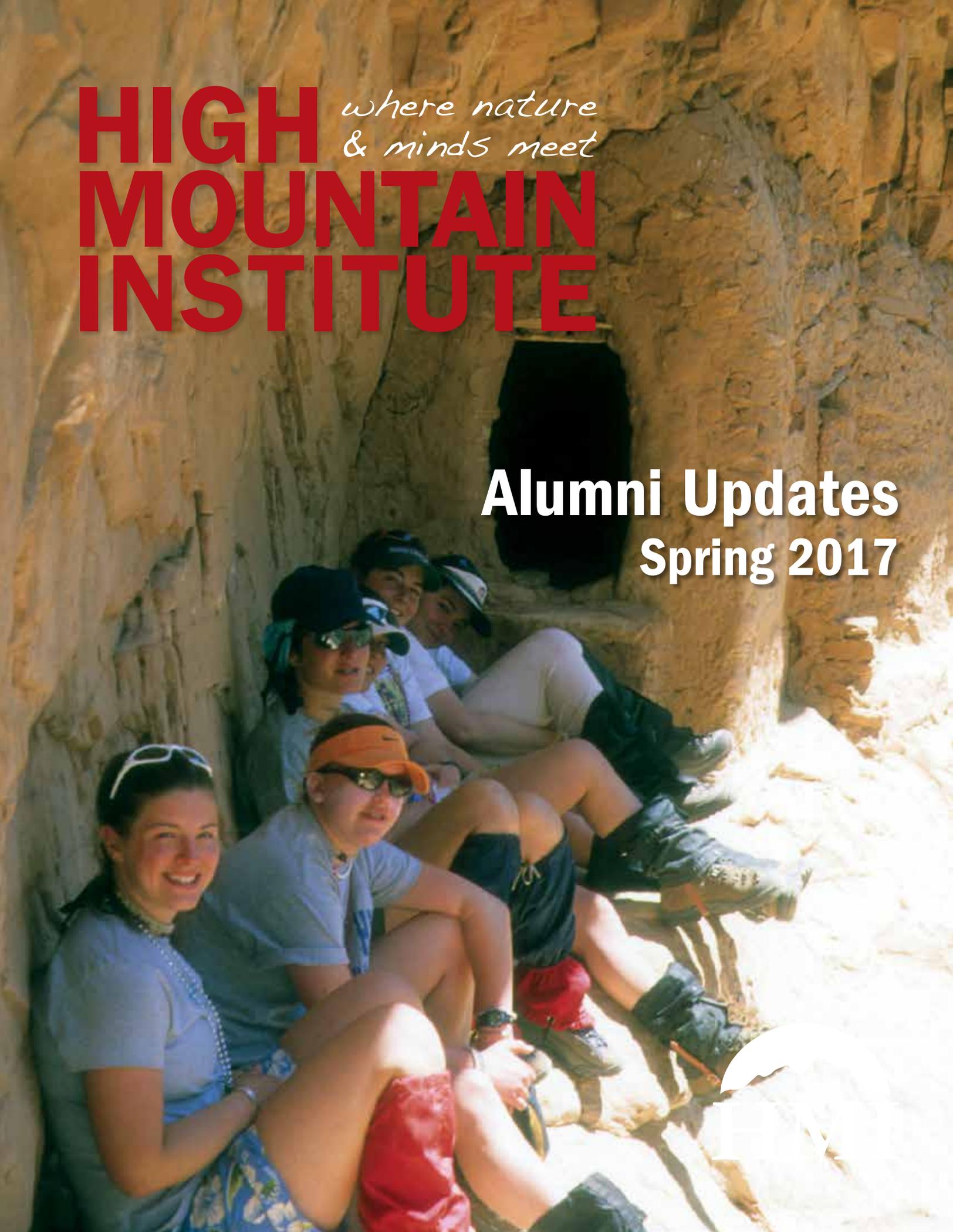


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Alumni Updates
Spring 2017



Welcome to the Alumni Updates!

For this edition of Alumni Updates, we dug deep into the archives! Students from Semester 8 (15 years ago!) grace the cover of this edition, and other photos from semesters past can be found throughout these pages. While the HMI experience is as vibrant as ever, it's always fun and worthwhile to recall the HMI of yesteryear. As you reconnect with old classmates in the Alumni Updates, we wish you many wonderful memories of your time in Leadville. And don't forget, too, to read updates from other Semesters: our alumni do inspiring things! As always, updates from Fall Semesters and former faculty will appear in the fall. Happy reading!

Semester 2

ALDEN RAMSEY MCDANIEL had a baby boy named William Price McDaniel (they call him Price). He is 1 1/2 now. Alden and her husband Gary are loving every minute of parenting their beautiful, curious little wild man. She is running her own therapy practice, in person and online, and is a supervisor to resident therapists in the Richmond area.



Nick Teich (4) with his wife, Erika, and their daughter, Rebecca

Semester 4

NICK TEICH is the CEO of Harbor Camps and, accordingly, he spends his summers at camp in New Hampshire. He and his wife Erika had a baby girl on 12/12/16—her name is Rebecca!
PETER WRIGHT is living in Seattle and working in real estate. He is married with a baby girl, Willa, and there is another one on the way! They are about to move into a new house as well.



Natalie Niksa (4) with her dog, Archer

NATALIE NIKSA and her husband Jonathan adopted a Rhodesian Ridgeback named Archer! They also opened a retail shop in downtown Napa called Nappalachia—it's a specialty neighborhood grocery shop offering a line of superfoods and other conscious foods "to go." La Saison, their first business, is celebrating 10 years this year!

Semester 6

If you have an update, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to cdphillips@hminet.org

Semester 8

Over the past year, there's been a flourish of activity amongst our diverse and dynamic cohort. Kicking us off is *EM POWERS*, who moved back to Colorado this summer and has opened a yoga studio in the Denver area (hOMe Yoga Studio). She's also started a private practice in massage therapy and craniosacral therapy. Yet amidst all the chaos of the move and starting a new business and private practice, she's managing to spend time in the mountains—though she's desperate for RMS 8ers to visit her. *JOHN SHUBERT* and his family had a big relocation, moving across the country to Santa Fe, NM for his work. They've gotten settled in and are really enjoying their new home. And while John moved west, *LIZ LEMOINE BAGLEY* moved east—from one coast to the other. More significantly though, Liz and her husband welcomed their daughter, Adelaide, to their family—Congratulations Liz! Also on the move was *ODILE SCHALIT*, who up and left the country altogether. She's currently in a one-year master's course at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine studying Reproductive and Sexual Health in developing countries. While she's having a blast exploring London, she does miss sunshine. *RUTH POLAND* has had a few changes this year as well. Though she's still in Bar Harbor, ME, she has a new job as a high school biology teacher and feels like it's a great fit. She and her husband are also expecting their first baby, a boy, in early May! *MIKE RYAN* is in Austin, TX and bought a house over the summer. After years in NYC, he and his family are continuing to adjust to Austin life—he's hoping to meet up with JP one of these days. Speaking of which, *JP BLEIBTREU* wrote in with an epic update that I won't be able to do justice here, but I'll try to hit the high points. While he is happily living in Austin, TX and working at Apple, JP reports being mildly terrified that his two boys are turning 10 and 12 this month. Over the summer, he and his fiancé, Marci, went to Oahu, HI where they got engaged—congratulations! The wedding is planned for May, followed by a honeymoon in Croatia diving in wrecks off the Dalmatian coast. In the meantime, JP has been kayaking and flying drones (often at the same time) all around Austin. Oh, JP also reported spending time with *MATT PALEVSKY* in LA this January to celebrate his bachelor party. In her usual modest fashion, *GRACE BOWMER* writes "there really isn't much to report" ...Just life on the VT farm with too many sheep and three dogs...oh, and now "a little human added to the mix," 7-month-old Aubrey Elizabeth Machin—congratulations



Dan Lustick and Isaiah Thomas (8) in Boston

Grace! Congratulations are also due to *ABBY SMITH*—I've been waiting years to say this: Abby finished her PhD in Biostatistics! She's still living a busy life in Ann Arbor with her husband and two kids (Xavier, 8 and Zoe, 2) working as an Associate Research Scientist in Biostatistics on several clinical research studies in areas ranging from transplant and glomerular disease (think kidneys) to pelvic floor and lower urinary tract disorders. *LEIGH BROWNING* is so close to graduation. She'll be graduating from veterinary school this spring and moving to beautiful Minnesota to start an internship year at the University of MN. Leigh insists she's excited to move from Colorado to Minnesota: "Mostly because I will have the opportunity to use the phrase 'you betcha buttons,' which I learned from *TED STEARNS* imitating his Midwestern mom." *COLIN KELLEY* wrote in to apologize that he had nothing new to share. *ADAM KLAFFRY* reports that he's still living in DC and working in the field for NOLS in Mexico and Alaska—he's loving it all. *TIM HAGIST* is still in Carbondale, CO with his wife and kids (May, 5 and Will, 2½). He wrote that May skied this winter and is starting to get the hang of it. Tim recently started his own excavation company, Hagist Excavation, LLC, and it's starting to gather momentum—nice work Tim! *CARLY ACKERMAN* is also getting one of her kids on skis this winter. Not only will her son, Porter, be hitting the slopes, he's now an older brother to Oliver Gordon Strack who was born in early February. Carly is still on maternity leave, but when she gets back to work, she'll be



Gideon Steinberg (10) with Caroline Koehler (31 apprentice) and Peter Kernan (15 and 28 apprentice) in Norway

busy teaching classes for a hair product company, Unite, in addition to doing hair and makeup at her salon in Fort Collins, CO. *ANDREW BERNSTEIN* is still in Emmaus, PA, where he is Senior Marketing Manager for Bicycling Magazine. After years of dedicating himself to bike racing, Andrew tried a different sport and ran the NYC Marathon with his family in November. Running as members of Team ALS, the family raised more than \$60,000 for the ALS Society's NYC chapter—a sum that included donations from several RMS VIII classmates and others from the HMI community. In December, *ISAIAH THOMAS* became a doctoral candidate in higher education administration, and he is currently knee-deep in dissertation work. More importantly though, Isaiah stayed with me, in Boston, for a week last summer. It was great catching up over wine at the Paint Bar. Finally, as for me, *DAN LUSTICK*, I'm wrapping up my second semester of nursing school; I still have two years left, but I'm having a blast and feel like it's the perfect fit. Thanks for all the great updates; I can't wait to hear about everything that happens over the next year. I wish you all the best in everything you do.

— Dan Lustick (danlustick@gmail.com)

Semester 10

It is so good to hear from you all again! This year, in addition to updates from the reliable few who write to me every year (THANKS *PAUL-HARVEY WEINER* and *ELIZA PARSONS*!) I have

some particularly special updates from a few friends we haven't heard from in a while! *PAUL-HARVEY WEINER* is still at the EPA in DC. He helped add a new amendment to the Montreal Protocol in October; he says things are "interesting" with the new administration. When PH is not working, he is traveling the world! Last summer he went to the Philippines and Japan, and also made it to Greece and Colombia in 2016. He even found time to make it back to HMI in August of 2015. Speaking of travel, I (*DYLAN GRAETZ*) just got back from 6 weeks in Tanzania, where I had the opportunity to hike Mount Kilimanjaro! That is about the most exciting thing happening in my life. Otherwise I am still in Philly until June, finishing pediatric residency. In July I will move to Memphis for fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at St. Jude. *ELIZA PARSONS* and *LUCY ROBINS* had a reunion dinner in Seattle this month after almost 15 years! *JAMIE POSTER* continues to live in LA, but has moved across town and is now living in Palms. She works as a land use consultant and teaches yoga. She and *LIZ BUBRISKI* went to *SARAH TOOKE*'s wedding this year! And *MICHAEL GREGORY* is also married! (We must be getting old). He and his wife Saree live in Telluride, CO. Michael still makes documentary films and is hard at work on the HMI Board of Trustees. On the subject of marriage and life changes...an update from *GIDEON STEINBERG*. He lives on a fjord in Norway! Obviously. He has a wife, 3 children, and 1 on the way!! He runs a café/bar/music venue and works as an English language editor for Norwegian graduate students. He also organizes

a festival...no big deal. He hikes with friends from HMI (Peter Kernan, Caroline Koehler and Ray McGaughey) and also occasionally reindeer. As you can see from the photo below, he still has his NOLS pants from HMI!

– Dylan Graetz (dylan.graetz@gmail.com)

Semester 12

RMS Xllers are out in the world kicking ass, taking names, and making babies. As our good friend and former HMI apprentice Charles Brown used to say, "Another day, another A." Here's a rundown on the A+ stuff our fellow alums are up to: *DEXTER LOCKE* is living in Baltimore, where he is finishing his PhD and preparing to start a new job at SESYNC. Dexter also moonlights as an outdoorsy matchmaker—he introduced his best high school friend to an RMS X alum and BOOM, now they're married. In October he attended the Colorado wedding where he got to catch up with Molly and Christopher. *EMILY ZUCKERMANN* is still living in France, where she performs in dance and circus. This spring she's working with a group of artists

on a baroque opera, Alcione, at the Opera Comique of Paris. In her free time she tests the versatility of her circus skills on rock climbing. *ILSE GRIFFIN* got her masters in TESOL and moved back to Minneapolis from Laos, where she is an ESL teacher for adult refugees and immigrants. *ASHLEY SAUNDERS* moved to west Texas where she is teaching preschool. In 2016, she swam with sharks in Hawaii and hiked the Grand Canyon rim to rim in one day with her dad. *CLAIRE (MORIARTY) SCHAEFFER* got married in September 2016. She and her husband live in Boston but spend a lot of time on Nantucket, where she just started a new vacation rentals business. She recently saw *JESS JONG* at a friend's going-away party. *LILLY NANNES* lives in Durham, NC with her husband Cal and their 16-month-old Jack. She is a therapist but is currently taking time as a stay-at-home mom for Jack while Cal gets through the hardest year of his medical fellowship. Her biggest accomplishment of 2016 was keeping her son alive for the first year. She randomly ran into *JULIA SANDS* in Austin in May. *JULIE FRIEDMAN* is living in Santa Monica where she teaches special education at McKinley Elementary. She is also continuing her private



Greer (Schott) Pearce (12) on her honeymoon in Tanzania

practice for educational therapy. *KATE SOBO BUBIER* lives in Portland, ME with her husband and dog. She is currently in the midst of her clinical residency, working towards getting her Master's degree as a Nurse Anesthetist. *WILLIAM CHRISTMAS FARNSWORTH LONG* lives in northern Washington where he works in the logistics department of the Northwest Outward Bound School. Last year he became the "head logistician" for the Washington school. Will also writes fiction and applied to grad school this winter. *KEVIN BRASHAR* welcomed baby Bodhi Brashar into the world on December 28, 2016. Bodhi is a "strong healthy good lookin' little boy. Takes after his father." Kevin assures us that all four of his dogs are happy and still kicking away. His wife is in grad school for teaching and they bought a house in Anchorage last February. Kevin will be starting a new helicopter utility job in March. And I, *GREER (SCHOTT) PEARCE* got married last summer in Castine, ME. My husband and I live in Ipswich, MA and I commute into Boston to lead the strategy department at an ad agency there. We spent our honeymoon on an un-guided self-drive safari, backcountry camping in Tanzania. While trying to enjoy our Thanksgiving dinner, we were surrounded by a pack of Hyenas and forced to abandon our meal and retreat into our rooftop

tent with only a bottle of champagne for sustenance. We heard lions roaring outside of our tent each night and woke each morning to a Serengeti sunrise. It was the most intense camping I've done since HMI, and the coolest trip I've ever been on—highly recommended!

— Greer Pearce (greerpearce@gmail.com)

Semester 14

EMILY GASPERETTI is living in Glen Falls, NY, where she bought a house with her boyfriend. Her highlight of 2016 was getting a kitten, Mochi. She's seen *HANNAH DARRIN* between Hannah's NOLS contracts and *JACOB MEGLIO* came up to visit during the winter. *KENDALL MACKAY* is living in Portland, ME and loving it. She took on a new role at 350.org, running campaigns with communities across the country fighting against fossil fuel extraction and infrastructure. A huge highlight for her this past year has been working with indigenous groups at Standing Rock—it was absolutely beautiful to see the thousands of people from so many different nations come together and the global support for the indigenous rights movement in the US! *CELIE HART* is the content lead for



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YouTube ads marketing at Google. She spends her days writing and editing speeches and articles about YouTube, and absolutely loves it. She lives in Haight Ashbury with her husband Shane, who's a clinical social worker for UCSF. *LIA ENGELSTED* was just in Leadville for ski joring, and caught to catch up with the illustrious Danny O'Brien. She and *KATRINA ENGELSTED* purchased a home in Boulder, CO last May. They've spent the last 6 months renovating/updating it so that it is now a pretty sweet place to live. They both work full time remote, and are pretty much coworkers. *JAMIE COHEN* also got to see Danny at the NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) conference. She is still working at a company that does job placement for independent schools, and lives in Cambridge, MA. I (*PAUL LANDSBERG*) was selected to promote to Captain in May of this year. I expect to head to school to upgrade to instructor navigator in the C-130 in the fall of this year. I'm still living in Tucson, AZ when I am not out on work related travel.

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

Semester 16

Out on what some call the best coast, *DALY WOLF* is living in LA and working for a company called SmartyPants Vitamins. She spends her time traveling for work, soaking up the California sunshine and catching as much live music as possible. *GREGG MILLER* is in his final year of grad school at UC Berkeley and spent the summer interning at Microsoft in Seattle. While up in the Pacific Northwest, Gregg kindled his love for the outdoors through hiking, kite boarding and rock climbing. He and his partner are currently planning a trip to climb the Snake Dike Road on Half Dome and Cathedral Peak in May. *BETSY BAYLISS* is living in Seattle and coaching rowing at Seattle University. She is in a graduate program at the University of Washington for coaching education, and is hoping to make a move at the end of the summer to pursue a long-term coaching position. Still west but a little more east, *JOY SHURE* is living in Boulder, CO, is in graduate school, and is working as an Adventure Nanny. Notable accomplishments and highlights over her past year include traveling to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota with Conscious Alliance and attending Electric Forest in Michigan. Nearby, *JULIA BURNS* is working for ICAT Managers in Boulder. She and her wife welcomed Louisa Pine Burns to the world in October! *CAM DEAMER-PHILLIPS* is going on year five in Leadville. He frequently asks Johnny Mackinnon to go skiing, but he usually says no. Next year will look a different: He is moving to Wenatchee, WA with his girlfriend. He's excited to be a little closer to *BEN HAYES*. *HILARY BURT* is in her last semester of graduate school at the University of Vermont for Mental Health Counseling and is interning at UVM Counseling and Psychiatry Services for the year. When not completely swamped, she fills her time with VT "powder" skiing and running with her border collie mix. Not too far away, *LEIF AMBER* is living in southern New Hampshire and working for a company called Semikron, doing power electronics. Getting married, buying a house, and fixing up the house made this past year a busy one for him. In his free time, Leif

tries to get out and hike, canoe or XC ski. *ROB ELLIOT* is working for the Earth Institute in NYC. He researches how to evaluate the multiple services provided by ecosystems to help planners develop management practices that better value natural resources. Last but not least, *TERRENCE WORD* moved to Antigua, Guatemala in August. He is teaching math at the Antigua International School and spends his free time climbing volcanoes, exploring Guatemala and improving his Spanish. He plans to travel to Chile for some skiing and then will most likely end up in Colorado next fall to potentially ski bum. He's contemplating hiking the PCT in the summer of 2018 and is looking for companions!

– Hilary Burt (hilaryeburt@gmail.com)

Semester 18

TEDDY (DEPALO) FRANCIA got married in December (for insurance) but is having her wedding in October. She's been working on a National Geographic show called Explorer. It's actually cable TV's longest running documentary series that presents a mix of entertaining, illuminating, and surprising investigative stories from all over the world. It's been pretty fun but she's hoping to make the jump to scripted TV sometime this year. *LAURA CASTLEMAN* has been working as a Resident Advocate at Middle Way House, a domestic violence shelter and rape crisis center, for the past year. She loves her job, but she and her husband, Dave, are going to leave Indiana in June and spend the next summer in Europe. They will be traveling around visiting loved ones. They aren't sure what's next after that, but they're excited for whatever the future brings! *HANNAH LOVEJOY* is living in Washington DC, teaching preschoolers at a Montessori school and loving it! She's hoping to get up to Maine this summer. *JUSTIN HUDGINS* is working for an education consulting company in Beijing. *FORREST DEVITT* is living in Charlottesville, VA and cooking at Lampo, a VON (Verace Pizza Napoletana) restaurant, under 3 amazing, talented chefs. In his spare time, he produces music and plays violin, viola, and guitar in weddings. Ten years ago at HMI, he buried a time capsule (with Christopher and Molly's blessing) and hopes to retrieve it sooner rather than later. *XANDER THARTTER* is still sharing his love of nature with young people, whether it's teaching 4-11 year olds how to milk a goat, or running a summer backpacking program for teens. *SYDNEY CHUN* is still living and working in NYC. In fact, she hosted an HMI Day back in October which was super fun! *CAKEY WORTHINGTON* recently moved to San Francisco to work for an environmental consulting firm specializing in forest carbon projects. Over the holidays she spent 2 weeks backpacking and sea kayaking in Patagonia, Chile. *HANNAH BARANES* brought in the New Year by spending the day in the Colorado woods snowboarding with Cori McGinn. She just moved back to Amherst to continue on for a PhD in Geosciences. She's still spending way too much time playing and coaching Ultimate, and her body is just barely still in one piece. *CLARE BOALS* is living in NYC and working at Oscar Health Insurance. *LAUREN MCDONALD* is surprised she's still in Poughkeepsie growing vegetables for a third season at the



Hannah Baranes and Cori McGinn (18) ringing in the New Year in Colorado

Poughkeepsie Farm Project. She's going to be managing their produce donation program and helping expand the winter growing operation. She's fiddling and dancing as much as possible and trying to be more politically engaged. *ALLIE MILLER* is still living in Los Angeles and doing a bunch of traveling! *SARAH HEELY* is working at a Dual Diagnosis/Mental Health facility called Sovereign Health doing intake. She's been there for about a year. She's engaged to the love of her life! And they are expecting a baby girl, Haiden Grace, the last week of May! *CATIE CZAJKOWSKI* is currently living in Denver working as a user experience designer. She has enjoyed a fun year of travel: Puerto Rico, Mexico, Grand Cayman, and is about to take off for a trip to Columbia! On weekends, she enjoys escaping to the mountains to ski, bike, or hike. When she isn't traveling and enjoying the outdoors, she is busy working away on her new (old) fixer-upper of a house. *JUD PACKARD* is applying to grad school (for an MFA in Creative Writing) and moving back east! *NUBIA GALINDO* is back in Denver after being in DC for a year and half. She's working for a large construction company (Mortenson). Her boyfriend Tom moved back to Denver with her, and since he's new to Colorado they are drinking their way through Colorado's breweries. Their goal is one per week! *DYLAN STEWART* has taken some risks and navigated the startup of his own small business in Portland, ME, as well as the purchase of his own home. He and his girlfriend Katie will spend the

summer months driving and exploring the Maine coast and might make a trip out to Colorado to get their mountain fix. *ALI WANG* is about to hit five years working at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She just returned from skiing at Mt. Bachelor in Bend, OR. *ALEX SONNENBLICK* is still living in Denver working for an oil company. She got engaged in August and will be married in October! She's training for 2 different MS 150 Bike races (LA and CO) along with some CrossFit competitions. She had a great turn out for the HMI Denver Alumni get together and can't wait for Cakey and her to take on rafting with the rest of the Alumni Council in May in Leadville!

— Alex Sonnenblick (alsonnenblick@gmail.com)

Semester 20

JOE ALI is teaching French at Calvert School in Baltimore, MD. In addition to teaching, Joe has been coaching soccer for a local 12-year old boys' team. After teaching and coaching each day, Joe spends his nights as a student at Johns Hopkins School of Education working on his Masters' in Independent School Leadership. *LOGAN DONOVAN* left her job at littleBits at the end of 2016 to take time off to travel and skydive. She is currently taking photos in Iceland and deciding what's next in her career. *GABE ROSENSTEIN* lives in the Bay Area and works at Rainforest Action Network, a progressive environmental organization working to end corporate-caused deforestation and climate change while ensuring a just environmental future for all. In today's pro-corporate, anti-environmental political climate, he feels very lucky to be a part of this work. In his free time, Gabe enjoys the diverse music and culture of the Bay, as well as the easy access to the outdoors. *DAVID SCOTT* had a great sandwich last week at work. He has plans to get a haircut and wash his car this week. He has been enjoying listening to new podcasts and is halfway through a great book. He also has a large load of laundry he needs to fold. *ZOE SOLOMON* still lives in Boulder and is in her second year working at Shining Mountain Waldorf School. She works with children ages 3 to 8 in a kindergarten setting, as well as in the school's aftercare program. She loves the play-based approach that the school models, as she gets to do things like help children make apple cider, knit, and sled! When not hanging with little ones, she tries to take advantage of the glory that is Boulder and Colorado! *KATIE KORNMAN* is taking a year off in the mountains of Wyoming before starting law school in the fall. After traveling last spring and summer, she interned for NOLS this fall and now works at a climbing gym. In her spare time, she skis and climbs as much as possible. Her frequent visits to Leadville always bring a smile to her face, as does her new puppy. *KARI SICELOFF* is in Seattle working at her former k-12 school substitute teaching, coaching tennis, and co-leading school trips. She never pictured herself in a teaching role but highly enjoys time with the kiddos. During time off, Kari volunteers, gets her groove on, and escapes to the mountains. She is excited to be heading to Thailand for a wedding in a couple weeks. *JANE STRADER* is in Jackson, WY working as a Pre-K teacher for the Teton Science Schools. She is working on her M.Ed. in experiential education and laying the

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We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to every Semester and Summer Term alumni who participated in the 2016 Summit Challenge. The response was staggering: for the first time in school history, we passed the 40% participation mark! Along the way, we raised over \$45,000 towards three Alumni Scholarships for HMI students.

This school, and our financial aid program in particular, has a bright future with such thoughtful and supportive alumni. Thank you!

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foundation to start a fully woods-based kindergarten program in the near future. When not at work Jane is out loving the mountains with friends skiing, climbing, and good ol' adventuring. *JACK TETER* is the Research Director at Democrats for Education Reform. This year in the Colorado Legislature, he's working on bills to eliminate suspension and expulsion in grades P-3 (and in later years entirely), increase funding equity, and make it easier for highly mobile and/or dropout students to get their old transcripts to their new districts. He's trying not to let the existential dread sink in. In November, he worked on 29 democratic state legislative campaigns, and won all 29. He lives in a co-op in Denver with seven people, a cat, and a dog. *ROZ BROKAW* is a teaching fellow at the Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale. She's assisting with the Environmental Science and Biology classes, coaching the mountain bike and telemark ski teams, and spending some quality time in the dorms with freshmen. Inspired by Molly and Christopher, she plans to spend most of this summer sailing in northern Lake Michigan. *HALEY PRESTON* is in her final semester of her M.Ed in Educational Leadership at St. Lawrence, while also serving as an Assistant Coach for the Field Hockey and Lacrosse programs at SLU. She is currently in search of her next professional adventure. Her two sisters have found their way to HMI this year: Annie, RMS 26 Alum, was an apprentice for Semester 37, and Tether is a current student with Semester 38. *CAYLA MARVIL* opened a brewery in central Cambridge in September and has been spending most of her time brewing, bartending, generally learning how to run a business, and hanging out with her fluffy Samoyed puppy, Barley Smalls. She hopes everyone will visit and stop by for beers soon. *BECCA JOSEPH* is finishing up her 3rd year of medical school at Tufts and is currently trying to decide what she wants to do with her life so she can apply to residency. She has been spending as much time as possible drinking coffee and beer at Cayla's brewery-- you should all come visit! She is looking forward to taking a trip out to the Grand Canyon and Arches in April and would love any suggestions people have! Also, she got engaged a couple of months ago. *CHARLOTTE KAYE* is at Johns Hopkins getting her Master's in Public Health. She is excited to graduate in May and find a job. She is lucky enough to live down the street from Liz Kelman, and enjoys pretending that Baltimore is the new Denver with her even though she is from RMS XIX (ew). Charlotte has also acquired a cat who eats all her things. *ANDRÉS SAINZ DE AJA* is living the life in Overland Park, KS. He decided to go back to school and get a BA at the University of Missouri Kansas City in order to be able to teach history. He is learning Arabic and, as always, is working real hard to leave the world a better place than how it was when he got here. Soccer is still a thing and he is soon to be engaged and start a new life adventure. *DANIEL EPPSTEIN* is living in Amsterdam, and works primarily with young start-ups as a business and product developer. This summer he will be going to Royan, France for Beach Worlds as a member of the Dutch National Frisbee Team. *HANSON SMITH* is still living in Boulder, still working on a PhD in math. His research area is number theory, specifically arithmetic geometry. He got his Masters last semester, so he's pretty stoked about that. In the rare moment when he isn't doing math, Hanson still likes to



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climb. *KERRY SULLIVAN* is in her second year of graduate studies at the University of Montana, studying the correlation between wilderness values of land managers and preferred technical climbing and mountaineering management (and needs to climb to get in the right mindset, of course!). She is loving the mountains and the big sky in Montana, and often explores with her boyfriend, Ty, and two labs, Summit and Trapper. *WILL THOMSEN* lives in San Diego and works for small business finance company. He manages to hang out with the elusive *BEN SANDALOW* from time to time. Will spends his free time poking holes in PatriotsWire articles. *ALEX HUBER-WEISS* moved to NYC this year and started her Master's degree in Arts Administration at Teachers College. She loves living in the city again and takes long walks with her new dog Chewie whenever she can! *LAUREN MARICLE* is currently her second semester of an MFA for video games and animation at Digipen Institute of Technology. Most of her days are spent drawing weird creatures and playing video games (it's research, she swears). She spends her minimal free time fixing up the house she bought in Seattle last May. She's very excited to have her first real summer in years and plans to travel around South America. *HENRY MCKENNA* is still living in Cambridge, and has run into a number of HMIers like Cayla (in Boston), Kari (in Florida), and David Scott, Sandalow and Will T (in Puerto Rico). He has also just gotten back from Houston, where he was covering the Patriots' Super Bowl LI win.

— Henry McKenna (henry.c.mckenna@gmail.com)

Semester 22

SUSANNAH CONWAY is teaching fourth grade and loving it! Her teaching program and Masters in Education will end this summer and then she is on the hunt for jobs in New England. She's missing everyone endlessly! *SARAH BATES* is finishing her Master of Bioethics degree in May and looking for science writing/editing jobs in the Northeast. She recently spent a few days skiing and backpacking in Utah. *EMMA ROUSE* is living and working in Philly as a nurse. She just started a job in the ER at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. *NANCY CONOLLY* is living in Denver and is working at Gusto, a tech startup. She loves being back in Colorado and hoping to make it to Leadville for a visit. *KEVIN LEWIS* is also getting a Master of Bioethics degree. *CHARLOTTE ZELLE* is kicking Lyme Disease's ass and working part time at Project SUCCESS, helping students in the Minneapolis public schools figure out what their dreams are, how to achieve them, and build skills they need along the way. *LUCY WILLIAMS* is working towards a Master of Art Therapy degree in Boston. She loves being able to make art alongside clients in service of their health. She's working at hospitals in the Boston area, hiking a lot with the dogs and visiting family in Vermont.

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Semester 24

7 years since HMI and XXIV continues to crush it. With quite a crew living in "the city" and its hippest borough, NYC is fortunate to have a high concentration of XXIVers. *LAURA "SIMBA" DONALDSON* is working as a Kindergarten teacher at the Nightingale-Bamford School in New York City. She lives in Williamsburg (so hip). She's loving work and life but missing the outdoors. Simba reunited over dinner with *MADDY PITKIN* and *LAURA "LORO" ROZIER* and is lucky enough to run into *VAN MCDONALD* every so often at bars. Van is living in New York (knowing how hip Van is, this probably means he lives in Williamsburg too) and working at Taboola. *SOPHIE WHEELOCK* is close by living in Astoria, searching for the perfect bacon-egg-and-cheese on a roll. She is serving as an AmeriCorps member at Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, an LGBT clinic in Chelsea, Manhattan. Sophie conducts contraception counseling with patients and rapid HIV testing. On Saturdays you can find her in the recovery room at Planned Parenthood on Bleecker Street and Sundays she's stopping strangers on the sidewalk to take pictures of their dogs. *HANNAH WEISS* is also living in New York and working at an educational non-profit where she goes into public schools and teaches students about food justice, composting, and harvesting your own foods. Throughout the year they also teach video literacy so the students can document themselves, create a movie, and be in control of their own voice. Hannah enjoys being able to have access to all the creative and weird things that New York offers but certainly misses real trees and mountains. *GILLIAN DOBBIN* is soaking in NYC before her move to soak in the sun. She's been working for a Venture Capital Company since she graduated in May. Although

she loves the city, she wanted to go back to get her MBA, so Gillian is headed back to Rollins in Florida. She's excited to get back to the warm weather, and if anyone is ever down in the Orlando area in the next two years let her know because her door is always open! Close by in New Jersey, *ARIANA KING* is the Program Coordinator for the Tutoring and Learning Center at Columbia University, a grant funded program that is researching the best practices for using college undergraduates for high touch tutoring—the aim is to design programming that can be replicated across campuses. Ariana is loving her exposure to city life! Up North, *MICHAELA TEPLER* and *CLARK SULLOWAY* are roommates in Portland, ME. Clark is designing roads by day and attending Micaela's comedy shows by night. Micaela is currently seeing someone, but she wants Van not to worry—it isn't too serious. Over in Connecticut, *COLIN LILIS* works as a climbing instructor/coach at Rock Climb Fairfield. Our nation's capital also holds a high concentration of XXIVers—*MAX ROSEN* and *SAM PETERSON* even live in the same neighborhood (it's basically the Williamsburg of DC). Max is really enjoying D.C., working for the US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Specifically, he works for the Subcommittee on Aviation dealing with all aspects of aviation policy. Sam works for the Halifax International Security Forum and is enjoying D.C. despite "our circus government." He is looking forward to spending spring not in upstate New York and playing lots of tennis. *CONNOR LAIRD* is based in D.C., where he helps propagate fake news at the Washington Post while attending graduate school at Georgetown. He recently tried to take up mountain biking. *SETON TALTY* (me) is in D.C. too, working as the Assistant Director of Admissions at The School for Ethics and Global Leadership. Like any city dwelling HMI alum, Seton misses the mountains and outdoors. *JORDAN LOVINGER* completed the Pre-Medical Program at Bennington College and moved back to D.C. He started freelancing in D.C., mostly as a SEO/Web Marketing consultant, with some audio recording gigs thrown in. Last month Jordan was hired full-time as a Marketing Executive by a start-up called BublUp. Down South, *MAX BRAUN* is working as an Analyst at JP Morgan's Atlanta office. When we caught up, he was gearing up for a ski trip to Utah—with the conditions the way they are right now, he just couldn't resist. *AMY HOLLOWAY* (yes, she got married in October to Phil Holloway, who she was dating back when we were at HMI with her!) was promoted to senior software engineer and just moved into a new house! *ANDREW SPINA* is in Alabama for the next year or so with the U.S. Military. He recently graduated from warrant officer candidate school, making him a warrant officer. Spina hopes to be flying helicopters by the fall. Sending love and a "cheers," *ELLIE TURNER* is still living it up in Montana, managing and guiding for a whitewater rafting company, and otherwise writing and exploring! This past year, she spent seven days on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, a month on a farm in Oregon, two months in Vermont, and a month living in my minivan and snowboarding in Colorado and Utah. Ellie got to see the sun set on the west coast and rise on the east coast, and was joined by the most badass travel cat a girl could ask for. Colorado remains the state with the densest population of XXIVers with the majority concentrated in



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Denver. *MAEVE O'CONNOR-BETHUNE* moved back to the states in August and moved to Denver 3 months later after a stint back at home in NYC. In Denver, Maeve is working as a mental health worker at a residential facility for kids. Most of the kids have been abused or neglected and they help rehabilitate them before (hopefully) they're placed in a safe home environment or somewhere that's the next step to getting them there. Outside work, she's working on making friends, doing some volunteer work and exploring Denver! *VIRGINIA "BANA" HILL* moved to Denver after a year in Boston. She plans to live there, soaking up as much mountain time as possible, until she begins law school in August 2017. If she's not walking *ARI SOLOMAN's* dog, then you'll find her working at a restaurant and generally loving being back in Colorado. Ari lives with awesome college friends and works in a lab that does environmental testing. She's been visiting friends as much as possible and taking her dog on weekend adventures. *JACK "PANTS" PANTALENA* recently moved to join Denver's growing startup scene as a software and web developer. He has been skiing a lot and enjoys being back in Colorado. Since

graduating from CC in May, *TOM CRANDALL* is living in Denver, pursuing film production work. He worked as an office Production Assistant on "Our Souls at Night" starring Jane Fonda and Robert Redford. As Crandall put it, "But now that's over and the hustle is real." On a completely unrelated note, he's developing a short documentary idea centering around the question, "Where do you see yourself in 5 years?" *SAM FRIEDMAN* is finishing up his graduate degree from Colorado College while working at a boarding school in the area. When Sam isn't helping to shape young minds, he's adventuring with friends and family around CO and UT. *REBECCA "BECCA" MARKS* is likely in Colorado as well. *MAGGIE HARWOOD* sends her love from Jackson Hole, WY where she works at a middle school with special needs students. She loves her job and hopes to pursue a career in teaching Special Education. Maggie goes skiing on the weekends and is getting into more backcountry skiing this spring. *MOLLY KNOX* invites us to come visit her in Portland, OR where she is learning nursing assistant clinic things at a Planned Parenthood. She works for a jewelry maker on the side and gets outside to ski on

the weekend or enjoy the rain. Also enjoying weekend skiing in the Pacific Northwest, *WILL SMART* serves as a Platoon Leader in 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. Will is skiing at Crystal Mountain and enjoying Seattle's local breweries. *CHRIS DUDA* also spends his free time skiing around Seattle, where he works in construction for a light rail tunnel. *SYDNEY BLATTMAN* is finishing her job in San Francisco, CA, planning a cross country road trip, and starting a PHD program on the East Coast in biology in the fall. *TOM ERDMANN* is skiing and reading old P&P materials when he isn't working on location and motion software at Apple in SF. Down in SoCal, *BRENDAN KAPLAN* is in his last semester of graduate school. He started work on his thesis composition about the freeways in Los Angeles. Over the summer he worked with the composer Trevor Morris, who scored *The Tudors*, *The Borgias* and *Vikings*. It's been a great opportunity so far and he is excited to see where it goes. He's been loving his recent XIV reunions! He met up with *CARLA "GNARLA" FRANKENBACH* at the HMI Day Los Angeles reunion. Gnarla is working as a literary management company, enjoying the author's mentorship, but wishing she could get outside more. A note from *MCCABE SOMMERS*: "I got a degree in astrophysics and now I pick tulips. Fear me". When last contacted, *JENNY SAGET* was living in San Luis Obispo, CA and *CHARLOTTE SMILOW* was also close by in Costa Mesa, CA. Sending love to *KATE MULLANEY*, *COREY SOBOTKA*, *WILLY KERBER*, and *PAMELA STEGAR*—it's been too long, let's catch up!

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Semester 26

After talking everyone's ear off about it 5ever, *DALY MONTGOMERY* is finally a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps! She spent the last 7 months training in the miserable woods of Quantico, VA, and is very excited to move to Pensacola, FL in May to start learning how to fly expensive hunks of metal. Meanwhile, *NINA MURRAY* is in her senior year of Colorado College and is still a Southwest Studies/ Feminist and Gender Studies double major. She's finishing up her thesis on a birth center on the U.S./ Mexico border and realizing it's approaching 60 pages and no one wants to read that noise. She has no idea what she's going to do with her life, but she is planning on moving to Minneapolis with her boyfriend (OMG what!) after graduation. Once he got teaching degree from Bates last May, *MAX SILVERMAN* bounced around the Northeast all summer and taught ELL at Lewiston High School throughout the fall. He is currently living in Nepal, teaching English on a year-long Fulbright grant. *DYLAN SHIELDS* is back in Portland after graduating, and just started a job as a project engineer at a construction company. He did a 10,000 mile American road trip this summer, but still hasn't been to all the states. *JILL GARDINER* is also in Portland, working at an integrative health center before returning to Boston University in the fall to (theoretically) complete her degree in Economics. *STEPHANY SUBDIAZ* graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in Earth Science. She had a blast mapping

a geologic blank spot in eastern California for her senior capstone (where she saw a fossilized sea anemone that was 540 million years old), and is now currently at HMI as a Math apprentice and loving it! *LAUREN MAKEE* graduated from Bucknell in May and started a job in advertising in NYC in August. She made it to Vail to ski this past winter with her brother, which was lovely and made her miss the fun times in Cabin Five at HMI. *ALLIE COHEN* is wrapping up a challenging yet wonderful first year of law school at George Washington University. She is looking forward to spending the summer working at a law firm in NYC and hopes to see any HMI alums who will be there too! *HALEY ABBOTT* graduated this past June from Carleton College with a degree in Biology. She moved to Ann Arbor in September and began working in a developmental biology lab at the University of Michigan. The lab focuses on female reproduction in mice. In her free time, she volunteers at a local animal shelter and pet-sits dogs. Last May, *ELLEN SMITH* graduated from Colorado College with a degree in Geology (which allowed her to spend two weeks doing earthquake damage assessment in Ecuador) and a minor in Math. Post-graduation, she worked for the USGS in Menlo Park, and is now living in Denver teaching/tutoring middle school and high school students while deciding what graduate program to pursue. *MARIAH FOLEY*, after spending the winter traveling from Cuba to the west coast to the Midwest, will be returning for another season of organic farming in rural Appalachia and going on a whole lot of adventures with the one and only *MARY LOOMIS*.

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Semester 28

MAX PANTALENA will be graduating from SMU this spring and has accepted a full-time job in Dallas. He made a trip out to HMI last spring with his brother Jack and they met up with some of his classmates from their semester, which was lots of fun! *SAM JACOBSON* is his last semester at Whitman College and will graduate in the spring with a degree in Environmental Studies-Politics. This summer, he will be home in Maine before he goes to China for the year to teach English at Yunnan University in Kunming. And fun fact: he is currently in two classes with *CLAIRE REVERE* and *JACK BYNUM* and one class with *HENRY SANBORN*, which has made it feel a bit like old times. *ALEX KING* will graduate from Tufts University in May with a degree in computer science. He has plans to take trips to Europe, Maine, and California during the summer, after which he will move home to Seattle and start work at Google in August. *GRACE FOWLER* is finishing up senior year at Colby College and is spending lots of time enjoying the beauty of Maine! She's headed back to HMI after graduation to work as a Residential Life faculty for the Summer Term! *ROSA SHIPLEY* will be graduating from Kenyon College in May, with a double-major in English and American Studies. For her English thesis, she channeled HMI and wrote about the role of Cowgirls in the American novel.

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Semester 30

RACHEL BURDORF is participating in the SEA semester this coming semester, and is going to be in Falmouth from March 20 - April 14. She is going to be sailing from the Bahamas to New York from April 18-May 25! *KATIE KLEIN* is currently looking for a job for her impending graduation. HMI alumni are encouraged to message her on LinkedIn! *KATIE GOODMAN* and *ABBY AGWUNOBI* will be in Copenhagen soon visiting *SAM USHER* and *GRETCHEN O'BRIEN*, who are both studying abroad there. Sam is elated to report that he is jobless but loving life! He is going to be in Boston this summer! He's still #xxxclusive. Abby is working on overcoming her shrimp allergy; we all wish her luck on this personal journey. *DAVID BAI* almost broke his foot trying to do a backflip (he is alright, don't worry), and no he has not learned his lesson. Also, he studied abroad in Seoul for a semester, which was pretty neat. *BOHAN CHEN* obtained a dribble invitation as UI/UX designer. He is working on different rebranding projects for the local businesses in Troy. He also is working on a research project called air pollution governance in six cities. *ALEX CHERRY* is studying abroad in Perugia, Italy, studying food and sustainability. He is pleased to announce that he just learned how to surf. *EMILY SMART* spent last semester abroad with Semester at Sea and traveled to over 10 countries. She is now back at Elon until she moves to San Francisco for the summer. *JESSE METZGER* is studying abroad in Chile, learning video production and perfecting his Spanish. He is kayaking as much as he can and cooking a lot of eggplant. He will return to New Hampshire for the summer as usual. *MATT THACKER* will be joining him, as he is attached to Jesse at the hip. Their bromance is stronger than ever. *LANEY FEIGHAN* is currently interning with the Lily Grace Foundation in Denver, doing marketing, fundraising, and event planning. The foundation helps families affected by autism. She also just studied abroad in Lund, Sweden in the fall, and she is pleased to inform the HMI community that she recently took a great nap. *CHRISTIAN SOARES* is studying in Portugal next semester. He continues to study political science and sports management, and misses everybody from Semester 30 with all of his heart (awww!). *CARL ANDERSON* is still enjoying life at Colorado College and has been trying to get out skiing and kayaking as much as possible. He's taken some tougher courses this year and is planning on majoring in Biology. Summer plans are up in the air, but he's thinking of kayaking in Maine. *GRIFFIN PEER* studied abroad in Prague during the fall. *SOPHIE WASNIEWSKI* is taking care of her quasi-psychotic cat, Vivienne, and is currently looking to adopt a hamster from the Boston Humane Society. *MELANIE VARIANO* is twenty, flirty, and thriving with her new puppy. She is currently pursuing an internship, and she wants everyone to know that she is incredibly proficient in Microsoft Office. *FRANCES SNELLINGS* ran into *BARLOW PEELE* on the top of Mt. Katahdin this past fall. Gretchen and Sam are visiting her in Prague in the end of March. During her time in Europe, she will hike a lot; so if you try calling her, just know that her cell service might be spotty. *KENZIE SPOONER* and *KATIE DARROW* are enjoying their time at

Whitman, going on hikes and taking down the patriarchy. *RORY LOWE* is at Colorado College, majoring in confusion. He is studying the quantum entanglement between his and Griffin Peer's telemark skiing. *RABIA KHAN* (known by her rapper name, Rabi Rhymes) is currently studying abroad in Panama as an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major, taking a class on epidemiology of parasites and infectious disease. She is having a great time— Panama is incredible, rainforests and oceans are another world. *MARTHA LONGLEY* is thriving at Yale, and she is actually going to cure the world of all its ills with her superior morals and intellect. Make sure to write her in on your ballot for the 2020 presidential election. *JACKIE KUMBLE* loves life at Washington University in St. Louis and continues to video chat her dog Bailey on a daily basis. *WILLIAM REOHR* is taking life one lovely day at a time at Colorado College, and his petunia garden will be in full bloom in a month's time. *ELLY BLUM* loves Wesleyan and is excited for the upcoming Passover season. *VIRGINIA PUCKETT* is having a great time at TCU. She is returning to Pine Cove for her 22nd summer (mind you, she is only 21).

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Semester 32

RACHEL BEAVER is studying Business Analytics at Denver University and looking forward to studying abroad in Prague in the fall. *ISABELLE PAGE* is still pursuing a degree in Dietetics from UVM. She is working at the UVM Medical Center as a Nutrition Care Representative and is planning on going to South Africa this summer to do volunteer work with regards to HIV/AIDS and nutrition education. *SILAS MEAD* has enjoyed starting life at Colorado College. He is currently trying to balance academics, skiing, food consumption, and intramural sports as he finds his way through life. *ASHER BROWN* joined the Middlebury Snow Bowl Ski Patrol this winter. He will be working as a crew member for the AMC huts in NH this summer. *LIVIA WALLACK* is super excited that *ALEX PACHTER* transferred to Wesleyan! She is rowing for Wes and on student government! Alex transferred from Claremont McKenna College to Wesleyan University for the spring 2017 semester (truly new year, new her). She has just declared her major in Computer Science. When she isn't losing sleep over a missing semicolon, she enjoys tutoring local high schoolers and hanging out with friends. *ELLIE CLAYTON* is really enjoying her first year at Colorado College. She is skiing a lot, and doing a lot of outdoor activities, performing with the spoken word poetry group on campus, and planning on living in Denver this summer! *ETHAN GOROFF* now goes to the University of Maine. He spends a lot of time sliding down snowy hills on two sticks and still doesn't love the cold. *HAZEL HUTCHINS* loves living in SoCal by the mountains and is having lots of fun making art. *GABE ROSENBLUM* is studying Labor Relations at Cornell, hopefully working at a garbage/sanitation union in NYC this summer and going abroad to Dublin in the fall. *STEWART TILLYER* is studying Architecture at Syracuse University and works at a coffee shop in coastal Jersey during his off time. *ABIGAIL COSTIGAN* is a

sophomore at St. Lawrence University, and participated in a program last semester called the Adirondack Semester with another HMI alum (Spencer Rundquist, Semester 31). Reed Holden has also done the ADK semester, and she sent them a letter while they were there! On the ADK semester, Costi lived with 12 other students off the grid in the Adirondacks; they chopped a lot of wood, played outside, and didn't shower! *JESSICA RUBIN* has transferred to Boston University and is enjoying the city life. *HANNAH BARNSTONE* is having a blast at Carleton College and is considering studying Computer Science and Studio Art. In her free time, she plays Ultimate Frisbee and takes mandolin lessons. She is also *TODD JOHNSON*'s RA. Todd is excited to get his Wilderness First Responder certification, all while keeping up with climbing and music. His recent outdoor adventures include walking across Lake Superior and sleeping in a hammock over a river. He's working as a sailing instructor in the summer. *EMA DOROTKOVA SHEEHAN* took a break from studying last April, spending the spring traveling through National Parks in *BRYCE ANDREASEN*'s van, and then shipped herself off to Europe to be with family and to backpack. She is currently looking for work in Copenhagen, and spends her days reflecting, drawing, hanging out with her boyfriend's grandmother, and cooking experimental Mexican food. *LEXI CURNIN* is studying abroad in Rome next term to study Art History and will be on campus at Dartmouth in Hanover this summer taking classes. She is also doing international relations research for the Hanover Government department. *FELIX PILKINGTON* is in the midst of his first year at CC, playing in a band called Frog (who will be uploading music soon). Next block, he is traveling to Chicago to take a class on comparative literature. *ANNA ESPOSITO* is really digging living in Maine. Her favorite parts include tutoring/SAT prep at Lewiston High School and figure drawing late at night. Earlier this year her and fellow Semester 32'er, *NICK WILDER*, pushed radio waves on their co-hosted a radio show airing on Friday evenings. Many rules/regulation of live air were pushed. Espo also likes to reminisce her days on Bryce's VW van with Silas, Ema, and Ellie, their shadows forever dancing and snoring in her head. *BEN BOWERS* recently took a volunteer position with the Colorado College Learning Initiative in Mountains, more commonly known as the CCLIM team! Every Wednesday, they get to take a middle school class out to some wilderness areas and share our love for the outdoors. *SARAH RODOWIK* is working hard in at UC Boulder, but is taking a break and venturing down to Moab to do a backpacking trip. Reliving the good ol' HMI days, she recently acquired an AT setup, hoping to get a couple backcountry hikes in before the end of ski season. *ALEX WEYERHAUSER* is enjoying her freshman year at Yale University. She spends her days writing Philosophy papers and participating on the ski team. *REBECCA WERTHEIMER* spent the winter skiing and enjoying Walla Walla, WA as well as her studies at Whitman. She is hoping to study in Vietnam in the spring of 2018. *WALKER JORDAN* is having a grand time in his second year at Harvard. Although he lives in a 1970's brutalist concrete tower that is nothing like the cabins of HMI, he still finds ways to get outside. Most recently, he spent his winter break working as a liftie at Stratton Mountain. He misses his fellow 32'ers dearly. *ANNA GIBSON* is loving her classes at UVM, as she has found all the stellar professors.

She is deeply inspired by poetry these days. For spring break, she is doing a week-long paddling trip, and then going back to camp as a counselor for one last summer. *CAROLINE COHEN* is studying Chinese at Harvard, working with political groups, and indulging her coffee addiction. She's loved the recent opportunities she's had to see Semester 32 friends in Boston and New Haven and cannot wait for the next big reunion! *SOPHIE JENSEN* is enjoying skiing at Bates. She and Espo are chilling in Maine. She can't wait to go abroad to Rome in the fall! *SYDNEY STEIN* is as funky and fabulous as ever. Given the apocalyptic state of the US right now, she's been working on an app to connect users to social activism opportunities like demonstrations and protests. In order to de-stress, she is going to swim with fishies during spring break, because fish are friends, not food. *EMILY RICHMOND* is spending her sophomore year at Skidmore College doing environmental atmospheric chemistry research and finding the best places to hike around Saratoga Springs. *MADÉLINE CARLSON* has been mostly diving at Kenyon College, though this summer she did a month-long program with Sea Semester sailing from Tahiti to Hawaii and doing researching in the Pacific. *BEAU BURNS* been enjoying his time at Colorado College, kayaking, mountain biking, and occasionally going to school. In January, he traveled to Mexico for a kayak race on the Alsececa River. He is heading to Washington and Vancouver in late March for another race. He is continuing to pursue his interests in water policy and natural resource management and has declared his major in Mathematical Economics. *LIZA KLINGENSTEIN* is on a gap year right now! She spent the fall traveling around Asia and is currently doing some traveling in Europe, but missing her HMI days dearly.

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Semester 34

CHARLIE KOCH's first year at the Colorado School of Mines is going well. He raced collegiate mountain biking in the fall, qualifying for, and racing in Nationals. He has been trying to ski when he can this spring. In her senior year spring, *HELEN SEARS* went to prom with HMI classmate Charlie, and now is in her second semester at Colby College. She is on the women's rugby team (they won the NESCRRC championships) and gets to see HMI classmates Laura and Veronica around campus often. *VERONICA JONES* has spent the first semester at Colby College playing Ultimate Frisbee under the name of Bonesaw, and is giving downhill snow sports another whirl. *LAURA SODANO* spends the majority her time chopping down trees and throwing axes on the Colby woodsmen team. She also goes to class and studies Biology on the side. *JORDAN AVERILL* took a gap semester this year and went to Nepal for 3 months. She made it to her highest peak at 17,154 feet. She is now at Colorado College and just finished her 1st block. *ZACK GLOSSER* is continuing his college career at Colorado College. He is really excited to be interning with United States Congressman Josh Gottheimer this summer in Washington D.C. *LAURA DAVISON* is a first year at Colorado College and misses her cat, Meriweather. *DAVID HENDERSON* is

having a wicked awesome time his freshman year at Colorado College. In the fall, David was fortunate enough to go back to Leadville and summit Mount Massive with a group of his friends. He has been skiing almost every weekend and is looking forward to going on a backcountry skiing trip with *NOAH BRODSKY* in the spring. Noah had a great summer working at a summer camp and now skis every weekend at Colorado College. *MERET BAUMANN* is now enrolled at Colorado College and is planning on spending three and a half weeks in May taking a film class in Italy. Meret will then spend another four weeks in June taking an arts and culture class in Bali. *JACOB MEYER* has been rolling burritos and shredding gnar in Colorado. He looks forward to attending Colorado College in the fall. *WESTLY JOSEPH* is living in Spain as an au pair and is taking an intensive Spanish course at the University of Zaragoza. On the weekends, if she is not skiing in the Pyrenees with her host family, she is traveling to a new city or country. She looks forward to attending Colorado College in the fall. *WILL DONALDSON* is learning dead languages at Bowdoin. In his free time he throws a round piece of plastic around a field. Sometimes he talks about serious things. At Bowdoin, *JESSI FRIEDMAN* is pursuing her love for math, training to be a Safe Space advocate for survivors of sexual violence, and thoroughly enjoying Future's back-to-back album releases. This upcoming summer, Jessi will be traveling to New Zealand to get her Level 1 ski instructor certification. *RILEY MULLIN* is so far having a good first year of college in Rhode Island. She absolutely loves her major, Women's Studies, and is thinking about going into sex education. The last time she hung out with a fellow HMI alum was last semester when Brooke was in Rhode Island and Laura came home for break. *GRACE MURRAY* spent an awesome summer working as a camp counselor in Raymond, ME. Now she's working on her second semester at Williams College, and hopes to visit some HMI folks soon. *HANNAH GOLDSTEIN* spent summer 2016 putting HMI skills to use while mountaineering in Alaska. This year, she is continuing to explore the outdoors while trying some new things at Williams like working as a barista at the college's coffee bar and as a tour guide for the admissions office. She recently brushed off those skinning skills by skinning up and skiing down Mount Greylock! Two years later and *TAJ HARRIS* still (mostly) hates the cold, despite her decision to move to one of the snowiest colleges in the country. She's been experimenting with ways to more thoroughly appreciate winter and is very open to suggestions. Previous experiments include: snow tubing, snowball fights, catching snowflakes with her glasses, and snowshoeing huge messages outside her dorm mates' windows. *IGNACIO BERNALDEZ* continued to resell sneakers through the summer. He is currently finishing his second semester at Colgate University, and could not love it more! *CAROLINE GOGGINS* started her first year at Dartmouth in the fall is loving spending her weekends hiking and learning how to whitewater kayak. She is planning on majoring in Environmental Engineering and is excited to spend her summer back out west in Wyoming working on a ranch. *KEVIN GONZALEZ* is currently studying physics at the University of Texas at Dallas. Right now he's working to get into a computational biology lab on campus by the summer. *ECHO MILLER-BARNES* has



Kira Ratcliffe (34, Gap 16) on the Rio Blanco Sur, near Pucón, Chile

been exploring Oregon while she attends Lewis & Clark College in Portland, though she misses the sun. She's putting her HMI skills to use leading outdoors trips through LC and having a blast doing it! **KIRA RATCLIFFE** had a blast exploring and climbing in Utah and Patagonia with HMI Gap. She then spent some time in Pucón, Chile kayaking and learning how to throw herself off of waterfalls. Currently, she is in backpacking in Bolivia trying new foods, learning Spanish, and having plenty of adventures! After taking a gap semester in South America where she worked and traveled, **CLAIRE COUSINEAU** is now entering into her freshman year at Middlebury. She couldn't be happier that she took time off, but is now psyched for the next adventure, #COLLEGE! **GIGI LAVIGNE** recently declared herself as an English major/Philosophy minor at the University of Vermont. She also just bought her first backpack and plans to use it on weekend adventures this summer! **ALTANA ELINGS-HAYINE** is enjoying life in the Pacific Northwest and recently got her WFR! **NATALIE COHEN** has been loving her first year away! **ALEX NADDAFF** is enjoying life at St. Lawrence and is looking forward to the summer, where she will be traveling to Belgium and then returning to once again be a camp counselor in New Hampshire. **ANDREW KONING** is attending Calvin College, where he is studying nursing and starting collegiate racing (cycling). He spent January interim getting his Wilderness First Responder, backpacking in the Grand Canyon for 6 days, and going to Joshua Tree National park

for another week to work on anchor systems. **LARS SCHUSTER** goes to Bates College and misses everyone at HMI. He lives next to another HMI alumna, Lily Meyer. **INKA ZIKAN** is currently finishing up her first year at St. Olaf College where she is double majoring in Mathematics and Theater. She hopes to spend her summer hiking in the Cascades with friends and spending lots of quality time with her dog. **ANYA CARTER** is enjoying her second semester in St. Louis! She is thinking about majoring in Anthropology and Political Science, and has enjoyed many sunset hikes with Wash U's outing club. Since attending the United States Naval Academy, **CHRIS BRAKEY** spends his days living like Tom Cruise in Top Gun, but with arguably better volleyball skills. **JILL CAMPBELL** is currently chilling at SLU (the best college in the world). She's planning on double majoring in Economics and Environmental studies. In the summer she will be flying and interning at a small airport in Norwood, MA as well as working at an overnight riding camp. **GABE NASS** is currently enjoying Minnesota's mild winter, but he is looking forward to many HMI reunions this summer. **CAT BAUM** is averaging three bagels a day and keeping Winston Cheney in line at Bard College. **WINSTON CHENEY** is at Bard College and doing really well. He is doing lots of art, skateboarding, and chilling. **BROOKE TOBIN** is having a great freshman year so far and is exploring her passion in Math and Science as she heads down the pre-med path. She is also involved in community service, spirit, and educational organizations on campus!



Semester 36 alumni reunite in Boston

ALEX KLEINMAN has been exploring Southern California, camping in Death Valley, the Mojave, the Sierras, and meeting up with HMI homies—Jack, Wilke, Brock, and Tressa—when he can. Hit him up if you're in the LA area! He'd love to take you up to Mt. Baldy, give you a taste of Claremont, and reminisce about HMI over some wholesome veg food. *JACK LIPSON* and Lars Schuster drove out of the east and into California this summer. Jack ended up staying there, living on a farm and working full time as a wine intern. He is currently living in Big Sky Montana and working for the mountain's rental shop, and his couch is always open to anyone. *ERIC WILKE* is where he wants to be, studying screenwriting in sunny Southern California at Chapman University. He is still updating his movie hard drive weekly. *BROCK PETERSON* is living in California and enjoying the western sunlight.

TRESSA FALLON is currently a first-year at Whitman College. She is enjoying her experience thus far and is looking forward to spending the summer in Ireland working on the violin. Currently, *LORIN DEMUTH* is playing tennis at Whitman College and enjoying all the outdoor opportunities Whitman has to offer. *CLAIRE MAURER* is thoroughly enjoying her gap year; packing in as many adventures as she can before attending Whitman College next fall. *ESTHER KIM* has been training to possibly participate in the Tough Mudder race with her brother this coming summer. It's a nice solid addition to more uncertain college decisions, which maybe will eventually lead to something!

— Westly Joseph (westlyjoseph@gmail.com)

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JANE HAMEL is working at Landry's Bicycles and spent the winter competing on the WHS Nordic ski team. *BEA GROSSMAN* started at Smith College in the fall and is planning on double majoring in Film and Anthropology. She hopes to become a documentary filmmaker after graduating from Smith and has been working towards that goal by keeping her camera with her at all times and coming out with some sort of video content every week (like she did while she was at HMI). This fall, *MATT WHITE* got into Colorado College and has been planning his gap semester. He was inspired by his handsome HMI teachers, so he took up guitar lessons and has been shredding non-stop. Matt has also taken up surfing this winter with the help of his friends on the ski team. *DAVID FLYNN* also plans to attend Colorado College after a gap year. During his gap year he plans to hike the Appalachian Trail. Recently David has been running track for his school, and in the spring has plans of interning at the Appalachian Mountain Club doing conservation work. This summer, *DALIA TABACHNIK* is working as a Math and English tutor, training to run cross country for Bowdoin College, making plenty of trips to the rock climbing gym, and hanging out with her friends (and of course her cat). She plans to continue missing Semester 36 and everyone back at HMI with all her heart! *JACK MOODY* has been constantly breaking and fixing his snowmobile so that he may ride on the variable and sometimes lacking snowpack of the Northeast this year. He also tried sushi for the first time. *NICK TZANNES* has spent his winter working at an ice cream shop and skiing (often with friends from HMI). He is planning a month-long backpacking trip through Europe with friends for this summer. *ABRAHAM BENINGSON* is working on a senior project in electronic music. He is also enjoying his return to his school's Ultimate Frisbee team after being away last spring. *ERIN PAGLIONE* was a co-captain of the Dalton swim team this fall. She is enjoying senior year so far! This summer *AIDAN DENAHEY* worked at a local grocery store known for its high quality customer service. He also went to the beach with Lily, who is very smart. *NORA FRIED* had a great summer working at a family camp in the Adirondacks. She has spent the winter skiing in Vermont with *LIZA SCHER* and has taken up baking sourdough bread. This year, *HANK LASLEY* starred in his school's production of Blithe Spirit and he now consistently consumes much more sugar than is recommended for the average youth. *ZOE ZWECKER* participated in competitive mountain biking this fall, winning the title of New England Female champion. Zoe now spends her time drinking tea and reading books. This summer, *ALISON COLDWELL* spent a lot of time hanging out in the woods of Northern Minnesota, as well as traveling around a bit. One trip included a visit with *BRITA MACKAY* to see Liza, Nora and Zoom in the Adirondacks. She's eagerly awaiting the response of many colleges because she chose to submit absolutely 0 early applications. This summer, *MAITLAND ROBINSON* worked as a sailing instructor at a Yacht Club in Long Island, while spending his free time surfing whenever possible. He also spent some time visiting some fellow 36ers and is excited to spend more time with cool HMIers in college! *LILY BRACKETT* got shoulder surgery and saw Aidan a lot, who is very smart.

— James Woods (jamesgwoods@hotmail.net)

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SCOUT SORCIC spent the summer in Moab, UT working for the river program of the Colorado Outward Bound School and has been working as the Assistant Coordinator of Outdoor Pursuits at Fort Lewis College since August. She will be there until May when she goes back to Outward Bound. As usual, she has seen *OLIVIA TRIM* a couple of times this year, most recently this winter. Olivia is about to graduate from Quest University Canada in the beginning of May and then work logistics for Outward Bound in Leadville. Life afterwards is going to be more of an adventure than it already is, but she is incredibly excited and ready for it. Oh, and she just bought a bunch of fabulous socks from Darn Tough. *LARS ROBINSON* will graduate from West Point on May 27th. After that he will be heading south to Fort Rucker, Alabama for Army flight school! He is going to be a helicopter pilot! *JACK THALMANN* is currently a senior at SMU and working on his thesis project. He is excavating a 70 million year old fossil of a Mosasaur and studying what animals scavenge on it. Also, he is hiking Machu Picchu with his family after he graduates in May. *WILL KLEIN* has graduated from the University of Vermont with a BS in Geology and a minor in Geospatial Technologies. He is currently living in Boston, and working outside the city for an environmental consulting company. *CAROLINE LANDY* is graduating from Trinity College in May! She is hoping to run a marathon in the upcoming year. *SOPHIE PACI* worked on a farm in Italy last summer. She went hiking in the Dolomites! Now she is currently a first grade teacher at Greenwich Academy and getting her Master's in Elementary Education! *MARTIN PARIAN* is graduating from Bucknell this May and he got his first apartment in Pennsylvania! He tried buffalo dip for the first time and fell in love with it. After graduating, *EMMETT BARR*, will be working for a coffee roaster in NW Pennsylvania and continuing to run, hike, climb and explore! After graduating from the University of Richmond last spring, *JOSH LAWRENCE* spent the summer working for an outdoor adventure camp for teens based in Jackson, WY. He has now moved back to Pittsburgh where he works full-time at a whole produce distribution company. As for myself, *CECI MORALES*, I am graduating from my B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with an additional major in Biomedical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in May. I have currently started doing my Master's in Robotics with a focus on Human-Robot Interactions and will be performing my own experiments this summer with a Baxter. I have been working on a lunar rover that will be sent to the moon this summer!

— Ceci Morales (ceci@morales.com)

Summer Term 2012

NATALIE DUNN has been all over the country working for progressive campaigns, the last one being in Phoenix, but she has also been to Pennsylvania, New York, and Pinal County, Arizona as a staffer for various Democratic races. She's happy to say that she spent the immediate aftermath of the election in Arizona, watching Documentary Now with our good friend *WILL FLEMER*. After recuperation from a year of political work, she's back in college, this time at the University of the South, studying political science in the hopes of running a local

campaign after graduation. Will took the fall semester off and spent a month WWOOFing in Japan, which he very much enjoyed. This semester he is working on his BFA senior project and learning woodworking at his local community college. He just got a job at a birding supply store. *ARIANA MERCADO* spent the summer working for the National Network for Safe Communities helping implement their framework of criminal justice reform into a model exportable to Central America. She has been helping develop a non-profit near Dartmouth College called Creative Lives that helps empower elementary school students from underprivileged backgrounds. She is currently writing an honors thesis on Hong Kong reunification with the Chinese Mainland. After college, she is going to work as a legal practice assistant at Skadden Arps in Washington DC. *TAMMY GU* has been taking environmental policy classes at UC Berkeley and is doing research on the impacts of the Mozambican Civil War on concentrations of large mammals in Gorongosa National Park. She is also attending an acrylic painting class and an LSAT class (hoping to take the test for the first and last time in June)! This summer Tammy will be studying sustainability abroad in Ghana. In other news, her family has recently adopted a Chihuahua terrier mix named BB and she misses him very much. *CAROLINE KANNER* spent the summer in the education department at the Whitney Museum of American Art, and is currently in the process of trying to figure out how to combine her love of kids and her love of art into a career. *MARY FRANCES WHITE* is fixing to graduate from Washington and Lee with a Geology degree in May. She's working for Moondance Adventures this summer and, as far as post graduate plans go, the world is her oyster. *MARIA MARTINEZ* took last semester off to spend some time in Cretonne, Colorado in a Buddhist monastery, before spending three months volunteering at a hotel in Lisbon. *JONATHAN AVILA* spent the summer working for Facebook, where he hiked up Mission Peak and explored around Alamere Falls. He hopes to continue to adventure around Yosemite and Lake Tahoe when he returns to Facebook next summer! He is currently doing research for the Wharton School, and hopes to study abroad next fall.

— Caroline Kanner (berlioz747@gmail.com)

Summer Term 2013

ESME CHANT is in her second year at Bennington College and recently finished a term of working for the Smith-Miller Hawkinson Architect firm in New York City. Fellow New Yorker *NATHANIEL WIENER* has hopped over the pond. He is spending spring semester studying Political Science and Journalism in Copenhagen, Denmark. *REESA HYLTON* helped to cover the presidential inauguration for PBS Newshour and is currently focusing on broadcast journalism. As a sophomore, she is working towards a Journalism major and Psychology minor. *DAVID SILVERMAN* is finishing up his sophomore year at Michigan and has recently declared as a Computer Science and Entrepreneurship double major. This summer he will be interning in the R&D department of a hospitality technology startup. *EMYLN KNOX* is busy majoring in Psychology and Asian Studies as a sophomore at

Bowdoin College. In the spring, Emyln will be back to rowing and mud fights, but for now she is healing up from a concussion. In the fall she will hopefully be going to Japan for a semester abroad. *LANISE STARNES* will also be abroad in the fall. As second year Cinema and Photography major with minors in Art and Deaf studies, Lanise will be in London after hopefully spending her summer interning for either Oprah magazine or a women's online clothing store, Uncovered in NYC. *SAM VOGEL* also has travel plans in his future. Currently a sophomore at Skidmore he is planning to spend next spring in Cairns, Australia studying ecology and coral reef restoration. Sam recently declared as an Environmental Studies major and credits HMI as an important part of that decision. Also due in part to HMI, *SOPHIE FAXON* is an Environmental Studies major with an Adventure Based Learning minor. She will be spending her summer in Panama working on a permaculture forest and in Colorado leading an adventure trip. *LINDSAY DUGAN* is a manager for a family farm that is home to cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, rabbits, cats and dogs. *JACKIE LABELLE* will hopefully be in Colorado this summer as well. As a sophomore Environmental Engineering student at Colorado State, Jackie hopes to intern as a construction manager and surveyor for Rocky Mountain National Park. *ADAMO HARB* is a junior at Yale University. He is majoring in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental biology. Currently, Adamo is doing research with the Yale School of Medicine on the role of synaptic proteins in photoreceptors. *DAVID CAO* is in his second year at the Oberlin Conservatory as a piano performance major. You can hear him tickle the ivories by searching Yujun Cao on YouTube.

— Sophie Faxon (sfaxon2@elon.edu)

Summer Term 2014

IZZY ROSENSTEIN spent her gap year working in Los Angeles and traveling through Africa and Europe. She's now in her freshman year at Oberlin College, where she plays on the women's varsity soccer team and works for the school newspaper. *MARCOS FERNANDEZ* recently came back from a rock climbing trip in Panama with world class climber Cesar Mendez of Mad Rock Climbing. He is currently teaching rock climbing in Brooklyn, NY and runs part of the climbing program for Camp Tree Tops. Like Marcos, *HENRY KNOX*, further pursued his passion for climbing and went on a NOLS rock climbing course this past summer and is excited to announce that he will be attending Whitman College next year! *ELISE MORANO* started at Bowdoin College after spending a year in Nepal. She ran into Elizabeth McCauley in Peru last spring and has enjoyed reconnecting and taking yoga with Marcos in New York City! *ELIZABETH MCCAULEY* is loving her first year at Trinity College! She is on the ski team and at one of her races ran into *ALEX VAN RAALTE*, who is on the University of Vermont team. Prior to starting school at UVM, Alex returned to Colorado and worked for an outdoor adventure camp leading backpacking trips for kids in Leadville! He thought it was surreal to go back and hike some of the same mountains that he did three years ago when he was at HMI! *JACK VIERGEVER* got

into the University of Denver, where he plans to attend next fall! He has spent a lot of time seeing fellow classmates from Semester 36 and went helicopter skiing! *GABRIELLE SILVESTRI* is a very happy sophomore at Loyola University Maryland. She is enjoying her time on the cross country and indoor/outdoor track team. She also is celebrating making the dean's list last semester and her new golden doodle puppy, Enzo! *EMMA RAINE COLLINS* is in her second semester at Franklin University Switzerland, focusing on Environmental Studies. She has travelled to 18 new countries since she moved to Switzerland! Also abroad, *JULIE VON WACHTER* is finishing up her German high school degree. She plans to take a gap year before college and travel to Indonesia! *SEAN LENNON* is studying Game Design at Rochester Institute of Technology. He plays for the Ultimate Frisbee team and is very involved in producing music for other students at school. *REBECCA BROWN* finished her first semester at the University of Delaware with a 3.9 GPA. She also recently backpacked 22 miles in the mountains of Pennsylvania on a weekend trip! *MOLLY LOVETT* has been busy stage managing and running the sound board for various school productions in her senior year, including Spamalot and Spring Awakening. She has enjoyed her time teaching *SAMANTHA GORDON* how to knit when they are both home in L.A. Sam is having a productive sophomore year at Hamilton College! She is working hard to get her Mock Trial team to nationals and enjoying her time on student assembly as a Class of 2019 representative. She is thankful that she got to spend some time outside last summer leading 10 year olds on hikes through the White Mountains of New Hampshire!

— Sam Gordon (sjgordon@hamilton.edu)

Summer Term 2015

JOHN RAUEN has been busy building longboards for his longboard business he started out of his basement. He hand makes the best boards on the market and sells them to friends and family! *KEVIN GEORGE* has started school at UMass Boston, and plans on majoring in either Mathematics or Accounting. He is still working at TJ Maxx, and has met up with *ADAM SATOVSKY* several times. Adam graduated high school early to pursue various creative projects, such as his art exhibits for the Cohen's Children's Medical Center and at the First City Project. *ALLIE HUBBARD-GOURLAY* trained for a half marathon this winter and ran it in Central Park in this February. She is looking forward to senior spring and is planning to spend her summer hiking as much as possible. *CLAUDIA SURPRENANT* is finishing up her senior year at Miss Porter's School, and looks forward to attending Assumption College in the fall. She misses everyone from HMI! *WILLA DOW* has been doing a lot of Model United Nations at schools around the country. She's also been playing lacrosse, soccer, and basketball, as well as spending time with HMI friends *VICTORIA GRAZIOSI, JAKE REGELE, HALEY GOODMAN, and MEAGHAN CUNIFFE*. Speaking of which, Meaghan is back at HMI for the semester and is about to go on 2nd expedition. She is having a great time here in

the mountains, and wants everyone to know that Leadville looks a lot different in winter! *SUMMER NANPOOYA* is currently attending Pitzer College and enjoys hiking in Eaton Canyon on the weekends. *JOHNNY GROSS* has been busy training for a half marathon and writing for the school newspaper, but has also been enjoying the relaxing second semester of senior year. As for me, *KATIE OVERSTRUM*, I started school at Dickinson College in the fall. I recently had the chance to winter backpack in NH's Cater-Moriah Range, and look forward to backpacking in Bear's Ears National Monument this spring!

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Summer Term 2016

After HMI, *EMILY MARQUIS* ran on her school's cross-country team and is currently finishing up her season as a captain of the ski team. She went to a Lumineers concert in October where she fondly remembered the many jam sessions at HMI. *CHARLIE KANNER* just got back from her winter backpacking trip and is looking forward to spring break where she will see another HMI alum, *ANNA CORRELL*. Charlie has also recently started working at a suicide hotline for teens. She is very happy and misses HMI and her friends from there very much. Anna spent the rest of her summer hiking in West Virginia and taking advantage of the warm summer weather by eating as much ice cream as possible. She just completed a six-page graphic novel based on a story by Edgar Allan Poe. *RACHEL CURRY* is studying abroad in Valparaiso, Chile, where she will be staying with a host family and going to a local high school for the next five months. *IMAN KHAN* spent her fall semester following HMI at the School for Ethics and Global Leadership in Washington D.C., meeting with change makers and learning how to create positive



Caitlin Murphy and Reena Sheth (ST16) at a race

change in the world herself. (She also overcame her fear of dogs there!) Following that, she returned to her regular day school in NJ where she began working to help out new Syrian families who have come to the US, and to NJ, as asylees from the war going on in their country. She is now preparing for taking her first SAT exam next week! Go junior year! This spring, *GRAHAM O'CONNOR* will be working as an outdoor school counselor for 6th graders. He still does not know how to swim. *BECCA HUSS* finished her summer with her family, moving to a new house in Pittsburgh. She spent the winter playing ice hockey and winning the championships, along with taking pictures and editing her school's yearbook. Since HMI, *ETHAN KEMPLER* has visited Spain and the south of France, started his senior year at Avenues, was the captain of his school's championship winning varsity soccer team, and will be attending Skidmore College next year! *CAROLINE PETTERSON* has been continuing her Spanish studies and in January went on a two-week service and immersion trip to Nicaragua with her high school. This month she completed a three-day climate change leadership training program with Al Gore in Denver and is excited to put all that she learned to work! This winter, *CAROLYN CHENG* visited family in Taiwan, built her photography portfolio, wrote a 50-page short story, and, thankfully, finished the college application process. Currently, she is planning a gap year (any suggestions of what to do— besides HMI Gap, of course—are welcome!), genuinely enjoying her Environmental Science and Environmental History classes (especially because she gets to make connections to HMI all the time—her most recent field trip was to a local stream to count macroinvertebrates), and gradually convincing her friends at home of the joys of hiking. *KAYLA WESLEY* spent the rest of her summer flopping on links, completing break homework, and binge watching Grey's Anatomy. As she goes through a senior year-induced existential crisis, she awaits the sweet release of graduation. At the beginning of September *EMMA ELK* started at her new school in Putney, Vermont and loves it. Every morning Emma wakes up at 5 am to work in a cow barn, and she has recently joined her school's sustainability committee and diversity committee. She has also been working in a blacksmithing studio to create a series of outdoor sculptures. *JAX PACE* tried playing squash for the first time, taking after the famous Sydney Soloway. *BEN ELBAUM* has spent his time this winter trying to find the razor charger he left in Leadville. He has also started a sports podcast and blog with two friends, and managed to hit 200,000 miles on his car. *SIMON GILBERT* continued rock climbing and hiking after leaving HMI. He has been playing volleyball, watching movies, and reading various enthralling books. *JACK MAGARELLI* spent the end of his summer working as a waiter at a restaurant. This winter he performed in silent play, competed in track and field, and helped out at the local soup kitchen. *CAITLIN MURPHY* has continued to run after this summer and recently made it to State Championships with her relay team and is planning on running another half marathon this spring. She is enjoying her senior year and has found as many micro adventures in NYC as possible!

— Anna Correll (acorrell18@spenceschool.org)

Apprentice Updates

IVAN BERRY (RMS 3) is still teaching history at the Cate School and coaching the winter outdoors and the rock climbing program. There have been a number of Cate students at HMI recently—and they are quick to find Ivan's apprentice picture in the East Building! Recent highlight: Ivan's trip to South Africa for his youngest sister's wedding where they threw in a safari afterwards, and got to see lions at a fresh kill at 10 feet away! *LÄNDER COONEY* (RMS 8) is in Bozeman, MT, working as the executive director of a nonprofit community health center. He and his wife welcomed new baby Nolan last June and their daughter Juniper turns four (!) in March. They bought a raft (the minivan of watercraft) a few years back so they can get out on rivers in our Montana backyard. He gets to see *AUNGE THOMAS* (RMS 23) around town! *KAREN PRAZAR* (RMS 13) had a baby in June 2016: Georgia Ray Kiely. Karen and her wife Cecilia Kiely (who worked



Karen Prazar (RMS 13 apprentice) with her daughter Georgia



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in the gear room for Summer Term 2011) are enjoying the epic adventure of parenthood! They live in Newmarket, NH, where she works as a nurse at a community health center. She is also currently in grad school at UNH to get her Family Nurse Practitioner degree. *RICE REISMAN* (RMS 17) is working for a houseplant and garden supply shop in Cambridge, MA while she figures out her next move. Nothing too glamorous, but she is feeling good about the direction! She wants to find a way to bring more plants and a nature into the city environment. In June of 2015, *SAM HARLOW* (RMS 19) left her teaching job at St. Mark's School in Southborough, MA and moved into a beautiful home in Newfane, VT (north of Brattleboro). After a brief stint working in an insurance agency, she began working in the Admission Office at The Putney School in July 2016. In August 2016, she got married to David Harlow, a classmate from Hotchkiss with whom she'd reconnected after 15 years! She's loving life in Vermont and is hoping that John "Strong Arms" Marino will actually visit her one of these days on his way through town! This year, *MAUREEN FOX* (RMS 19) had a really great weekend in Leadville—of all places—where she got to stay with the wonderful Mallozzi Family and cheer her brother on while he competed in the Leadville 100 Mountain Bike Race. She says, "It was SO fun to return to that special place!" Besides that venture, she is living in Lander, WY and working for NOLS in the field and in the office managing evacuations for field courses. *EM POWERS* (RMS 20) moved back to Colorado this past summer, and has since opened a yoga studio in the Denver area (hOMe Yoga Studio) and a private practice in Massage Therapy & CranioSacral Therapy. She's loving being

back in CO, and wishes she could come up and visit HMI every weekend! *KATE BRAEMER* (RMS 20) works in fundraising and institutional advancement at Salus University, just outside of Philadelphia. She is getting close to her Master's in Nonprofit Leadership! She regularly catches up with fellow apprentice, Carrie Childs, for Russian spas, concerts, and tacos. *LUCY GUARNERA* (RMS 23) and her husband Sean welcomed new baby Charlie on Father's Day, 6/19/16—he made it just in time, as he was born at 11:59 PM and 34 seconds. Big brother Sammy has welcomed his new playmate, and says his favorite game to play with Charlie is "poke eye" (don't ask). Although only 8 months old, Charlie is already halfway to his master's degree on account of the number of graduate Psychology lectures he has attended with Lucy at the University of Virginia. *ANDE REISMAN* (RMS 24) is in Nepal for 10 months on a Fulbright to do her dissertation research. She is interviewing and living with women whose husbands are away as labor migrants to understand shifts in gender dynamics in the home. Ande just discovered that *MAX SILVERMAN* (RMS 26) will join her in Nepal as a teaching assistant – small world! *DAVE CLARK-BAROL* (Semester 27) now has a full-body tattoo to go with his face tattoo. He is also an Educator at Large at HMI. *SARA RUSSELL* (Semester 27) is grad school for International Education and creating global education curriculum with Where There Be Dragons. Last year she went to Peru, Guatemala, Spain, France, Iceland, India, and Mexico for work and school! After nearly five years in the Bay Area, *AMIE FLEMING* (Semester 28) is headed to back to school to pursue an MBA this fall,



Nico Arsenault and Seth Brouwers (16 apprentices) getting ready for Nico's wedding

where she'll be focusing on sustainability and social impact. She is taking some time off this summer to road trip back east and travel around Peru before diving into business school. *ERIKS REKS* (Semester 29) is in Cambridge, MA working as a Product Manager at Circle and organizing events for Designers + Geeks. This past summer he biked through MA, NH, and ME in a day and learned to sail in the Boston Harbor! *CATHERINE KLEM* (Semester 30) lives in Seattle, where she is slowly coming to terms with how pale one can be in February and steadily replacing her Bahamas wardrobe with things like pants and sweaters. She is teaching high school math, coaching cross-country and track, and enjoying opportunities to ski, mountain bike and trail run. *AVIVA MASLOW* (Semester 32) is a teacher in Benin, where she has 6 months left of her Peace Corps service. She is the coordinator of a nation-wide program that works to help Beninese girls from low-income families stay in school. HMI Res Life Fellow, Noah Orgish, visited her in December, and they traveled around Benin and Togo together! *EMILY HAMMEL* (Semester 33) is in Western Mass, working at Overland Summers on the Leader Hiring team. She's been lucky to connect with lots of HMI students over the

past several months on leader recruiting visits to colleges around the country, including a large group of Semester 33 alums! They are running a new trip this year based out of Leadville that will focus on community service projects and trail work. She is grateful for the opportunity to stay connected with the Leadville community! *DYLAN GSCHWIND* (Semester 34) is writing in from a hostel in Chile in the midst of a 4 month adventure through South America. In fact, he just finished hiking the Valle Aviles Trail in Parque Patagonia, a trail frequented by HMI Gap, and even ran into *AURI EAST* (Semester 29) on the trail! This summer, Dylan is excited to return to HMI as the Assistant Director of Summer Term and spend another season exploring the great mountains around Leadville. Since last summer, *JULIA VAN RAALTE* (Semester 35) has been living in Kathmandu, Nepal as a Princeton in Asia fellow. While that sounds fancy, what it really means is that she's been working full-time for an incredible organization, the dZi Foundation (based in Colorado!), that focuses on community-led development in two extremely remote districts in Eastern Nepal. Outside of work, she practices her Nepali language skills, tries to identify flowers, and explores the Kathmandu Valley by mountain bike as much as possible! *SCOTT SUGDEN* (Semester 35) is working at YMCA Camp Widjiwagan's Outdoor Learning Program, where he's been since he left HMI. This summer he'll be leading canoe trips for Voyageur Outward Bound School, and this fall he'll be starting a graduate degree in Environmental Microbiology—school TBD. *SAVANNAH JOHNSON* (Semester 35) is working for Pacific Discovery (Nelson, New Zealand) and Walking Tree Travel (Denver, CO) doing outreach and leading programs, as well as doing admissions for African Leadership Academy (Johannesburg, South Africa). She'll be reuniting with *CLARA MAEDER* and *ARI GINO* (Semester 35) in Nicaragua in April before leading international programs again this summer, and then she'll be joining The Traveling School faculty from August-December as a World Literature and Global Studies teacher in southern Africa. *HANNAH BLACK* (Semester 36) is working towards a Master's in Environmental Communication at Stanford and dreaming of tele-turns and mesa-top geology lessons. She's looking forward to spending the summer interpreting natural history on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. *COLIN QUINN* (Semester 36) headed to the Yukon to lead hiking trips for Overland the summer after HMI. He is currently in his second term at Montana State University seeking a master's degree in Earth Sciences. Since moving to Bozeman, he has taken complete advantage of the ice climbing mecca just to the south of town in Hyalite Canyon. *BARRETT DONOVAN* (Semester 37) is living in Leadville working as a substitute teacher and tutor, as well as working with Todd in the HMI gear room. It's been a great winter so far with lots of snow, skiing, and adventuring. In a few days she is heading back to Norway to work as a ski and snowmobile guide and do a few personal trips. She's also really looking forward to working for HMI Summer Term as the science teacher! *SUNSHINE GARDNER* (Semester 37) has been working up in Ely, Minnesota, taking young kids outside and going on all sorts of adventures. This summer he has been asked to lead a six week canoe trip up in the Arctic Circle! Returning back home to Boston after a wonderful apprenticeship,



Part of HMI's Kentucky crew: Annie Oldham (37), Isobel Steenrod (35), Barrett Donovan (26 and 37 apprentice), Colleen Orr (27), and Elizabeth Orr (33)

ARTHUR PIANTEDOSI (Semester 37) has begun working for his family business Piantedosi Baking Co. in Malden, MA. Arthur has kept in touch with the HMI 37 students and apprentices through regular reunions around New England and hopes to return to Leadville soon.

ALEX TRAUTMAN and *MEENA FERNALD* (Semester 37) are both working as wilderness therapy guides on the east coast. They love being near Arthur and Torey and they are excited to see others from

Semester 37 soon! *ANNIE PRESTON* (Semester 37) has been spending time catching up with friends and family since her return from Leadville. This has given her lots of time to telemark ski, visit college friends, and figure out her next career move.

ALUMNI: share your photos

With the expansion of Who's Hall in 2015, the new student lounge now includes an "Alumni Connection Board." The goal of the board is to help current students get excited about joining HMI's alumni community by seeing the amazing connections, adventures, and accomplishments that come after their time in Leadville! The board features photos from reunions, alumni visits to campus, alumni accomplishments, as well as a few profiles.

If you have pictures that you would like to put on this connection board, please send them to cdphillips@hminet.org!