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WELCOME TO THE
ALUMNI UPDATES!

Dear HMI alumni—welcome to the spring Alumni Updates. It’s always a blast to see what everyone is up to! Don’t forget to flip to the end of these updates to find out what former HMI apprentices have been up to—it’s pretty inspiring stuff. As always, updates from fall semesters and former faculty will appear in the fall. Happy reading!

SEMESTER 2

PETER BISKIND completed his AMGA Ski Guide certification in 2018, and started work as an avalanche forecaster for the Valdez Avalanche Center in Alaska. In March and April he will continue working as a helicopter ski guide! He also published an article in The Avalanche Review called Shut Up and Shovel.

— We are looking for a Class Coordinator for Semester 2!

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SEMESTER 4

NOAH MUNRO is currently working remotely with his wife, traveling around the country in an RV. They are consulting and marketing for food businesses while building their blog and YouTube passion project which is sharing their water-focused adventures through www.PortPerspective.com. NATALIE NISKA is really enjoying being a mommy to Smith, who just turned one! He makes her laugh all the time and she is so grateful that she gets to bring him to work. Smith goes with Natalie to the kitchen and on deliveries throughout Napa Valley. She says, “It’s fun to imagine who he will be while
Noah (Semester 4) and Kriste Munro exploring ports all over the world with their project, Port Perspective.

Natalie Niska and her one year old, Smith. (Semester 4)

The newest addition to Natalie Niska’s family, Smith, getting excited for Semester 72.1 (Semester 4)

Noah (Semester 4) and Kriste Munro exploring ports all over the world with their project, Port Perspective.
It's been a busy and exciting year for Semester 8. Congratulations to ISAIAH THOMAS who finished his doctorate in higher education administration from Northeastern University last spring and was recently promoted to Director of Residential Communities and Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Students at Swarthmore College! ERIN (KLOEPFER) WOTTEN is still in Farmington, NM where she just started as the HR Director for Invigorate Health, a company that is expanding and will give her lots of challenging and exciting opportunities. JOHN SHUBERT recently accepted a new job, and he and his family moved back to Winston Salem, NC. ADAM KLAFKY is still working for NOLS and recently moved to Fort Collins, CO with his wife Courtney. ANDREW BERNSTEIN also moved to CO this year. He's now living in Boulder where he works for a marketing agency that represents brands in the bike and outdoor spaces. Longtime Colorado resident EM POWERS has had quite the year: she got married on a 14er, rescued another dog, went on a honeymoon adventure in Canyonlands, and decided to cut back on her work so she is only teaching, managing a yoga studio, and running a full-time private growing up in a commercial kitchen. Hugs to all!” KATYE WATTS just welcomed her second child, August Alexander Watts, to the world! Their daughter Finley (4) is very excited to be a big sister.

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SEMESTER 6

JULIA KOSINSKI is living in Connecticut and is still working as an attorney. Julia and her husband have a 1.5 year old son and are welcoming their second child (another boy) in April. They just got back from skiing in Park City with SARA LONGLEY and her family and already miss the snow out West! Sara and Julia say that they hope all is well at HMI, and that they are determined to visit with their families one of these years.

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Julia Kosinski and Sara Longley’s (Semester 6) kids have a play date during a ski vacation in Park City!
practice in massage, craniosacral therapy, and reiki. For **JP BLEIBTREAU**, it’s been a busy year of globetrotting. He took a trip to Spain last spring to celebrate his first anniversary. He wrote, “Surprisingly I found all my Spanish coming back which made for a very pleasant and easy trip. Thanks Nancy!” In a change of pace, **ODILE SCHALIT** has been stateside and hasn’t left the country for the past year as she’s been back in NYC heading up the launch, management, and services of a new nonprofit. Of course, she has a list of travel destinations for the very-near-future. **MATT PALEVSKY** wrote in from Santa Fe, where he is stewarding a Buddhist community as the President and Resident Director of Upaya Zen Center. By the time you read this, **LIZ (BAGLEY) LEMOINE** , who has settled into life in VT with her husband and daughter, will have given birth to her second daughter. **RUTH POLAND** is also expecting; she, Jesse, and Theo are expecting their second son in July! In the meantime, Ruth is still teaching high school science and, this year, she is getting her students more involved than ever with environmental activism. **MICHELLE MAY** is still in Arlington, VA where she specializes in Intensive Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy with adults and couples. She is as musical as ever, having added a baritone ukulele and banjo to her arsenal, she and her husband play at local retirement home. And, **ABBY SMITH** writes in from Ann Arbor where she’s working as a biostatistician on transplant and chronic kidney disease research. She recently bought a new home, went on a family hiking trip in British Columbia and Montana, and is now expecting her third child in May. As for me, **DAN LUSTICK**, I spent January in the Rosebud Lakota Reservation in South Dakota for one of my nurse practitioner clinicals—it was a rich and compelling experience, and quite the change of pace from Boston. Now, I’m in the last semester of my program and am staring the job search for a family nurse practitioner position. It’s always so great to hear about everyone’s incredible and interesting lives. Odile and Erin put it best, “it’s so great to be a part of a group of amazing individuals that were brought together so long ago!” I agree.

— Dan Lustick (danlustick@gmail.com)

**SEMESTER 10**

Overall, RMSX is thriving! Themes continue to include travel and spending as much time outside as possible. New and growing themes for our group include relationships and families! **SARAH LOUISE TOOKE** is still living in Los Angeles with her wife. She sees **LIZ BUBRISKI** and **JAMIE POSTER** fairly regularly and made it to the HMI reunion with **MICHAEL GREGORY**. When he isn’t in Leadville, Michael still lives in Telluride with his wife and their 14-month-old daughter, Henrietta. He continues to serve on the HMI board and just finished yet another documentary film. He has already started another film, this one is a natural history film about air and the atmosphere, and is editing a book. Somehow, he still makes time to ski! Speaking of skiing, **ALI FRIZELL WARD** has been doing a lot of it! She just finished up a backcountry ski trip in British Columbia and is living in Salt Lake with her husband practicing Emergency Medicine, traveling, and skiing locally as often as possible. She recently saw **KATIE CLARK** who was out visiting and skiing with her baby son Everett! Katie, her husband, and Everett live in Charlottesville, Virginia for now, but they are moving west to San Diego in August where Katie will be starting a pediatric neuro-oncology fellowship. **JENNY SHAW** is also making a big move! Jenny has been in Taiwan for the last decade, but she is moving (with her beagle baby!) to Seattle in March! She says Jamie, Liz, and Sarah were helpful in convincing her to move to the West Coast, and I’m sure she will see **LIZA PARSONS** once she moves out there! Liza is in Seattle and reports that she is surviving her 6th snow day this month! Jenny, you may want to bring a shovel! Some of us have not moved. **ALI BOUCHER** continues to live in Vermont with her husband and 16-month-old baby boy, Logan. (I’d like to note that the babies
JULIE FRIEDMAN moved to Aspen in August. She is a special education teacher at the district middle school where she works with 7th grade teacher and former HMI apprentice ALEX TARIAK. She’s skied 30 days this season (so far!) and is happy to be back in Colorado! DEXTER LOCKE is alive and kicking but states only, “I’ve got nothing, no updates at all from last year.” We can only assume this means he’s still working as a Postdoctoral Fellow at SESYNC, the National-Socio Environmental Synthesis Center in Annapolis, Maryland.

LOUISE COX is in grad school at Pepperdine pursuing her master’s in Clinical Psychology after leaving the music industry fully in the dust last year. She lives in LA and was training for her first century ride until she broke her wrist last week on a training ride. She’ll make a full recovery, but for now is practicing living the one-handed life.

LILLY NANNES and her family are finishing their third year in Durham, which means her husband is finally finishing his specialist training. They can’t wait to return to settle in Martha’s Vineyard permanently in June with Zoey (1) and Jack (3). ILSE GRIFFIN is currently in the English Language Fellow program and is stationed in Wuhan, China as an...

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As the head of policy marketing for YouTube, CELIE O'NEIL-HART was one of the organizers of the #GoogleWalkout this year to demand real change in the face of systemic racism and sexism across the tech industry. She and her husband, Shane, were thrilled to move to Mt. Sutro in San Francisco in early 2019, after years of trail running and mountain biking there. She experienced lots of happy HMI memories this year as she skied more than 200,000 vertical feet in Tahoe and Colorado. PAUL LANDSBERG was selected for the US Air Force Academy Faculty Pipeline program. As part of the program Paul will spend three years pursuing a PhD in history at a civilian school, and will eventually teach at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He is awaiting responses from schools but is excited to enroll this fall.

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English lecturer at a university. She’ll be there for 10 months before returning stateside. While ASHLEY SAUNDERS is still living in Texas, she got married this year back in Leadville! KEVIN BRASHAR is currently working for a helicopter company up in Alaska. His son Bodhi is two and he and his wife are expecting baby number two in September! I (GREER PEARCE) gave birth to my son Teddy last April. I spent my maternity leave toting Teddy on lots of hikes, and even got him out on a 2-night camping trip in Maine over the summer. He showed great promise as an outdoorsman, but I gave him a delta in bombproofing when he left his baby gear strewn around our campsite. I’m now back at work leading Brand Strategy at AMP Agency in Boston.

— Greer Pearce (greerpearce@gmail.com)
SEMESTER 16

CHARLOTTE BUCK lives in Brooklyn, NY and teaches in a two’s classroom at a Montessori Inclusion school and she recently finished her master’s in Early Childhood Education and Students with Disabilities this past December. She is happily living with her partner of nearly six years. Also in Brooklyn, ROB ELLIOT lives with his partner, Sarah, and puppy, Fin, and he works on his indoor gardening startup, Urban Leaf. He’s got a guest room if anyone finds themselves in New York! BROOKS ROSS lives on the Upper West Side in NYC and recently had a blast backcountry skiing in Nagano, Japan and dusting off his HMI winter camping skills! LEO DEBOIS lives in Topsfield, MA and works as an 8th grade Humanities teaching apprentice, soccer and basketball coach, tutor, and substitute teacher at Glen Urquhart School, his middle school alma mater. SYLVIE LAM can’t seem to leave Colorado (thanks HMI!) and is still living the “Boulder” life. Though she’s fully preoccupied with working in addiction treatment and starting her own private practice, she’s hoping to tackle the first part of the Colorado Trail this summer. Also in Boulder, JOY SHURE works for Skratch Labs and she had a great time with the crew at reunion and organized an HMI day event and met some other great alumni. She is headed to Nepal in 2020 and excited to camp and train on some 14ers in preparation for that! TERRENCE WORD lives in Durango, CO and works as a field guide for a wilderness therapy company. When he’s not taking troubled youth into the woods, he enjoys all the San Juans have to offer and recently took a trip to Patagonia! Terrence had a blast with Julia, Hilary, Andi, and Joy at the reunion this past summer. Also in Boulder, CAM DEAMER-PHILLIPS got married to Claire, fellow Whittie, one-time Leadvilite, and girlfriend of eight years, in October of 2018. A slew of current and former HMI students, apprentices, and faculty were there to help ensure that it wasn’t too civil, including Peter Kernan, Caroline Koehler, Avery Kernan, DaveClark-Barol, and Liz Andrews. He continues to love living in the Apple Capitol of the World, and would gladly give anyone a sales pitch about why it’s worth joining him. This spring, he’ll get to spend a week backcountry skiing in the Sawtooths with RMS 16er Ben Hayes! BETSY BAYLISS lives in Seattle, WA again after a stint in Iowa. She still coaches rowing, now at Seattle University, and loves working with her athletes. She spends her free time in the winter months snowshoeing, and is looking forward to becoming a certified Sports Life Coach this spring.

— Hilary Burt (hilaryeburt@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 18

JUD PACKARD is finishing his MFA this semester and then becoming an artist. LAUREN MCDONALD just moved to Maine and is excited to get involved in musical and farming activities and to be closer to friends and family. SARAH HEELY is working in the hospitality industry in Newport Beach. Her daughter will be two in April! She and her husband are enjoying every new moment, pouring into her, and watching her grow. HANNAH BARANES is starting year three of a PhD in geosciences at UMass Amherst and spending non-work time coaching and competing in ultimate when it’s warm and backcountry snowboarding when it’s cold. NUBIA GALINDO got engaged to her boyfriend/fiancé Tom this past June! Right after she got engaged they went on a ten-day road trip of the SW and visited eight national parks. They’re planning their wedding for October 2019 in Estes Park. She’s also recently joined the HMI strategic planning committee. She’s very excited to be able to participate in shaping the future of HMI by bringing an alumni voice to the group. YSABEL DEVITT lives in Charlottesvile, VA where she cooks professionally and makes wirewrap jewelry. LAURA CASTLEMAN is living with her husband David in Boise, Idaho. She’s a Licensed Professional Counselor working at the Boise Women’s & Children’s Alliance. David is a data analyst at a financial tech firm. Laura says that “she’s enjoying the great trail running out here and misses you all!” CAKEY WORTHINGTON got married and promoted! She and Mark celebrated a beautiful fall mountain wedding in Asheville on October 13, 2018. She’s also been promoted to the Director of Implementation at her company where she manages forest carbon offset projects. She’s also had the fortunate opportunity to see Clare Boals five times in the last six months, thanks to the HMI 20 Year Reunion and her being in San Francisco occasionally for business. CORY MCGINN is still working for the CEO of AECOM. She was lucky enough to go to Switzerland for the World Economic Forum in Davos for the second time last month and is currently on a plane to Japan to go snowboarding! She is still living in LA and her awesome dog Lola just passed her therapy dog test! JUSTIN HUDGINS is in Beijing working in education. ALI WANG is still working at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston (BIDMC for short since that is a long name). Her current role is Senior Clinical Process Engineer. She just bought her first house in Carlisle, MA and is spending time on fun house projects and the usual skiing. CATIE CZIAKOWSKI is enjoying her life in Denver! ALEX WINGERT is still in Denver working for the same oil company as an Environmental Engineer. She and her husband just got back from a three-week trip to Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. They had an amazing time! She’s looking forward to spring skiing and summertime! She’s lucky that she gets to see Catie about once a week!

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SEMMETER 20

DAN EPPSTEIN is currently in Rishikesh, India doing a month of intensive yoga. Afterwards, he’ll head to Nepal to do a meditation retreat and some trekking in the Himalayas. This summer he will head to Provincetown, MA, and work at a restaurant there. It’s been a year of introspection and discovery for Dan, and he is proud to acknowledge that truth. He’s not sure where the next years will take him and he finds that exciting for the moment. Dan’s stuff is still in Amsterdam and he will check back in with that good city next fall. Touching the mountains here in India, makes him dream about his first home in them with all of you at HMI. That was a truly happy time for Dan, and gratitude fills him now. Dan says, “It’s been a LONG time since meeting up with someone from HMI. I hope everyone is well, truly, truly. And I send all of you my love.”

WILL GYORY is in NYC and generally enjoys the busy (but intellectually thrilling) grad school life. He’s doing research in theoretical physics and studying states of matter inside neutron stars. Fun fact for the day: a teaspoonful of neutron star has more mass than all the cars in the United States combined. (Holy cow!) He’s cursed out the New York subways many more times now since last year, but refuses to become bitter about them and is still in love with the city! Will was very sad to miss the reunion while he was studying for quals, but was then very happy to pass quals. He votes for a 21-Year Reunion!

JACK TETER is currently the political director for Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains. Jack says, “We were able to flip Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada to blue trifectas, and are now focused on legislation to ensure that everyone in these three states has access to the health care and education they need regardless of ability to pay or where they live. Our region is already a safe haven for folks in neighboring states who can’t access health care where they live, and we expect the number of folks who need to travel here to skyrocket under continuing attacks from the federal level and in states where access to reproductive health care including abortion will all but disappear when Roe is jeopardized. This morning, we passed a bill out of the Colorado house that will, among other things, ensure that sex education is LGBT inclusive and also includes consent education.” After two intense years of ER nursing in DC, KATIE FELLOWS left her job for a three month travel nurse assignment on the Big Island in Hawaii.
It’s so chill that she almost feels bad for being there because it feels like vacation with a side of work. But, it was time for a break, and she plans on enjoying every last minute of it and going scuba diving as much as possible. Katie is not sure where she’ll end up next, but the best part of her travel job is that she can work anywhere they need nurses in the country. If anyone has lived in an unexpectedly cool place in the US, let her know! **BECCA JOSEPH** is currently in her first year of Family Medicine Residency. Her program is based in a Federally Qualified Health Center in Lawrence, MA and they focus on caring for a primarily Latin American immigrant community. Becca says, “It’s a lot of fun to finally be out of school and actually taking care of patients. Since it’s Family Medicine we do all sorts of things, but Becca is mostly focused on reproductive health. Jack, shout out to your amazing work at Planned Parenthood!” Outside of residency, Becca got married last June! Katie Korman, Cayla, and Cayla’s boyfriend AC came for the wedding, which was so much fun. Cayla and AC gifted them tons of delicious beer for the reception. Anyone passing through Boston should be sure to grab a drink with Becca and Cayla at their brewery. Becca also got to run the Boston Marathon last spring and is looking forward to training for another race soon. **HENRY MCKENNA** is still living in Boston, covering the New England Patriots, and taking as much time as he can to ski and hike. For the third straight year, Henry was able to cover the Super Bowl, which continues to be a surreal event to attend for work. After that, he took some time to ski Jackson Hole for a few days, which was incredible. He’s also an uncle to two little kiddos, one of which was born this year, and is loving uncle life. **JANE STRADER** is still living in Jackson, WY and is continually falling love with this place and the people here. She completed her master’s in experiential education in May and since has piloted a couple of different versions of a forest kindergarten program. She had some success, some failure, and a lot of growth. Jane phased out of her last pilot program at the end of January and is am now shoveling snow for money and skiing as much a humanly possible! Jane reports that walking around in the mountains on sunny days, riding the Red Box on powder days, boot packing every day, and skiing powder is promoting major spiritual growth, she is really getting to the core of life these days. Jane also says, “I’ve been questioning all I have known, all that I want to see happen, and trying to simply be present and thankful for each every moment as it is now. I’m love with a landscape, a boy, a few friends, and powder skiing, and taking one breath at a time. I’m not planning on going anywhere either, so if y’all come out and want to go ski or climb in these hills give a girl a shout.” She has also started practicing kundalini yoga and highly recommends it. **LOGAN DONOVAN** is still based in NYC working as a software engineer for a small startup doing anti-counterfeiting and certification for the cannabis industry in the US. They don’t have an office so he’s been traveling non-stop while working remotely. Logan is currently living in Dubai for six weeks to train for his skydiving competitions. Last September, Logan got third place at UK Nationals in Canopy Piloting in the pro class, so he has a slot to go to the World Cup in South Africa in November this year. He’s been working on building his skydiving team and scoring software, Control Tower. He’s also been mentoring newer jumpers in the sport, especially women since only 10% of the skydiving membership is female. Logan also just bought an industrial sewing machine so he can start making custom bags and accessories for skydiving. Logan says, “Anyone is welcome to crash at my place in NYC if you’re in town. I’d love to see everyone again!” **ZOE SOLOMON** is still living in Boulder, Colorado, and is currently in her first year of teaching. She is teaching first grade and learning a tremendous amount! Zoe is also finishing her master’s in Education and Human Development with a concentration in early literacy. She’ll be done in May! In her free time, Zoe tries hard to enjoy this great state by skiing, hiking or biking. She is also really enjoying being a new aunt to her adorable nephew! **ROSALIND BROKAW** lives in beautiful Carbondale, CO with her boyfriend Bobby at the Colorado Rocky Mountain School. She taught 7th and 8th grade science and English Language Development at a brand-new public school in Glenwood Springs last year and a bit of this year (shout out to Cooper Mallozzi for his inspiration!). Unfortunately the school, being a start-up environment, was a very challenging place to be a new teacher, and in the interest of self-preservation, Roz is now substitute teaching in the area and babysits for a family regularly. She’s been working on her skate skiing skills this winter and returned to Leadville recently to compete in her first Leadville Loppet 10k. Roz says, “It was awesome to see some XXers at the HMI reunion, and I hope to see many of you soon!” **HANSON SMITH** is in the fifth year of a PhD program in math at CU Boulder. He’s been working really hard on research for the last couple of years and, recently, the work has started to pay off. Last semester, Hanson had two papers published! As per usual, when he’s not mathing, he’s climbing and enjoying the hills. Hanson says, “If any of y’all find yourselves in Boulder, hit me up!”

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**SEMESTER 22**

**LUCY WILLIAMS** finished graduate school in May with a master’s in art therapy and mental health counseling. She’s working at a partial hospitalization program in Boston as a primary therapist and loving it! She’s living south of Boston with her girlfriend, training for a half marathon, and is constantly on dog walks with her three dogs. **SARAH BATES** is headed back to school (again) in the fall to get an MFA in nonfiction creative writing. She’s not sure yet if she’s headed to Pittsburgh, Arizona, or Wyoming, but is extremely tempted to go west! In the meantime, she’s spending the spring working as a freelance writer, travelling, and hiking. **MACKENZIE NAERT** is about to enter her fourth and final year of medical school at Mount Sinai in NYC. She’s also finishing up a master’s of Science in Clinical Research. After some amazing hiking in Norway this fall, she recently got to spend a week in Colorado skiing and hanging out with family in Denver, which made her miss Leadville! **MICHAEL JORGENSEN** is working on a master’s in the Art of Teaching online, but he isn’t just in school, he’s also teaching at one! He teaches physics, calculus, geometry, and PE at the Alzar School, a semester school based in Valley County Idaho and Chile. He spends his summers on the river, raft guiding in Oregon and Idaho. His partner Emma lives with him in Idaho. **CHESTER LINDLEY** recently moved to Sacramento after finishing grad school to start working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He’s a fish biologist, working on tracking the recovery of salmon in California. He doesn’t spend as much time outdoors for work as he’d like, but he credits his time at HMI for steering him into a career in conservation. When backpacking around California, his HMI half-Nalgene still dangles from his pack. **JEFF OLIVER-SMITH** has recently ended a stint working at a software company in the Midwest, and has just moved to Manhattan! This is the fourth city he’s lived in over the past two years since he met his girlfriend in Chicago. He’s still on the job hunt in New York City, but has been reflecting on advice from Molly Barnes: a job, like college, is a match to be made and not a prize to be won. **KIRK SEAMAN** has been working in the geotechnical/environmental engineering industry for about four years from Maine to Pennsylvania as a liaison between the EPA and commercial developments as well as working as a subsurface geologist/hydro-geologist. His wonderful partner in crime and newly appointed fiancé will be graduating medical school in June, after which they plan to move west, away from the Patriots and the oh so lovely New England winters. **SUSANNAH CONWAY** has been insanely busy teaching fourth grade, being a dorm parent to eighth and ninth grade boys, planning a wedding, and taking care of her hyperactive cat, Watson. She will be marrying her fiancé, James, on June 1 in Fairlee, VT at the summer camp where they met (shout out to all my fellow HMI/Aloha folks). She is looking forward to her honeymoon this summer, where she will be going to New Zealand and Southeast Asia. If anyone has suggestions for where to go, let her know! **ROWAN PANTALENA** has been up to all sorts of things this past year; including changing their first name and becoming RMS XXII’s new class coordinator. They serve in Newton, MA as a Minister for Christian Formation (aka youth minister) and Parish Administrator while they continue in the ordination process in the Episcopal Church to hopefully someday become a priest. Last but not least, they’re getting married to their amazing fiancé Kelsey Larson in Bozeman, MT on June 1st. After that, they’re going to change their last name, too.

— Rowan Pantalena (rowan.pantalena@gmail.com)

**SEMESTER 24**

XXIvers are adulting, yet doing it big in the world! To kick it off athletically, **CHRIS DUDA** is still digging tunnels and attempting to get better at surfing and **MADDY PITKIN** recently ran her first half marathon and is starting a yoga teacher training course while going strong in NYC’s Ad tech world. **MAGGIE HARWOOD** has been skiing as much as she can and started working for an education tech company doing admissions for a Harvard online program. She recently attended **SAM FRIEDMAN’S** cooking class where he is a culinary instructor at a Cook Street School of Culinary Arts in Denver, it was delicious! Now for our intelligent and continuous learners, **ARI SOLOMON** is living in Denver and getting her master’s in landscape architecture. **SOPHIE WHEELock** is in her last semester at Yale School of Public Health studying reproductive health policy and enjoying New Haven pizza. **VIRGINIA HILL** is in her second year of law school in New York and enjoyed spending her time in Denver last summer and attending the HMI 20th reunion. She’s also getting married to a fellow Colorado College alum Daniel Butler this May, and is having a fun time with all of the wedding preparations right now! **MICHELA TEPLER** is getting her master’s in Education at the University of Southern Maine and is currently certified in 7-12 Life Science Education and is hoping to be a wacky middle school science teacher, while picking comedy back up in the summer. **LAURA DONALDSON** is teaching 3rd and 4th grade at The Nightingale-Banford School and loving it while also getting her master’s degree in Education at Bank Street at the same time. She’s living in Brooklyn with her new dog, Manu! **SAM PETERSON** is jealous of Laura’s new dog because he is currently in negotiations with his landlord to make this dream come true. Sam switched jobs and is working at a political consulting firm helping clients develop their communication strategies and form issue based advocacy plans. Also changing the world is **SETON TALTY** who is living in DC and just started working on the Climate Campaign with the Audubon Society. She had an amazing time catching up with
so many XXIVers at the HMI 20-Year Reunion. Later in the summer, she led a student trip to Rwanda with The School for Ethics and Global Leadership. Continuing with the travel bug, MAEVE O’CONNOR-BETHUNE is planning a trip around the world with her partner while rehabbing a recently torn ACL. She’s living in Denver, working at a school at a Residential Facility for kiddos who have experienced significant trauma. There, she leads all of the non-academics during the school year and runs many of the recreational programs in the summer. MOLLY KNOX spent last summer in Southeast Asia and has now moved to Minneapolis with her partner where it is very cold snowy and windy, but everybody says the summer is great, so she is hopeful. She’s working at a local art school, and ACT tutoring on the side. MAX BRAUN has been living and working in Chicago for the last year and a half and was only able to survive the Polar Vortex because of the winter trip we took in XXIV. Most recently his travels took him on a week-long motorcycle trip through Colombia. He loved seeing everyone for the reunion last summer and still misses the hell out of Leadville. MAX ROSEN is another soon to be newlywed from the XXIV bunch; he got engaged over the holidays and getting married in late 2020! He is currently working in DC in the transportation and telecommunications space. Speaking of transportation, ANDREW SPINA is living in Savannah, GA, flying planes for the army and is deploying in March for a few months but welcomes any visitors who happen to be in the area.

— Maggie Harwood (magharwood@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 26

HALEY ABBOTT is still living in Ann Arbor and working for the University of Michigan in a developmental biology lab that studies female fertility. In her free time, she does some pet sitting for locals and loves having dogs (and cats) around! In August, Haley will begin veterinary school. She is still going through the interview process and does not yet know where she will be attending, but so far the candidates are Michigan State University and University of Minnesota. KEVIN CHUN is still in NYC and continues to work at a financial research firm. He made it back on to skis for the first time since HMI in February and cannot wait for a trip to Japan in March. Spare time this year goes to studying for his CFA and anything else that comes his way. BARRETT DONOVAN is still in Leadville, CO, and loves it! She is in her second year as the Alumni & Development Coordinator at HMI and is typing this update.
from the Map Room. She loves getting to know all of the amazing students that come to HMI every semester, and just returned from expedition in Utah with Semester 42! In her free time, she skis and runs as much as possible and raced in her first cross country ski race this weekend—the Leadville Loppet! **MARIAH FOLEY** is currently spending her winter living and playing in snowy Vail! After this past growing season working on an organic veggie farm outside of Boulder, Mariah will be leading vegetable production for a non-profit farm in Basalt, CO starting this coming spring and couldn’t be more excited to get to play in the Sawach range year-round. **SAM FOX** is working as a biomechanist in Jefferson University’s Human Performance Lab where her main project is…. cycling biomechanics! Yes, still cycling, but less and less these days after a bad crash in September. Just as life begins to settle down, Sam picks up five more things to do, so she just started a master’s program in Neuromotor Science—turns out its really hard to be in school and work at the same time, who knew?! At least Sam has her fat cat, Harry (aka Gimili) to cuddle with while studying. Anyway, holler if you’ll be in the Philly Area! In a shocking twist of fate, **JILL GARDINER** has ventured west yet again! You can find her riding her bike (Tallulah) to work at a local Palo Alto nonprofit (Benetech - look it up, its great), keeping 38 plants alive somehow in her studio apartment, and posting too many photos to Instagram with #happylittletrees because somehow she and Allan have relationship hashtags. Oh also after six years she graduated from Boston University this May with a BA in Economics. **NINA MURRAY** lives in the twin cities in Minnesota and working with individuals who are struggling with disability and persistent mental illness. She was promoted in May and loves her job. She applied to graduate school earlier this year for her master’s in Social Work. She is still the proud mother of Buttons, who she believes tolerates her more than he used to. 

**ANNIE PRESTON** lives in Hudson, Ohio with six roommates, a dog, and four cats (and she is allergic to all of them, especially the roommates). She is still working at a non-profit partner of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, working on a sustainable farming lease program and starting a beginning farmer education program. Annie’s been traveling a lot this year–beach camping on the Lost Coast of CA, skiing all over the place in winter, and fat biking for the first time in WY! Thanks HMI for instilling an eagerness for outdoor adventures! **STEPH SUBDIAZ** is currently an instructor on the HMI Gap Spring Patagonia semester. In the last year, Steph has grown as a person and
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a professional: from not having a job or an apartment to having too many jobs and not needing an apartment. Steph is working hard to cultivate communities in all the places she frequents, and to meet up with friends to do fun things in beautiful places.

— Annie Preston (apreston@colgate.edu)

### SEMESTER 28

**MADELINE POLESE** is still in DC and this time she has a job that she likes! She’s a research assistant at a research nonprofit, focusing on health policy and government health programs. She’s thinking about grad schools but hasn’t really made any concrete steps toward that yet. **MEGAN ELAINE KONEN** is getting married in May. She’s also graduating with her masters in May in Career Counseling if anyone needs help with a resume, cover letter, or any portion of job search, let her know! Also if anyone is interested in getting a career counseling degree, it is super fulfilling to help individuals of all ages meet their career goals. **KAITLYN DIMARCO** is working as a ski instructor in Big Sky right now, and is applying to human physiology PhD programs. Hopefully she will start grad school in the fall! **ALICIA DANIELSEN** is a graphic designer for a nonprofit that provides data & analysis about social issues in Colorado. It’s been great living in Denver with her pup, Eeg, who is her adventure pal & an all-around goofball. **HENRY SANBORN** is living in Seattle doing Business Development for a small start-up that manufactures CBD-infused, powdered beverage mixes! He won’t do this forever, but he is enjoying it for now. RA RA 28! **RYAN GILBANE** is in Thailand right now, and has traveled through 10 countries in Africa and Asia since October. He worked as a wildland firefighter in Oregon, California, and Nevada this past summer and is planning on working as a crew hand on a commercial fishing rig in Alaska this summer. **ANDREA LAUREN SILVESTRI** started teaching high school science at an all-girls boarding school this fall. She loves it! On the weekends, she travels north to ski and spend time in the mountains. She just became a dog foster parent and is looking to head to grad school in the next year or so! **ALEX KING** is still in Seattle working for Google. Alex is trying to teach more by doing more mentorship at work and interview prep sessions outside of work, both of which are really fulfilling. **LUC MOSELEY** recently finished his second master’s degree and is now “funemployed” and looking for jobs in machine learning development. **GRACE FOWLER** went on a three month climbing/backpacking/road trip around the West with her partner, and is now a teaching fellow at the Alzar School in Idaho and Patagonia! She’s headed back to HMI this summer before taking her instructor course to work for NOLS. **ALEXA ADAMS** moved to DC in August and started working for The School for Ethics and Global Leadership (SEGL) in admissions! She misses the mountains, but it’s fun to get to know another semester school and a new city. **EMILY LUCAS** lives in Woods Hole Massachusetts and works in a marine lab with cephalopods (cuttlefish, octopus, and squid) and is also a barista! **PHIL ENGH** currently lives in Denver and works as a paralegal for an immigration firm in Aurora. He’s loving life out west and considering law school as his next endeavor.

— Phillip Engh (phillipengh@gmail.com)

### SEMESTER 30

**MADDY TAYLOR** is on a Fulbright teaching English in a high school in rural Malaysia! She lives on the East Coast in a state called Terengganu and she’s minutes from the beach, the jungle, and some incredible nature. Adventures so far have included road tripping across the country, trying so many new foods, spontaneous swimming in waterfalls with her students, and navigating the classroom as she teaches English as a second language. **ALEX CHERRY** spent much of the fall of 2018 working at a marine conservation institute on a small Greek islands and then traveling in the Middle East. Now he’s working for a psychologist in New York until June, when he’ll be flying to Benin (West Africa) to join the Peace Corps doing sustainable agricultural development! **JESSE METZGER** is finishing up his last semester at Colorado College, living happily alongside his two HMI husbands Rory Lowe and Carl Anderson. In his free time he has been experimenting with pickles and coming to enjoy trail running. He is still officially undeclared for post-college plans, though it may involve some travel and backpacking. **SOPHIE WASNIEWSKI** loves dogs and saves them. **BOHAN CHEN** is finishing up his first year of graduate study at Parsons. Now he is considering taking a gap year to work at IBM Watson IoT for manufacture as UX Designer in Beijing. **DAVID BAI** is working with bright young students as part of Colorado College’s Computer Science department for the academic year, then who knows? New York City, probably! **RACHEL BURDORF** is working as a Research Technician in the Cech lab at CU Boulder. She’ll be there for another year and a half and then she will be applying to molecular biology PhD programs. **DELANEY FEIGHAN** moved back to Cleveland from Denver and is now working for Health Journeys, a guided imagery/guided meditation audio producer doing marketing. She has also picked up the sport of squash, and has lost 4/4 matches. Morale is still up though! **JOSH MCCARTNEY** is at Denison studying how to use bacteriophages to kill a particularly pesky bacterium that’s responsible for the deaths of lots of people with cystic fibrosis. **RIVER LOW SPOONER** graduated, changed their name, adopted a cat, moved to Portland, and started taking testosterone! It’s been a busy year. They are currently working as a line cook. In River’s free time, they are producing a play they wrote with an amazing collective of trans folks. **SAM USHER** graduated in May,
moved to New York, and is working at a market research firm! Occasionally he gets to take the subway to work with Jackie Kumble! He and his roommates have a puppy named Alfred! Gretchen O’Brien graduated in May from Colby College. She moved to Washington DC and is working for a research and tech firm for higher education. When Gretchen’s not pursuing her passion for double dutch, she stands outside and pets the dogs that pass by. Jackie Kumble is living at home in NYC, working as a paralegal and making her dog insta-famous. She is incredibly lost when it comes to next steps in life, and gets anxious when people bring up the subject of her future. If you have any ideas of what she should pursue, please email her at jkumble713@gmail.com. Halle Payne is working in San Francisco at google. When she’s not clinking glasses with Sheryl Sandberg, she is making amazing music videos with famous Icelandic sisters. Katie Goodman is working at Ernst and Young. Although she misses Colgate, she enjoys her time breaking barriers, shattering the glass ceiling, and spending time with her family. Carl Anderson is still living with Jdog and Rory. He’s hoping to do some EMT and Ski Patrol work out West in the next few years after graduation. Martha Longley is in Washington DC saving the world from global warming.

Abby Agwunobi is thriving in the concrete jungle where dreams are made of. She enjoys playing escape room games and dining at Urban Space. Frances Snellings loves teaching third grade children in Boston. They all love her and have erected a shrine in her honor, which can be found in the block area. Elly Blum is also teaching, but instead of burrowing in Boston, she is jazzing it up in New Orleans! She is a wonderful advocate for her students and an exceptional ballroom dancer. Speaking of teaching, Virginia Puckett is working on her master’s degree in education, and left the ribbiting TCU horned frogs for the ringing of bicycle bells in Europe. Dale Storti enjoys climbing and has been named the Alex Honnold of bouldering. Rabia Khan will be venturing off to Medical School next year. Stay tuned for 2020’s update to find out where she is studying!

— Jackie Kumble (jkumble713@gmail.com)
This year **ANNA ESPOSITO** finished a community based research thesis on restorative justice practices in Maine. She is planning to graduate from Bates College in May and begin working at her mom’s financial advising business. This summer she enjoyed seeing **ETHAN GOROFF** while she was working at her uncle’s farm (Moon in the Pond) in Sheffield, Mass. **TODD JOHNSON** is a junior and a math major at Carleton College. He spends his spare time leading climbing trips and playing in various funk and jazz bands. He enjoys playing drums, and some piano and a little bit of singing. This summer, he will be doing statistics work for a startup in Boston called Toast. After finishing her year aboard in Spain, **SYDNEY STEIN** is back at Northwestern for her senior year to earn degrees in Sociology and Spanish. Next Spring, she will be leaving her job as a server in Chicago to make a much needed pilgrimage to Leadville to be the Spanish Apprentice!

**STEWART TILLYER** is a Junior at Syracuse. Pursing his love of drawing, Stew is waiting to hear back from multiple Architecture internship programs for work this summer. **WALKER JORDAN** is finishing up an Economics degree at
A RECORD BREAKER!

This year, thanks to our amazing alumni community, we were able to raise $60,000, which surpassed our $50,000 goal! To all who contributed to the 2018 Summit Challenge, thank you for helping us reach this historic milestone.

The money from this year’s Challenge will provide two semester scholarships and help make our programs accessible for students who otherwise may not be able to attend HMI.

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be in Long Island doing research, and then she is headed to Virginia Tech for a research tech position! ANA SIEGEL (JAX) is a Senior Anthropology and Environmental Studies double major at the University of Puget Sound. She is looking for a community organizing gig for Environmental oriented nonprofits for work after graduation.

— Anna Esposito (aesposit@bates.edu)

Livia Wallick and Sydney Stein (Sem 32)
SEMESTER 34

Semester 34 has been crushing it, like usual. Tressa Fallon is spending her junior year abroad, studying in England! She is counting down the seconds until she gets to visit Alex Kleinman and Anya Carter in London! Anya Carter is in her junior year of college and is studying abroad in London at King’s College. She loves it and-lived right next to the British museum, so goes four times a week. She saw HMI friend Alex Kleinman for dinner a few days ago and is planning to see Tressa in a few days too! Gigi Lavigne is enjoying her time studying abroad in Barcelona. She hopes to meet as many new people as possible! This spring, Hannah Goldstein will be studying abroad at the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies in southern Israel! The program specializes in using environmental studies as a form of peace making and is comprised of students from Israel, Palestine, Jordan, and around the world. If you’re in the area, let her know. She is also creating a podcast on gender politics in the outdoor industry. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in an interview, reach out! Will Donaldson has returned to Bowdoin from a semester abroad in Athens. He can still tread the academic water there, but whether he can swim is still to be determined. Alex Naddaff returned from spending the spring semester of 2018 in Spain and is now studying abroad in Kenya. Veronica Jones just got back from spending January in Paris and is on the home stretch of her third year at Colby. She’s frantically searching for summer plans that fall into the “Real Job” category, but when not on the job hunt, Veronica is making lots of art, climbing rocks, and learning about foraging mushrooms. Helen Sears is in her third year at Colby College and is now a captain of the rugby team. She’s a geology and environmental science major and last summer did ice core research at Dartmouth College. She also visited fellow semester 34 Charlie Koch at School of Mines! Charlie Koch has been backcountry skiing often this semester, and is looking forward to a long winter trip over spring break. Lorin Demuth just got back from a semester in Indonesia and misses the ocean loves all the POW Washington is getting. Echo Miller-Barnes is missing the sun here in Portland! She spent this past fall in Tanzania learning all about birds and eating good food. She’s super stoked to be almost halfway through the spring semester of
junior year! **ALTANA ELINGS-HAYNIE** lives in Portland, OR and spends her time studying political theory, running the Reed College Mountaineering Club, working as a route setter at the climbing wall on campus, and studying Arabic when she has the time. **DAVID HENDERSON** is currently in his junior year at Colorado College and spent the fall semester studying abroad in Amsterdam. David is excited to be back at CC for the spring and is looking forward to skiing and ultimate frisbee. **JORDAN AVERILL** has been busy leading outdoor education trips for Colorado College this past semester and is excited to go back to Owl and Fish canyons this upcoming block break. **WESTLY JOSEPH** can be found either working at Colorado College’s Office of Sustainability, playing ultimate frisbee, or camped out in the library. She still enjoys a good riddle. **LAURA DAVISON** is a junior at Colorado College majoring in geology and on the pre-medical track. This past summer, Laura had an amazing time working as a Geology Research and Collections Intern at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and completed a NOLS Alaska trip. **NOAH BRODSKY** is sending the gnar! **CHRIS BRAKEY** is doing well. He qualified for the 2019 Boston marathon and is excited to be running that. He’s also been doing a lot of Highland dance recently, and is going to Scotland in the spring. He is looking forward to honing his dance skills and eating lots of haggis. **JACK LIPSON** is making good time through his sophomore year. At school he recently became a campus fellow for Food and Water Watch and is on the mission to get Skidmore College to stop selling plastic water bottles. Every Saturday, Jack and the crew tries to outdo the previous weeks yard fire and on Sunday, Jack volunteers as a snowboard coach for an adaptive winter sports program. Jack managed to set up a schedule with classes only on Tuesdays and Thursdays to give time for general shenanigans. If anybody has an idea where Jack could work this summer, let him know. **CATHERINE BAUM** reports that life is going really, really well. **ERIC WILKE** has yet to give up on his Hollywood pipe dream as he climbs the (internship) ranks. He was traumatized by being the passenger of a serious car accident so the city boy got his own car because he doesn’t trust anyone else driving. He also visited HMI and crashed his rental into a bush but backed out alright! Ignoring all advice from her friends claiming she’d be cold and miserable, **GRACE MURRAY** took a course on animal tracking this January and loved hiking through the snowy woods of the Berkshires (although she definitely misses the Rockies). She is also beyond excited to travel to Paris in March to present her lab’s research at the International Convention of Psychological Science! **RILEY MULLIN** is having a great spring semester at Barnard so far. She just moved into a new apartment with a new roommate. She also adopted a dog recently and named her Eloise. Riley loves city life with her new pup! **CLAUDE MAURER** is studying politics at Whitman College and often enjoys talking to strangers. **WINSTON CHENEY** is at Bard College studying art and is on the track team working on 800 and 1500 times. **NATALIE COHEN** likes school and is pre-med. **ANDREW KONING** just started his pediatric and OB rotations for nursing school. When he isn’t studying or in the hospital he is riding his bike and getting ready for another summer of road racing. **KEVIN GONZALEZ** is slogging through his Physics curriculum at UTD while getting ready to take on the GRE in the summer. **INKA ZIKAN** is currently working on a Physics and Math dual degree from St Olaf College. Inka has spent the last year researching Greenland snow temperatures, attending too many classes, and playing lots of dungeons and dragons with all the free time she doesn’t have. **JACOB MEYER** is majoring in Spanish at the University of Arizona. His free time is spent searching for El Dorado in the wild jungles of the Sonoran Desert. Wish him luck. He will need it. **CAROLINE GOGGINS** spent the fall semester in Copenhagen and fell in love with their bike lanes and rye bread. She’s working in Boston this summer and would love to have as many mini HMI reunions as possible, especially if it means running dates along the Charles! **GABE NASS** is still an aspiring historian. He is currently braving the Minnesota winter, which almost got the best of him last week. He also can’t believe it’s already Semester 42!

— Westly Joseph (westlyjoseph@gmail.com)

**SEASON 36**

In spring 2018, **ERIN PAGLIONE** started her second year of university at Minerva in Seoul, South Korea. After a semester there, she’s now doing her second semester in Hyderabad, India. She’s excited to be spending her summer at Yellowstone national park, so let her know if any of you will be in the area!

— We’d love to hear from more of you, Semester 36!

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**SEASON 38**

**ISABELLE ROSS** is a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2022. Isabelle took the USNA Oath of Office on Induction Day, June 28, 2018, and completed 7 weeks of Plebe Summer on August 16, 2018. Isabelle loves playing on the Navy Women’s Ice Hockey team to balance her rigorous academic and military commitments. **LEO DIAMOND** is in Big Sky, Montana working Ski Patrol and volunteering at a Wilderness Medical conference. **RENNY ACHESON** is in Big Sky, Montana working Ski Patrol and volunteering at a Wilderness Medical conference. **RENNY ACHESON** is in her first year at Whitman College and loves exploring Washington and Oregon via skis, snowshoes, bike, and hiking boots while leading trips for the outdoor program. **EMILY FAULKS** is playing tennis at Colorado College and DJing with
Ayden (aka. DJ Beat Patrol). **SKYE BRODSKY** is concussed again—feel better Sky! **SOFIA SACERDOTE** loves being a freshman at Brown—she’s a leader for the outing club and on the frisbee team! **EVERETT METCHICK** is enjoying his first snowy year at Colby College. In addition to all his work, he has been skiing at Sugarloaf and playing varsity football competing against other NESCAC schools. **HILLARY SWIMMER** is at Colby College after spending her first semester in Salamanca, Spain. She loves skiing a ton and joined the pottery club! **JAKE LAMAZOR** is currently climbing mountains at CU Boulder. **STUART HARRIS** spent the last year living in Israel before going to college. He’s spent time working on an ambulance as a first responder and guarding farms. **JOOST-OLAN SHEEHAN** is trucking along through his first year at Bates. He played soccer in the fall and has been skiing a ton at Sugarloaf in Maine on weekends. He has also gotten really into service work in the local area here, helping at soup kitchens and coaching soccer to the large Somali immigrant community in Lewiston! **KATE SIMON** is been having a blast in her first year at USC. She’s been busy taking yoga classes, teaching nearby second graders about being peaceful, and exploring Los Angeles (usually, one restaurant at a time!).

— Kate Simon (boots9499@gmail.com)

**SEMESTER 40**

**OLIVIA GARG** has been trying to be her best HMI self while not running so she is spending her time learning shot put and discus. She is excited for her upcoming move to Colorado College! **SAM COOPER** has spent his days at school and his nights planning for his upcoming PCT thru-
hike. He spends as much time as possible rock climbing, hiking, and taking photos in nature. He cannot wait to attend Bowdoin College after his gap year! RAFFI NAJARIAN has continued to embrace his passion for running, being a captain for his school’s cross country and indoor track teams and racing in the Philadelphia marathon. This summer he will be taking on a cross-country biking trip with Overland before going to Middlebury College in September. MICHAEL FLYNN has been spending time playing for his high school hockey team, which won the league title. Next fall he is lining up a job at HMI which will allow him to follow his passion for video and photography. After his gap year he is excited to attend Colorado College! ZACK LECHTER has been busy with school and has recently taken up the hobby of rock climbing. He is currently planning his gap year and then will attend Colby College! This summer Zack plans on going on a road trip across the country and then will work at Camp Nebagamon in Wisconsin. CLAIRE GREENBURGER and EMMA HARLOW are going to Queenstown, New Zealand this summer to get certified to become ski/snowboard instructors, and then plan on moving to Colorado next winter to teach as part of their gap year! ANNA SOLOMON is currently in Mexico for a few weeks working on her Spanish skills and learning about Mexico’s colorful (and sometimes communist!) history. RAFI DONOHUE has spent most of her free time biking, making art, and preparing to play a small role in her school’s One Act Festival as the bodyguard of an Italian mafioso (please reach out if you can help with the accent). She will be taking a gap year and can’t wait to go to Colorado College afterward! RUBY BERTRON spent the summer working and hiking 14ers with her brother, and joined the women’s club at her school. This summer she plans on hiking Mt. Eibert, Massive, Sneffels, and Longs. MATT SEMEL is taking a gap semester to hike the AT with BEN STEIN and Carter Myers-Brown. After that, Matt will be attending Colorado College and Ben will be attending Whitman College! EMMA CROLL has recently taken a greater interest in the outdoors by getting her WFR certification. She has been busy competing on a ski team and is excited about her upcoming gap year! ABI REIGEL has been busy involving herself in basketball playoffs and scholarship applications. She is excited to attend Colorado School of Mines this coming fall! LIA KELLY has been busy with her school newspaper and her local circus arts troupe. She is excited to travel this summer and can’t wait for Chicago to warm up! RYAN MCKINNEY has been busy this past fall playing soccer and sailing. Next year he will be attending Connecticut College! WILL BROWN played starting center back as a captain for his high school soccer team, he played hockey this winter, and plays lacrosse in the spring as an attackman. This summer, he plans to work at a summer camp and continue his passion for medicine by interning at Newton Wellesley Hospital. ANNA MACKY is slacking a lot in school and instead of homework, is exploring her new obsession with minis! Mini pens, mini shoes, mini popcorn etc. Look out for her upcoming “minis” Instagram account and the reboot of her soup Instagram @soupaddiction123. She is also super excited to head back to Colorado for college! BRITTNEY RANDLE has been busy swimming this past fall and will be playing water polo in the spring. She has been applying for scholarships and plans to attend Spelman College in the fall! OLIVER JOHNSTON is beginning a project on film photography which he plans to continue on his gap year before attending Colby College. He also plans to live in Indonesia during his gap year for 3 months while staying with a host family and sea nomads. AIDAN LINK moved to Leadville this past summer and has been working at HMI. He is looking forward to traveling this upcoming summer! NATE SCHMIDT has been an active member of the HMI community of Louisville (Lu-a-vul), KY. He is very excited for his senior year of lacrosse and totally stoked to go to Colby College next year!

— Lia Kelly (liakelly24@gmail.com) & Zack Lechter (zacklechter@gmail.com)

SUMMER TERM 2011
SCOUT SORCIC is splitting her time between Leadville and Moab working for the Colorado Outward Bound School. She is teaching Wilderness Medicine and playing in the snow with Olivia Trim. Scout is a new member of the HMI Alumni Council! OLIVIA TRIM just started a full-time admin level position at Outward Bound in Leadville. She is the Logistics Manager; and oversees the logistics in the Colorado, Alaska and other remote courses. She is trying to figure life out and keep moving forward. She is happy and spending lots of time outside! WILL BECK is working in the finishing department at ON3P a ski company based in Portland. This past fall he went to the National Ultimate Frisbee Championships, playing for Rhino Slam! He works, skis, and play/trains for ultimate. His girlfriend is very supportive of his job and activities. LARS ROBINSON finished flight school in November and is now taking over a platoon in an aerial reconnaissance unit in El Paso, TX. He is looking forward to spending lots of time in the mountains, now that he is back closer to the Rockies! SHERIDAN JEFFREY is currently a manager at Boston Market, where she has been working for a year and a half. She moved to Gaithersburg, MD from Washington, DC. She’s working towards becoming the Assistant General Manager. She took up the hobby of knitting and painting last year and she’s hoping to get better as the year goes on. JACK THALMANN is living in Chicago with two of his friends and working for a small Executive search firm called Reilly Partners. He is an executive recruiter. SOPHIE PACI is teaching second grade at Greenwich Academy and enjoying the energy and humor of seven and eight-year olds. She is finishing her master’s degree in Childhood Education this
summer term 2012, we’d love to hear from you!

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summer term 2013

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Emlyn Knox

Emlyn Knox is at senior at Bowdoin College and is a Japanese major and Psychology minor. Emlyn spent last summer working at a nonprofit dedicated to returning Japanese yosegakihinomaru (good luck flags) to their original families. Jackie Labelle is graduating from Colorado State University (CSU) in May with a BS in Environmental Engineering. Most likely she will be accepting an engineering position and moving to Anchorage, AK post-graduation. This past year, she is proud to say that she completed her thesis for her Interdisciplinary Leadership Minor about differences in perception of emotional abuse between elite athletes and their coaches. The highlight of Jackie’s year was seeing the summit of Denali on her trip to Alaska this past summer.

— We’d love to hear from more of you, Summer Term 2013

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Ceci Morales (ceci@morales.com)
SUMMER TERM 2014

ISABEL ROSENSTEIN is currently studying abroad in Valparaíso, Chile and has been really enjoying her time there! The city is so colorful, lively and filled with art and she is getting many opportunities to practice her Spanish in class and with her host family. Before heading to Chile, Isabel went on a road trip for about a month, mostly through Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. She also met up with SAMANTHA GORDON in San Francisco and they had a lovely day in the Exploratorium and went to a yoga class together. Molly Lovett is a sophomore at Colorado College and just finished putting on a one woman show which has been the highlight of 2019 thus far! She’s also super excited for her sister to be a part of HMI Summer Term this summer!

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SUMMER TERM 2016

EMILY MARQUIS ran the Boston Marathon in April on the Miles for Miracles team (to support Boston Children’s Hospital), graduated from Concord Academy, and started school at Williams College. She loves it in Western MA and is so glad to have some (small) mountains around. Last year, CAITLIN MURPHY took a gap year before college. She had an amazing time and so many adventures in the fall backpacking and climbing with HMI Gap, and she spent the spring semester teaching at a school in a rural village in Karamoja, Uganda. Caitlin taught math, started and coached a soccer team, and qualified and competed in Nationals! She is now a first year at the University of Virginia and just ran her first marathon this spring!

— We are looking for a Class Coordinator for Summer Term 2016!
If you’re interested, email Barrett (bdonovan@hminet.org) for more information.

SUMMER TERM 2017

ZOË KUPETZ is at Brown University, and this fall, presented on curiosity-driven course development at Stanford’s Challenge Success Conference. Zoe works for the Office of Campus Life doing curriculum development for a program called the Community Dialogue Project, and tutoring for a program called the Brown Refugee Youth Tutoring and Enrichment Program. SCOTTY HOLLAND is going to Sewanee next year! She currently works at a suicide hotline in LA and is an ambassador for her school. Some day in the future, Scotty hopes to be an HMI Summer Term Intern!

— Zoe Kupetz (zoeKupetz18@students.oakwoodschool.org)

SUMMER TERM 2018

SIDNEY DERZON is excited to attend Colorado College in the Fall, continuing her passion for the outdoors. SALLIE CHOPE is busy playing hockey, and Henry Harkins is getting ready for lacrosse season. CEASAR LOPEZ is caring for his pet pig and applying to college, while HARPER LETHIN dives into school theatre.

— Claire Rutstein (CRutstein@millbrook.org)
FORMER APPRENTICES

In May, Elliot Schottland (Semester 17 Apprentice) got married to his girlfriend of 7 years at the top the Mountain Creek Ski Resort in New Jersey. All of the guests took the ski lift to the summit for the ceremony and all successfully descended to the reception at the lodge in time for the Hora dance. One month later, he started his first job as an Emergency Medicine physician at Englewood Hospital in New Jersey. Sam (Wilson) Harlow (Semester 3 Student, Semester 19 Apprentice) and her husband Dave welcomed baby Emma Louise Harlow on April 16, 2018. Sam says she is an absolute joy and loves her HMI onesie! Sam also departed the Putney School admissions office and is now teaching English at Stratton Mountain School. After six years of teaching 4th and 5th grade at the Vail Mountain School, Ash Warner (Semester 22 Apprentice) is excited to find a job in Leadville for the coming school year. A big milestone came this past August as fellow XXII apprentice Mary Claire McGovern helped crew and pace Ash in the Leadville 100. She’s looking forward to a summer full of running if this winter’s snow ever melts! Dave Clark-Barol (Semester 27 Apprentice) lives in Leadville and is working for Downstream Construction building the new faculty housing on the HMI campus. He continues to explore and develop the marginal but plentiful climbing and skiing options of Lake County. He did manage to leave town last summer to visit a friend in Chamonix and see how the French Alps stack up against the local offerings. Caroline Lowe (Semester 30 Apprentice) is still living in Cambridge, MA, and is teaching history at a high school for the arts in Natick. The performances are great, but alas, for most of the community exercise and adventure means walking a few blocks to get bubble tea. (It is really good bubble tea). Her summers have been spent leading trips for young adults and seeking adventure around the world. A highlight of last summer was going to Aotearoa, New Zealand and backpacking along the northern coast of the South Island. This year she finagled both a professional development conference and a visit to the Grand Canyon in one trip. While not much can live up to
Hannah Black (Semester 36 Apprentice) on a hut trip near Sisters, OR this winter
those two, she hopes the coming months see more exploration of Earth’s excellence. BRENDAN BUCKLAND (Semester 21 Student, Semester 33 Apprentice) is finishing his master's at Teachers College as part of the Klingensteins program. In August he is moving to Johannesburg to work on the partnership of the School for Ethics and Global Leadership and African Leadership Academy in a semester program for high school juniors. Steph has started a couple of new jobs as an instructor for Outward Bound and the HMI Gap semester. EMILY HAMMEL (Semester 33 Apprentice) recently moved to Boston to study Public Health at Boston University. This winter, she and fellow apprentices MAYA VON WODTKE and ALEXA ROSENTHAL went up to Vermont for mountain getaway, with a foot of new snow and wood stacking to boot! This year, Emily is proud to have joined BU School of Public Health and the Pardee School of Global Studies as an African Studies Fellow. The fellowship supplements her master's degree in Environmental Health with coursework in global development and Swahili language study. This summer, Emily will travel to Africa to work with Saha Global, a non-profit that works with women entrepreneurs to launch sustainable water treatment businesses to help meet their community’s needs for clean drinking water. Needless to say, she’s loved being a student again. If you find yourself in Boston, drop her a line! She and her dog Nellie love getting to reconnect with other HMI peeps–go Pikas! LEXI ROSENTHALL (Semester 33 Apprentice) is currently traveling around New Zealand before
starting medical school this summer. This winter she got to hang out with fellow Semester 33 apprentices! **SCOTT SUGDEN** (Semester 35 Apprentice) will be finishing a master’s degree in biological sciences at the University of Alberta in May and then returning to northern Minnesota to lead canoe trips for the summer. He’s entertaining several adventurous plans for the fall but hasn’t committed to one yet! This March, **HANNAH BLACK** (Semester 36 Apprentice) returned for a second year working as an outdoor science instructor at Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center located in an off the grid former mining town in the Willamette National Forest in Oregon. During her recent winter off-season Hannah embarked on a 6 week road trip to visit old friends and public lands throughout the west. While in Colorado she got snowed out of Leadville but it all ended up okay in the end since she got to spend an extra day with Semester 40 apprentice Fiona Noonan in Bend, Oregon. **SETON TALTY** (Semester 24 Student, Semester 36 Apprentice) is living in DC and just started working on the Climate Campaign with Audubon Society. She had an amazing time catching up with so many XXIvers at the HMI 20-Year Reunion. Later in the summer, she led a student trip to Rwanda with The School for Ethics and Global Leadership. **ALEX TRAUTMAN** (Semester 23 Student, Semester 37 Apprentice) is living in Atlanta working as a software engineer on web applications and playing ultimate frisbee for the Atlanta Hustle. He had a great time seeing fellow Georgia alumni on HMI day! In 2018 **STEPH SUBDIAZ** (Semester 26 Student, Semester 38 Apprentice) grew in leaps and bounds as a person and professional. Steph’s highlight from 2018 was seeing the biggest shooting star of her life and then hearing it crash in the mountains in the Maroon Bells while leading an Outward Bound course. Steph is currently leading the HMI gap spring Patagonia semester. **EMILY GRAF** (Semester 38 Apprentice) is in her second year of teaching high school Humanities at the Watershed School in Boulder, CO. As part of the school’s experiential learning program, she will be traveling to Peru with a student group for the month of May. When she’s not at Watershed, Emily can be found exploring all the amazing climbing in the Boulder area, or playing her banjo. **EMMA REYNOLDS** (Semester 39 Apprentice) is finishing up her school year as a high school English teacher at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, VT. She will be leaving at the end of this school year and is moving back to Colorado to explore and travel. She hopes to travel and try a new job, though she doesn’t know what that will be. She began her master’s degree last summer, attending Middlebury College’s Bread Loaf School of English. She is still running regularly and misses HMI. Last week, she saw both Lily Thebault and Isabelle Edgar (Semester 39 alumni) in Vermont! **ALEXA ADAMS** (Semester 28 Student, Semester 40 Apprentice) is living in Washington, DC and working at The School for Ethics and Global Leadership in admissions. It has been interesting and exciting to experience being a part of another semester school’s community, and she looks forward to returning to SEGGL next year. She is excited to get back to Leadville twice this spring for a mini reunion with some fellow HMI apprentices in March and for the Alumni Council meeting in May! Since leaving HMI, **FIONA NOONAN** (Semester 40 Apprentice) has been living in Bend, Oregon and working at the Deschutes Land Trust. When she’s not working on land conservation projects, she goes backpacking and backcountry skiing in the Cascades, floats the Deschutes River (while wearing flair), climbs at Smith Rock, and obsessively bakes sourdough bread. She spends a lot of time scheming about how to become a teacher for real and also dreaming about skiing up Ski Cooper with other apps. Hopefully, that dream will come true when Fiona reunites with a few other Semester 40 apprentices in Leadville at the end of March! After leaving Leadville, **TORI STALEY** (Semester 41 Apprentice) worked as a program director for a wilderness trips camp in New York and then moved to London to do her master’s in gender studies and international Relations at the London School of Economics. While she’s thoroughly enjoyed interrogating and exploring feminism and traveling in Europe for a year, she dearly misses nature and the mountains. She is hoping to move back to New England, or Colorado, in the near future to pursue more teaching opportunities. She caught the teaching bug at HMI, and it’s hard to shake! While they’re spread across the country, she’s managed to maintain an occasional presence in the HMI 40 student group chat and thoroughly misses everyone. After saying goodbye to the incredible students, faculty and apprentices of Semester 41, **MEAGHAN ALLYN** (Semester 41 Apprentice) spent the winter traveling through Nepal and Bhutan. She’s now back home in Upstate New York, and plans to move to Boston to start graduate school this summer. She’d love to meet up with Boston-area HMI folks this summer!