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ALUMNI UPDATES | SPRING 2023
**WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI UPDATES!**

From Semester 2 to Summer Term 2022, our Spring Semester, Summer Term and Apprentice alumni are up to some pretty amazing things! As always, updates from fall semesters and former faculty will appear in the fall. Happy reading!

**SEMESTER 2**

Semester 2, we’d love to hear from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

**SEMESTER 4**

NICK TEICH is living in the Boston area with his wife, Erika, along with their 6-year-old, Rebecca and 2-year-old, Brooke. Nick has enjoyed skiing this winter with Rebecca after her weekly ski lesson. After founding Harbor Camps in 2009 and running it for 13 years, Nick recently handed over the reins but is continuing to work in the summer camp industry. Nick credits Molly and Christopher Barnes for some early career advice on starting a successful non-profit organization for youth! NOAH MUNRO is enjoying California wine country with his wife. Noah lives in Santa Rosa, and is looking to buy a home soon. He is still running his marketing and consulting business for farm and food businesses. NIKOLA NIKSA created a Virtual Cheese Kit during the Pandemic and continues to ship nationwide!

Semester 4 needs a new Class Coordinator! Interested in volunteering? Email Louisa at lmcbride@hminet.org.

**SEMESTER 6**

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**SEMESTER 8**

JOHN SHUBERT wrote in from Atlanta; he and his wife are excited to take their kids on their family’s first international trip this summer—they’ll be visiting England, France, and Italy. CARLY ACKERMAN has been making the most of the snowy Colorado winter skiing with her kids—her oldest wants to join the ski team next year and her youngest wants to transition to snowboarding. Speaking of skiing, ANDREW BERNSTEIN got a ski pass for the first time in a few years and has been enjoying his time back in the mountains. But the biggest news is that he’s getting married in May! Congratulations Bernie! ADAM KLAFFKY continues to work for NOLS in Lander, WY; he’s working in the field as well as office and recently picked up a part-time bartending gig at a little cocktail bar—a longtime hobby that he’s really enjoying. HMI Board of Trustees member, ISAIAH THOMAS, remains busy as ever wearing multiple hats across all aspects of his life, including being a dean at Occidental College. MATT PALEVSKY is also involved in many different ventures. He’s in Santa Fe, splitting his time between renewable energy development and ministry as a Zen Buddhist priest/rabbi. As for DAN LUSTICK, he’s in MA, working as a family nurse practitioner in primary care and teaching an NP class at his alma mater—he loves it, but it’s quite stressful, so he often unwinds with home renovation projects. Dan thanks you all for the great updates; and says he is proud to be part of this semester. He wishes you and your loved ones a safe and healthy year.

—Dan Lustick (danlustick@gmail.com)

**SEMESTER 10**

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EMILY GASPARETTI had a busy year since the last update: she was promoted to associate architect, got married, and celebrated with other RMS XIV alumni in attendance, honeymooned in Spain, and is happy to announce that she is expecting a child later this year.

NINA GANNES lives in San Francisco and works as a user experience designer at a tech company and finds tons of opportunities to get outside including skiing, rowing on San Francisco bay in antique wooden rowboats, and volunteering in the summers as a whitewater rafting guide.

PAUL LANDSBERG successfully defended his dissertation in August of last year. He moved back to Tucson, AZ soon after his defense and he is back to navigating on the EC-130H Compass Call. He expects to be in Tucson for a few more years before moving to Colorado Springs and joining the faculty at the Air Force Academy. Earlier this spring he was promoted to the rank of Major and celebrated the occasion with friends and family.

—Paul Landsberg (landsberg.paul@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 18

YSABEL DEVITT is living in Asheville, NC with her partner and two cats. Yasbel runs the Whole Foods Ecommerce Team at the flagship store in the Asheville metro. In Yasbel’s free time, she enjoys hiking, art, and music. LAURA CASTLEMAN is a stay-at-home parent to her daughter Louisa who just turned three, and son Arthur who was born in July. Laura lives with her husband David and children in Albany, NY. JUD PACKARD has a baby and life is good. Jud is working for Wayfinder and building kid’s programs. JUSTIN HUGGINS spent most of 2022 living like a recluse in Denver. Now, Justin is traveling to the Utah desert later this Spring!
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FROM THE HMI ARCHIVES Semester 18

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prepare to care for a small human. AMY DOMANICO was promoted to Principal Software Engineer and her baby girl turned one. SETON TALTY is in her second year of law school at UC Davis. She looks forward to spending the summer interning at the public defender’s office in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Last summer Seton had the pleasure of being in Simba’s wedding where she gave a speech telling the story of how she got the name Simba on the first night of our semester in Cabin 3. Seton is sad to miss the reunion this summer, but will tell her friends they can’t get married the weekend of the 30th Reunion.

AZ. WILL SMART is currently living in Seattle with his wife, Natalie, and will be ending his eight years of military service this June with the intent to attend an MBA program in the fall (TBD which one yet). CARLA (GNARLA) FRANKENBACH is living in Los Angeles working as a film & television writer and completed a rim to rim Grand Canyon trip this past fall. SAM FRIEDMAN is still cooking at The Wolf’s Tailor in Denver and realizing their expression and practice of what one could call place-based cooking. He’s developed the deepest connection with nature and wilderness in his wild mushroom foraging and cooking. Recently he traveled to South Carolina to earn a wild mushroom food safety certification and will be spending as much time as he can exploring and appreciating the beauty and deliciousness of Colorado’s wild mushrooms. —Gnarla (Carla) Frankenbach (cfrankenbach@gmail.com)

O’CONNOR-BETHUNE is living with their partner in Vieques, Puerto Rico working as a kayaking guide on the brightest bioluminescent bay in the world. They also do construction and the occasional horseback riding tour. In their spare time they’re learning Spanish, hitting the beach, scuba diving, and teaching themselves woodworking. TOM CRANDALL is still living and thriving in Denver. He’s approaching two years working with Level 1, and recently finished editing his first feature documentary FULL CIRCLE, about a paraplegic sit skier named Trevor Kennison. The film premiered at Santa Barbara International Film Festival, and will also play at Telluride Mountainfilm this summer. If anybody knows someone at HBO, please tell them to buy it. Otherwise, Tom is skiing for fun when he can, catching up with Oscar winners, and cooking up a potential app dating documentary.

SEMINAR 26
BARRETT DONOVAN is still living at HMI with her partner Dirk and their dog Lajla. She and Louisa have been eagerly planning the 25-Year Reunion and they can’t wait to see you all in June! After the reunion, Barrett will be moving on from HMI and starting a new job with Colorado Water Trust, a non-profit that works to water in rivers and streams. Barrett will miss HMI, but is planning to stay in the Arkansas Valley so won’t be going too far!

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—Jackie Kumble (jkumble713@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 30

VIRGINIA PUCKETT moved to Dallas and got a new job working in the development office at an all boys school. Though no longer a teacher, her inner bookworm still thrives as she runs a wonderful book Instagram called @readwithvirginia. DELANEY FEIGHAN is working as an oncology dietitian specializing in brain, breast, GYN, and GU cancers. She’s building up her private practice on the side (if you need a dietitian in Cleveland, she’s your woman). Her big plan this summer is getting married—eeek!

FRANCES SNELLINGS lives in Harvard Square with her partner and is pursuing her masters in clinical social work at Boston College. In true HMI fashion, she spends her free time backcountry skiing, running, cooking and mosaicing.

HALLE PAYNE lives in Nashville, where she is pursuing a career as a songwriter and artist. Her first EP comes out May 26th, but she will be releasing some singles before then for those who can’t wait. She is also working as an SAT tutor (she thoroughly enjoyed the Salida SAT experience).

GRETCHEN O’BRIEN moved from Jackson to Laramie, Wyoming, where she is finishing her final year getting her MA in clinical mental health from Wake Forest. She is doing her practicum and internship at a community mental health center in Laramie. She also just adopted the luckiest puppy, Lincoln, who is a husky/collie/German Shepherd mix. EMILY SMART has been living in Fort Collins, CO, and she works in philanthropy for animal welfare. Take note, East Coasters, as she is planning to move back to save the doggos near the Atlantic.

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LAVIGNE is living in Portland, Maine and beginning her career as a freelance videographer. She is still obsessed with EDM music, road trips, and the 1970s Nancy Drew TV series. CLAIRE MAURER moved back to Maine this fall and started graduate school in January. Happy to be back home in Maine, she is working on balancing school with work, biking, and starting off over the ocean. ECHO MILLER-BARNES is living in NW Montana, working for the Forest Service! When not working on the river, she’s skiing, hanging out with her cat, or playing cribbage with friends. RILEY MULLIN is in the process of moving back to New York where starting this fall she will be attending a dual degree program to pursue a Master’s in Social Work at NYU and a Master’s in Child Development at Sarah Lawrence College. Not only is she prepping to re-enter academia, but she and her fiancé are excitedly planning their upcoming September wedding. KEVIN GONZALEZ is back in Dallas after finishing up his MBE degree and looking for work in biotech. In the meantime, he’s visiting family members around the States and Mexico and helping out where he can.

VERONICA JONES recently relocated from the Red River Gorge, KY to Traverse City, MI, and is the director of youth programming at a climbing gym, where she gets to teach kiddos about all things climbing and grips lots of grabbos on the side. When she isn’t going down a rabbit hole about the geology of different climbing areas to teach the young ones about, you can find her exploring the rivers, lakes, and trails with her two pups, making obscene and/or whimsical earrings to gift friends, tending to her herb garden, or attempting intricate recipes in the kitchen with varied success. KIRA RATCLIFFE continues to live out of her car and climb as much as possible. ANYA CARTER is living in Brooklyn, perfecting her beef bourguignon recipe, hosting dinner parties monthly (that you should all join!), and is working at Blackstone in their real estate team. She is hoping to hike Mount Kilimanjaro in the next two years. JESSI FRIEDMAN is still teaching math at HMI and updating the math program, leading Q2, telemark skiing, and is excited to have some big falls on their mountain bike this spring.

—Westly Joseph (westlyjoseph@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 38

STUART HARRIS just graduated from college and is off to DC to jump start his career on the Hill. LILY EPSTEIN is a barber in NYC at Otis and Finn Barbershop. Check them out on @barberlil! EVERETT METCHICK is living in New York with two of his friends from HMI! He is working in Investment Banking and improving his HMI cook crew skills by cooking a lot in his free time. RENNY ACHESON is teaching English in the French

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ANNA SOLOMON is having lots of fun at Pfizer (especially with Kai Carse) and is looking forward to returning to HMI this upcoming summer as a summer term faculty. Although she'll never betray her HMI loyalty, she's spending the next two years at Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki as an English fellow!

MCKINLAY DAGGAT is currently working on her undergrad thesis in studio arts at Bard College. She's graduating in May and is set to move to Berlin in June! BEN STEIN is currently attending Whittman College. This winter he got to visit his sister Sydney Stein down in Chile! He will be returning for another shop and a custodial job. He gets to see his brother and is looking to go back to school soon!

OLLIE McGINNIS is still going to school at Lawrence University in Wisconsin and studying biology. She applied to some marine biology internships for this summer and is hoping she'll be doing that on the west coast. Then next year, she'll be graduating in the spring and is hoping to do some traveling with a friend. MICHAEL FLYNN is a sophomore film major at Colorado College. He's been making videos, films and doing photography, for fun and for some work as well, inside and outside of school. He's been playing intramural basketball, and pickup when he can. He's been meeting new people, taking new classes, and trying new things, which he says has been cool! ANNA MACKAY is now a junior at Colorado College studying sociology and education. She's hoping to do the Masters of Arts in Teaching program at CC after she graduates. She studied abroad last semester in Florence and said it was super amazing. Also, she's living in Lia Kelly's backyard garage. And hopes to have a Vermarty soon.

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SEMESTER 44

Obsessed with all things water and economics, BELLA PITMAN has decided to pursue a dual degree in Environmental Sciences (StB) and Economics (Ab). She recently led a panel about water finance with investors and OECD advisors in the Future of Sustainable Investing Conference and attended the UN World Water Day conference in New York City. In her free time she plays ultimate frisbee on Brown’s club team, leads for the outing club, goes climbing, and searches for amazing restaurants in the Providence area. She recently became a Royale Fellow for her research on mitigating drought in the Colorado River Basin and is hoping to make it out west this summer. KATE DONAHUE is working at a residential community for adults with disabilities! She is going on eight months of working there and it has changed her path of study to Neuroscience. It has been very difficult but also very fun and rewarding, continuing his role as photographer past Semester 44’s time on campus. MAX NELSON is working as a sports videographer and photographer during the school year, and as a sea kayak guide in the summer. At Washington & Lee, CHARLIE GARCIA’s rugby team won the state championship! Outside of athletics he is a part of Mock Convention at W&L. This summer he plans to work as a camp counselor in Austin, Texas. A lover of mountains and coasts, SAM LERNER recently returned from an internship in Peru building a solar distiller and surfing a lot! He is unsure of what he will be doing for the summer but he is attempting to do research at a lab in Maine. AVA STAUGHTON is studying Marine Biology and working on a campaign to deconstruct dams in Washington. She is aspiring to work at a lab on the San Juan Islands for the summer! NNENNYA HIZIRRIKAN is graduating in December 2023 and is currently working as the host of a climate podcast “Is It Hot Enough For You?”. Her new season drops this summer, so look out! At Colorado College, ANNABELLE SWENSON is studying molecular bio and is in the middle of her first semester as an RA at school. She is also training to be an EMT and will be scooping ice cream this summer! Overseas, MADISON MCDougall is currently living in Cambodia until July, working for her first co-op to increase university accessibility for women from rural areas. She is also learning Khmer and researching about how countries recover from genocides. NATHALIE SANFRELLO has left the United States for the month to study fashion design at Polimoda; a fashion school in Florence. She is currently reading Almanac of the Dead by Leslie Marmon Silko and is really excited to start focusing in on textile sciences as well as natural fabric making practices.
This summer she will be doing research in Colorado for Dark Sky Conservation and would love to see anyone who may be in the state! Also in the sunshine state, **Ben Lavine** is studying real estate at LEEDS at CU Boulder. Outside of classes he planned and led a seven day backpacking trip in Utah’s Needles District. His skatting is getting even speedier! He recently hit 45 mph on the streets but also is speeding through wikipedia rabbit holes. 

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**SEMESTER 46**

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**SEMESTER 48**

**BEATTY SWETT** started off her senior year at Santa Monica High—She’s constantly on the move around the U.S. for soccer tournaments with her team—and she’s been all around, specifically up and down the East Coast seeing HMI folks, and logging her delicious meals on her food instagram @banjocooks! This summer she plans to live and work with some other 48 alums, making unique and funny custom shirts out of her garage. This fall Beatty will be attending Whitman College where she will further her cross-country and track career! **Sadie Hale** has spent her time since HMI wearing silly pants, singing with Avery, daydreaming, writing, and recording songs! After depicting her incredible self-written songs, Colorado and Endy Voight at HMI, she has since put them onto Spotify, along with a few other bangers, for everyone to enjoy! She just recently performed her first show ever at the Seattle Museum of Pop Culture, in front of a huge crowd, P.S. check her spotify (Sadie Hale) for a new song soon… **Max von Moltke** spent the fall at Fieldston out on the soccer field. Playing striker, his team made it all the way to the NYSSAIS finals, playing hard in a tough loss to the iconic Hackley Hornets. This upcoming fall, Max plans on taking a gap year to work at a climate company in Berlin, work as a ski instructor in Austria, and then use the money he makes to travel through Southeast Asia! By Fall 2024 he’ll end up at Middlebury!

**CAL AVINS** has spent his time since HMI doing a whole lot of writing and climbing! This summer he hopes to work on a book! This fall Cal will be attending Oberlin college to study creative writing. He might even have a cat with him! **Anna Elias** has been spending her time, enjoying the ranch life in Nevada, and going on trail runs in Tahoe. This summer she hopes to summit mountains, swim, and be her best cowgirl with Josie in July on her family’s ranch. In the fall Anna will be attending Bates College! **Walter Hoffman** has spent his last year at Hackley playing right tackle for their football team and modeling all the merch they have to offer. In his free time Walter likes to talk to Beatty and Nieve, as well as play Geoguesser! This summer Walter plans to float like a leaf on the wind until the fall where he will be attending Notre Dame.

**Hazel Hendler** spent fall enjoying her first, and last year at the Pierrepont School in Westport. She has taken up acting since her first role ever in Skwon’s Think Tank, and will be playing Puck in the production of Midsummer Nights Dream. Recently, Hazel has started up a small business of making unique and funny custom shirts out of her garage. This summer she plans to live and work with some other 48 alums, before she attends Middlebury College in the fall!

**Pearl Steinhouse** showed up and showed out this hockey season and played in the state championship, made the Illinois all-state team, and was ranked 5th in the state for highschool goalies! This spring they will be playing Lacrosse for their school, in between classes and shifts at Lefty’s Pizza Kitchen in Wilmette, Illinois. This fall they will be attending UVM where they will study environmental science! **Charlie Harrison** has been hooked and busy! This spring Charlie will be playing volleyball as a setter for Friends Seminary, as well as acting in the musical. This summer, he will be working at Camp Stomping Ground in Middle Grove, NY, and traveling to Mexico. In the fall he will study international affairs at Northeastern University!

**Avery Rubins** has been a climbing fool since leaving HMI. This fall they will be attending the University of Vermont. **Stewart Stites** has been playing hard all school year. In the fall he played soccer alongside Henri, in the winter he played Basketball, and this spring he has been enjoying the beginnings of a promising track season! In his limited free time Stewart catches up with HMI friends, and plays his guitar. Right now, he’s looking forward to getting out of Kentucky for the summer! This fall, **Chloe Kninder** led her tennis team to the semi-finals, and right now she is currently working as a lifeguard in sunny San Diego! This summer she is doing a roadtrip with some friends to Big Sur and visiting Montana. In the fall she will be attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Noah Goldwasser** just bought a Crazy Creek, and is currently working to make the world his couch. When not doing that, he is training to become an EMT, and recently returned from a backpacking trip in Utah he led with Liz Andreew! During the summer Noah will be spending his time trail building/restoring back in Colorado, with the Rocky Mountain Corp. In the fall Noah will be attending Bowdoin College as well as volunteer as an EMT! **Shelby Salcedo** lost their hydrofask in the Colorado airport. It’s a real shame! **Annie Grace McGarry** will be attending Middlebury as a foil! **Hugo Guckert** started his own ring business. This fall, **Aimee Ayala** was a captain of her Field Hockey team. Right now, she is working as a Nanny for a set of twins, and managing the lacrosse team! **Sydney Goitia-Doran** was the dancing queen this fall when she received Donna in her school’s production of Mamma Mia! She is also co-editor of her school newspaper, the Puma Press, and redesigned its look for her senior project. She’s really proud of herself for journaling everyday and keeping up with her blog. Ideally her summer will be filled with making money, hanging out with people, and of course, running @theultimaterunright on Insta with Aimee! #follow. **Henri Zaminian** started off senior year at...
Louisville Collegiate school playing soccer as a right back. Currently, he is playing tennis. When he is not hanging out with friends or coaching soccer for 6-10 year olds, he is training for another marathon! He’s excited to enjoy his last summer at home by going for tea. She works at a lab categorizing inverts from local samples at a local lake! The best thing that’s happened to her since HMI was running a marathon with Anna Eilis last summer. She hopes to see more people from HMI this summer! ANNA PEPPER started off this school year as the captain of her school swim team. Now, she’s excited to embark on a new journey as a vintage reseller at an upcoming market! Stop by if you ever find yourself in the sunshine state.

Samantha Saenz started running this school year along with playing guitar and bass. When she’s not shaving around town or shredding on stage, she loves hanging out with friends. In addition to babysitting every evening, she has secured an internship. She is excited to be doing a graduation trip with her friends to Barcelona! Alden Iselin recently ran his first 100-mile race. He is extremely excited as this is another step toward running the Leadville 100 this summer! When he’s not running he dabbles in skiing and mountain adventures. Currently, he plans to take a gap year next school year and is considering running the Cocodonida 290, with a goal to be the youngest person to run 200+ miles! Ted Barrachin stays active between being a biking team captain, ski patrolier, and runner. Unfortunately, the bike shop he worked for closed down, but things are looking up as he is a true Californian, spending his time playing beach volleyball, swimming, and surfing. When he’s not hanging ten, he mountain bikes, works out, and does photography. He makes money by driving a kid to diving practice and mountain biking while he lives. This summer he’s excited to backpack and sail before attending Colorado College in the fall. Chloe Whelan’s been feeling springs, HMI students and faculty who were lucky enough to witness her singing performances at coffee house will be delighted to hear she is starting to record her own music! This summer she’ll be working in New Hampshire and she’d love to have visitors. Anna Marston is another sem 48 running icon, participating in cross country, indoor track, and track. She also likes to crochet and play video games! The best thing that’s happened to her since HMI was doing a polar plunge with her friends in the Connecticut River at midnight to celebrate the new year!! This summer she is excited to be a summer camp counselor, road trip with friends, and tackle her goal of running a half marathon.

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SUMMER TERM
CECILIA BENGHEL (ST2013) is pursuing her MD/PhD at Carnegie Mellon University. Currently she is doing the PhD portion, where she focuses on surgical robots for trauma care on the battlefield. She likes to play ultimate frisbee in her free time and travel since her research can sometimes be done remotely. She just got her green card! India Orman (ST2012) is living in Asheville, NC with her husband, Alexander and son, Bjorn. She is teaching French at the local Waldorf school and is looking forward to travelling during the summer! Jackie Labelle (ST2013) is currently loving life in Anchorage, Alaska, especially the quick access to amazing hiking, backcountry skiing, and packrafting. This past year, Jackie embraced the Alaskan pastime of salmon fishing.
notching 21 sockeye salmon from three different rivers. Jackie and her sister visited Mexico for the first time in December of 2022 and they climbed two volcanoes, Pico de Orizaba and Iztaccihuatl. Jackie has also recently become a member of the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, a volunteer search and rescue organization in Southcentral Alaska and has been enjoying giving back to the Alaska outdoor community. RACHEL CUNTRY (ST2016) just transferred from NYU to Trinity University, MAIA VILLARICA (ST2021) just finished interning for the U.S. Senate and is finishing her third year at Bard College Berlin in Berlin, Germany. HANNAH HOLM (ST2018) started her senior year at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO and is studying biology. She is looking forward to the next steps in life after graduation. ZACH LEVINE (ST2021) is finishing up his senior year of high school and is officially going to Colorado College next year! Zach plans to hike the New Jersey section of the Appalachian Trail with his best friend in May. ELLA THOMAS-DIETRICH (ST2022) is graduating high school in three months! Ellie committed to Rice University for business. Recently, Ellie took photos for her school’s charity fashion show that raised over $43,000 for mental health, and went hiking in Mexico. Since leaving Leadville, MEREDITH ALT (ST2022) has been heavily involved in her performing arts school’s productions and competitions. In November, she competed at both the regional and state level of the North Carolina Theatre Conference as the lead role in a play by David Lindsey-Abaire. She was the recipient of the highest acting award in the state, earning $125,000 in scholarship offers. In February, she won State First Runner-Up for Poetry Out Loud, a poetry recitation competition. She is still awaiting college decisions and is excited to study environmental science and/or psychology starting this fall. BART LLEWELLYN (ST2022) is enjoying sophomore year of high school, skiing, listening to music, reading, and more! Bart has been going on trips with his school’s Outdoor Club. Bart is happy and misses HMI a lot.

APPRENTICE UPDATES

SAMANTHA WILSON HARLOW (SEMESTER 19) has shifted from classroom teaching to full time teacher Professional Development work with a non-profit, High 5 Adventure Learning Center, in Brattleboro, VT. ELLIE SHAFER (SEMESTER 29) is marking ten years of living in the Tetons with her husband, Max, this Winter. While she continues to center her interests around art, education, and the natural world, she is currently a full-time mom to her daughter, Cathryn Jackson, born in October 2022. Elle has continued to stay in touch with many of her HMI pals, including the other new parents in her Apprentice crew. AURI EAST (SEMESTER 29) has been working as an inclusive Sex/ual/ity Educator and Consultant for semester schools, private residential schools, outdoor nonprofits, and for-profit guiding companies all over the U.S. During the spring and summer, Auri guides on the Colorado in the Grand Canyon as well as on the Middle and Main sectors of the Salmon River in Idaho. VANESSA MATOS (SEMESTER 30) is living on Kaua’i, and spending as much time as possible in and around the ocean. CATHERINE KLEM (SEMESTER 30) still lives in Seattle, teaches high school math, and tries hard not to injure her body in the mountains in her free time. Catherine gets to see ELIZA PARSONS (RMS 10 STUDENT) on a cloudy afternoon on Livingston Island, Antarctica. SAVANNAH JOHNSON (SEMESTER 35) recently launched a travel company for teens with Type 1 diabetes, began her dream job as the Investment Director for Sorenson Impact Foundation, and bought a house in Lakewood, CO. She sends her love to all of Semester 35!

FROM THE HMI ARCHIVES

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Catherine Klem (Semester 30 Apprentice) on a cloudy afternoon on Livingston Island, Antarctica.
Auri East (Semester 29 Apprentice) is too happy for words after two weeks in the Grand Canyon.

consulting firm that specializes in climate, conservation, and outdoor recreation grant funding. You can check them out at terraprosody.com. When Caroline isn’t figuring out how to run a business, she is out in the headlands of San Francisco on her gravel bike, sneaking up to the mountains to ski, or climbing a crag on the California coast. **CLAIRE SUTTON** and **HAYDEN SHEA (SEMESTER 38)** left their beautiful community at HMI after six years to try out San Francisco with their dog, Joni. They are enjoying long walks on the beach and a lot of fantastic burritos. Hayden is teaching high school biology at the Bay School and leading backpacking trips on the weekends for the outdoors club. Claire is now a certified Yoga Teacher and Bike Mechanic and is waiting to hear back from graduate schools. **ELEANOR JOHNSTON (SEMESTER 42)** is in medical school in Phoenix and discovering what it is like to live in a place where 120 degrees is a normal temperature! **MADISON WILKINSON (SEMESTER 45)** is currently living in Denver working for a marketing agency called nrg! Madison is moving to Carbondale, CO this summer for the job and would love to hang out with anyone in the area! **SAM KWON (SEMESTER 48)** is working as a baker and an emergency department technician in Boston. Sam is pursuing a masters in biomedical sciences at Tufts this fall!

Caroline Santinelli (Semester 37 Apprentice) rocking her HMI hat on a scramble up Bear Creek Spire in the Eastern Sierras!

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Claire Sutton and Hayden Shea (Semester 38 Apprentices) enjoying California sun.

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Savannah Johnson (Semester 35 Apprentice) and her dog, Cru, hiking in Ouray, Colorado.