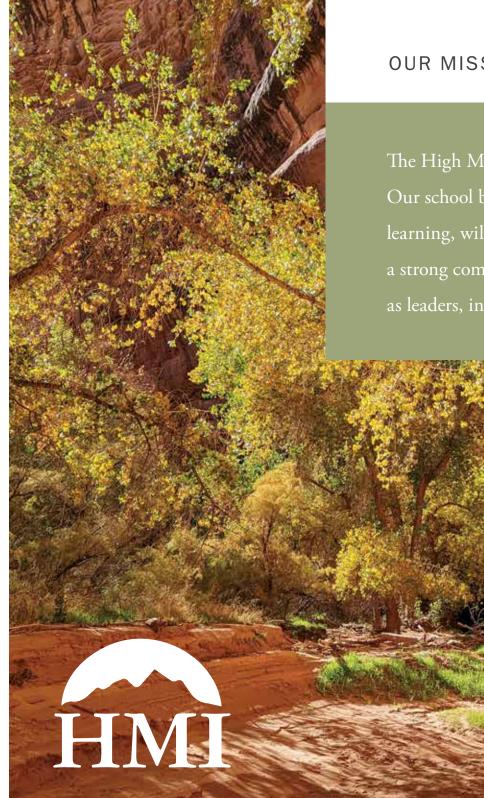
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OUR MISSION

The High Mountain Institute engages students with the natural world. Our school boldly unites rigorous intellectual inquiry, experiential learning, wilderness expeditions, and shared responsibility in a strong community. Our students realize their potential as leaders, independent thinkers, and thoughtful citizens.







OUR WORK

- HMI is a nonprofit independent school and gap year provider based in Leadville, CO
- Approximately 130 high school students and 40 adults participate in HMI programming each year
- All HMI programs combine outdoor education with intellectual pursuits and intentional community
- All HMI programs involve backpacking; some also involve rock climbing or backcountry skiing
- No previous outdoor experience is necessary to participate; many of HMI students are new to these activities
- HMI awards over \$1,000,000 in need-based financial aid each year

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FROM THE NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL Sam Critchlow

This past June, HMI celebrated its 25th birthday, welcoming hundreds of alumni, former staff and trustees, and families back to campus. This summer represents a homecoming for me as well. Having left HMI twelve years prior, I have returned to a place that is both deeply familiar and impressively changed.

Our community is larger, more diverse, and conscientiously inclusive. Our campus is better designed to support teaching, learning, and living. In addition to middle and high schoolers, we now welcome high school graduates and adult educators as program participants.

As HMI has grown, so too has the financial support of our community. Your generosity has allowed us to build nine on-campus housing units where half of our faculty and staff now live. Fundraising has also allowed us to increase the percentage of students receiving financial aid by 50% since 2011–a truly inspiring achievement. For your support in these efforts, I am deeply grateful.

As we continue to grow and take on new, ambitious goals, I remember the vision, audacity, and determination that brought HMI into existence. I think of the dedication of our staff, apprentices, and trustees; I see the generosity of our alumni, families, and friends; and I am reassured that we will thrive together. The HMI community is an incredible force: it is what propels us forward, and what has brought me back.

Sam Critchlow, Head of School scritchlow@hminet.org | (719) 486-8200 x101

Over 700 individuals donated to HMI last year, collectively raising over \$1.7 million to support financial aid, faculty and staff compensation, and campus improvements. The median gift was just \$26!



FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT Ray McGaughey

After eight years of serving as HMI's Director of Admissions, I am so excited to transition into the role of Director of Development.



My connection to HMI dates back to 2005 when I attended Semester 15 (then called RMS XV). HMI left a profound impact on me as it has on so many other students. I wanted to give back to this special place, and HMI became my first "favorite nonprofit." I made my first donation of \$10 in January 2006, just a few weeks after graduating! I am proud to have donated nearly every year since.

As I step into this role, it is a joy to start learning about the many other alumni, families, and friends of HMI who also love and support this school. Over 700 individuals donated to HMI last year, collectively raising over \$1.7 million to support financial aid, faculty and staff compensation, and campus improvements. The median gift was just \$26! Just as I began donating shortly after my semester, so too do recent alumni. Semester 48, which concluded in May 2022, won the Alumni Summit Challenge for highest class participation with 85% contributing!

In the coming months, I look forward to (re)connecting with as many of you as possible. I plan to join Sam on his "Meet the New Head" tour this fall and meet some of you then. If we miss each other, please reach out at any time to discuss supporting HMI...or just to say hi!

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Ray McGaughey, Director of Development rmcgaughey@hminet.org | (719) 486-8200 x109

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

IN 2022-2023 HMI:



Celebrated **25** years of operation



Served **172** students across the Semester, Gap, and Summer Term programs



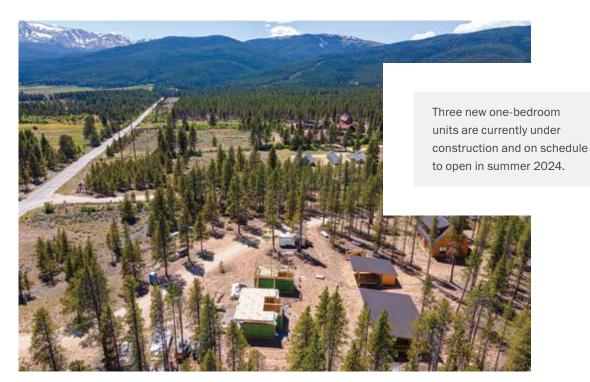
Grew our endowment to \$9 million; continued to direct 100% of our endowment draw towards financial aid



Recorded a record operating revenue of **\$5,626,639**



Raised **\$707,632** for the HMI Fund from over **700** alumni, families, and friends of the school



Continued construction of on-campus housing for our employees. Currently **50%** of our staff live on campus.

THE HMI FUND & FINANCIAL AID



THE HMI FUND MAKES OUR FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM POSSIBLE.

Tuition alone does not cover the full cost of bringing HMI to life. We depend on our donors to fund 15% of our operating budget each year. The HMI Fund is our annual fundraising effort to fill this budget gap. Donations to the HMI Fund support financial aid, faculty and staff compensation, and campus maintenance.

THIS PAST YEAR HMI:



Awarded financial aid to 55 students, 32% of our participants



Provided 100% free outdoor gear rental

to 22 Semester and Summer Term students



Purchased 13 round-trip flights and 14 pairs of hiking boots for full financial aid recipients



Allocated 100% of our endowment draw to financial aid

THE NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING TURNS "1"

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As our Faculty & Student Center (colloquially: the Academic Building or "AB") turns one, we stopped by during Summer Term 2023 to capture a few scenes of how the building is being used.



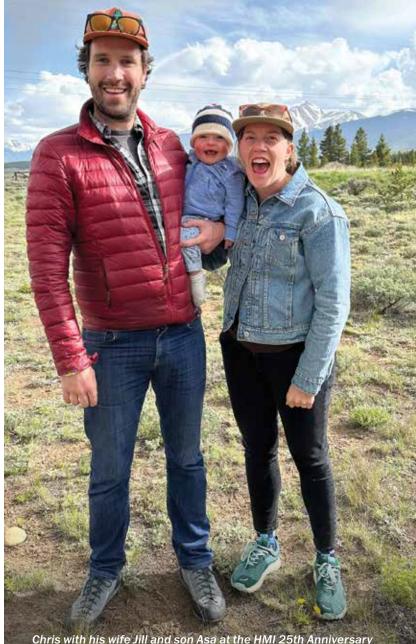






Photos clockwise: Students study in the Spruce Classroom; the expanded HMI Library; the Ross Study Room; an AB window nook; the Academic Building as seen from the Who's Hall deck.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Over 700 alumni, parents, and friends of the school donated to HMI last year. We spoke to two alumni about why they support HMI.

Chris Offensend

SEMESTER 14 ALUM (SPRING '05) PACKER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE '06 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT '10



What does HMI mean to you?

My time at HMI as part of Semester XIV provided me with the first true opportunity I had to see my life for what it could be, not just for what it was. HMI prepares students for major outdoor expeditions and provides them with the skills they need to plan and lead those experiences. But, to me, the teachings that underlie the outdoor experiences are the most powerful and transformational. During my time at HMI, I learned the value of being a responsible and engaged member of the communities to which I belonged. I learned how to take on challenges far beyond what I could have taken on myself, and I learned how to work with others to surmount them as a team. Those first experiences I had at HMI to overcome big challenges as part of a team completely reshaped how I saw and approached problems out in the world from that point forward.

Why do you give to HMI each month?

To teach those foundational skills to just one student is complex and resource-intensive, but HMI has always sought to serve every student and adapt that experience to their unique needs. I give because I know that HMI will use those funds to deliver the same life-changing educational experience I had to an increasingly wide array of students, each of whom will have the opportunity to see their life for what it could be, not just what it is.

Aimee Ayala SEMESTER 48 ALUM (SPRING '22)

THE MASTERS SCHOOL '23 SKIDMORE COLLEGE '27



What does HMI mean to you and what impact has it had on you?

HMI completely changed my life and who I am as a person. It opened my eyes to new opportunities and challenged me in ways I would have never been able to experience elsewhere.

I am so incredibly thankful to have been a part of such a supportive and diverse environment of people that pushed me to become the person I am today. It's safe to say that though I was only there for four months, the HMI impact lasts a lifetime.

How did it feel to have Semester 48 win the Summit Challenge participation competition last year?

It was an awesome feeling, and was even better once I got my mini HMI Nalgene in the mail! We really came together months after our semester had ended and were texting in our 48-person-chat about how badly we wanted to win. It was amazing to me that even while we were giving back to HMI, we used it as another opportunity to connect.

Semester 48 constantly likes to say that we were the best semester in HMI's history, so to be the champions of the Summit Challenge really helped boost our ego!

Why should other people consider supporting HMI?

Everyone should support HMI!! HMI changes the life of everyone who is able to attend, and making donations helps students like myself be able to participate in such a remarkable program. A gift to HMI is a gift to all future and all past students!

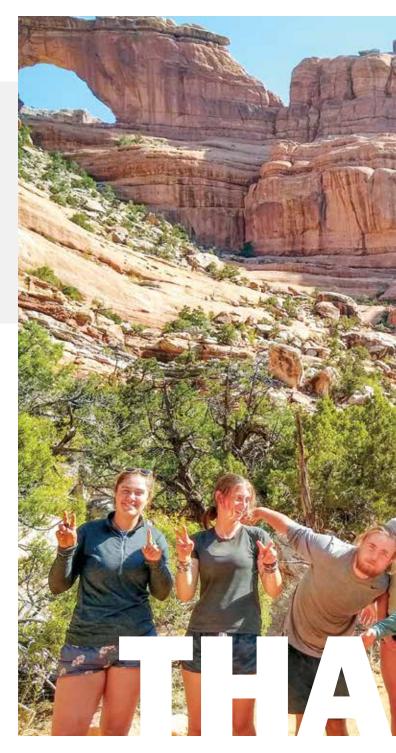


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THANK YOU, DONORS!

With sincere gratitude, we list the following donors who have supported HMI in fiscal year 2023 by making gifts to the HMI Fund, Campaign for Community, or endowment. Through their generosity, support, and commitment to our school, we can continue to offer transformational experiences *when nature and minds meet*.







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Named for Mt. Elbert, the highest peak in Colorado, the Mt. Elbert Circle recognizes donors who have given consecutively for the last five years or more. The ▲ in these pages of donor listings indicate those who have made this exceptional commitment to HMI.

This list reflects donations made to the High Mountain Institute between June 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023. We have made every effort to ensure that this list is complete and accurate. We apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact Ray McGaughey, Director of Development, with any corrections at rmcgaughey@hminet.org.

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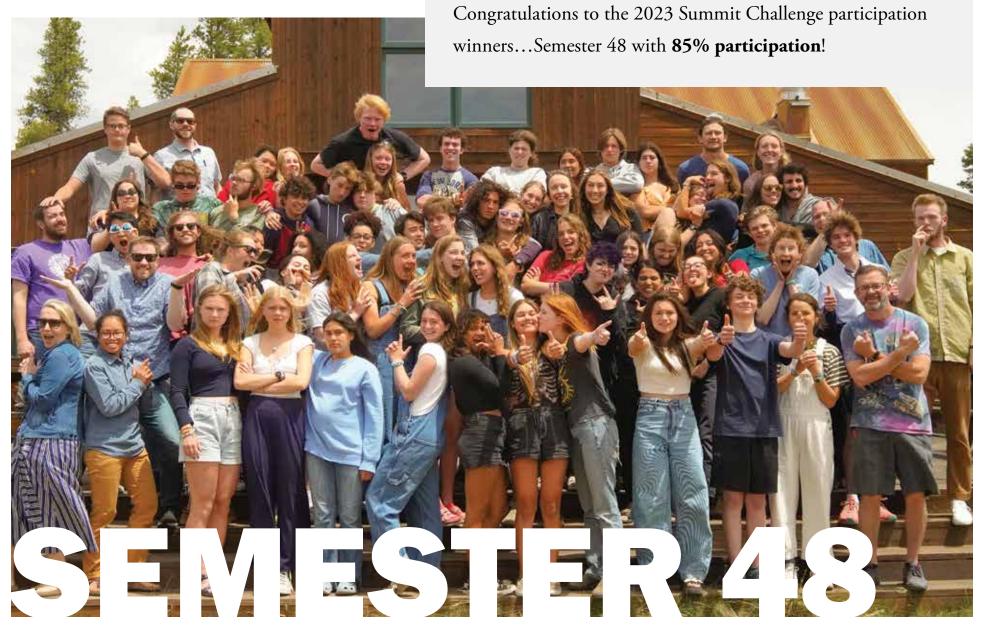
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Barrett was a student in RMS 26 (Spring 2011) and returned to HMI in fall 2016 as an apprentice. The next year she began working full-time as the Alumni and Development Associate and in 2020 was promoted to Director of Development. During her tenure, Barrett helped bring together a growing alumni community, oversaw the 20th and 25th-anniversary reunions, and worked with countless donors to advance the mission of HMI. A passionate educator, Barrett often opted into leading backpacking expeditions and advising students. Barrett, you will be missed!

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After six outstanding years working in the Alumni & Development office, Barrett Donovan has moved on to her next adventure.



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