enjoys riding in her free time. **DAVID SCOTT** is living in Denver working as an Environmental Inspector in stormwater management. He is currently studying for the GRE and is hoping to attend grad school in the near future. He bought a split board in December and is still waiting for it to snow so he can use it. In May he will be traveling to Ireland with his family and his girlfriend. **LULU OAKES** finally escaped New York and is happily settling in San Francisco, loving the new launch pad to great adventures. She’s still with UBS in client philanthropy, helping clients achieve great things, while trying to fit as many ski days in as possible. **EMMA KATZ** is finishing up her fourth year of veterinary school at University of Pennsylvania. She will be graduating in May and will officially be Dr. Katz (meow). She can’t wait to head back to Colorado in June to do her internship year at Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital, just outside Denver. From there, she will be deciding to either go into general practice or pursue a residency. For now, she’s happy to go back to see old friends and enjoy the Rockies with her pup, Hank!!! After spending a few years traveling and working in wine regions around the world, **LIZZIE BEALE** has settled in Seattle and works for an urban winemaker at K Vintners, making tasty Washington wine (and she drinks beer with Kari sometimes). **ANDRES SAINZ** is living in Overland Park, KS. So if any of you are crossing the Midwest let him know. Andres got married last year to the most incredible woman in the world. He apologizes for not sending invites but we decided small was better. Andres is completing his studies of history at the University of Missouri Kansas city. He is also addicted to fantasy baseball even if he knows it’s very lame (PS. let him know if you want to join his league). As soon as he graduates he plans to become a professor of Latin American history. He has no mountains to ski but he very much misses the ocean. Again, you all have a home in Kansas City and if you are around! Andres wishes you all the best! **SARAH TRAUTMAN** is living in Minneapolis. After a few years working for an immigration law nonprofit, she is now attending law school at the U of M. She spends free time enjoying the Twin Cities’ running community, having potlucks, and periodically escaping north to marvel at how cold and beautiful Lake Superior is. This summer, she will be returning to Colorado to work for the Public Defender in Denver. **KATIE KORNMAN** is back east finishing her first year of law school at Yale. She spends her free time visiting friends and climbing. This summer, she’ll be working in San Francisco at the Office of the City Attorney and hopes to pack in a few adventure weekends in the mountains. But first, she’s looking forward to catching up with old friends at the reunion!

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**SEMESTER 22**

**SUSANNAH CONWAY** is currently in D.C. on spring break. She is teaching third grade in a school outside of Boston, but wants to switch things up so she is job searching and is looking to stay in Boston area. She recently ran into Maddie Pantalena and realized that they had not seen each other since HMI and that they both got engaged on New Years. Crazy! **MACKENZIE NAERT** is in her third year of medical school at Mount Sinai. She is currently deciding whether she wants to be an ob/gyn or pediatrician, so it is an exciting time! She’ll be taking a research year next year and spending her time between Kenya and NYC and would love to see any of you! **MARTY SCHWARZ** swallowed the anchor for an electrical engineering position at a firm here in Baltimore. He’s learning a lot, and it’s kind of surreal to help design industrial campuses that use more energy than the city he lives in! He also just found out that he was offered the Fulbright research scholarship he had applied for! So he’ll be living in India for about a year, starting this summer. Mostly, though, he spends his time watching Jack’s incredible boarding videos on FB. **MICHAEL JORGENSEN** is teaching physics, math and chemistry at the Alzar School, a semester school based in Idaho that does whitewater, backpacking, and international travel. Currently he’s in Chile (small town of Neltune in the lakes district) finishing up a set of classes. He also raft guides for ROW during the summer... he gets off a river trip on June 9th, so he might be able to rally to Leadville, but might not. Side note: also Christopher was his boss last year at Midland school. **MADDIE PANTALENA** got engaged on New Year’s Day. She and her fiancé were in Kyoto at the time. She’s finishing up her third year of seminary, and after she gets her Master of Divinity, in theory she’ll be ordained. She’s in NYC right now, and will be in Boston or the New Haven area depending on where Kelsey chooses to start her PhD in economics next year (top three are Yale, Harvard, and MIT right now). Before PhD shenanigans start, they’re going to try to get out to Bozeman, Montana to see Kelsey’s folks and play in the backcountry, probably for most of July. **EMMA ROUSE** has been in Philly for the past 3 years - she moved there for nursing school and stayed for her boyfriend, who she met there, and her job and school. She’s been working in the Emergency Department as an RN at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for 1 year now and going to school part time for an MSN in Health Leadership and an MPH at the University of PA. She lives in West Philly with her boyfriend and their 60 lb hound mix Benny. **SARAH BARANES** is still in Boston, working in health policy/research at the Mass Medical Society and writing on the side—right now, she’s doing a review of backpacking packs, with some fun field testing. She’ll be 9-5ing here for a while, and she has a spare room, so let her know if you need a place to crash in Cambridge! **NANCY**
CONOLLY has been in Denver since August of 2016 and is still absolutely loving it! She’s working for a company called Gusto - a tech company that manages payroll, benefits & HR for small businesses (if you need a new payroll provider, hit her up). She definitely didn’t see herself working in payroll but she’s currently managing a team of 8 on their customer care team and really enjoying the leadership aspect of it all. CHESTER LINDLEY is in Santa Barbara finishing up his master’s in environmental science and management in June. He’s been here for two years now enjoying the West Coast surfing and fishing a lot when he’s not in class. He loves hearing everyone is doing and wishes he could make it to the reunion but he thinks he’ll still be in school then so he doubts if he will. If anyone comes anywhere close to Santa Barbara let him know, he’d love to catch up! ADRIAN PFORZHEIMER is living in Washington, DC, interning for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee (fighting the sell-off of public lands, or at least trying to) and finishing up his master’s in political communication at American University. This semester he’s been travelling around West Virginia a lot, interviewing folks and doing research on the future of renewable energy in coal country. Spending time in the Appalachians is great—but to be honest, he’s really missing the Rockies. He’s trying to find a job on a midterm election, hopefully somewhere out west so he can make it to the reunion! Adrian is looking forward to seeing some of you there—and he says to say hi if you ever swing through DC!

—Maddie Pantalena (pantalena.madeline@gmail.com)
XXIVers are pursuing their passions and investing in their communities across the U.S. Up North, the Mainer MICAELA TEPLER and CLARK SOLLOWAY are living together. Clark is working towards his engineering license and teaching skiing every weekend. He’s pumped he ran into Molly Barnes this past summer and stoked for the 20-Year Reunion! Micaela is doing stand-up comedy, on her way to being the next Miss Frizzle and wants VAN MCDONALD (who probably still lives in Brooklyn and is doing something hip) to know she’s taken. LAURA (SIMBA) DONALDSON is also a Brooklyn dweller, living in Clinton Hill. She’s a kindergarten teacher at Nightingale-Bamford School, looking forward to grad school next year at Bank Street. SOPHIE WHEELOCK is probably still in NYC. MADDY PITKIN is loving living in NYC and just celebrated her 2 year anniversary at the ad tech company AdTheorent. LAURA (LORO) ROZIER and HANNAH WEISS are also probably still in NYC. VIRGINIA (BAVA) HILL spent most of 2017 in Denver but then moved to NYC in the fall to start Columbia Law School. She’s working hard, learning lots and would love to chill if anyone’s passing through New York. ARIANA KING is in New Jersey, started a blog called “Fixing My Crown” (check it out, it’s amazing). Pretty sure KATE MULLANEY is doing something in the Boston area. The D.C. crew is holding it down with SAM PETERSON and MAX ROSEN living together. Max is working on Capitol Hill for the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in aviation policy. He’s turned into a pretty avid runner and ran his first marathon March 10. Peterson works for the Halifax Conference, cause Canada is cool. CONNOR LAIRD is also in D.C., finishing grad school in May, excited for reunion. SETON TALTY (me) is working at The School for Ethics and Global Leadership, stoked to catch up with everyone IRL in June! JORDAN LOVINGER is working at Bublup as a Marketing Executive and is gigging around D.C. too, preparing for a set at the Cherry Blossom Festival. MAX BRAUN accepted a new role with JP Morgan and moved to Chicago. He is thankful HMI prepared him to freeze his ass off on a daily basis. ANDREW SPINA finished helicopter flight school 2nd in the class, and now is in fixed wing flight school for a military intelligence mission (literally, what?!). ELLIE TURNER is in her van somewhere. The Denver crew is thriving in the mile high city, of course. ARI SOLOMAN is living in Denver with her dog and good friends and is hoping to break into the field of urban design. She recently traveled to Ecuador and is hoping to travel more in the near future. SAM FRIEDMAN finished culinary school and is now returning there to work and teach classes. MAEVE O’CONNOR BETHUNE is working and living in Denver. Maeve is really enjoying working at a trauma focused facility school for kids 5-12 and is looking forward to and saving up for a 6-8 month trip with their partner. TOM CRANDALL is still living in Denver and working in film production, and he’s been lucky to continue working on commercials and some TV, the highlight of which being Top Chef. But, he’s looking to explore editing, and so has applied to work at a reality production company. He just finished shooting a feature film this past summer called JULY RISING about a girl on a farm, and is excited hopefully to see it released spring/summer 2018. JACK PANTALENA is living in Denver and working as a software engineer. He’s been skiing all the time, enjoying the HMI company in the mile high city and is looking forward to the reunion. MAGGIE HARWOOD recently moved to Denver where she is soaking up the beautiful
weather and trying to spend her free time skiing, mountain biking and fly fishing as much as possible! She is excited for the HMI reunion in June and hopes to see everyone there! **REBECCA MARKS** is in Colorado somewhere. **WILL SMART** is probably still living in Washington state. **MOLLY KNOX** is living in Portland, Oregon, working at Planned Parenthood, exploring as much of Oregon as possible. She is planning a cross country move this fall, if anybody wants to join a road trip! There are many boxes to schlep... **SYDNEY BLATTMAN** was planning to make the cross country move from San Francisco to New York recently as well. **CHRIS DUDA** gave the Leadville 100 a try to have a fun weekend in the mountains with Seton, Sam, Ari and Maddy. Despite Sam pushing him up the switchbacks on Hope Pass, he was unsuccessful. Chris is living in Southern California working on tunnels (and flamethrowers). **TOM ERMANN** is in San Francisco working at a small technology firm called "Apple." **BRENDAN KAPLAN** finished his coursework and put on his graduate recital in December. Now he is finishing his thesis in the next couple of months and looking forward to his second performance of his project piece about the L.A. freeways some time in April. Brendan very excited to be finished with school soon and to start the next chapter, out in the real world. **CARLA (GNARLA) FRANKENBACH** is living the L.A. life working as a writer's assistant and wishing she spent more time outside instead of at the computer screen! Last heard, **MCCABE SOMMERS** was in California. **JENNIE SAGET** is living in San Luis Obsipo, hiking and painting, enjoying life! **CHARLOTTE SMILOW** is doing her thing in California. **WILLY KERBER, COREY SOBATKA** and **PAMELA STEGAR**—where ya at?

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**SEMESTER 26**

**SUNSHINE GARDNER** had quite an excellent year of playing outside and getting to take kids of all ages with him. He spent last summer up near the Arctic Circle paddling a canoe and had a wonderful adventure full of good learning opportunities. He got to finish off the summer by leading a trip with his brother and having a ball. Then he went right back to taking school groups out in the north woods. He has also gotten a good bit of skiing, both Nordic and downhill, and they still have great snow! It is almost too much fun, almost. After graduating from CC with a double major in southwest studies and feminist and gender studies (what what!), **NINA MURRAY** moved to Minneapolis, MN with her boyfriend and is working with people struggling with persistent mental illness and disability to help them live as independently as possible. She also adopted a kitty named Buttons who she loves more than anything. **HALEY ABBOTT** has spent the last year plus working at the University of Michigan as a lab technician in a developmental biology lab that studies female reproduction. In her spare time, she volunteers at the local humane society walking dogs and does a bunch of dog sitting. This coming September, Haley hopes to apply to Veterinary School. **EVE BABCOCK** recently moved back to LA and is working for a Femtech startup that helps disrupt the spread of STDs. She has very little spare time but when she does, she spends it watching Jeopardy with her roommates who also happen to be her parents. **SCOTT BERKLEY** lives in Richmond, VT in the shadow of Camel's Hump, the state's second-highest peak. He shared a house with Mary Loomis as she wrote her thesis this past spring. This past year, **TOM BRAINE** accepted and started attending the University of Washington physics PhD program. Currently he is a TA for undergrad students, but is starting research in the spring at the Axion Dark Matter eXperiment (ADMX) that is trying to detect a potential dark matter particle, the axion, for the first time. Besides physics, Tom travelled most of last summer around the west, BC, and Alaska camping, hiking, and paddling. He drove as far as the Brooks Range and the Arctic Ocean in Alaska. Tom unsuccessfully attempted hiking to the "magic bus" from Into the Wild, being stopped by high waters on the mighty Teklanika River. But it was success in risk management one could say. **KEVIN CHUN** started working at a credit research firm based in NYC in December after finally finishing an MBA earlier in the year. He's struggling with having a life, but his free time has been spent getting back into soccer and volleyball. **ALLIE COHEN** is enjoying her second year of law school at NYU Law, and is looking forward to a great summer working at a firm in NYC. She hopes all her fellow HMIers are doing well! **BRENT DONOVAN** loves her new job as the Alumni & Development Associate at HMI! She is living in Leadville with her partner Dirk, and is spending as much time in the mountains as she can. She is currently spending her days planning the 20-Year Reunion, and hopes to see a lot of you there! **MARIAH FOLEY** just finished up her second year growing veggies at an organic farm in the middle of rural Appalachian PA. This year with Mary Loomis as a coworker and housemate (Cabin Four 2.0?)! But the west called, and this winter she moved back out to Colorado and is excited to start a new job at Red Wagon Farm in Boulder. **SAMANTHA FOX** is an adult now. She has a full-time job. She commutes to her WeWork office in Philadelphia every weekday on her nerdy commuter bike with too many gears and rainbow spokes. Sam's not 100% sold on the idea of being an adult. Adults are boring. She likes the city and yearns for the country. Sam might quit everything, buy a sewing machine, and sell handmade backpacks, but her family advises against it—what do they know?! **SCOTT FULLER** moved to Dallas, TX in the past year where he is working as an engineer. It has been quite an adjustment to the hot weather but he is currently enjoying being in a fun city that has a lot to offer. During his time off from work he likes being able to play golf.
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CONGRATULATIONS TO SEMESTER 24 WHO WON THIS YEAR’S CHALLENGE WITH 73.8% PARTICIPATION!
year round to make up for the lack of skiing in Texas and is also training for an off-road triathlon. After six years, **JILL GARDINER** is going to finally graduate from Boston University with a degree in economics, at which point she will be making for the (San Francisco) hills. She is incredibly excited to be closer in proximity to Sequoias, as well as to find employment where she gets to use rulers/draw graphs/analyze data every day. **ALEX GARNER** has been very busy working for Epic, an Electronic Medical Record company, for the past year in Madison, Wisconsin. While he has been skiing a few times around Madison, he misses having slopes that do not have corn fields at the top and is planning to come back to Colorado for some real skiing next season. **SOPHIE GIBSON** is back in Virginia, teaching American Studies and World History at her high school. Her students rock. She has learned that cast iron cookware is amazing and teaching is all-consuming. She misses making things, and is excited to do some figure sculpting and stop-motion animation this summer. When she speed-rollerblades along the river by her house, her wide-eyed neighbors quickly usher their dogs and children out of her reckless path. **MADDI GINSBERG** (or, as most people call her now, Maeve) moved to Charlotte, North Carolina in spring of 2017. She has been busy learning the ways of the South while working at a digital marketing agency. She loves the laidback vibe of the city and is most likely to be found running or biking beneath the canopy of trees or trying out the newest brewery. **TAE HOON KIM** is working as software engineer for Capital One. Tae Hoon moved from McLean, VA to SF last July, and is planning on moving to a different company either in NYC or LA this August. During spare times, Tae Hoon enjoys doing pottery. **SAM LEARNER** is living in Cleveland, Ohio where he’s finishing up a two-year fellowship with the Venture for America program. He works at a coding bootcamp, helping people find new careers as developers here in the midwest. In his free time he makes art, climbs, and makes computers do fun things. **AEDHAN LOOMIS** lived in Philadelphia and taught a manufacturing class at Penn during the spring semester, drove around/ across the country over the summer, and now is living in San Francisco and working at Apple coming up with new ways to make their next products. He is still finding some time to hike, backpack, and ski. Come visit! This past year,
MARY LOOMIS graduated from UVM and moved down to rural PA where she worked at a diversified, organic vegetable farm. She migrated south to Oaxaca, Mexico for the winter with Sophie Gibson, and is looking forward to another farming season in PA come April. LAUREN MAKEE is living in NYC working at an ad agency. She recently met a bunch of Eve’s friends from CC actually through a friend of a friend! Small world. She has been sending Eve lots of funny snapchats!

Daly Montgomery has lived in Pensacola, FL for the last year, and is slowly inching her way toward becoming a Marine Corps pilot. So far that has involved a lot of waiting for flight school to start and memorizing flight procedures, but hopefully by the time this update goes out, she will have strapped in to a fancy plane and gotten it off the ground and back safely. Charles Nunziato graduated from Reed College last spring, and has spent the past year between Oregon and New York. He’s currently living in Portland with some fellow alumni, studying for the GREs and preparing to apply to grad school in the near-future. Madeline Peltz is living in D.C. and working as a researcher at Media Matters. She still hates running but sometimes gives it a try and when she does, always thinks of Molly and HMI 26. This year, Annie Preston started working at a sustainable farming and local food non-profit located in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Akron, Ohio. Some of her favorite things about the job are working in partnership with the National Park Service, coordinating engaging classes for local farmers, and running a zero-waste program at the biggest farmers’ market around. In her free time Annie is trying to hike all of the trails in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and is volunteering as a Girls on the Run coach/mentor. This year Julia Riback walked 1200 miles of the Appalachian Trail and then returned to Killington for another season working as a ski patroller. She is currently carving out a life for herself in VT and establishing roots after a year of being nomadic.

Dylan Shields moved to New England, and has been rediscovering his love of baking. Max Silverman has been teaching English in rural Nepal through Fulbright for the past year. He’s now looking for teaching jobs in the northeast and savoring the last of winter waiting until it’s warm enough to go climbing. Ellen Smith is pursuing a master’s degree in geophysics, specifically focusing on seismology in Montana. In her free time, Ellen has been skiing and traveling as much as possible! Jonah Rosenblum is working in youth development in inner city Boston and living there. Stephany Subdiaz has been working in outdoor education since being an HMI Apprentice. She rafted the Grand Canyon and went on climbing trips in the fall. She’ll be working for Colorado Outward Bound School this summer just down the road from HMI. Marisa Thompson is living in Dallas, TX, working for AT&T. She is about to transition out of her current role (working for AT&T Construction & Engineering) and moving into a new one (Data Analytics for Dispatch Optimization).

She still says “y’all” and loves everything Texas. Matilda Whitney moved back to Philly and started med school at Drexel. It’s been nice being near more of her family and friends again. Plus, it’s definitely a proven fact that PA is 2000x cooler than all of Texas. School is busy, but not as overwhelming as she expected. “If anyone wants medical advice, ask me in three more years, because I still have no idea what I’m doing!” Erin Geyer is currently living in Salt Lake City working for second nature wilderness family therapy. She’s been a field instructor for about a year and is still loving every moment! She’s been growing some roots in Salt Lake and will be getting a dog in the next few months! Please come say hello in Salt Lake!

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SEMESTER 28

After having spent much time on the east coast, Andrew Harris decided it was time to head west. He moved with two of his best buddies from college and his girlfriend (and their dog) to Salt Lake City. They got a house there which is pretty awesome. They have a garage – he’s always wanted a garage! Andrew got a job selling motorcycles and side by sides which was cool and he was the top salesman for about four months. He has since moved on from that job and is pursuing something new. Kyle Pratt got out of Chicago in the spring after four long years and moved into a studio in LA with his girlfriend. As for brass tacks, he’s working at RAND Corporation working mainly on research related to the economics of illicit drug markets. However, he’s set a goal of going climbing or backcountry skiing on 3 of every 4 weekends and really getting to know the high Sierra and Joshua Tree. Kyle’s job is limited duration so in a couple years he’ll have to decide between some kind of econ grad school and trying to start a career in the outdoors. Right now he’s hard leaning towards the outdoors, maybe moving up to Bishop or something. Megan Konen’s circus career has come to an end. She is now in grad school still at Florida State, studying mental health counseling and specializing in career counseling. If anyone ever needs a resume or cover letter critiqued that’s part of her job and she would be happy to give y’all feedback. She is still in Tallahassee, FL where the weather is already in the 80s. Megan spend a lot of time doing aerial silks or acro yoga outside. Annabel Kupke says, “Hi everyone!” She’s still in Boston after graduating last May. Her apartment is nestled between the Common (the one from the history books) and the Charles (the river that divides Boston/Cambridge), so her dose of *urban* nature is never too far away. She does try to get up to Vermont to ski/hike when she can. She’s working at Harvard Law School for two professors who study all things Internet Law and Artificial Intelligence. So far, the real world is different, exciting, tiring, confusing and fun. She’s about 92% sure that her next step
is law school and that changes every week. She wishes you all the best and would love to see you if you’re her neighborhood! After graduating in May, GRACE FOWLER spent the summer working at HMI (she’ll be there again this summer, come visit!). In the fall she moved into a tiny house in Keystone, CO with her girlfriend and has been teaching science at the Keystone Science School since. Grace spends a lot of time mountain biking, skiing, and enjoying the mountains! ANDREA SILVESTRI graduated and received her teaching license for secondary science education this December. Since then, she has moved to Killington, VT to ski bum for the winter and take some much needed rest and relaxation. (If anyone ends up in the area she’d love to meet up!) She’s been making it out to ski the lifts as well as skin several times a week. She is loving living in the mountains! Andrea is looking to teach, at a school hopefully with an outdoor ed. or environmental ed. focus for a few years before heading to grad school, hopefully in the PNW. She would love to teach at a place with similar values to HMI and knows it had a lasting impact on all of us. If anyone has any beta let her know! ALICIA DANIELSEN moved back to Denver after graduating and works for Gary Community Investments. She mainly works on projects with their social research lab and free tax help program. She loves Denver and is on the market for a dog. Besides that, she’s planning on starting up a big vegetable garden this spring with some pals. ADAM SODANO is finishing up school at Colorado College as a sociology major. He is writing his thesis on socioeconomic and racial trends in the use of humor as a coping mechanism. He is also savoring the last peaceful moments before adulthood sets in. LUC MOSELEY is still in London, currently working on his second Master’s degree—this time in computational finance. He’s also looking for jobs, both with hedge funds and think tanks that develop artificial intelligences. He’s applying all over the world, so he honestly has no idea where he’ll be next year, but if it’s in the states he’ll definitely be looking some of you beautiful people up! Other than that he’s not up to a lot, and spends most of his spare time either backpacking or doing events with his university’s running club. ALEX KING moved back to Seattle and has enjoyed reconnecting with some longtime friends from his K-12 school. His apartment is right next to a major bike path, which has been good for biking and running more. He’s also gotten to go skiing more than he ever did in college. For work, he really likes what he does as a software engineer at Google. It’s a good company with good people.
(today he was reading an unremarkable discussion thread at work about technical interviews and saw a comment by a name he recognized, and it was the person who wrote the big artificial intelligence textbook that everyone studies in college). In his free time, Alex mostly just roasts chickens in his pressure cooker, it’s kind of a quiet living. **ROSA SHIPLEY** is currently living in Brooklyn, running podcasting/journalism programs for the Brooklyn Public Library and freelance writing. Before that, she was working as a wine-maker's apprentice at a vineyard in the San Juan Islands. Since graduation, **KAITLYN DIMARCO** worked a summer guiding in Montana and got to spend some time with family in the mountains. She moved back to Colorado Springs in the fall and is the paraprofessional for the human bio & kinesiology department at CC. So far it’s been awesome! Lots of teaching and research experience, which has been perfect since she hopes to teach (as her long term plan). Plans for next year are currently a large scary blank, but she’s hoping they include lots of traveling, maybe working in some outdoor education jobs, and getting applications in to grad school! After graduation, **MADELINE POLESE** moved to DC with some friends from CC, which has been a lot of fun so far! She’s currently working at the National Journal doing political research as well as at an Orangetheory ‘cause city life is expensive. Besides the 9-5 grind she’s been enjoying eating her way to becoming a Yelp elite member. **SAM JACOBSON**’s life is going well. After a two-month break over the Chinese New Year he is about to start his second semester of teaching English at a University in Kunming, China. It should be a good one. His students are incredibly bright and very good at English and it has been interesting to find himself on the other side of a classroom. There is very little administrative oversight and he has almost complete control over what he teaches so last semester’s classes were basically “whatever Sam wants to do this week…” but this coming semester he is a bit more prepared. So life’s entertaining. He is living in an apartment with a couple of other Whitman grads who have also transplanted to Kunming (we have a temperamental washing machine and very comfy couch if any of you are thinking about traveling in the near future). His goals this coming semester are to really just to keep his students amused and interested, work on his Chinese, and see if one of the old guys in the park will give him tai chi lessons. His visa ends in late July but he doesn’t really know what he will be doing much beyond that. **KIKI KAUFFMAN** graduated from Colorado College in May and then slipped away from adulthood real quick to work on the ranch camp in Wyoming (but this time in the fly fishing program). Since then, she’s moved to Denver and is now working as an analyst at a wealth management firm. She still finds time to go fishing and skiing on the weekends though, which is why she LOVES Colorado! She also spends a lot of time hanging out with her crazy 5 month old kitten. **ARTHUR WHITEHEAD** is finishing up his last semester of college, living in Golden CO. He’s not really sure what he will be doing post-graduation, but hopefully he’ll find a job (ideally product design in the outdoor industry), maybe after a bit of traveling! He’s been a bit busier this year than he would have hoped, but is still finding time to get out skiing. **LYDIA MACDOUGALL** is currently in NYC working for a food subscription start up called MealPal. It’s cool, hard, and she’s learning a lot. The best part about it is getting free food for lunch and dinner, so she can’t really complain. She also lives in Chelsea with two old friends and loves to explore her new neighborhood!! This past week she actually decided to quit her job in July (shh don’t tell her boss) to take a hiatus and lead a backpacking trip in Maine for a month. She can’t wait to be outside again and to live the expedition life that we all know and love. After graduating from CC, **EMILY LUCAS**, moved to Woods Hole, MA, back in September and is currently working as a barista and at two different aquariums while she tries to break into the marine biology scene, which is what she’s hoping to do for grad school! She’s also hoping to head back out West the year after next, but she’ll be in Colorado for graduation this year and will hopefully see some of you then! If anyone is ever in MA, let Emily know, she’s usually in Boston once a week for work at the New England Aquarium. **HANNAH GLOSSER** graduated from CC in May and lives in Brooklyn with a friend, which has been very fun. She works at a nonprofit that’s a part of the Rockefeller Foundation called 100 Resilient Cities. She really loves the work and the people! Finding nature in NYC is a wee bit harder, but she gets to visit CO a bunch. **REBECCA ROMAN** graduated from UVM in May, and she has not left Burlington! Currently, she is a server in a fancy restaurant, and has an AmeriCorps position at the Vermont Land Trust as a land steward! Obviously, the land trust position is WAY better. Just yesterday she got to spend the whole day outside on one of their properties walking through the woods looking for skid trails, and marking them with a GPS! She is also working on an education program at one of their properties where they want to connect the local high school with the property’s working lands! She plans on being there for at least another year, if not longer! **ALEX A. ADAMS** is currently at HMI serving as the Marketing Apprentice. Semester 40 is off to a busy but incredible start...Time has been flying by! She says, “It’s amazing to be back here in Leadville... so much has changed (48 students, 7 cabins, different faculty, etc), but at the same time HMI is still the place that we all fell in love with.” Alex is on the job hunt for next year primarily looking in Seattle, San Francisco, Denver, and DC. She says, “It would be amazing to reconnect with some of you depending on where I end up.”

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SEMMETER 30

JESSE METZGER is in his junior year at CC studying film and media. He enjoys living across the hall from RORY LOWE whose sweet, sweet singing can often be heard wafting through the cold winter air. LANEY FEIGHAN is excited to graduate in June and pursue a career in botany. In her final semester at Bates College, FRANCES SNELLINGS enjoys skiing in the morning before classes and spending lots of time with other nasty women. Upon graduation in June, she will travel to Tanzania for 2 weeks, nanny in Montreal, and then move to Boston for a year-long teaching fellowship. She can’t wait to reconnect with fellow XXXers who will also settle in Boston. GRETCHEN O’BRIEN is enjoying her final semester at Colby College. She enjoys skiing in the morning before classes. She got herself a job in Washington D.C. but is trying to spend the summer traveling and chilling (hopefully with fellow XXX’ers) all while sporting a new gnarly scar she acquired during a hike in Europe (D2S2!). KATIE KLEIN is currently living the harsh reality called “the real world”. She has moved to the upper east side of the Big Apple and is working for an investment firm (who saw that coming?!). She suggests sleeping in as much as possible when you still can, and not to stress about job offers! She’s hoping to go to the reunion but will have to see if she can take it off from work (so official). KENZIE SPOONER is finishing up their degree in theatre at Whitman College, and has been spending every waking hour involved in plays and performances. They’re working in a bakery and plan on growing food and writing plays all summer before they move away from Walla Walla. CARL ANDERSON is enjoying earning some turns this winter and recently found some pow pow with the one and only JESSE
**METZGERN** on a hut trip. He’s looking forward to kayaking in Oregon over spring break and competing in college Frisbee playoffs this spring. **RABIA KHAN** is busy taking classes, writing her thesis on the spatio-temporal dynamics of measles in Sindh, Pakistan, and studying for the MCAT. She plans to work for a nonprofit that aids disadvantaged communities in NYC next year, before heading off to med school. This summer she’s planning a fun trip to Italia with her friends. **KATIE DARROW** is in her last semester at Whitman College, and is writing her thesis on pinworms. She has been taking guitar lessons (can now play Landslide and Wonderwall fluently), climbing on the plastic rocks in the climbing gym, and shredding some sick gnar on the weekends. After college she is taking a NOLS Instructor Course in Alaska, and hopefully traveling to Argentina in the fall and hiking the PCT in the spring. **HALLE PAYNE** is in her last semester at Stanford, and is finishing up her thesis on the history of tumbleweeds. In her free time, she enjoys jump roping, hiking, and helping her dad with the family podcast, *Somebody Somewhere*. In the fall, she will be starting a job at wikiHow in Palo Alto and working on her law school applications. She is planning on traveling around France and Scandinavia this summer—come find her finally attempting to make something of her 14 years of French! **MARTHA LONGLEY** is finishing up her last semester at Yale before literally saving the world and curing every disease after she attends med school. **MADDIE TAYLOR** will be heading off to work for Overland this summer leading children on backpacking trips in Colorado. After that she will be participating in AmeriCorps in the Tetons. She recently saw **GRAHAM TALLIAN** in CO and they made a quick trip back to Leadville for old times sake! She’s graduating in May, also working on her thesis in marine biology. Overall she’s happy and healthy and missing XXX always! **WILL REOHR** is living in Aspen, CO and is currently taking time off from Colorado College to pursue his dream of becoming a fly fishing guide in some of the best waters of the entire United States. He is planning to return to CC as a junior. **SOPHIE WASNIEWSKI** is having fun at Saint Lawrence, and is studying whale pharmacology while playing on her school’s
club Quidditch team. **CHRISTIAN SOARES** just got back from studying abroad in Lisbon and is graduating this semester. He is excited about seeing Brazil win the World Cup this summer. **HENRY HUMPHRIES** will graduate from the University of Oklahoma in December 2018 and is tentatively planning to attend law school. **JACKIE KUMBLE** is finishing up her last semester at Washington University in St. Louis. She is currently looking for a job, and plans on becoming a doctor, lawyer, author, or actress.

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**SEMESTER 32**

*We’d love to hear from you! Send your updates to Anna Esposito (aeposit@bates.edu)*

**SEMESTER 34**

Semester 34 has been (obviously) crushing it this past year. This year **NOAH BRODSKY** was the sendiest sender on the mountain. He is straight up killing it. In 2017/18 **VERONICA JONES** has been trying to send 5.12 while studying computer science and studio art. She will be wearing yellow on her spring trip to Joshua Tree to shove her fists in cracks and fall off of boulders. **CATHERINE BAUM** has been sailing on the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater and she is still 5 foot and 3 inches! **INKA ZIKAN** is busy pursuing a math and physics double major at St. Olaf College, Minnesota (she claims she’ll sleep when she graduates). Over the summer she backpacked in the High Tatras, taught beginner kayaking, and worked at a Seattle based summer camp; in January she traveled to Budapest for a month to study number...
theory. **IGNACIO BERNALDEZ** is enjoying the wonderful northeast winter at Colgate University. Having just declared as a computer science major, he is very busy! **GABE NASS** is currently studying abroad in Europe, where he’ll be until the middle of March. He spent last fall in Bolivia and Peru living much like he did during his time at HMI! **ALEX NADAFF** is currently enjoying life studying abroad in Spain and hopes to go to Kenya next year! **JILL CAMPBELL** is now a sophomore at St. Lawrence University. She is on the equestrian team, is an active skier at Whiteface, and is roommates with Alex Nadaff, who is currently abroad in Spain. She’s going to Cooper Mountain in March and can’t wait to shred in the West again! **HANNAH GOLDSTEIN** is having a blast at Williams College and exploring the beautiful New England woods and hills. Recently, she’s been getting really into art and planning on combining environmental ethnography with visual communication! **GRACE MURRAY** is in her second year at Williams and is planning on double majoring in computer science and psychology. She’s co-captain of her club water polo team and is starting research this spring in a clinical psychology lab. **CLAIRE COUSINEAU** just finished up her first j-term at Middlebury College, and is headed into her third semester after declaring a psychology and Chinese double major. She’s looking forward to figuring out where her summer will take her! After summer adventures in Utah and Alaska, **KIRA RATCLIFFE** headed to Middlebury to start school and continue playing in the mountains. **TAJ HARRIS** is doing pretty well and trying to spend more time outdoors. Her latest adventure includes a moonlight snowshoe hike in upstate New York. **GIGI LAVIGNE** has been craving adventure and planning her travels for this coming summer. A few weeks ago, she had the chance to catch up with fellow HMler Zack Glosser for lunch in New York City! **ZACK GLOSSER** is finishing his sophomore year at Colorado College and looks forward to a fun internship this summer. **DAVID HENDERSON** has had a fantastic sophomore year at Colorado College. He has enjoyed hiking and skiing in the Rocky Mountains and has stayed busy on campus as a member of the Colorado College
Ultimate Frisbee team. JORDAN AVERILL has been studying at Colorado College and lived in Colorado Springs over the summer. She took advantage of the location and went hiking and backpacking all throughout Colorado. WESTLY JOSEPH is enjoying her first year at Colorado College studying Chemistry, working for the Office of Sustainability, and teaching Pilates with Jordan! ANYA CARTER is in her sophomore year of college, studying political science with a minor in philosophy and film & media studies. She has been exploring downtown St. Louis on the weekends and has even found some beautiful hikes in Missouri! She also just got dinner with WashU senior and HMI alum Jackie Kumble! CLAIRE MAURER goes to Whitman College and enjoys early morning adventures before class and birds. LORIN DEMUTH is a sophomore at Whitman College busy with classes, tennis, and filling out study abroad applications. She and Tressa Fallon continue to live it up in Walla Walla. TRESSA FALLON is an art history major at Whitman college and she is looking forward to returning home to Minnesota for the summer to be with her family and dogs. When not studying political science, ALTANA ELINGS-HAYNIE is working as a route setter at the Reed climbing wall. Additionally, she’s planning a trip to Smith Rock for spring break, which she is stoked about! ANDREW KONING is at Calvin College and recently got accepted into the nursing program and is excited to start clinical in the fall. This coming summer he is working at a bike shop and leading outdoor recreation trips for incoming freshman at Calvin, either sea kayaking in the North Channel or climbing in the Red. JESSI FRIEDMAN is currently pursuing a Math and Environmental Studies major at Bowdoin College (with a minor in Earth and Oceanographic Science), and taking on a leadership role in the promotion of sustainability on campus. This summer, she will be working for Overland Adventures and cannot be more stoked to lead 5th and 6th graders on the New England Adventure trip all summer. ERIC WILKE expanded his palette in 2017, having learned to drive and enjoy sushi. He keeps
busy traveling and writing scripts. ECHO MILLER-BARNES is leading outdoors trips at Lewis & Clark College and enjoying her sophomore year of college. She’s looking forward to spending another summer living in her car and working as a raft guide on Clear Creek in Colorado! JACOB MEYER is enjoying his time at the University of Arizona. This year CHRIS BRAKEY continued his studies at the U.S. Naval Academy. He has got to visit Guam and is experimenting with the noble art of highland dance. CAROLINE GOGGINGS is enjoying her sophomore year at Dartmouth studying environmental engineering. She’s excited about spending the summer in Hanover and next fall in Copenhagen! If anyone’s around either of those two places, please reach because she loves all mini HMI reunions! KEVIN GONZALEZ is working on a programming project for his research lab and has started doing some tutoring on the side. BROCK PETTERSON just started classes at Santa Monica College. He especially likes The History of Rock course. ESTHER KIM is taking the year off from school to work and be at home after living away for five years. After the long time she spent at culturally non-diverse institutions, it has been so refreshing for her to find a sense of belonging and community at home once again, where she’s rekindled pride in her Korean-American heritage. LARS SCHUSTER has been enjoying his times at Bates. He has recently been employed by Hunan House Chinese restaurant as the backup sushi roller. HELEN SEARS is killing it this year, her Colby College rugby team is now 7th in the nation, and she tried but failed to have a Colby College HMI alum dinner, maybe this semester? CHARLIE KOCH is continuing to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at the Colorado School of Mines. He still spends most of his free time on a bicycle. WINNIE CHENEY is doing great getting his art degree at Bard College being a super artsy artist. He just got a sick new bmx bike. And he’s being a good boy and running everyday like HMI taught him! WILL DONALDSON’S future remains a mystery, but for the present he continues to dominate Bowdoin’s B league IM hockey circuit. NATALIE COHEN is enjoying her second year at Harvard and was so excited to see her HMI friends at the Semester 34 reunion in January!

**SEMIESTER 36**

We’d love to hear from you! Send your updates to James Woods (jamesgwoods@hotmail.com).

**SEMIESTER 38**

MEAGHAN CUNNiffe has been enjoying life at CU Boulder, making good friends especially in the climbing club. She’s been hiking, climbing, and chillin’ with Emily Graf a bit since she moved to town. When Semester 40 was getting ready for their Winter Expedition, ARON RAKAR went for a week of tourskiing in the French Alps. While he was skiing those slopes, and standing at the top of Pic Blanc (3300 meters) he felt nostalgic and wishes he could have another Winter Exped with Semester 38. RENNY ACHESON just turned 18 and registered to vote. She’s taking two English classes (Literature as politics and African American literature) and is going to Whitman College next year! NORA GREELEY taught all of her campers the Self Worth song last summer and they all loved it and did it all summer. She also joined her school’s cross country skiing team which was super fun because Victoria practiced at the same place so they got to see each other almost every day! Nora is going to Dickinson College next year. LEON DIAMOND and Ayden will be doing a triathlon in May together. Leo is going to school at University of Chicago next year. EVERETT METCHICK will be going to Colby College in Waterville, ME next fall. He will be spending this summer traveling and coaching sailing on the Long Island Sound. HILLARY SWIMMER will be spending her summer working on an organic farm and in an ice cream shop. She plans to attend Colby College, starting with a home stay in Salamanca, Spain and then returning to campus in January. Lia Coyle will start running with her track team soon! She is the captain of the track team. She’s also been snowboarding a lot and is committed to CU Boulder for next year! DREW MANNING fulfilled a lifelong dream of seeing Father John Misty in concert, is going to a college next year, is yet to fail senior year (but still a possibility), finally started watching The Office, and is still a barista. SOFIA SACERDOTE says, “Hello from Uganda where I’m spending two weeks meeting a close friend’s family, working with an organization to sponsor kids, and seeing the amazing wildlife! My adventure here feels a little like an HMI expedition and I’m thinking lots about our time together in Leadville and the Canyons. I will also be attending Brown University next fall. Sending all my love!” JOOST-OLAN SHEEHAN says, “hello HMI! Life is good over here! I got into Bates and will be playing soccer there! I’m also looking forward to some awesome hiking and backpacking in New England as the weather gets warmer. I hope all is well in CO, and I plan on visiting soon!” Right after HMI, AMELIA SMITH visited Israel to learn about Israeli culture and discuss the significance of history throughout such a modernized city. During the summer, she spent every weekend, and most weekdays showing her dog Grace in junior showmanship to qualify for the 2018 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. This year she was ranked #1 Border Terrier Junior Handler and #3 Terrier Handler in the United States! At school Amelia is the head of the Hotchkiss Humane Society and the Investment Office (Literature as politics and African American literature) and fulfilled a lifelong dream of seeing Father John Misty in concert, is going to a college next year, is yet to fail senior year (but still a possibility), finally started watching The Office, and is still a barista. SOFIA SACERDOTE says, “Hello from Uganda where I’m spending two weeks meeting a close friend’s family, working with an organization to sponsor kids, and seeing the amazing wildlife! My adventure here feels a little like an HMI expedition and I’m thinking lots about our time together in Leadville and the Canyons. I will also be attending Brown University next fall. Sending all my love!”
APPRENTICE UPDATES

HILARY BURT (Semester 30 Apprentice) finished her Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at the University of Vermont and moved back to the Northern Rockies in Bozeman, MT. She is loving her job as a therapist in an elementary school and enjoying her weekends skiing, running, and doing all of the mountain town things. LUCAS MILLIKEN (Semester 32 Apprentice) is teaching History and English at Carrabassett Valley Academy, a ski and snowboard academy in Maine. ALEXA ROSENTHALL (Semester 33 Apprentice) is currently living in Boston and is waiting to hear about her future grad school location! She is hoping to go to some type of medical school to eventually be a rural family medicine physician. Her puppy Bodhi keeps her on her toes and she works hard to find time to still ski and climb! SCOTT SUGDEN (Semester 35 Apprentice) is in his first year of a master’s program in environmental microbiology at the University of Alberta, and in between weeks of schooling he ventures out to the Canadian Rockies for weekends of camping and climbing. This summer he hopes to lead another canoe trip for the Voyageur Outward Bound School before returning to school in the fall. SAVANNAH JOHNSON (Semester 35 Apprentice) recently wrapped up a fantastic semester teaching Literature and Global Studies for The Traveling School in southern Africa. She is back in Chicago for the time being, working remotely as an Admissions Consultant for African Leadership Academy in Johannesburg and doing lots of yoga with fellow Sem. 35 Apprentice ANNIE NELSON. Still a nomad, Savannah soon departs for Asia with her partner, Paul, and the pair will spend about six months adventuring while Savannah directs Walking Tree Travel’s Southeast Asia programs. If there are any other HMI alums in the area, let her know! She sends her love to all the Semester 35 homies. ALEX TRAUTMAN (Semester 37 Apprentice) is living in Atlanta teaching coding, working on web development, and playing ultimate Frisbee. CLAIRE SUTTON (Semester 38 Apprentice) is working as a Gap Semester Instructor with ARCC Programs—she led a fall semester through Asia and will continue with ARCC this spring to lead a semester in Chilean Patagonia and in Cuba. Claire still spends her off time lingering around the HMI campus to be reunited with the Hobart and in hopes the famed “H-Team”, new faculty members, Hayden and Howie, will still be her friends.

SUMMER TERM UPDATES COMING SOON!