WELCOME TO THE
ALUMNI UPDATES!

From Semester 1 to Semester 45, our Fall Semester alumni are up to some pretty cool things! Don’t forget to flip to the end to find out what former HMI faculty members have been up to, too. As always, updates from spring semesters and former apprentices will appear in the spring. Happy reading!

SEMESTER 1
Semester 1, we’d love to hear from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

SEMESTER 3
Get ready for a terrific dose of cuteness from RMS 3! EMILY GARAI had quite the year with COVID. Her oldest son Caleb started kindergarten this year and is loving it. They recently traveled to Cape Cod for her sister’s wedding, which was lovely! She also went to a tiny COVID wedding in March 2021 in Oregon; it was her first time there, and she was so happy to be in some new mountains! Erin, Caleb, Nathaniel, and Emily are healthy and happy forging ahead in Atlanta. ELIOT ESTRIN reports he can’t believe it’s been over 20 years… wild how fast time flies. His wife Gabrielle and him, and their 2.5 year old, Iris, are still living in Topanga, CA. He is still in private practice as an LMFT. Caleb also visits siblings and friends in Colorado often! Perhaps he’ll run into CLAY STRANGER, who is living with his wife, Larissa, in Aspen. They welcomed their daughter, Sierra, into the world six months ago. He is the managing director of Rocky Mountain Institute; a clean energy think tank based in the roaring fork valley. Most of his friends from back home think he moved back to Colorado to work at the High Mountain Institute, and RMI and HMI get confused out there all the time, but he is lucky to be an alumni of one and an employee of another.

This summer they have been wandering around the upper frying pan valley enjoying the high mountain lakes that sit between Leadville and Aspen, along the same routes that he trekked on his first excursion way back when at HMI 23 years ago! If Clay and Eliot want to come down from the mountains they can visit LARA (WEISS) GRILLOS in Denver. Lara has been married eight years now to husband, Mark. She has a daughter, Athtea, who started kindergarten a few weeks ago and a son, Asher, who just started preschool. She is the Director of Civil Rights at the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Her COVID update is that she’s been working from home since March 2020 and quite likes it, and that last year her daughter went to a fully outdoor preschool in all weather, on the top of a mountain in Colorado. She didn’t like having to wear all the layers in the winter. They went on lots of camping trips last summer with their kids, and they love it! Finally Lara fills us in on her other activities, she has a blue pitbull named Rue, three chickens (Sprinkles, Poppy, and Princess Fluffybutt), a large raised bed garden with too many tomatoes, and a currently-neglected sourdough starter that she is hoping will spring back to life when summoned. So good to hear from you Lara! Back on the East Coast, RACH SEBELSHAVIT has exciting professional news that she just passed her Executive Coaching Certification through the International Coaching Federation. She is the VP of Coaching Impact at Accelo, coaches private clients, makes pottery, and spends time with her family including her daughter and new puppy. Check Rach out at SebelShavitCoaching.Com. DAVID BARAHONA and family report that they have settled down in Katonah, NY about an hour north of NYC and are loving the area. When they find time they like to head out bike riding or head into the city to find the best cheap eats. MARGOT KNIFINN is keeping busy too, living in Baltimore with her husband, Adam, their four year old son, Wally, and their strange little dog, Hirsch. She works in DC as an appellate immigration attorney for the DOJ. She is sending lots of love to RMS III and hopes everyone is all doing great. PHOEBE CHADWICK is still in the Boston area with her kiddos. Eleanor is in first grade and is “feisty and smart,” has a “good moral compass,” and “very welcoming of others and a great kid.” Hugo, her younger brother, is “kind and funny” and “loves his mama.” Sounds like Phoebe has her hands full with those two little angels. MEAGHAN CRITCHLOW got married a couple of years back, and her wife and her have two sweet dogs - and are working towards a family. She has the honor of being the program director at a residential care placement for 20 foster youth. Congrats Meaghan!

CAITY JOHNSON rounds out the West Coast updates that she got married last fall, and had a baby in June! They welcomed their little silver lining, Lila Sivan Johnson-Gottlieb, on June 22, and are so in love. It’s been such a blissful few months in their newborn bubble and keeps getting better as she grows. They got their first laugh yesterday. Heaven. SAM WILSON HARLOW is working at a public school in Vermont, enjoying her three year old Emmy Lou and one and a half year old Archie, and loving her husband of five years, Dave. She says, “It was excellent to hear from so many of you this time around. I hope everyone stays safe and keeps in touch.”

—Sam Wilson Harlow (Samantha.W.Harlow@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 5
Semester 5, we’d love to hear from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

SEMESTER 7
It seems like just yesterday, but 20 years have flashed by since RMS 7 left their mark on the HMI campus. With many just starting to build the foundations of who they wanted to be during their time in the mountains, it has been an adventure to see where friends have rested their feet over the past two decades! Let’s start with some big news from WHITNEY LEONARD, she is still living in Alaska, but at the time of this writing was on her way to Vermont to get married!

PHOEBE CHADWICK (RMS 3) has two children Eleanor and Hugo.
Congrats, Whit! JACQUE HASTINGS ran a marathon in Seattle, Washington this year, which went through beautiful scenery from Snoqualmie pass and down the hill 2,000 feet. She has taken an expat role with Nike and will be based in Amsterdam, Netherlands for the next couple of years. She looks forward to traveling in Europe once safe to do so. CARISSA LOOK and her girlfriend were lucky enough to buy an affordable and adorable vintage camper this past summer. After a somewhat harrowing trip towing their new baby to Maine and Vermont they arrived at Carissa’s dad’s house on Martha’s Vineyard in late August (with 3/5 of their too-many cats, as well). While there, they attended a wedding and plan to take part in her grandmother’s annual pre-Thanksgiving celebration in late-September. But all good things must come to an end as Carissa was called for a five-week Grand Jury in October. It’s been a very busy year for ERIK LEVY. He celebrated five years at his job, 12 years of marriage, and his daughter turned two! She continues to impress Erik every day with her ability to get into everything and cause a level of chaos that he was unaware was possible. Sadly, Erik lost his father to pancreatic cancer in January, but was able to have a wonderful celebration of his life this summer surrounded by friends, family, and colleagues. Erik’s family still lives in beautiful Minnesota and looks forward to being able to travel again soon!

SAM TIMBERG has continued enjoying her life in Golden, CO, which has included going to shows at the open-again Red Rocks. LIZA COHEN spent the summer in Vermont at her husband’s summer camp, which included swimming after work. And she recently got an e-bike and equipped it with a seatbelt for her daughter’s bear, so they can all ride together. She recently made a trip to Colorado and saw fellow RMS 9 alum SOPHIE NEWBURY.

CHARLIE EICHACKER also made a recent trip out to Colorado and has been trying to enjoy the outdoors in Maine. That included a hike along the Appalachian Trail and adopting a new mountain biking habit. And oh yes, he will be getting married in mid-October!

Liza Cohen and Sophie Newbury (RMS 9) recently saw each other in Colorado.

SEMESTER 9
CAROLYN LOEB has been enjoying lots of travel, hiking, and canoeing with her husband over the last year. That included a trip to the Adirondacks for their honeymoon and two forays into Canada. They’ve also been learning the challenges of trying to buy a home during the pandemic. ZACK REDLITZ finished business school in the last year and has just started a job at UBS in New York. He also found time for two months of sailing, hiking, and camping in Maine.

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Sam Timberg (samtimberg@gmail.com)
SEMESTER 13

Christina Bleimeyer had a baby in March. Christina reports it has been very awesome and very all-encompassing. Christina is still at the same job, and very happy to be able to work from home while her wife cares for their daughter Vivien, so she can visit with her throughout the day. Christina also saw Frances (and her baby) twice. And hopefully will get a chance to see her more. If anyone plans to visit Maine let Christina know. She’d love to hang out (as long as it doesn’t conflict with Viv’s nap time, which is what her life revolves around.) Erica Mackenzie has worked at her current company in e-commerce marketing for over a year; a job she started during COVID. Specifically, Erica markets and sells L’Oreal products, including brands such as L’Oreal Paris, Garnier, Essie, and Cerave. Erica and her husband live in NYC still but have been bouncing around during COVID. She drove out west this ski season from Vermont, to Michigan, to Colorado, to Utah, back to Michigan, and finally back to Vermont. She can conclusively say it was an extremely long drive. However, she enjoyed taking advantage of working remotely, which included working and skiing from Park City and Jackson Hole. Erica recently took her first post-quarantine flights, where she got to see Elizabeth (in SF over wine) and Eric (in Minneapolis over vodka soda). She will be attending Louis’ art opening this fall. Elizabeth Sinclare is living in San Francisco, working as a Labor and Delivery nurse on the night shift, which she finds wonderful and exhausting. She is working on her garden and spending a bunch of time with family. She traveled a bit this summer to Maine and Colorado and had the privilege of seeing Erica Coren this fall in San Francisco! Louis Eisner is back living in NYC, still making artwork and a little bit of jewelry. He hasn’t gotten to do much outdoors but did have a beautiful trip to Wyoming this summer, visiting family with his fiancée.

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Louis has an exhibition coming up at The Journal Gallery at 45 White Street, New York, NY 10013, which opens October 1st and runs through October 21st. If you are in town, Louis would love to see you at the opening! Nathan Brand had a great year and is still in residency which he will be in for a while. Nathan is now on research time which means he has more work-life balance and time to do his share of the cooking and cleaning. He went up to the boundary waters on a canoe trip, and Eric managed to bring up immediately when Nathan got lost at HMI (the man never forgets). He says “If anyone ends up in SF please hit Nathan up. And SF crew, let’s hang again soon.” Philip Thurner moved to Denver permanently in March, so he is back in Colorado! He got a new job in the travel industry at Inspirato but is thinking he needs a non-desk job ASAP! He hasn’t traveled much recently for obvious reasons but is headed to Costa Rica for Thanksgiving (hopefully). Philip recently broke his collarbone and is looking for PT advice from our dearest Kassie Garfield. Kassie Garfield hasn’t seen anyone this year due to deploying for seven months to the UAE. She had a very interesting experience over there, did some camel riding, gold shopping, Abu Dhabi exploring, ate some great food, and worked a ton. Kassie got back in April, and had a great few months in Colorado. She did some hiking and backpacking in Maroon Bells outside Aspen, and lots of short trips as well. Her dog is the best buddy out there. Kassie recently made the decision to go reserves in the Air Force and took a full-time teaching job at Northwest State Florida College, teaching in the Physical Therapy assistant program as well as anatomy and physiology. She is excited to have a change of pace. She’ll miss the Air Force for a variety of reasons but is looking for a better quality of life outside patient care and the clinic. Kassie just moved to Florida for the job and her boyfriend lives there as well. If anyone needs a winter FL vacation let her know! —Elizabeth Sinclare (e.sinclare@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 15

As much as I dislike the term adulting, that is what Semester 15-ers (RMS XV to us) is out there doing, kicking the butt out of adulting. New homeowners, having babies, directors of important work, we got it all covered. We are in our early 30’s and are busy people pursuing our passions, figuring
out what we prioritize, and starting new chapters. AGNES BECKMANN continues to live in Vienna (Austria) with her dog Luke and is building her psychotherapy practice. She is getting back into CrossFit and working on Austrian Sign Language in her free time. Our favorite emergency management director, CLARA DECEHRB, continues to lead Providence, RI, through the pandemic and has been stepping up with FEMA efforts during recent hurricanes and Afghan refugee intakes. JULIA VAN DEN BERGH is settled in New Jersey and started a new position recently as the Director of Strategic Innovation at a Global Aid/Development NGO. She likes being close to her family and still finds time to climb and spend time outdoors. BAILEY GEORGES lives in NYC (but also lives in Bergen, Norway) and works as a book researcher and editor. She had to postpone her wedding due to the pandemic but has stayed busy with helping her family through some changes. In Brooklyn, RICHARD FREUND bought a 150 year old house and is learning some carpentry and leatherworking hobby skills when he’s not working in the climate sector. A recent addition to DC, O’MARA TAYLOR relocated from the UK and works in healthcare innovation and investment. She kept busy during the lockdown in the UK by cycling. Also in DC, ISSAC KATZ is weathering the pandemic with his cat Starbucks and is looking for work. ALI MILLER is down in North Carolina and is busy with working on her MBA and is a mom to a nine month old. You go, Ali! KAIT LEE is in Atlanta, busy working and parenting her seven year old. She’s looking forward to her upcoming move out of the city. Moving west to the Rockies, JACK TAKIF is busy as ever parenting his toddler and running his farm, Cedar Springs Farm, in Hotchkiss, CO. He is also consulting for an agricultural development company, which designs and installs restorative agricultural systems. Holding down the fort at HMI, RAY MCGAUGHEY is the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid and also has been running marathons. In the Tetons, HANNAH ORCUTT MOON has a new position as the Philanthropy Director at the friends of the Teton River and is feeling invigorated to return to environmental work. She and her husband welcomed their daughter Abby earlier this year. Alli Guzy Buttacavoli (allisonguz@gmail.com) —Liz Ceperley (eceperley@gmail.com)

**SEMMETER 17**

GORDON MATTEWSON is in medical school, and lives in Capitol Hill in Denver. AURI EAST is living in Seattle finishing up a certificate in Sex Education from Everett Community College, and river guiding on the Middle Fork and Main Salmon in Idaho. ANNA RAMSEY is finishing up graduate school in Bilingual/Dual Language Education at Bank Street College of Education in NYC. She has been working for the past five years at the Berkley Carroll School in Brooklyn, NY, and is about to start a new job as a Bilingual (Spanish/English) 4th Grade teacher at a school called Avenues in NYC. Anna and her fiancé Tay are preparing for their upcoming wedding in Vermont next July. NOAH STROUSE is living in the Santa Cruz mountains with his fiancé and their puppies Lupita and Manchitas. Noah is working for a non-profit that helps low-income farmers and fishers get financing for their business. JOHN HARWOOD recently got married. John and his wife Hannah had an intimate ceremony on Sugarloaf Mountain. They also had a beautiful baby, Charlie Mae, in July! John, Hannah, and Charlie live in Boulder, Colorado. SUSANNA (MCMILLAN) ALTER is living in Carbondale, CO, working away in her naturopathic consulting practice along with her husband Ben, riding lots of trails and road on her bike, and cuddling up with her two cats. She has also taken on the study of the history of humankind. ERICA (WINELAND-THOMSON) LANDERSON and her husband Daniel traded in their home for an Airstream. They are planning to travel through North America with their two boys beginning in March 2022. Until then, they are spending time in her husband’s hometown in southern Germany. AMIE (SALTER) MOORE is living with her husband and two boys in Oxnard, California while they build their home. LEAH HEAL and her husband Earl are living in North Carolina, where she is working in family medicine. ALLI (GUZY) BUTTACAVOLI finished her graduate degree in History from the University of Delaware in the spring of 2021, and married her husband, Michael, in July. Ali and Michael live together in Miami Beach, Florida. EMMY COHEN also got married in July, and she and her husband Jon recently bought a new home about 40 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts.

—Ali Guzy Buttacavoli (allisonguz@gmail.com)
avid readers of this publication perhaps you remember last year’s attempt with pork) and slowly coming to grips with the reality that he can’t afford a house (or a barn, he really just wants a barn). HELEN ROWE is living in Los Angeles and getting married at the end of October. She’s also working on a career change and renovating a cargo trailer into an extra room for their tiny house.

CARRIE CECIL is still living in Alaska and working for the Bureau of Land Management. In the last year, she and her husband brought home a new puppy named Skadi and they’ve been spending a lot of time riding bikes all over Alaska and the lower 48. JIM MENKOL is in Bozeman, MT, where he just bought a house. He photographs and documents stories about hunting, fishing, and general outdoor activities to encourage more people to spend more time outside. In May, JACKSON SMITH graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Masters in Arts Management. He has since moved back to Minnesota and is working a fully remote job for the National Endowment for the Humanities. He will also be getting married in October in a small, family ceremony in Ann Arbor, MI. CAROLINE STEPHENS got married in October 2020, graduated from family medicine residency in San Antonio in June, and then moved to Denver to start an OB fellowship in July. Caroline, her husband and their pups are happy to be back in the mountains.

JOEY PATTERSON lives abroad in Amsterdam SEMESTER 19

EMILY FAXON moved back to Denver, CO after six years in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She’s enjoying exploring old places and new with her partner and pup, and seeing other Coloradan XIXers. REED SNYDERMAN is currently living in Salt Lake City, UT enjoying an illustrious career selling orthopedic devices while biking and running in the mountains in the summer, and skiing in the winter. After getting delayed due to COVID, LEE GOLSTON finally got married, and she and her husband bought their first house in the same month. She is still living in Montana working as a professional beer nerd, enjoying the end of hiking and climbing season and excited for ski season. After spending much of the pandemic working for Doctors Without Borders in Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, ADELAIDE DAVIS moved back to Geneva, Switzerland where she is the COVID-19 Immunization Focal Point for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. She was able to see CARRIE CECIL in Alaska in July! COBY UNGER says he was told recently that he has a skewed version of what is fun... spending his free time on working farms and as an EMT in the back of an ambulance, all ‘for fun’. He realized he’s in his 30s, as evidenced by all his friends getting married. He’s still trying to convince JOHN MARINO to move closer (for
and Engineering industry he’s currently in. So as an effort to expand what’s possible, he started taking wine tasting courses at BU while simultaneously trying to convince the owner of his local wine shop to take him on as an apprentice. Other than that, along with COBY UNGER he is still trying to convince JOHN STRONGARMS MARINO to move to the Camberville area with enticing pork products, which included home-made prosciutto this year. They also had a curb-side (literally, sitting on the curb outside of their friends’ stoop) Friendsgiving in 2020, back before vaccines were a thing. LIZ FUCILLO is living in Brooklyn with her mini pony Pearl and fixing spines. She ran into DAVE MCGAUGHEY in Brooklyn a couple months ago who apparently is living in a van? LIZ KELMAN continues her work as the public health nurse for the city of Somerville, MA and begs you to get vaccinated. MAX HOLLMAN lives in Los Angeles and works for HBO. CHELSEA DIECK is working and exploring in Waltham, MA with her husband and dog. SAM MCBRIDE lives near Portland, Maine with her husband and their daughter Helen, who was born in November and is already walking! She is very tired but very happy. Congrats, Sam! TUCKER PFORZHEIMER grows organic shiitake mushrooms on Martha’s Vineyard, which are available for purchase at
Libby Chamberlin, Emily Faxon and Caroline Stephens (RMS 19) share an embrace in Denver.

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www.mmycological.com. HANNAH (MCQUILKIN) EATON migrated back to the east coast from Seattle in recent months. She’s splitting her time between running her mental healthcare business and working in film production. She’ll be spending some time close to Leadville for part of the winter, so hit her up if you end up in that area too!
—Joey Patterson (josephpatterson10@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 21
DANIEL LEARNER is living in Chicago working as a data scientist in the natural foods industry. In the last year he joined the HMI Alumni Council, started playing banjo, and took advantage of working remotely by working from the woods in Wisconsin for most of the pandemic era. KELLY LATTERMAN and husband Harry Murray are thrilled to share the birth of their son Brooks. Arthur Murray, Brooks was born August 6th in Steamboat Springs. To date, Brooks is not much of a night sleeper, but he is happy to rest when out on a hike. An outdoorsman in the making! CHAP GRUB got married in March and is having a baby boy in February. YAY! He’s super busy with his company, Recored, which sells used gear online. Recored just released a mobile app and is fundraising in Durango and New Mexico. After four years working at Seattle Opera, in August 2021, TJ CALLAHAN moved to England to pursue a Master’s degree in Solo Voice Ensemble singing at the University of York. He will spend the year studying and performing with a vocal consort made up of five singers. He has recently developed an obsession with cycling and is looking forward to exploring the country by bike. He continues to serve on the board of directors of Radiance, a Seattle-based choir specializing in American music who recently produced a video concert of Shaker music for the National Folklife Center of the Library of Congress. SAM DAVIDSON reports that life is good. He’s still living in Philadelphia and tries to get outside as much as he can to run or hike or just do something. He misses his XXI peeps and would love to get a 15th reunion scheduled in 2023. SYLVIA PAROL is currently on a four month work and travel program with Remote Year! In September, she spent time in Mexico enjoying the local cuisine, learning to salsa, DJing, soaking in hot springs, skydiving and more! She has three more countries to go: Guatemala, Colombia, and Peru!
—Rebecca Smith (rsm1091@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 23
ALANNA KROWIAK lives in Berkeley, California and was recently offered a position teaching mindfulness in public schools. She has a guest room in her house, so please hit her up. CAITLIN KUZCZO lives on a ranch in Leadville. She is the manager of the Leadville Lake County Animal Shelter, a Professional Responder for the ASPCA, and runs her dog training business, the PAWSibility Center. MEGAN MORROW is still working in transportation planning in the Boston area and has been keeping busy planning bike lanes and walking facilities across Massachusetts, Virginia, and Florida. She recently got engaged to her partner Brad during a trip to Hawaii. SEDLY GRAY is a creative film executive in Los Angeles where she helps develop scripts into movies. She has loved reconnecting with Abby Barnstone and Rachel Whaley during the pandemic and is excited to start traveling again as it becomes safer! JACKSON FOSTER and his fiancé Natalia are working hard and happy with their hands in the dirt on their tropical fruit farm in Costa Rica. Jackson rode his bicycle for two years from Alaska to Costa Rica with his rescue dog Maggie and fell in love with Costa Rica so much that he bought land and has been building rental cabins, hosting yoga and wellness retreats, and growing his own food in the jungle mountains ever since! You can watch videos of his bike tour and his farm life in Costa Rica on his YouTube channel and Instagram PLANTRIOtic. BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ has been living in NYC and just started his second year at Columbia Business School. He will be looking for a job in real estate acquisitions post graduation. In his free time, Benjamin plays soccer, squash, and tennis with classmates as well as travels back up to Boston to see friends and family. You will find BEN CAPELIN in Bend, Oregon where he continues to nurse his stubborn brain injury as well as work with adolescents and young adults as a wilderness therapy field guide. Within the next year he intends to enroll in a Master’s in Counseling graduate program. Every once in a while he washes cars in his handmade bear-suit. SAM HORSTMANN is currently moving back to Massachusetts after spending two years in Denver. Of course, Sam just made a recent pilgrimage to Leadville to pick up another Melly before he heads back across the country. Sam will be starting a new job at his family business in Manufacturing and Industrial Services. If anyone is in the Boston area, definitely give Sam a ring! ALEX TRAUTMAN moved from Atlanta to Seattle in June with his partner. He’s working in tech on improving financial literacy. He spends his time running and trying to cook new things, and he’s excited to keep exploring the PNW on biking and backpacking trips. ABBY BARNSTONE is still working in swag, but exploring UX design. Still residing in Los Angeles, Abby is DJing and working on her graphic art in her free time. She is also very involved with the Los Angeles LGBTQ+ community. She attributes her love for creating tight knit safe communities from her time at HMI. CAROLINE LEAHY recently moved to Philadelphia for her pediatrics residency at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. She is exploring bike to work and looking forward to experiencing the fall in a new city! (Let her know if you’re ever in the area and want to catch up!)
—Alex Trautman (alexjtrautman@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 25
KATHERINE GEPPER has the best of both worlds, living in both Denver and Marina Del Rey! She loves her job as an Executive Assistant and House Manager. She also pours time and energy into her KG Nutrition and Fitness coaching business for clients seeking personal training and nutrition coaching. HALLIE SARKPAK GORDON moved back to Washington, DC in September to continue her work in international exchange and public diplomacy after spending a year in Bismarck, North Dakota. She is thrilled to be singing with the City Choir of Washington again and hopes to support local animal rescue efforts by fostering dogs. EMMY TAKINAMI is living in Boston, MA where she

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just started a new job as the Racial Justice Policy and Community Engagement Manager at Harvard University’s School of Public Health. After a year of teaching 5th-grade math during a pandemic, MELISSA GRIPP spent the summer training for and completing her first Half Ironman. In July, her fiance, Ben, proposed, and they look forward to tying the knot in December 2022. JACK DUCHIN moved to Ely, Minnesota and is splitting wood, building stuff, and working on starting an outdoor education program for local youth. He also enjoys playing with friends, going canoeing, and gardening. However the fall will quickly become too cold for him to live in this tiny uninsulated cabin, and so he will flee, like of the snowbird he is to Upstate New York, to work on a big farm where he hopes to reconnect with many HMI alums, and convince them to come work with kids in northern Minnesota. KEITH MORENCY has been living in Cambridge, MA with his girlfriend Jess since the pandemic began. He has been spending his time refining his cooking skills, riding his bike around town and working in the solar industry. JAMIE SARAFAN graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder in May of 2021 with two Masters Degrees in History and Religious Studies. She is currently living in Boulder where she is climbing and cycling as much as she can, and applying to PhD programs for next fall. NATHAN SCHMIDT is currently living in Somerville, MA and working locally as a project manager in solar asset management. He plays disc golf, likes to bike the Esplanade loop, and recently started running for enjoyment for the first time since having to do AMX. ROBBY KUSTER moved back to the U.S. after living in Colombia for the past four and a half years in June. He is now based in Durham, North Carolina where he is getting his MBA from Duke.

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

SEMESTER 27
ANDREW ALLISON-GODFREY moved back to Colorado at the start of the pandemic and currently resides in Durango, where he is taking advantage of many outdoor opportunities: climbing, skiing, and biking to his heart’s content. Andrew also started a small business making bagels (Mable’s Bagels), hit him up if you’re in the Southwest and looking for a New York City bagel! JAKE BAZILIAN got engaged in June! He is working remotely in New York City, but has also been able to travel with his fiance to Connecticut, Michigan, and New Jersey to be with family. Jake saw GAVIN ARNOLD in Michigan this summer and went to Boulder to hike for the first time in forever. ARIA CARLEY is living in Seattle with her 120lb Bernese mountain dog, Banner. Taking advantage of the current work from home opportunity, Aria and Banner took time this past year to explore Yellowstone and Banff National Park. COLLEEN ORR moved from Washington, D.C. to Tucson, Arizona with her fiance in January, and shortly after moving, adopted a lab mix, Coco. Colleen continues to work for Principles for Responsible Investment and recently started a part-time MBA program at University of Arizona. She is on HMI’s Alumni Council and is thrilled TATE CASTRO joined the Council this year! KINORI ROSNOW got married in July! Kinori lives in Pittsburgh for now, but may move depending on where his wife matches for residency. He recently graduated with a Masters in Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh and works at Microsoft. Kinori continues to coach and play lacrosse, and is joining a new league next summer called National Lacrosse Association Pro.

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SEMESTER 29
CHARLOTTE FORFANG currently lives in Vail, Colorado and works for a Private Equity company dedicated to improving human health through nutrition. She has enjoyed working with clean-ingredient and environmentally sustainable companies to change the way Americans think about food and health & wellness. She recently got a golden retriever named Stevie and enjoys hiking and exploring the mountains of Colorado with her on the weekends. CHRISTIAN LEHNER is currently

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ALUMNI SUMMIT CHALLENGE 2021: SUPPORTING FINANCIAL AID AT HMI

We hope you will join us this year in supporting HMI’s Summit Challenge! The Summit Challenge is our annual alumni giving campaign that goes to support financial aid at HMI and provide scholarships to future students.

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS 50,000 AND 40% ALUMNI PARTICIPATION.

We have just launched a new giving platform, GiveLively, where we are able to track our progress and alumni can start their own fundraising pages.

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We are so grateful for the continued support of our alumni community giving future students the opportunity to experience the magic today.

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working for a research organization based out of Hargeisa, Somaliland, an unrecognized state of Somalia. He is working with a large field team of Somalis to gather data and run analyses for large NGOs. In many ways this is a lot like HMI. They play a lot of Soccers and Volleyball at the UN Compound, are bound by curfews, and the country is dry. He misses Leadville, the people, and the expeditions.

Semester 29, we'd love to hear from more of you! Email your updates to Luisa McBride at l McBride@hmi.net.org.

SEMESTER 31
CAROLINE ZERILLI is living in the New York area and recently started a new job that combines her love of food and interest in advertising. DAVIN DIELUFF is back and forth between Vermont, where he's running a landscaping company, and New York, where he's getting his landscape architecture degree in the colder months. He has an energetic golden retriever named Wallace with his fiancé, Eve. Gavin misses Leadville, the people, and the expeditions. ORR is working as a kindergarten teacher at Brunswick School in Greenwich, Connecticut, as well as getting her Masters in Early Childhood Education! She has also been coaching lots of lacrosse and soccer! MADISON WILKINSON is living in Denver with MARY JENKINS and Nell Dickey (Sem 35). She currently enjoys time outside of work with her collie mix Murphy.

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SEMESTER 35
LILY ESPOSITO is in the Adirondacks in New York living in a van she built out a year ago. She is getting ready to move to Bozeman, Montana for the Big Sky snowboard season. Next summer she’ll be marrying fellow HMI Semester 35 alumni Aaron Deardorff. Big boss dog moves! AARON DEARDOFF bought a van and converted it with Lil Digi. He’s spent the last year snowboarding instructing, guiding white water rafts, working at a restaurant, and getting married to his best friend. He’s learned new skills like making money and buying land. Do what you love, love what you do—life is good.

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SEMESTER 37
MATEO PRIETO is finishing up his Army ROTC program and will find out his assignment this Winter. JESSE LEENER returned to Kenyon College this fall and is hoping to spend some time in the mountains after graduation before heading off to graduate school. CORINNE SIMIS is pursuing a license in cosmetology in Maine and moving to Georgia later this year to train to be a cosmetic and paramedical tattoo artist. EMMA GALAMBOS is studying psychology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County while also working as an EMT and firefighter. After graduation, Emma is heading to nursing school to become a psychiatric nurse and eventually a nurse practitioner. PATRICK STEVENSON took some time off from Middlebury College last year and did an internship in real estate, but returned to Middlebury this fall where he often sees fellow Semester 37 alumni LEAH GRANGER MAGGIE SWANSON, MARTINE MA, CLAIRE BABBOTT-BRYAN, and ARIA BOWDEN. Carter took the spring semester off, working on downstream construction in Leadville, including the construction of the new HMI faculty townhouses! Over in Boone, North Carolina, LIA TREBILCOCK continues to study sustainable development at Appalachian State University after spending the summer working at a camp and leading backpacking trips. ISABELLE EDGAR is elated to be back at Stanford University after spending a year taking classes online and dancing with an artists’ collective in Chicago. After

SEMESTER 39
Happy Fall from Semester 39! In 2021, JONATHAN BAEZ seized the opportunity to study abroad in Costa Rica and is now part of the Society of Professional Engineers at Texas Tech University. At school, Jonathan studies Construction Engineering and is looking forward to the potential of securing an internship in either Colorado or Houston this upcoming summer. This past year, JESI MANN took the opportunity to take a road trip across the United States, spending time in nature with her dogs. She is now beginning her third year at Saint Lawrence University. BETSY ROMANS spent her summer as a trail guide leading trips in the boundary waters as well as a trip in the Big Horn Mountains. As she begins her junior year at Middlebury College, she will be observing in high school and middle school classrooms in pursuit of her major in education. Staying true to her HMI roots, CHANÉY DALTON participated in HMI Gap in the spring of 2021. She also worked on a farm as a farm educator in a pre-school and now spends her free time climbing with the Tufts University climbing team. Over his summer, CARTER MYERS-BROWN worked for a nuclear disarmament non-government organization centered around eradicating weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, helping to build their university network, and connecting them with members of Congress. He’s also kept busy by building beds and making jam, with the intention of building a multilateral company alongside his brother Deeky (Semester 45) meant to accommodate all furniture and marmalade needs. Carter took the spring semester off, working on downstream construction in Leadville, including the construction of the new HMI faculty townhouses! Over in Boone, North Carolina, LIA TREBILCOCK continues to study sustainable development at Appalachian State University after spending the summer working at a camp and leading backpacking trips. ISABELLE EDGAR is elated to be back at Stanford University after spending a year taking classes online and dancing with an artists’ collective in Chicago. After

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SEMESTER 33
LOUISA MCBRIDE just moved back to Leadville to begin her role as the Advancement Associate at HMI. She is so excited to be working at her favorite place and connecting with all the amazing HMI alumni! She also has enjoyed getting to see EMILY SHANNON from Semester 31 who is working for HMI Gap. After leading for Gap, Emily hopes to hike the Pacific Crest Trail!

—Caroline Zerilli (caroline.zerilli@gmail.com)
her classes ended, she drove across the country in her minivan and looks forward to a year dedicated to writing and exploring California. Over at Willamette University, JORDAN EDNER continues to study politics and environmental science in addition to being a member of the swim team. Currently, Jordan is enjoying partaking in a wide range of policy internship. BIANCA GONZALEZ temporarily moved back to her hometown of Leadville this year due to COVID, passing the time by hiking with friends and family. Bianca also had the honor of being elected as a Class of 2023 senator for Georgetown University’s Student Association, a role which she will continue as she heads into her junior year at Georgetown this fall. Out at the University of California Santa Barbara, MARK ASCH has begun his senior year, as well as participating in the Tuck Business Bridge Program at Dartmouth. As of current, Jeff is recruiting for Investment Banking and hopes to secure an internship for this upcoming summer. JOHN JANG traveled to Belize over the summer while interning with a marine station that works on coral bleaching monitoring, manatee monitoring, and lionfish population control. He recently began his junior year in college and is in the process of applying for the 4+1 mph program with the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. After completing HMI’s Gap Semester Program during her year off, SABINE BLUMENTHAL transferred to Colorado College for her sophomore year, where she’s excited to continue her passion for rock climbing. NATE DELANEY spent the fall of 2020 tutoring a Freshman seminar at Bates College, making the most of her time at school though it was online. In December she decided to take the semester off from school and moved to Telluride, Colorado, with her best friend from school and cousins where they worked as lifties on the mountain during the winter season. Hazel is now back at Bates for the second half of her sophomore year, where she’s playing lots of guitar and running a yoga club. She recently ran into another HMI alum at her yoga club and proceeded to mutually gush over the Colorado Mountains and dream that HMI continues to be for the both of them. HANNAH CONSTABLE recently returned from yet another summer working on a ranch in Wyoming and is now a junior at Hamilton College where she plays on the squash team and plans on going abroad to Copenhagen this spring. In upstate New York, JESSIE CAL started her junior year at Cornell University studying Biology and Public Policy. She led incoming freshmen on an eight day backpacking trip in the Adirondacks in addition to being a part of an improv group on campus called the Whistling Shrimp! ISABELLA WHELAN recently completed the Pemi Loop in New Hampshire with Andy and reunited with HMI friends Cal, Elizabeth, Sabine, George, and Joe at Cali, Joe, and George’s house in Colorado Springs. Over the summer, Isabelle worked on a research project studying Latin America at Colby College, a project which she plans to continue over the course of the upcoming academic year. MATTHEW JUSTH began this past year by coming down with Coronavirus, an unfortunate reality of current times. At Wesleyan, he continues to study economics after spending the summer working at a deep-sea mining company. CALI JOHNSTON moved back to Colorado Springs this past January, where she lived off campus with Joe and George. She spent the summer surfing, interning for her dad’s real estate company, and working retail in New Hampshire. Cali is looking forward to her junior year at Colorado College where she studies Political Science, works as a writing consultant, writing fellow, and political science research assistant, and continues to live with other Semester 39 alums. OTIS MILLIKEN continues to study at Middlebury College as a science student and the captain of the new club soccer team at the College. Over the summer, Otis spent his time doing trail work in Park City, Utah. GEORGE DOWNS recently began his junior year at Colorado College after spending his summer working on an Alaskan fishing boat. He spends his time at school mountain-bike racing, rock-climbing, and fine-tuning the art of sourdough bread-baking. After living in Mexico for six months and earning her Divemaster certification, EMILY BUCHALTER is back at school at Washington University in St. Louis. As a minor in sustainability studies at the Art School in New York City, NINA BARATELLI made an impressive bag out of aluminum pop tabs (pictures at the bottom) as well as masks! NATHAN BECKER has begun his second year at Deep Springs College after a summer filled with guiding backpacking trips for teenage boys in Yosemite. As a junior at Liberty University, FURMAN JONES spends his time “drinking coffee, shooting guns, and reading [his] Bible.” SANJANA SRIDAR recently adopted a sweet six-year-old bulldog named Otis and spent the summer interning for a non-profit in New Orleans. Both she and her HMI alum sister are now at Lehigh University where they adore spending time with one another. After a gap year working in her hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, ELIZABETH STIES transferred to the University of Denver. As another Middlebury College student, WYATT SHATTUCK continues to study international, global affairs, and Russian. Wyatt interned at a security think tank based in Washington, D.C. this summer and enjoys continuing the HMI tradition of taking morning runs! DAN WEEDER transferred to Montana State University, where he works on a ranch and enjoys spending as much time as he can skiing. ELIJAH WOODS recently transferred to Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas where he is enjoying studying business. Also in Texas is JARED DISSADO, who’s currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Information Technology. He is also taking classes at Western Governors University. Staying true to her HMI dreams, AJ ROSENBAUCH is now a firefighter for the town of Middlebury, Vermont, where she also attends college and studies conservation biology and linguistics. Across the country in Santa Cruz, California, SONALI BUTENSKY has spent her time working at a Spanish restaurant, travelling/camping throughout the West, and paddle boarding on the ocean in the mornings as much as she can. JOE TANNENBAUM began school at Colorado College in the fall of 2020 and utilized his surroundings by going backpacking. Over the summer, he worked at a restaurant in his home state of New York. We were unable to get in touch with SAM GARTRELL, BEN THOMPSON, KAYLA WOLINS, OCHAN OGA, GRACE VOITA, FRANK CHETE, DAN WEEDER, JUNE THOREN, and SYDIE MILLER but Semester 39 hopes that they are all doing well and staying safe and healthy.

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SEMMESTER 41

COURTNEY HORNER is a Sophomore at Oberlin College, studying Music and Environmental Studies. They spent the summer working at a high ropes course in Purchase, NY, which was a lot of fun. With these new skills, they’re hoping to take full advantage of Oberlin’s climbing wall this semester! WYATT ELLISON has started his fall term at Dartmouth College as a member of the Class of 2025 after a fulfilling gap year. He is looking to study engineering physics and computer science, rows on the lightweight crew team, and works in the Environmental Stewardship Division of the DOC.

Semester 41, we’d love to hear more from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

SEMMESTER 43

HANNAH GROVE is taking a gap year before attending Rice University in 2022. She has spent her time off of school working at the Estes Park Mountain Shop and backpacking and climbing in Rocky Mountain National Park. She is planning on spending the next few months leading a kids climbing club, traveling around the South West, and hopefully interning for RMNP’s Outdoor Education Outreach department as the head of the junior ranger program at Hidden Valley. GUS BODEN is beginning his freshman year at Colorado College. He has become a stud at pickle-ball. He asks if anyone has some good Colorado restaurant recommendations. He also asks if anyone would be so kind to help sponsor his Colorado Restaurant Crusade. He can be found on Venmo @Gus-Boden.

LILLIAN SHATTUCK shares, “Hi everyone! It’s Lillian! I’m a Midd Feb so I have a whole semester off before I leave for school. I’m road tripping the California coast right now and then I go on a road trip in Utah and then I go to live with Lucy in Rome! Miss everyone.!”

LENNOY LORENZ is participating in the inaugural Cottonwood Gulch gap semester. She is busy exploring the southwest, and learning about environmental issues. She will be joining lots of her HMI friends at Colorado College come January. NATHAN CURL is a freshman at Colorado College. He can’t wait to poop in the woods again.

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Left: Matt Turnbull (Prior History Faculty) and wife, Annalee with their son Graham.
Above: Matt Turnbull (prior history faculty) welcomed a baby boy, Graham, into the world.

BIILINGS is studying natural resources at the University of Vermont with a focus in environmental policy and has joined the timber sports team in hopes to reconnect with the ancient art of making one log into more logs. Currently, LACHLAN MCCALLUM is attending Colorado College, along with four others from his semester. Not only is he trying out as many new experiences as possible, but also Lachlan wants to go into psychology. He has also recently become an assistant leader for CC’s Outdoor Ed program and seeks further leadership positions. BENJAMIN BURKE continues to settle into his new routines at Boston College! City life poses new and exciting challenges to him but he always enjoys getting away from the busyness by reading philosophy in his hammock. It’s been a bumpy adjustment for him at times, but he’s determined to make the best of it!

—Gus Boden (gusbb@icloud.com)

SEMMESTER 45

ADEN KATZ is hosting a 5K at his school in Brooklyn. The event will be held on Saturday, October 23rd. Former HMI teacher, Liz Andrews, will be in attendance. The event is international and aims to connect students in Brooklyn with the Sakha uVelwano program in Joe Slovo, South Africa.

—Aden Katz (adkatz@packer.edu)

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JOSH ALFORD is currently living in Colorado Springs on the campus of Fountain Valley School where he teaches English and Music, manages the (giant) campus climbing wall, coaches the climbing team, and coordinates the Outdoor Education Program. He also has an adorable dog named Frankie! WHITNEY JOHNSON is still in Leadville! She completed a master’s degree in social work in December and has started working for the local community mental health center’s mobile crisis team. That means that she responds to folks experiencing any kind of mental health crisis wherever they are in the community. It’s probably not her forever job, but she likes the work and is learning A TON! In her free time, Whitney’s still exploring around Leadville but has added a couple of new methods to her repertoire including mountain biking, rafting, and whitewater
canoeing! She’s also working on her gardening skills and has been harvesting blueberries, tomatoes, chimayo peppers, potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, and lots of greens and herbs this season. Ruby is grayer and older but still fat and happy.

AIMEE GOLDSTEIN (former Registrar & Administrative Coordinator) moved to Concord, NH in 2020 with her husband Tony so that he could pursue a law degree at UNH and also be closer to family. Aimee works as an International Graduate Admission Counselor at New England College in Henniker, NH. She spends her free time mountain biking on local trails, enjoying seafood, dabbling in metalsmithing, tossing a ball for her cattle dog Dunkin, and playing with their niece and nephews. She really misses Leadville and hopes to return to her home there once Tony finishes his degree.

BRAD SAWTLE and his wife Heidelive in the Methow Valley near Mazama, WA. It’s kind of a hard place to get to, but the skiing is usually pretty good! If any HMI’ers are traveling through, look them up! BECCA SCHILD is currently living in Glenwood Springs with Chris, who still runs HMI Gap, and their 2 1/2 year old daughter, Aven. She is the Executive Director at Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers and still oversee the HMI Gap college credit and environmental studies through Western Colorado University.

TIMBAH BELL is moving to Shimukappu (Aspen’s sister city) in Hokkaido, Japan to teach English. He’s got guest rooms if anyone wants to hang out and explore on bikes or play in the powder! DYLAN KANE started teaching math at Lake County High School this year. He enjoys getting to hang out with Karl Remsen and Geonna Bowers from time to time and is adjusting to being “Mr.” again. Also, Jess and Dylan have a new puppy named Lupin, and Bungee is slowly teaching Lupin how to be a dog.

MATT TURNBALL just began another year teaching history and environmental studies at Buckingham Browne & Nichols in Cambridge, MA. After a year of hybrid school, it is nice being back in a more normal routine. His wife, Annalee, is a 5th-grade teacher in Newton, so they are both back into the swing of busier days now. They welcomed a baby boy named Graham in March last year. He is now 6 months old and growing his first teeth. His hobbies include rolling over, reading books, and looking at trees. He also laughs at his own farts, which brings back fond memories of hiking with HMI students. He is a natural with feedback, giggling when he likes something we do and crying when he doesn’t. All in all, he is a sweet little guy.

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO JOINED US IN CELEBRATING HMI DAY 2021!

We had a mix of in-person and virtual events and so enjoyed seeing what everyone did. Our first virtual Story Hour was a huge success and we look forward to continuing this event on future HMI Days.

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