

Environmental Justice Week

By Jerry Meranus and Kerri Kimbrell f22

Let the daily tide leave some deposit on these pages, as it leaves sand and shells on the shore... This may be a calendar of the ebbs and flows of the soul; and on these sheets as a beach, the waves may cast up pearls and seaweed.

—Henry David Thoreau

Environmental Justice Week, this semester, was October 24-28 and this interdisciplinary, interactive week of learning featured speakers, activities, and daily lessons. Environmental justice is a complex idea and something important for us as students to learn and explore. It revolves around treating the land conscientiously and understanding the impact humans have on our environment, and how these actions have consequences and affect people of different races, cultures, and social classes.

The Mountain School was fortunate to host incoming faculty member, Lynn Murphy, an Abenaki elder, for an afternoon talk. Lynn explained about interplanting, a.k.a. Three Sisters Farming, and how this practice fed the Abenaki community. Interplanting is a method in which someone grows more than one plant in the same bed, in this case, corn, beans, and squash. These crops are historically known as the ‘three sisters’ as they were codependent in their growth. Today interplanting is used to reduce greenhouse gas emissions like carbon. Lynn also discussed how the Abenaki people were forced off of their land, and are still being forced away, lacking the political power and resources to protect themselves. These days, there are laws protecting indigenous land from situations like this, but the unjust movement of people definitely falls into the environmental justice category. Overall, this session with Lynn taught our community about the history of environmental justice within the state of Vermont.



Lynn Murphy and Megan Carlan f22 connect after Lynn’s talk

On Friday evening, the school hosted an online panel of graduates, Katie Eder f16, Jeremy Ornstein s17, and Audrey Lin s18. These motivational alumni were able to speak extensively about their experiences before, during, and after their semesters at the Mountain School. All three speakers offered passionate, well-thought-out arguments as to how we can create and lead change. Audrey and Jeremy provided some details about the Sunrise Movement (where they both play active roles) and Katie, a remarkable teen activist prior to the Mountain School,

opened our eyes around how we can change our perspectives and gain more than a “sliver” of knowledge.

In addition to guest speakers, environmental justice was interwoven in our classroom lessons. Environmental Studies featured presentations about climate change and climate refugees, while also looking at soil within the political ecology framework. English classes read works of literature regarding nature, watched a documentary regarding eco-revolution (*The Coconut Revolution*), and learned about young activists. AP U.S. History class revolved around the concept of Manifest Destiny and the environmental impact it had on post-revolutionary

America. Humanities dove into environmental politics through numerous readings and videos. The Communal Memory class began writing a collective short story about a forest, not so different from the Inner Loop. Language classes studied winners of the Goldman Environmental Prize in Latin America and environmental issues in

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Alex Myers

Letter from the DIRECTOR

On Journaling

I will be blunt: when I heard that journal writing was a core component of Mountain School English class, I was not enthused. Throughout my life I have been, at best, a tepid journal keeper. I always begin with the best of intentions – and I have a shelf full of handsome notebooks to prove it – and faithfully jot entries for a few days, only to taper off into sporadic notes and then give it up entirely. In the abstract, I can see the merit and even the pleasure of keeping a journal, but in actuality, I find it to be a tedious chore. Moreover, I have on occasion assigned journal writing to my English students at other schools. Reading these entries was akin chewing cardboard: rote recitations of a day’s events, dull loggings of happenings and occurrences. There would be the occasional spark of brilliance, but mostly, these journals confirmed the findings from my own life: this was not a practice worth engaging in.

So, you can imagine my reluctance as I was handed a stack of (faux) leather-bound notebooks and told I should hand them out to my Mountain School English class. As the new director, I felt like I had to uphold some sacred traditions, and I resigned myself to not rocking the boat on this one. One week later, I collected the notebooks from my students and sat down to engage in that other part of Mountain School English Class tradition: gathering extracts to be read aloud. I expected to skim the entries lightly, dredge out something with merit, and move on. To my great surprise, however, the first journal contained pages of delightful observation of the natural world, reflection on the opening days, consideration of what do in this new place. Thoughtful, well-considered, layered.

Assuming this journal was a fluke, I opened the next one. It contained a few anecdotes from each day, little descriptions of an event – a walk up Garden Hill, a star-gazing party, an encounter with a sheep – and then sketches: vivid line drawings that captured the flow of distant mountains, the rows of apple trees, the inquisitive gaze of a lamb. Another journal had poetry interspersed with daily entries, another had recipes and reports of cooking adventures. And on and on. I was enchanted.

The pattern has continued so far this term. Each week my English class journals yield a crop of fascinating entries. All of this has led me to wonder, why is the Mountain School so conducive to good journal writing?

If I can attempt to answer that based on only a semester of experience, I would venture this reply: the Mountain School is a place that asks us to look closely, to not just see but consider, to not just consider but experience. It asks us to be immersed, often to the point of being overwhelmed. That’s why journaling is so perfect for this place – it allows us a moment to breathe, to step back from the experience and engage in reflection.

But what saves this practice from being the sort of navel-gazing I could never sustain is the sharing of the journal entries. This, too, strikes me as a uniquely Mountain School moment. We write the journal for ourselves; we write the journal to be shared – just as at the Mountain School we live our individual lives and we live our lives all together. The practice of sharing the journal allows us to see the same world, the same place, the same events through someone else’s eyes and words. For instance, when I collected journals after the solo camping trip, I read aloud one entry that began, it is so quiet out here. I am terrified. And then, I read aloud another entry, it is so quiet out here and I love it.

If we are to live in community together – here at the Mountain School and in the outside world – it is so crucial to be able to understand how the same moment, the same place, can have profoundly different impacts and effects on people. Journal-keeping and journal-sharing creates that possibility here and models for students a way to be authentic and true to self while understanding how to negotiate difference with others.

The more I engage in this practice with my students, the more I come to understand the power of this place and what makes it unique compared to the other schools I have taught at and worked with. Here, students truly navigate the balance between the individual and the community. Unlike so many schools, they are not asked to give up the quirks and peculiarities that make them themselves – the Mountain School doesn’t demand conformity. What it demands is community. The journals give a model for how this can work. Each week as I read aloud, I am reminded and the students are reminded that we are all engaged in this – we are all doing the same work, eating the same food, going to the same classes – and as we take part in this sameness, we experience it differently. Together.

“The Best Audience Ever!”

By Karen Obydol-Alexandre, Co-Director of Justice, Equity, and Inclusion and French Teacher

This superlative landed happily on our group while standing in front of Northern Stage in White River Junction this October 6. We took 24 interested students to see the eight-time Tony Award musical, *Spring Awakening*, on a school night. Our stage bound group had the opportunity to read what the musical was about before making the decision to attend. The cultural offering was also valuable as a chance to leave campus and see another town in Vermont.

Students were instructed after the play to gather in front of the theater on the spacious patio before boarding the school’s vans. One cast member, Derek Dubrae Jackson, was on his way out when he noticed our large group of teenagers and exclaimed that we were “the best audience ever!” He immediately summoned the whole youthful cast to meet us outside. Not only were our students awestruck, but the cast was equally excited to meet members of this lively audience. The evening was a hit across the board. Autographs were signed, mutual appreciation exchanged, meaningful interactions took place, and photos snapped by the faculty chaperones.



Rob first connected with Northern Stage when he auditioned in New York City for the title role in the company's production of *Macbeth* and got the part. After his role in *Macbeth*, he returned to play Edgar in *King Lear*. Throughout the years, Rob started building a relationship with the theater, performing and coaching students. When the former Director of Education asked him to step in, he had no hesitation. As a traveling actor with a toddler, this was a golden opportunity. At the Mountain School, we are always happy when alums move to the area or share aspects of their occupations with us. Thank you, Rob and Alex, for planning this special evening that offered an extraordinary opportunity to connect students, a graduate theater professional, and a cast that is now one of our big fans.



How did we manage to find our way to see this professional production? Rob Grant f01, the new Education Director at Northern Stage, reached out to invite us, and we benefited from a discounted student rate. Six chaperones eagerly signed on including me, Matt Severson, Annie Janeway, Kemi Mugo and new faculty Lucretia Witte and Elizabeth DiGirolamo. It was exciting to open these doors to off-campus educational entertainment, even if, in Rob Grant’s words, “it can be a stretch from building a community on the hills of Vershire.”



In Their Own Words

Spotlight on New and Retiring Faculty

Lucretia Witte **Admissions**

Hi! I'm Lucretia, joining the Mountain School as Director of Admissions. I live in Etna, NH and in addition to my admissions work I have the privilege of leading the Outdoor Program with Lena, Doug and Bruce. I've always been attracted to experiential learning, and after working in a wide variety of public and private schools in the US and abroad, I applied to join the Mountain School because I was inspired by the opportunity to engage students from every background with the land and the rights and responsibilities of community living. I was particularly struck by the Mountain School's candid self-reflection on how things have been done and how they must evolve to meet the needs of our students, our society and our earth.

My favorite experience so far has been leading the Group Overnight and Solo out on the new property. I loved getting to connect with the students and hear about their hopes and fears, and spending three days on our land as we head into peak foliage season was such a privilege! A close second is eating in the dining halls because our chefs Zach, Jocelyn, Matt and Billy provide such amazing menus. I love knowing that what I am eating has been raised right here, and I have learned to appreciate the role zucchini can play in many types of meals! I look forward to getting to know the generations of amazing Mountain School alums, and don't hesitate to reach out to me if you'd like to be involved in admissions!

Greta Marchesi **History**

Hello there, Mountain School alumni! My name is Greta Marchesi, and I am the Mountain School's new History teacher. While I was new to the school this fall, I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of TMS alumni in different contexts over the years and have long been curious about this cool school in the woods. I am a historical geographer by training, with a background teaching about history and environmental justice primarily at the university level in New Mexico, California, and more recently New Hampshire. I also grew up working on my family farm. One of the things I am enjoying most at the Mountain School is the opportunity to teach and learn alongside students in the fields and forests as well in the classroom. I live with my partner and kids down in Thetford, VT next to the Thetford Hill State Forest, where we love to hike, ski, swim, and check out cool stuff.

Lynn Murphy **Chemistry**

Hello, my name is Lynn, and I am joining the Mountain School as the Chemistry teacher this spring. I was enticed out of retirement by the philosophy of the school and because I missed young people SO very much! I have had the opportunity to be at the school and interacting with the students as a presenter and in teaching workshops in basket making. I am Abenaki and a traditional basket maker, a traditional bead worker and a general crafts person. Sharing those skills is so much fun. I taught all disciplines of Science for 23 years as a second career teacher and I miss sharing knowledge. My mother used to say I was born to be a teacher. Can't wait to be back in a classroom!

Aurora Berger **Studio Art**

Hi, my name is Aurora and I'm the Mountain School's new Studio Art teacher. I grew up a few miles away in Strafford, and spent my childhood attending community programs in and around Vershire and the Mountain School. I returned to Strafford in 2019 and have been teaching in local communities ever since. In addition to art at the Mountain School, I also teach Art to K-8 students at the Newton School, in Strafford. I love working with the Mountain School's students, teaching and facilitating students to expand their creativity, art thinking, and skills. Outside of school I work as a professional artist and disability studies scholar, and enjoy painting, snuggling with my cat Orion, colorful overalls, dinosaurs, and baking.

Lena Joesch-Cohen **Math, Outdoor Program, Conard Dorm**

Hello, my name is Lena and I am a new math faculty member and dorm advisor. I have loved math, riddles, and logic puzzles my whole life, and have shared that love with others as a tutor, teaching fellow, and research mentor over the years. Here in my classroom at the Mountain School, where the value of community is so deeply ingrained into our daily lives, my students and I have been able to approach teaching and learning math as a conversation and mutual exploration. Getting to know this campus alongside students this semester has been a special part of being a new faculty member, and though I grew up in the Pacific Northwest, the natural world of the Upper Valley is already starting to feel like home. I feel very grateful to be engaged in the work of learning, teaching, and sharing in this community, and I look forward to many semesters to come!

Elizabeth DiGirolamo F92
Spanish, Learning Support, Underwood Dorm

As a lifelong learner and educator who values curiosity and critical thinking, I have sought professional opportunities and communities where learning is integrative, experiential, and where I can be most authentically myself. The opportunity to return to the Mountain School as a faculty member, where I once was a student, feels akin to bringing my educator experience full circle. It was as a student at TMS where I was invited, encouraged, and inspired to re-envision and reflect on what impact I can/want to have, to ask questions and seek answers, and to proactively engage with a local/global community with curiosity, a sense of personal responsibility, and kindness.

Upon my return to New England from CA and to TMS as a Spanish teacher, learning support specialist, and dorm head, I am delighted to be back on campus connecting with teens who are eager to explore and engage in new and different ways with the land that surrounds them and with each other - a diverse group of students. A few highlights this fall have been laughing and working on Garden Hill with colleagues and students, working on the trails with woodcrew, chatting with students during meals or while pressing apples for cider, and watching the foliage and seasons change.

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French-speaking countries. Studio Art created paintings inspired by environmental justice, solo, and human relationship with nature. Physics discussed the various methods of energy production.

As part of Farm Seminar, students delivered presentations about current environmental justice issues: the war in Ukraine, flooding in Pakistan, VT Bill S. 148, animal slaughter, dairy farming, land ownership and access, synthetic fertilizer, and food industry pollution. Outdoor Program introduced us to the Qualitative Ecological Analysis (QEA) within each student's science site. A QEA gives students the opportunity to inquire about over and understory vegetation, microtopography, animals, and human impact. For example, scraps of barbed wire or square mesh in what is now a densely populated forest signals that there was once a pasture there.

Outside of class that week, students and faculty enjoyed the amazing weather. With sunlight shining on Derby lawn, fall 2022 spent their free time playing basketball, walking the Inner Loop, watercolor painting, and just admiring stick season. It's been a busy few weeks here at the Mountain School, but equipped with essential environmental knowledge and new perspectives, the students are feeling enlightened as golden drops of Vershire sun illuminate our lovely campus.

Trudy Amber-Dowlin
Office Manager and Admissions

I am so excited to be retiring from my full-time office manager position after 25 years, and to be moving into a part-time as-needed role! The school has evolved and changed and continues on a positive trajectory, with new folks taking the reins and steering us in great directions. Thank you to everyone who made this quarter of a century everything I ever could have wanted it to be.

See you around the neighborhood!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Trudy



Jerry Meranus, Skye J., and Sara Paton enjoying a warm November afternoon.

Mental Health Support at the Mountain School with Sara Paton

My name is Sara Paton, and I am a mental health intern this year at the Mountain School. I reside in Vershire with my husband and two dogs on 20 acres of woods, in a house we built that runs solely on renewable resources. We made this intentional building choice because of our love for where we live and also because of the state of the climate crisis. I am currently working on my Masters of Social Work through the University of New England. In my undergraduate years, I earned a degree as an interdisciplinary studies major, focusing on wilderness therapy and outdoor education. I also worked on farms and did yoga in my free time. It is fortunate that I found the Mountain School, a place where I can implement all of the interests that I have been working on personally and professionally over the years.

When I was learning about Wilderness Therapy in college, I was reading the works of people like Richard Louv, who wrote *Last Child in the Woods*, and the phenomena that he described as Nature Deficit Disorder. This concept was alarming to me, as someone who grew up in Vermont and spent all of my free time climbing trees with my brothers. I didn't realize that lack of nature could lead to emotional or psychological distress and that exposure to nature provided a necessary psychological release. This was a revelatory concept for me as I decided to pursue a career in psychology with a focus on the outdoors.

I have been so impressed with the Mountain School and how it is able to create an academic and outdoor education balance, a fantastic fusion of sitting and learning and moving and trying new things. I find myself getting to know the other faculty members and the students the most when we are stacking wood together or picking tomatoes. Mountain Schoolers create games out of most of the work that we do, so we end up laughing and playing and talking while breathing fresh air and taking in the 360 degree views of the mountains. When we go inside to do classes and work, feeling euphoric and a little tired, I know it helps me to better focus on afternoon work.

"An environment-based education—at all levels of education—will help students realize that school isn't supposed to be a polite form of incarceration but a portal into the wider world."
- Richard Louv

In my one-on-one work with the students, it's very important to me to include outdoor time as emotional regulation. My preference is to spend the majority of mental health sessions outside, weather permitting, and incorporate walking or sitting in a scenic spot. I also like to create a fusion of mindfulness practices with psychological methods if the student is open to it. I like to include some yoga movements or breathing exercises. Tools like visualizations and tapping are some that I employ regularly; they help students learn self-regulation techniques so they can add to their mental health toolbox.

In this internship, I also have the privilege of helping children with their school work as one-on-one support. I help the students with their executive function skills and instruct on how to execute their assignments and schedules. The Academic Support Team at TMS helps students who have learning disabilities/differences or those who need the information to be presented in a different way that is more accessible for them to process. Some of the most important tools for this work focus on just getting used to getting started on the particular task. Whether it's an outline, a presentation, or even how to use a calendar, teaching kids how to just start and making them feel good about that work can make a big impact. The executive function skill of knowing we have a task to do and then knowing where to start is something that not all people can do easily or have necessarily learned how to do. This is a big piece that I have been thinking about lately and working on with students.

I am passionate about using a relational approach in all of my work. Building a healthy relationship is a major part of one-on-one sessions, mental health discussions, or school work. It is important to me that the students feel that there is someone who cares about their academic needs and well-being and is willing to break things down as small as possible in order to get started and find an understanding of the material. This type of role is crucial at any school because the teachers have many students and classes that they need to balance and may not have the time and capacity to adequately address that level of need. I am able to dedicate most of the time I spend here to one-on-one work with the students.

One of the reasons why I am passionate about working with teenagers who need extra support is because I am personally neuro-divergent and have learning disabilities that went undiagnosed as a child. I was able to get "good grades" and not disrupt the class, so my differences and needs went unnoticed. At the Mountain School, I help bring an awareness of learning differences and what those can look like in the classroom or dorms. I have been part of a conversation with the faculty about what it may look like for a student to have learning differences, even when undiagnosed. My goal in this work is spreading awareness of how our culture is created for neuro-typical people, and how that affects those of us who do not process information the same way. Cultural awareness is an important factor in breaking down the stigmas around these processing differences, which will in turn foster a culture that is supportive of all people and learners.

I am honored to be able to engage in this work at the Mountain School and am deeply impressed that the school has given me the space and voice to do this work. This type of systematic change in schools is truly groundbreaking, and it is exciting to be part of the implementation of new support systems here. I have so enjoyed being able to incorporate my holistic counseling style into my work at the Mountain School and meeting new supervisors, colleagues, and community who share my views and passions.

Advancing Social Emotional Learning at School and at Home

By Olivia Oona, LMSW, Mental Health Counselor and Health Liaison

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is a key part of learning and development. It is a learned skill that is ideally taught at home and then reinforced in the classroom/school setting. Within the last fifteen years there has been a huge push to have more formalized learning around SEL at school and one of the leading organizations of this movement is, CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning) which has published tons of research backing and showing the benefits of SEL for children's development, academic achievement, and adult success. At the Mountain School SEL fits naturally in many of our programs but especially within advising.

As defined by CASEL, SEL is, "the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions." See provided graphic for a visual of SEL. About a third of the faculty at TMS are advisors. They will generally have 2-3 advisees per semester and meet with them regularly every week. Giving the space for students to develop a relationship with an adult that is different from a dorm head or teacher is so important. Through this relationship the adult acts as a model and mentor for students giving time to process emotions, talk through tricky situations, set/achieve academic and nonacademic goals, and maintain a positive relationship throughout the time they spend here. Advising is offered to everyone who comes to the school, therefore is a tier 1 preventative intervention in the MTSS student support model the school uses. It is based on the idea that all students deserve to have a securely attached relationship and it is a key part of learning in their development especially as teenagers.

SEL benefits the whole child. It doesn't only see them through the lens of being a student and that is a goal here at TMS. As a school that provides academics to students, we also live with them, eat with them, and work on the farm with them. SEL promotes better attitudes towards school, student motivation and morale, social attendance, academic outcomes, behavioral outcomes, and student engagement. It is our hope that when they leave here these are some behaviors that they get to take with them to their home schools and into life moving forward.

It does not always come naturally and often SEL is a learned skill that when taught well, has tremendous outcomes for success in adulthood. Short-term benefits include reduced symptoms of anxiety and depression. In schools that implement comprehensive SEL programs 27% of students improve in academic performance and 24% of students have improved social behaviors and lowered levels of distress. Long-term and global benefits of SEL according to CASEL include a measured positive correlation between

strong social emotional assets and higher levels of well-being up to 18 years later. When thinking of SEL as a framework for relationship and teaching it can easily address the nuance of social and emotional development and therefore does not promote the mindset of "one size fits all" which can be detrimental in school settings and to the development of children.

SEL is not only for a school setting but quite honestly starts at home and ideally is reinforced at school. Here are some ways to intentionally think about what SEL looks like at home and how to build it as a family.

A dysregulated adult will never be able to regulate a dysregulated child. The most important thing to remind yourself as a caregiver of a young person is to take care of your own social and emotional needs. Children are highly susceptible to their caregivers' stress and anxieties, and that can become a mirror and foundation for their own personal social and emotional learning.

Establishing intentionality and routines when it comes to schedules is extremely important because it creates predictability and as a result a feeling of emotional and physical safety. Dedicating structured time where authentic connection can happen between child and caregiver is key to developing SEL skills.

Presence is not the same thing as being present.

Be creative as a family. Going through a creative process can be inherently vulnerable by nature. Creating places and opportunities to be creative together allows a structure for navigating vulnerability in a connected way therefore expanding everyone's tolerance to be vulnerable and normalizing it to connect within community.

Normalize celebrating the big and small wins in life as a shared practice within the family.

Practice active listening. Reflect back what you have heard in conversation with each other. Ask open ended questions. Work together to find mutual understanding and help each other navigate through emotions by identifying them and naming where they live in the body.

These five things can be used as tools to help promote SEL within your family unit. SEL skills are so important and have lasting effects as children become adults and navigate the world around them.

In closing, I would like to offer you a quote from Marc Brackett, Director of Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence and author of *Permission to Feel: The Power of Emotional Intelligence to Achieve Well-Being and Success*. "My message for everyone is the same: that if we can learn to identify, express, and harness our feelings, even the most challenging ones, we can use those emotions to help create positive, satisfying lives."



Selections from Art Class: Fall 2022



Alexa Ibarra-Barragan



Alo Ajpacaja



Skye Mitchell



Kerri Kimbrell



Eva Rieckewald



Otto Lukanic



Lila Waxman



Marcos Mendoza-Gomez



Mia Gordon

Vershire Fall Festival

Alex Myers, Director

In mid-October, the Mountain School took part in Vershire's fall festival. Held at the town center, this annual event features a petting zoo, stone soup, an apple pie contest, and other autumnal attractions. The local community service organization, VerShare, asked that the Mountain School both participate and help out, and so we did!

On Sunday morning, a van-load of students arrived to help set up picnic tables, arrange lawn games, and get refreshments ready. As residents showed up, Mountain Schoolers cranked a cider press, played games with younger children, and also got to enjoy some soup (and the bounce house).

While no one from the Mountain School managed to guess the right weight of the rather massive pumpkin on display, we did bring home two ribbons from the apple pie contest. There were fifteen entries overall, five of them from the Mountain School. Levi Stein won for "best crust," edging out a local baker who had held that title for three years running. And a team effort of Eliza Sullivan, Hope Gantt, and Maia Steiner took home "best appearance." This latter victory merited comment from the judges, that they had a tough decision as to whether to go with the traditional appearance or the more creative one. In the end, they rewarded creativity: the Mountain School team's pie had a crust shaped into a rather realistic face.

After the judging, everyone got to eat the entries, along with some brownies made by Mountain School chefs (they contained zucchini). As we emerge from the depths of the pandemic, it is wonderful to engage again with the local community. VerShare is already looking forward to planning the annual Snow-Shoe-a-Thon, and other events are in discussion as well.



Basketmaking With Abenaki Lynn Murphy

At two different day-long Saturday workshops with Lynn Murphy, a dozen students and two faculty members made 8" x 14" Market baskets. All who participated used the same pattern, but each basket was beautifully unique because of the students' choices of colors and texture worked into the simple pattern.



November 16th Visit to Campus and Student Conversation with Izzy Lowell M.D., s97

By Jasper Karlson and Skye Mitchell f22

After returning to Vershire in August with her family for the 25th reunion, Izzy Lowell made a special trip to campus to meet with fall 2022 students for an afternoon talk and Q & A.

Izzy Lowell s97 is a doctor and the founder of QueerMed, a telemedicine based practice that provides gender-affirming care to transgender and non-binary people across the country. After graduating college, Izzy initially wanted to become an art curator, but ended up pursuing a career as a doctor. After completing her residency, she moved to Atlanta in 2015 to work at Emory University Hospital, and realized soon thereafter how limited and inaccessible trans affirming care was in Atlanta. If such care didn't exist in one of the most progressive cities in the South, she thought, how could trans people in less liberal and urban centers possibly find their way to good care?

Izzy decided to change this by opening a clinic within the hospital. While many others at the hospital argued that there simply weren't trans people in Atlanta that would take advantage of the gender affirming care she offered, within weeks, the clinic was nearly at capacity, and it had the lowest no-show rate of any clinic at the hospital. It was a clear success by any measure. As time went on transgender people of all ages started traveling hours from other states to receive such basic care at the clinic. It became clear to Izzy how vital her work was, and she wanted to expand the reach of her practice.

In 2017 she started QueerMed. Originally it only cared for patients in Georgia and four surrounding states, but it has since grown, and it now provides access to essential hormone treatment for trans people across 22 states. In the past year alone, Izzy's practice has treated approximately 3,000 patients, and has served four to five thousand patients since its inception.

QueerMed has been offering telemedicine appointments since 2017, but since their only office in Atlanta was vandalized two years ago, the practice has transitioned to exclusively digital platforms. It's become one of the most accessible ways for trans people across the country to receive the care they need. QueerMed is currently the only office in the country that offers telemedicine, takes insurance, and treats minors. Izzy has clearly established this practice at the forefront of the fight to treat transgender people of all ages with life saving medicine.



Izzy is pictured here with Wyatt, Skye, and Jasper.

Growing QueerMed to this point was not an easy journey by any means. Izzy cites the first year of the practice as one of the most difficult periods of her life. Between negotiating with insurance companies and learning how to start a business on her own, the early days were frustrating and all-consuming. The difficulties were further exacerbated by a limited budget.

From nights in Tobold to days spent on Garden Hill, Izzy credits her time at the Mountain School with so much. Her semester here gave her a supportive community that taught her how to make decisions that impact her business and career. While she might not be the art curator she initially envisioned herself to be, Izzy Lowell's vision and dedication has transformed the lives of thousands transgender kids and adults all over the country.

The Mountain School, Flag Hill, and Vershire

By Sabra Ewing, Class of 1975 (Conard Years)

On my application to the Mountain School, I described my ideal school as a ship that would have classes about each country en route. Despite being the very opposite of a school circumnavigating the world, the Mountain School spoke immediately to me as place where I could thrive, be myself in the natural world, on a farm with animals and participate in great drama. TMS was the perfect antidote to the damaging public school where I was declared to have no capacity for foreign language and yet commenced, at the Mountain School, to become nearly fluent in French, and later in college, Italian, Spanish and some Russian.

The spring before attending, I saw a performance of *King Lear*, staged at dusk on the road below Derby House in which King Lear's gouged out "eye" was thrown into the audience. It turned out to be a fresh pig eye! Decades later we would laugh about our demographics - there were more pigs than students - 50 to 30!

Indeed, we ate a lot of pork! Bill Treichler was the quietest and most gentle man. He taught agronomy and chemistry and read *War and Peace* out loud in an evening activity. Always discreet about butchering, a few of us observed the whole process- the pig was hanging from its hind legs, grew dizzy and ate corn seemingly oblivious to its unfolding fate.

The founders, Mac and Doris Conard, had come from the Putney School. They embraced being luddites, the simple life, and Thoreau, experiential education and the spirit of educate - To Lead Outward. And really, each of us got just the education we needed, without tests, exams, or grades. Each of us, we reflected decades later "were super prepared for college".

One of the surprising things about being stripped of many of a teen's normal comforts like radio, junk food (I stopped getting cavities), boxed cereals, was how much closer knit we became to each other and to the significance of our work on the farm. We grew our own triticale, made our own bread, and yogurt and shared the only source of recorded music, the one record player in the dining room.

Several of us were fortunate to go to the Evergreen State College after TMS. A college with a perfect philosophical and political match to TMS. Three thousand miles away in Olympia, Washington, I had dreams that I was back at TMS and would say to Doris, "But I graduated, I'm in college" and she would reply in her emphatic and quick way, "Oh we're making the courses harder!"

After graduating in 1975, I had never once thought that I would be living in Vershire, or even in Vermont. Sebastian and I were living in a teepee near Shelburne Falls, MA. and a friend kept mailing me real estate descriptions of farms, none of which I found enticing. Then one came and I knew I had to come see.

We bought what has become known as Flag Hill Farm in 1983. It got its name Flagpole Hill after a couple hiked up from their farm in Chelsea and hung a handkerchief to see if they could spot it once back home. I've now known this land for 53 years. It, like all the land around us in 1971 that we roamed around hiking

and exploring on cross country skis, never felt owned. There were only 200 residents in Vershire back then and sixty miles of roads! In fact, this was hard to get used to, later living in other rural areas with Private Land signs and fences.

Vershire is known by other Vermonters as "God's Country": high country, gorgeous stands of maple, unspoiled beauty. Flag Hill is one of the higher hills with a near 360° view of the White Mountains range to the east and the Green Mountains to the west, altitude 2,100'. I've always held a reverent memory for Flag Hill, for we all hiked here from school and held a fall and spring silent meeting. I remember one spring that those engaged in cooking the spring feast stayed back at school; I remember while we were blissfully meditating, a whole roast on a spit collapsed in the fire and a delicious wild, mint lemon sorbet!

My winter memory includes a self-imposed challenge to see if we could ski all the way down the hill making two hairpin turns and all the way down to the beaver dam.

In the comfort of our teepee, we designed and built a passive solar, super insulated house using a book from the Chelsea library.

Our first winter homesteading here could certainly be described as the "courses becoming harder!" We had no running water, only kerosene lamps, a rough concrete floor, and barely opaque plastic windows. We frequently saw Mac and Doris, who by this time, had moved into the village and who could probably see how hard this course now was!

In 1989, we planted an orchard of 500 trees for organic hard cider and were part of trail blazing the hard cider craze. Now we've added apple balsamic vinegar. I raised 100 angora goats for mohair and sold prize winning kid mohair. Now I have a beautiful flock of sheep for wool and hats.

There is no doubt that the philosophical, spiritual, psychological, and moral values gained at TMS have been like a furrow that continues here in how we live, and how we farm.

Most significantly I was inspired to start a nonprofit called VerShare (co-founded by Kathy Hooke, a TMS teacher, Bev Hill our TMS cook, and several others both locals and newcomers) that sought to develop bridges between diverse folks in town, showcase our talents, etc. It resulted in an all free, three-week, place-based summer camp, and to fund this, we established the first and only bridge from the local community to the school. The snowshoe-a-thon starts at the Vershire town center and traditionally ends up at the Mountain School where the students put on a winter carnival and serve a hot farm lunch.

It would be great to see this continue and to think of other ways that TMS can be of service to the surrounding community.

News from the Alumni Office

By Annie Janeway, Director of Alumni Relations

From Garden Hill to Battery Park to Industry City, Mountain Schoolers have come together to connect to the land through three recent alumni events.

As summer started heating up, Ad Walker f03 offered a variety of garden projects to a group assembled on June 25 at the Battery Conservancy in New York City. Besides engaging in an urban garden work period, attendees got a tour and a tasting of a range of crops and native herbs. Volunteers Jessica Powers s95, Sophie f14 and Hannah f15 Friedman, and Scott Kerns f95 and family trellised tomatoes and potted up a bunch of the Conservancy's propagated native plants that would be passed on to school gardens and community gardens. Stay tuned for the 2023 opportunity to help out when the next Mountain School Battery Park Conservancy event rolls around for the next outdoor growing season.



Graduates and their families celebrating 20 and 25 years of connection to their semesters got a chance to dig their hands into the dirt, helping out on August 6 during the reunion work period. While adult hands were busy in the rows of corn, kids were enjoying picking and snacking on berries.



Alumni Committee Meeting in Brooklyn

October 20 saw fifty graduates coming together at Standard Wormwood Distillery in Industry City in Brooklyn to connect and discover the unique and delicious flavors of wormwood distilled spirits from upstate NY farm-based wormwood. The Alumni Committee hosted the event and Alex Myers shared some remarks as he introduced himself to the New York metro-based group.

The Alumni Committee spent an additional productive day and a half at Industry City talking over the ways alumni volunteers can be helpful to the school and the new director, Alex, who met with the group. Admissions presentations, fundraising outreach, social media needs, alumni of color gatherings, planning 2023 events, and the future of the Garden Hill Fund were the main topics of discussion. A late April gathering or two is in the works for the Bay Area alumni population.

The Alumni Committee invites applicants to join this volunteer group starting with the spring 2023 meeting.

Apply at <https://www.mountainschoolalumni.org/apply.html> by January 31.

2022 Summer Mountain School/Three Mile Island Reunion at Lake Winnepesaukee, NH



Front row - Nick Barker, Nancy and David Grant, Maggie Goedecke Capelle, Jake Barker, Ruth Lichtman
Middle row - Stroker Rogovin*, Jesse Ritch, Lindsay Cartmell, Kipling Haviland-Hack
Back row - Sam Goedecke, Andrea Covey, Liza Walker, Matt (Beagle) Bourgault, Isaac Souweine
(Present, but missing from picture - Marilyn Covey)
*carpenter who worked on updating the Mountain School campus in 1983-84

ALUMNI NOTES

Fall '84

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Hello Pioneers! I used to have at least one or two get-togethers with TMS friends around the country each year, but Covid has squashed my work travel. I miss those chance encounters!

Maine is a client, but alas, no work visits to Portland. I would be hard pressed to find any time in **Michael Dohan's** schedule even if I did visit. Michael has a new full-time job, a new house in the Falmouth countryside, an old house being prepped to become a rental, and a wife who commutes to the Pacific Northwest every couple of weeks. His new job combines two of his interests, healthcare and technology. It is a block away from the **Van Wests**, so he still sees them even though he now lives 15 minutes away instead of 15 seconds. Michael's kids were both on travel soccer teams this fall, and they will both be on the ski team this winter. He will have no free weekends until April, and no free time for the foreseeable future, but he is still trying to find time to run the trails around his new place.

Jenny Van West has taken a break from touring to recharge her batteries. She and **Jeff Van West** have been taking on house projects now that both kids are in college. Jenny has also been gardening and writing a new, very different album. With the help of Garden Hill Fund grants, she has opened Studio 224, which is home to the Immigrant Music Connection, International Open Mic, and Jenny's teaching studio. She says, "Come visit me, play some music, take a lesson, or have some Studio 224 coffee—strong with coconut sug-

ar—which goes great with the cheese biscuits I make for my students!"

Jeff and I Zoom and play cribbage online every couple of weeks, which we highly recommend. Jeff and **Sam Tucker** finally have separate office spaces, after years of both constantly talking on the phone in the same room. Sam is still focused on saving the Colorado River, which has become particularly intense as the drought continues to drop the river levels. He is optimistic that the current crisis will finally get all parties to the table: "I find hope in the challenges facing that river and our neighbors in the Southwest who depend on it. We have a clear, visible problem that impacts everyone. It presents a great opportunity to work together on a solution." Sam's son Finley is a first-year at Denver University (Denver relies on Colorado River water). Finley's parents are still trying to get used to having him gone.

Trish Franklin is also in Denver, where she recently joined the Walton Family Foundation as a senior grants administrator. After 11 years of working with an increasingly conservative private foundation that did not share her values, she is overjoyed to have landed in an organization that values DEI and community-informed funding. She is currently supporting the Walton's Home Region program area (Northwest Arkansas and the Arkansas-Mississippi Delta), focused on promoting equity through education and financial security. She is still learning about other "special projects" that will be on her plate. Trish had to cancel her dream trip to Tanzania this spring when she contracted the flu and bronchitis, but she hopes to reschedule it. Although her parents are doing okay, she finds it challenging to

take care of them in Connecticut when she is in Colorado.

I (**Jamie Holmes**) returned to New England from Colorado a few years ago, in part because I also have aging parents in Connecticut, and I was concerned about the lack of water to support the tremendous influx of people in the Colorado front range. I have settled into life as a home body, with my office in my house, off a dirt road in the middle of nowhere. It's a beautiful place to be, and the fire danger is low, but I don't see many people. I continue to work on environmental cases around the country, primarily in Colorado, Maine, New Jersey, and Illinois. I leave soon for a week in the field, for the first time in years. My daughters are high school juniors, with one headed to the Island School this spring, and the other looking forward to her sister heading to the Island School this spring.

Elder care has dominated **Caroline Sabin's** past couple of years, which she describes as a "mix of sadness, frustration, good memories, and strengthened relationships." She and her husband moved to Cambridge, just outside of Harvard Square. She says they have lots of space for visitors, with no car necessary, so she encourages us to visit. Caroline had a surprise get-together from **Leslie Ray**, who was visiting relatives in Cambridge. Caroline agreed to chauffeur Leslie from the airport but got lost and drove in circles, which was either a ploy to extend the visit, or a confirmation of why you should take public transportation if you visit Caroline.

Leslie and her husband Tim recently returned from a trip to Scandinavia to visit their kids. Becca is studying in Copenhagen, and Kellen is taking a gap year working on a farm in southern Sweden as part of a Worldwide Opportunities in Or-

ganic Farming (WWOOF) program. They all had a fun time visiting the home of LEGO in Billund, Denmark.



Jocelyn Ozbeytemur moved from Euclid to Willoughby Ohio and continues her work as a governess/nanny. She currently helps raise seven-month-old boy/girl twins who light up her life. She also has a new Boston terrier puppy. Jocelyn is happy to announce the birth of her grandson Jack Ozbeytemur earlier this year. She traveled to Charleston, SC to spend time with Jack last June.



Out in Orange County, **Chip Bartlett** and wife Dil are now empty nesters, with their youngest Kavishka now a first-year at Duke. Rangana is a senior at UCSD, and Akash has graduated and works for XR Studios in LA. With no teenage boys left in his house, Chip is feeling nostalgic and hopes some pioneers will come for a visit.



Treacy Liebich and her husband Kurt are still in Boise. Their youngest Annie is a high school senior who has verbally committed to play soccer at Colby next year. Nick is a freshman playing soccer at Lafayette, Maggie is a junior running for Princeton, and Carly graduated from Wake Forest and now works at Sanborn Western Camps in Colorado. Treacy says they are looking forward to this next stage of life, which will involve a lot of travel to watch their kids compete. “Give me a shout if anyone ever gets to Sun Valley or Boise!”



Margaret Martin had a trying year but has happily turned things around. Like many (most?) of us, Margaret has struggled to adjust to a mid-50s body when she still has a mid-20s mindset. She endured a broken leg, frozen shoulder, and back pain from degenerative disc issues. With the help of a personal trainer and Optavia, Margaret has dropped 25 lbs. and is building strength every week. She now feels great. Her education consulting business is going well, and she is also an Optavia health coach.

Down in DC, **Courtney Timberlake** continues to work with the Federal government on the private sector side. She has been married to her patient spouse/partner since before the Obergefell v. Hodges decision. Courtney says that **Kristen Parnes** periodically reminds her that they live near each other and should get together to eat deli food, potato pancakes, and matzo ball soup, but that has not yet happened.

Courtney recommends the free online science chats that **Vernique LaCapra** organizes for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI).

Fall '85

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Hello Fall '85! I hope everyone is doing well, and I love hearing from you.

Darren (Hensie) Page sent me an epic recap of life post-TMS. He has a son (24) serving in the Marines in Okinawa and a daughter (22) working at Raytheon's Advanced Technology Program in Dallas, TX. Working for UPS, Darren has taken full advantage of the ability to work remotely. Since the pandemic he has been to: Hilton Head, Jacksonville, Savannah, Ft. Lauderdale, Washington, DC, New York, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Cancun, Negril, Rome, Milan, Venice, Antigua and Curacao!



From **Tim Twerdahl**, “I quasi-retired last year after 20 years in tech — but then got sucked back into a mission-driven startup that's building sustainable multi-family housing (<https://juno.co/>). All the pain of a startup, none of the reward of tech! Happy to host any classmates in SF or Los Altos.”

Liz Campbell's daughter Liza is at TMS this semester! “We had a great walk up to

Garden Hill and I showed her where the Cow-Pie-Cow was. It was wonderful to see the school. It felt so familiar even after so many years. Then I went to **Eliza Booth Paolucci's** home in CT with **Kathy Allen, Hanna Bailey Boyle** and **Louisa deRoeth Burdette.** Liz still lives in Kentucky and works at Lexmark.



As for the **Lowes**, my daughter Abby attended TMS last spring and had an amazing time. I loved going to pick her up and drop her off, seeing Jack and Sue Kruse, and reminiscing. I would have been better if you all had been there with me!



Fall '86

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Hello Fall '86, Hope you are all well and that fall weather is bringing happy memories of delicious granola, wood crew, scratchy wool pants, the smell of a barn in the morning and all of the other joys of the Mountain School. In fellow Fall '86 news, **Annie Keating** sent this great photo as she is touring

with her band in England and Ireland [ed. note – Annie, how are you still so cool?].



Jeanie Clarke wrote to share that she has moved back to New England and is now settled in Cummington, Mass. (that's real Western Mass. for those of you who think Worcester is “Western Mass”). Jeanie is still self-employed in the horse industry and would love to hear from any classmates in the area or passing through. Enjoy the rest of the fall!

-Kathy

Fall '87

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I was so glad that I bugged all of you for updates—it really is meaningful to connect with you. I have lightly edited comments to exclude the number of times you all expressed disbelief that it has been 35 years since we were studying together in Vermont. We are a mostly coastal crowd, and suggestions were made of various reunions on these coasts, but I invite you all to meet in the middle, in the heartland.

“Like everyone else,” **Amy Traverso** announces, “I have a podcast! It's called *Talking with My Mouth Full*, it's about food, and I co-host it with my friend, David Leite. We've interviewed Paul Hollywood of *The Great British Bake-Off* and our next guest is Phil Rosenthal of *Somebody Feed Phil*. Otherwise, I'm still happily working at *Yankee Magazine*, co-hosting

the public TV show, 'Weekends with Yankee,' and parenting our 14-year-old (not in that order)."

John Harper sent in our semester pick-up truck photo and the comment that "I am having trouble accepting this was already that long ago. The lessons, the life, and most of all, the people, still speak to me in quiet conversation."

Lygeia Ricciardi writes, "I'm living in Washington, DC with my husband and two daughters, ages 13 and 17. During the early days of the pandemic, I started a tech-enabled wellness company called Adarose to help make self-care easy. We sell gift boxes to the public and events to organizations that give people tools and expert guidance to enhance physical and mental health. Starting a product-based company is a hard and fun challenge. I get my family to help me try samples of everything from resistance bands and aromatherapy candles to mushroom coffee."

Michael Malik is still in Woodstock, Vermont: "Busy in chiropractic practice, just built a house, coaching cross country and enjoying foliage. My daughter, Remy, will be attending TMS in the spring--she is VERY excited. Any classmates traveling to Vermont, please look me up!"

Beth Ferholt is a professor of early childhood education at CUNY. She lives in Brooklyn with wife, Rachel, and kids Judah (11) and Saul (16). She hopes everyone is doing well: "There is nothing like having an 11th grader to make one nostalgic for high school adventures!"

Katja Shaye got back to me immediately: "I am currently getting on a train to see **Julia Kay!** I am coming from parents' weekend at Yale where my son's band, Strictly Platonic, had a special concert for parents called Strictly Parental. Though I live in Seattle, I

move around enough to stay in good touch with my Mountain School friends and get together with **Julia Kay, Dana Bowden, Janice Nimura** and **Liza Walker** every chance I get. My husband, Kollin, and I are on the precipice of empty nesting with our youngest applying to college this fall (he is TMS spring '22) and are looking forward to spending more time in NYC once he is launched."

Speaking of **Dana Bowden**. "Life is good in Los Angeles, which has been home for almost 30 years," she writes. "I have 12 and 15-year-old daughters. . . My educational consulting company has branched out from sharing literacy methods with teachers to working with districts on equity and anti-racism. I'm heartened to see Alex Myers at the helm of TMS as this institution grapples with issues of race, class, and justice. I had the good fortune to study with him at Exeter's Diversity Institute several years ago and can't say enough about the wisdom and experience he brings." Dana also welcomes visitors to LA!

Hallie Eakin reports that she has just return home from a year-long Fulbright Fellowship to Cape Town, South Africa, where she was working on issues of water scarcity, equity, and climate adaptation. She's now settling back into teaching food system sustainability at Arizona State University, dreaming of Cape Town's coasts and mountains from the heat of the Sonoran Desert. It has been ages since she's been near Vermont. Hallie invites you to email: Eakin_h@yahoo.com

Fiona Brandon writes, "I live in San Francisco with my husband and daughter. We finally got a community garden plot after being on the waitlist for a few years, and I am trying to channel Eliot Coleman. We

did get some very large squash this summer and a rascal of a cherry tomato vine that kept infiltrating the strawberry and lettuce rows. I've been a psychotherapist in private practice for over a decade. And I teach contemplative psychotherapy at the Nalanda Institute for Contemplative Science based in NYC."

Janice Nimura is looking for feedback on her next book project: "I'm still in NYC, still writing about trailblazing women (most recently, The Doctors Blackwell), and currently wandering in search of my next book project--possibly focusing on the earliest female voices on ecology and the environmental movement, from the mid-19th century up to and including Rachel Carson. If anyone has thoughts on the subject, please look me up--I'd love to hear them!"

Matt Smith sent word of his zoological adventures and other things: "I'm living and teaching in sunny Stanford, California, raising two girls (ages 8 and 11) with my wife (who also teaches at Stanford) and a bunch of odd pets (bearded dragon, Russian tortoise, and two bunnies). We have a backyard that is frequented by crows, chickadees, and squirrels."

Andy Weiss checks in, "I live outside of Seattle with my wife, Sara, and our two kids. Samantha is a high school senior and Derek is in 8th grade. I work at as a nephrologist at Virginia Mason Medical Center overseeing the kidney transplant program. Sara is a cardiologist at the same hospital directing the heart failure program. In our free time, we like to get outdoors and enjoyed some nice day hikes this past summer."

My update: It has been a meaningful, successful, hard year. I published two books, made a documentary film, directed a community history project, went on a

book tour, taught classes, and took care of my flowers and my kids. Because we lost all of our nursing care for our daughter, Alia, I experienced an exhaustion that I had not known before.

Fall '88

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Fall '89

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Erica Terry Derryck: It was fun and emotional (in a good way) to be back on campus this past spring with my daughter, and now fellow alum, Nadia s22. I got to see Sue and Jack and visit a very differently laid out Underwood. My only regret was not getting to make my way to Burlington to see Kate Jesdale as I had hoped I'd be able to do. VT is just as lovely and cold as I remembered and a generation later TMS is still leaving an indelible mark.

Jamie Brown: Caught up with **Lowell** this summer to take in an O's Game at Camden Yards and reminisce about Fall '89. Lowell was also an excellent guide at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore the next day, showcasing his knowledge about art in a very humble manner. Was great to catch up with him. Also caught the last O's game of the season with **Graham**, and always good to see him. Kids and I made it up to Maine in August and had a great bike ride on the Carriage Roads of Acadia National Park.



Diana Zipeto: I was in touch with Angela this year to find out more about the products at her beautiful Kind Lab. I was so impressed with what she has created. I traveled this summer to Vermont and Montreal, and the roads were familiar and full of memories. I fell in love with Vermont all over again. I still live in Lowell, MA, and work there in the artist community - this December I will be showing my most recent paintings in Boston. If anyone's in the area that month, let me know and I can meet you there :)



Lowell Pettit: 2022 highlights for me include seeing — IRL — Lucie for dinner in Brooklyn last February and Jamie in Baltimore in July. Before that, my wife surprised me during the Summer of 2021 with a trip to Vershire. Owing Co-Vid, campus was unpeopled, but Garden Hill was the same refuge, and many memories flooded back. Here are some photos including one of us in Halloween costume. I am with my wife (Courtney) and our daughter (Boecherer (Boe) - 12)



Nat Bacon: After nearly 30 years of managing cows and cheese, I made my last batches of cheddar and blue last year and am now teaching high school English, about an hour north of Vershire. I think about Jack Kruse often while reading aloud the best student journal writing; haven't made them memorize Wordsworth poems yet... Got to visit with Kiki this summer as she dropped off her lovely daughters at camp nearby. Miss you everyone; I feel middle-aged and my kids tease me about getting portly!



Brendan Everett: I live with my wife Anna Rutherford and our two children Amelia (high school senior) and William (high school freshman) in Newton, Mass. Anna is a hepatologist, and I am a cardiologist in Boston. We spend an inordinate amount of time shuttling from one sports practice or game to the next. Our golden retriever, Winnie, keeps them all honest and amused.

Megan McJennett: I am still in Seattle with my kids and learning all the fear of teaching a kid how to drive (I wish they could start on a tractor like I did!) My sophomore is contem-

plating applying for S24!



Kate Jesdale: I teach middle school science in Burlington, VT. Every day of teaching has both challenges and fun, and I wish to emulate our TMS teachers who inspired me to solve problems and challenge myself to do better. I live in a town nearby with my husband and two kids who keep me busy with lots of sports and occasional hiking. I was totally bummed that COVID and the snow kept me from seeing Erica last winter! And last spring, I got to visit with Darren, Ji, Everest, and Whitney. We took a stroll around Burlington, and I got to hear about inspiring adventures they've each taken.

Tiffany Laufer: With the big Birthday approaching, every day Tiffany realizes how short life is, how embracing moments and being present are more important than ever. I still enjoy working at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, ME, and I loved having dinner with Charles and family this summer. I highly recommend the Breadsong cookbook. I can now make a lovely croissant.



Angela Arena Foster: We sent our first, Dwight (19), off to college this fall and our sec-

ond, Emily (16), is a junior. I'm expanding on my CBD business, Kind Lab, with an adult use dispensary in our hometown of Marblehead, MA in 2023. The cannabis business is a complete goat rodeo but I'm passionate about making natural wellness accessible. I could have opted not to surprise my husband with a puppy that exponentially added to the chaos in my life, but as the puppy sits here warming my feet, I can't complain. Caught up with Diana earlier this year but missing you all!

Christina Luke: We're still in Istanbul and in addition to the city, we get out to more rural parts of the country. Still doing archaeology, and this year a new project on food. Our oldest is at the Berklee School of music in Boston and the youngest (15) is with us.



Emily Gallagher: A bright point in my year was a Zoom date with Leslie Fesenmyer. It was amazing to catch up with her after so long. I'm still in Seattle, working as a pediatrician at Seattle Children's by day, raising our three boys by night (two of whom have outgrown me), and teaching and doing research in sub-Saharan Africa whenever I can fit it in.



Bill Watterson: We celebrated Ruby's 3rd Birthday in Seoul with loads of extended family. While writing a movie for Universal (yes, it's a reboot of an old franchise), I was lucky enough to consult **Charles Robson** for some technical details. He was so helpful with bringing it to life, and it was a joy to hear his voice again. **Sunny** and I have threatened to get together for lunch here in LA. I was able to see him last year, hope to do so again shortly. Wishing you all the best!



Darren Orloff: I'm in Concord, Mass. so you might run into me taking a stroll around Walden Pond or sporting a black concert T-shirt at HOB Boston if you're in the area. For work, I run a global software team that is constantly innovating to bring faster and faster internet connections to your homes. For play, I finally completed hiking all the 4,000-foot peaks in New England last summer (only took me 50 years to do it)! Pictured is me with my wife, Ji, and son, Everest, who is a senior in college studying chemical engineering (not shown, my daughter, Whitney, who was studying marine biology abroad at the time).

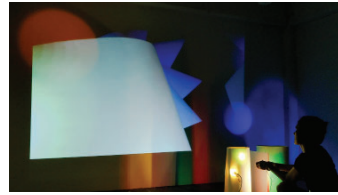


Sunny Kim: As some of you know, my wife and I had a school we started in Beijing, China. Amazing time. It was where I often thought of TMS, but COVID shut that down in 2020. After Beijing, we moved back to Atlanta where I ran restaurants but somehow transitioned to selling COVID tests. The irony. We've since moved to Los Angeles where I am continuing in the biotech sector. My first daughter is now a freshman at Pepperdine and my second daughter is a junior in high school. If any of you are ever here in Southern California, please let me know.

Here's a picture at Pepperdine, (second child is going through her camera-shy stage), and here is our COVID baby and newest addition to the family, a schnauzer, poodle mix.



Lindsay Packer: Chiming in from Brooklyn where I've lived since 2004 - working in art museums around the city while making my own work connecting light, color, sound and movement between performance, installation, film and video. My artwork has definitely done a lot more traveling than I have lately, but I do dream of Vermont and hopefully having more nature in my life sometime in the future! Including an image from a recent performance called Viewfinder.



Fall '90

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Matt Donham writes that he is living in Brooklyn with his boyfriend of 20 years, Jeffrey, and their toddler, Elijah, now almost 4. "I have a great job overseeing restoration projects in the city's forests and shorelines as the Director of Ecological Design at NYC Parks. Jeffrey, Elijah, and I are looking for land up the Hudson in Columbia County, where we plan to start a regenerative tree farm. They are just at the beginning of the process, he notes, and they are very open to input and connections to people doing similar things.

During a year-long sabbatical, **Ellen Berrey** took up skate-park roller skating, and quickly became hooked on both the endorphins and the candy-colored outfits. "Yes, I have been cruising skate bowls and jumping on ramps, but I'm currently waylaid with a torn hamstring," she writes, "This is not a midlife crisis—this is midlife."

Lexy Lyons is still living in Wimbledon—and actually made it to Centre Court in July to see Rafael Nadal at the eponymous tournament—while teaching English, Creative Writing, and Theory of Knowledge at an international school in Surrey. "By the time you read this, I may well have become a dual citizen of the US and the UK. At the induction ceremony I would have to swear 'true allegiance' to the recently crowned king, which, as an American, feels like a step backwards."

Being in London for the death of Elizabeth II was a fascinating but bewildering spectacle, he adds. "No, I did not wait in the sempiternal queue to gawk at the coffin, in case you were wondering. Over the summer I took in a few baseball games in Baltimore with **Sage Platt**, who still has a beard, as well as a couple of Schrodinger's cats."

"My life continues to be normal-good," writes **Tom Fisher**, "highlighted by drives to school with my eighth-grade daughter, sunrises over seas of cloud, time with friends, good food, good walks with a sweet but destructive puppy, and the anticipation of snow." He adds that anyone from our semester should consider the Fisher household a place of welcome in southern Maine for a meal or a bed if they are ever up this way (so long as we remember the destructive puppy.)

Lee Chilcote enjoyed seeing **Jake Sussman**, **Jess Flaxman**, **Jeremy Faro**, **Jesse Souweine** (all the J's apparently), and **Tom Fisher** at a mini-reunion on Outer Cape Cod this summer. "Our family did a stop-over in Vermont and walked the Robert Frost Trail near Breadloaf, which was a highlight," he writes. "Other highlights included walking the beach when the tide was out, and checking out Provincetown." They're looking forward to being back next summer even. He adds that he is obliged to remind us all that he was ahead of his time in playing a Queen cassette in Miles back in September 1990. "Now, all the kids love Freddie and sing along to every word."

Melanca Clark has been in Detroit for the past six years leading the Hudson-Webber Foundation, where she invests in criminal justice reform and more generally advances racial equity throughout its areas of investment. "We had a bit of an adventure living in Cambridge, Mass., for a part of last year during a fellowship my hus-

band, Moddie, had. We were so glad to get great advice on Boston area schools from **Jessica**, and have a dinner date with **Jesse** and her family.” They’ll be back in New England next summer, as they now have a cottage on Martha’s Vineyard. “Please let us know if you pass through!”

“Everything is going well!” shouts **Charlie Grandy**. His daughter is applying to college, and is only looking at ‘small, rural, East Coast’ schools thanks to her time at TMS. “I have an animated show I’ve been working on for the past two years that’s finally coming out in January on HBO Max,” he adds. Check it out!

Courtney (Brennan) Dixon writes, “If I was to share something with the group like it’s journal time in Jack’s class, I would say that I am really intrigued by affordable housing. Small property owners can make opportunities for renters that are often shut out for myriad reasons.” She and her family just finished rehabilitating a second rental in Kansas City, and are now trying to figure out easy and affordable new construction. “I am also interested in in-situ soil remediation,” she adds. “I believe mycology has some very practical applications for urban pollution—I’d love to see a fungal food additive that would be applied like grass seed.” She sends love to all.

“I’m pickling jalapeños,” **Tim Sheldon** writes. “I refused cake for my birthday this year; that was a rough week.” (Hopefully not because of the jalapeños!)

“There’s always a glass of wine and a box of Lepore’s chocolates on offer for any TMSers who happen to be in the greatest city on Earth,” writes **Cristin Cricco-Powell**. Her two children are “keeping the Cricco vibes going” on her childhood block in Hoboken, though she herself spent much

of late summer and early fall in the Smoky Mountains for work. She learned some folksy sayings there—such as ‘Just because the cat has kittens in the oven don’t make ‘em biscuits’—while shooting a television show about liquor-making. “I’m about to do a special episode with some NASCAR drivers,” she adds, “who hopefully won’t find out I still don’t have a driver’s license.”

Jesse Souweine recently bought a house in the Adirondacks with her brother—a ‘family camp’ north of Lake Saranac where, she says, we could host a future mini-reunion. Though she says she is overwhelmed with work, family, and life, “we are all healthy, and my kids are happy, so really I have nothing to complain about.”

“The transition times are always tricky,” writes **Meg Aldrich**. “I’m enjoying the little glimpses of autumn I get to see and smell each day peeking through the cement world we inhabit.” She notes that although she longs to enjoy the waning light from Garden Hill, she marches on in Gotham with a husband, three growing girls, a puppy, at times an added niece and nephew, and even a grandparent here and there. “Life is full, and the years slip by like water through my fingertips.”

Finally, **Sarah Newton** asked me to add a note for her: she is now living in Yonkers—currently New York state’s third largest city, come to find out (as I did over a quiet dinner with her in Truro in August), as it currently pips the population of Rochester (which I just so happened to visit last weekend).

After a lovely, quiet-ish summer in Provincetown, we’re back in studious, quiet-ish Cambridge. I finally found a post-lockdown pool to swim laps in (my new gym, somewhat hilariously, is Harvard), and I’m gearing up, after long respite, for long-distance travel

(Mexico, Dubai, Japan, Slovenia, and our tenth wedding anniversary, which we’ll spend on Italy’s heel come April.) It was lovely to see so many of us out on the Cape—many thanks to Jake and Jess for hosting, but none to the Town of Truro, which ticketed Jesse’s car while we were barbecuing—and I hope we’ll muster even more of us next summer. In the interim, I wish us all a contemplative autumn (my favorite season), a cozy and restful winter, and spring filled with blossoming, both inward and outward.



Fall '91

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Jess (Haynes) McDaniel is “out of her mind excited” for daughter Annie to attend TMS this spring. Jess is still photographing babies all day, every day, and she is looking forward to celebrating the 20-year anniversary of her business Boston Baby Photos.

Emily Stanton (Gillian Siegel) writes that she is living in Laramie, Wyoming, with her wife Meg and son Declan. She has a private practice in trauma therapy, loves riding her mountain bike, and serves on the school board.

Liana (Kretschmar) McCabe still lives in Seattle and works as a pediatrician. She and husband Jamie have two kids, Marley (15) and Teague (13). They are trying to encourage their daughter to look at the Mountain School for next year.

Todd Enders has had a good year in Moss Beach, California, where he put a neighbor’s half-acre into heavy cultivation. His kids love the corn, but most of the food they grow goes to the local food pantry. Next, they will reclaim some land by a seasonal creek, where they will grow flood-tolerant crops and fruit trees.

Steve Lee and wife Carolyn are still in Brooklyn, NY. Carolyn has begun teaching ballroom dancing to kids in underserved neighborhoods. Son Miles is adjusting to his long subway commute to middle school. Steve continues to “race away from middle age” with triathlons and still does marketing and communications for finance.

Jeena (Akkara) Madden lives in Albany where she tries to plant as many trees, perennials, and vegetables as her yard will allow. Her husband Sean works on remediating the Hudson River while Jeena is a pediatrician who helps disenfranchised children be healthy and happy. Son Jake recently finished his term at TMS, which he found different from 1991 in many ways, yet also the same. Daughter Rosie has just started high school.

Anna Fincke is still in Portland, Maine, with her husband Bryan and kids Eli (12) and Leah (8). Between her to-do list and the kids’ activities, they try to spend time as a family and get outside. Anna recently switched industries to work for ReVision Energy, where she is responsible for construction of commercial solar projects in Maine, NH, and MA. She sleeps better at night knowing she spends her days adding renewable energy capacity to our quickly warming world.

Dave Iuliano continues to play with tech and cars in North Carolina. Todd stopped by for a visit last November.



Alexandra Sorota relocated to London from Monaco in August. She is thoroughly enjoying being back in a big city. Her daughters, Mia (age 7) and Clio (nearly 3), have also adjusted well to their new home and schools. The family dog loves the big parks, too, and is making lots of doggie friends.

Matt Feinberg was promoted to Associate Professor this past summer. He has shifted his attention to working with local Latinx organizations, as he refocuses his teaching and research on helping local activists and organizations recuperate the Spanish-speaking history of Cleveland. Outside of work, he and his wife run a shuttle service for their kids, Ari (14) and Ben (7). Matt spends the rest of this time trying to get on his bike.

Brian Gyovai and family are starting their third year in Atlanta. Daughter Adrienne (12) is working on being a competitive rock climber and daughter Reese (13) dances ballet five days a week. Brian's wife Lisa went back to full-time teaching this year in a formal classroom setting, while Brian is still trying his hand at managing a small software startup from his basement.

Bryn (Woll) Allpress is still in Bristol with husband Steve and daughters Eloise (14) and Alice (12). Steve and she are both home-based, and the family is down to two dogs, which is much less chaotic. Bryn spends her free time swimming outdoors, walking the dogs, watching field hockey matches, looking after a pair of very old ponies, and seeing friends freely again.

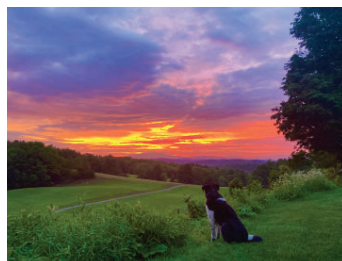
Andy Truitt and family are still enjoying the mountain life in Evergreen, CO. Taylor (12) is all-in with gymnastics. Sam (10) is similarly committed to his parkour classes. Andy's wife Sarah continues in the buildings dept at the National Renewable Energy Lab, and Andy is helping to launch a new solar financing company called Halo. The whole family is hyped for the upcoming ski season.

I am also still in Brooklyn and enjoying producing for the American Museum of Natural History. I have gotten really into commuting by bike. I've also joined a camp on a lake in Harriman State Park that has a little bit of a TMS vibe to it. Love to all!

Fall '92

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Elizabeth DiGirolamo, writes from the Mountain School campus, "I have returned to TMS now as the Spanish Teacher, Learning Support Specialist, and Underwood Dorm Head. It feels so weird and so natural to be back here. For those who lived in Underwood, I am sending you some Underwood sunrise vibes!



Fall '93

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Hello all, and welcome to the 30th Annual F93 Awards! These awards are lov-

ingly referred to as the Kruses and, as always, I'm your presenter, Sloaté.

*The Kruse for Fruit Harvesting: **Greg Parzych and Martha Rogers***

Citation: For Completing the 16th harvest on the farm while simultaneously running the kids to practices, games, and parties. May (15), Jack (12), and Eden (9) are growing up fast, and Greg and Martha are grateful to find a little more time for themselves, the community they've created, and each other. Martha continues to use her grammar and math skills to tutor local students, and at the farm, another Rogers has joined the team with their sights set on producing hard cider and spirits with their own fruit. Kicking off a multi week trip to Costa Rica, they spent a couple nights with Ruth and family! Here's a photo of the three of them - Greg Parzych, Ruth (Arras) Barbie, and Martha Rogers.



*The Kruse for Vegetable Harvesting: **Frank Gorke***

Citation: A good year for house projects, garden tomatoes and Swiss chard (it just keeps growing!), riding bikes (with family to the weekend brunch spots), interesting work, reading books about trees, and kids growing up fast. A bad year for eating garden tomatoes (kids say they don't like them anymore), time at the lake, parents who fear growing up fast, and fascists.

*The Kruse for European Travel (Vocational): **Bruce***

Wallace

Citation: Bruce and his partner bought a house in Berkeley. It has a magical garden with a creek and you all should visit. They spent a month this summer in Europe for his work (visiting prisons in Norway and England) and hers (seeing art in Germany and Italy).

*The Kruse for European Travel (Connubial): **Henry Clarke***

Citation: After a two-year delay due to COVID, Brenda and Henry got married in July. They had a three-day celebration in Ireland, and it was joyful and life changing. Though Rob Grant was invited, he was not able to attend, so Henry's sister, Jeanie f86, was the only other Mountain Schooler in attendance. Henry completed his first 100-mile ultra-marathon in early October, which is a goal he'd been trying to achieve for a while. (It was, in fact, 104.8 miles, and yes, he felt those last 4.8!)

*The Kruse for European Travel (Recreational): **Doug Cuthbertson***

Citation: Doug is still living in Brooklyn with Tamar and the 2 kids (Elliot, 11 and Nika, 7) settling into an endemic world where the kids are in school and the parents live a hybrid worklife. Working remotely freed them to wander more this past summer which included Connecticut, Maine, Cape Cod, and Denmark. They hope to wander up to Vershire sooner than later and would love to see everyone in our semester.

*The Kruse for Architecture: **Ruth (Arras) Barbie***

Citation: Ruth is drawing a lot and designed and built a house earlier this year. She's trying to learn something new every day (mushrooms are more closely related to humans than plants) and keep things simple which isn't easy with seven dogs, kids at school in another country, and reaching

midlife.

The Kruse for Clever Ideas:
Andrew Sloat

Citation: Andrew can't believe that he's still able to come up with gambits for these notes. He lives in Brooklyn, still works at BAM, still works in local politics, and still runs into people he knows everywhere he goes. This year his barber told him that the gray is starting to come in fast. If you or anyone you know wants a Brooklyn voter guide before any election, send him an email (address above) or a DM.

The Kruse for New England Living (East of Conn. River):
Nikomo Peartree

Citation: Things are still going great at the community farm in NH, three years in. It's fall harvest time and as always, Nikomo is feeling nostalgic for Garden Hill. She's got a new puppy, the same breed as she had in childhood. She can't believe she's been missing out on warm cuddles all these years. She's publishing a unique journal concept this month at: TawodiOrganizer.com

The Kruse for New England Living (West of Conn. River):
Rossana Rossi

Citation: Rossana is planning to move to central Vermont this winter. If anyone has a lead on a place to rent in that area, that would be welcome. She's feeling good about leaving Queens; she grew up there, but grew away from it a long time ago. She's slightly terrified and excited about leaving her job at the UN. But, the lockdown taught the organization that some people can work from home, so she'll be able to keep her job for several months after the move. Then, it's off to happier work-pastures.

The Kruse for Upstate New York Living: **Nick Stern**

Citation: Nick is currently living upstate, commuting into the city now and then but enjoying country life with wife and one-year-old daughter Phoebe.

He wonders whether any of us watch *Alone* and think about solo... and then think how long we'd make it today? He spends way too much time thinking about that.

The Kruse for New York City Living: **Kate Abernathy**

Citation: Kate is still living and editing film in NYC.

The Kruse for Catalyzing Semester Reconnection: **Sian Heder**

Citation: Sian's kids are 7 and 8, awesome, and a lot of fun. The family still lives in LA but spends their summers in Gloucester, MA. She's busy writing and figuring out her next film. Another thing that happened this year is that Sian won two Oscars for best adapted screenplay and best picture and our class email list erupted in celebration and excitement and love. Thanks for bringing us together, Sian! (Oh and the whole film-watching world, too.) We're so proud of you!

Fall '94

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Julia Turner is settling into a newish place in Los Angeles that allows a maximum California lifestyle, with fruit trees and veggie beds on site. (Yes, to fresh plums, limes, habaneros and harukei turnips!) She's still at the Los Angeles Times—which is a great perch from which to learn about the wonders of L.A.—and is enjoying life with her three kids, twin 9-year-old boys and a 1-year-old girl. Come visit!

Leslie Cushner: I'm in my 11th year teaching World Literature and Buddhist philosophy at an independent school in the Bay Area where students call teachers by their first names and one of the gradua-

tion requirements is a 26-day backpacking trip. When I'm not at school, I'm doing work toward a degree in Buddhist chaplaincy, teaching meditation in California State Prisons, and exploring off leash parks and beaches with my two Golden Retrievers, Olaf and Ernest. I'm still working on my life goal of becoming Anne Stephens, but I do have an impressive collection of tea and handmade pottery mugs, which I regularly share with students and alumni who come to visit.



Raquel Aguirre is living in Richmond, Virginia working in the glamorous world of public transit. "I never planned to grow up and work at the bus station, yet here I am, happily doing so. Also feeling perpetually defeated by tomato blight - eff you, Virginia humidity. Did not intend to break my internet-communication-hermit-streak, but have been swayed by Colin's promise of dog videos. Hope all of F94 is doing awesome."

Kathryn Tanner: 2022 has meant traveling for work again, to Côte D'Ivoire, Mozambique and Malawi, where I am working with governments and partners on climate risk management strategies as the Senior Risk Advisor at USAID. Cyrus and I run to keep up with our giggling monkeys, Jack (6) and Hank (4). We live on a salt marsh in Groton Long Point, Connecticut. Please drop in if you are in the area.

James Cervelli is living in the Santa Cruz mountains in Northern California with his beloved Jessica, daughters Ava and Namaya (12 and 18-years-old), and wild tigress kitty Kora

on a small community retreat land that he has been developing over the last seven years. He is presently finishing building a 30-foot tiny home on wheels and is in graduate school for marriage and family therapy. In his free time, you can find him doing handstands in his partner's yoga classes, trail running through the redwoods, or dancing at a forest bass party. Hope all the Mountain School crew are doing well.



Caitlin Murphy is living in Dorchester and is the Principal of English High School in Boston, where she has worked for the last 14 years, first as a history teacher. English celebrated its 200th anniversary this year and was the first public high school in the US. She spends most of her waking hours doing school related stuff or serving as a kid Uber to her three children, Curran (12), Rory (10), and Brigid (5) who play too many sports. She occasionally sees Eliza Botsford for dinner, and usually sees Katie Connolly when she comes to school to vote. She misses her days at TMS and hopes someday to send some students from Boston Public Schools.

Martin Pavlinic: I continue to live in Somerville with wife Kalyn and daughter Hana (now 9!), and I'm still working as a landscape architect and urban designer. I've been increasingly un-retiring from music-making, continuing to work on long-distance inscrutable sounds with Colin Cheney as well as some not-much-more-scrutable ones by myself. Perhaps a return to live performance after nearly a decade away is in the

works, perhaps not? Other than those things, after two seasons I've finally been able to lead the Somerville 4th grade girls' soccer team (go Ice Dragons!) to some victories against sworn rivals Medford and Burlington, with only a minimum of unseemly and embarrassing outbursts from me on the sidelines. My attempts at growing vegetables has gone poorly. Much love to everyone.



Sarah Hamill: A lot can happen in a year! I got married and moved to the Hudson Valley with my kids Thomas (7) and Lupo (4) to live with my partner CJ and stepson Julian (15). I'm loving living by the Hudson River with hikes close by as CJ and I build this messy, happy blended family. I still teach Art History at Sarah Lawrence College, and am developing a new curriculum in climate justice, which got its footing in Jack's class way back when!

Valeska Martin: All good here in Maine enjoying the amazing outdoors and time with friends and family. The three chickens we got as babies in April just started laying eggs which has brought a lot of family joy! Cheers everyone!

Johanna Callard: I am living in Northampton, MA with my family (Gerome, Owen (11) and Lucas (8)) and three kittens. I am in my 9th year at Northfield Mount Hermon working as the director of counseling. I am loving being outside and really taking in the beauty of the place where I live, being with people I love and getting trained in transformative justice and somatic healing work which has deepened my engagement with life. I get to see and hear from

Botsy- Eliza B- now and then and would love to see others if you are ever driving through the Pioneer Valley. Sending much LOVE to you all!

Chris Gordon: We've had another busy year here in Alaska. Louise is in her second year at our adorable little village schoolhouse, she loves it, as do we. We finally decided to settle here in Moose Pass and purchased our home this past June. It's a nice chunk of property in a tight mountain valley with a salmon stream running past our bedroom. This time of year, I wind up chasing 800# brown bears away 2 or 3 times a week, my daughter can't jump on her trampoline without an armed escort; doing pretty much what you'd expect of me in my middle age.

Most of my economic life is concentrated in the Prince William Sound salmon fishery, which keeps me painfully busy from April-October, but the rest of the year is pretty manageable, and it gave me an excuse to finally buy an airplane. It turns the nine-hour drive into a 50-min flight, now I just need to finish learning how to fly it, (I mean, I can fly it, but I should probably get my license). Hope everyone is thriving, and seriously, I live in the nicest place, come F-ing visit!

Love to all of you.



Colin Cheney: I'm living in coastal Maine, not too far from Valeska Martin (we need to reschedule that backyard BBQ!). I'm writing, making music, and teaching Creative Writing at Colby College and the Stonecoast MFA program. I'm wrapping my first year on

our school board – which has been a trip, and an education. Mira is 10, and Eamon is 7: they are a joy. Our rescue dog, Lorca, enjoys rolling in disgusting things he finds in the woods, and eating kale stalks when I'm making dinner.

Laura Hedges: I am living life and having adventures in Blaine, Washington. I have been a massage therapist for the last 12 years and run my own business. My kids are 14, 20, and 22, so we are adjusting to life with one kid at home, one kid in college, and one who graduated from college and is working full time. When I am not at work or driving my 14-year-old to theater rehearsals and drama productions, I am having adventures kayaking the Puget Sound, hiking in the Cascades, taking pictures, and teaching myself how to sew.

Julianna Tauschinger-Dempsey: We're currently trudging through life in New York City. Teaching a variety of high school subjects and prepping juniors and seniors for college have become my professional foci, for the moment. Meanwhile, our high school senior (Liesl), freshman (Nathaniel), and 4th-grader (Greta) are living busy and thoroughly differentiated lives. We enjoy every moment we share with Carlynn and her husband!

Sam Seidel: I got married [heart and smile emojis] and we moved into a house in Oakland with a sweet and active garden (let me know if you're in the area and wanna stop by!). The Bay Area growing season(s) have made me realize that as much as being at TMS in the fall taught me about harvesting, I would have greatly benefited from being there for some planting activities as well... That said, we've got two chickens who are staying much more alive than the many many turkeys that didn't survive the fall of '94. I work at the Stanford d.school (the d is for de-

sign) and gave birth to three book-babies this year: Creative Hustle, Hip Hop Genius 2.0, and Changing the Conversation About School Safety. I recently got to see Isaac Souweine and his fam as they passed through Onset, MA where I spent the summer with my fam. And a much more recent TMS alum, Olivia Tomaeno (spring '14), was a student in an institute I co-taught for grad students last month. It was fun to reminisce about TMS and to hear about some of what changed over 20(!) years.



Isaac Souweine: Sending updates from Montreal, where we have now lived long enough (9 years) that my French is actually functional. Our daughter, Halia, is 13 and getting her bat mitzvah this year! My son Jonah is 10 and waist deep in hockey, basketball, and soccer. Lots of continuity overall - I'm still investing in technology companies and absolutely loving the vocation, my wife Andrea is still teaching at McGill, and we are still loving all four seasons of Quebec's beautiful outdoors. We were lucky to catch up w/ Sam Seidel this summer on the Cape. Would love to see more of this group, so please come visit - hard to beat Montreal for tourist fun.

Eliza Halsey: All is well in New Haven. The Pre-K-8 public Montessori school we launched in 2014 has its first graduating class this year! We

are working to realize Maria Montessori's vision for adolescent education with our 7/8th grade Erdkinder program: students are tending to our chickens and working to build a small urban farm. Hopefully, we'll have goats soon... (Check us out at <https://elmcitymontessori.org/> or come visit if you're in the area!) ECMS has been a labor of love, and I too will be "graduating" this year with our 8th graders after 10 years since we incorporated. My youngest is a 3rd grader at ECMS and my other two are at Hopkins, where my husband Suvadine works. I heard from Jim and Story Leonard recently and am hoping to catch them next time they are in the CT area. Would love to see any F94 alums passing through too! Sending best wishes to all...

Cameron Smith and **Carl Hill Popper** shared this photo of their recent visit.



Fall '95

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Let there be company through the music we keep and the ideas we ponder! Top of Emily Janke's playlist is "I Do" by our very own Susie Suh. She writes: "It gets me, every. time. It's nostalgic. It's autumn (for me). It's a whole vibe. And, now I want to go to Iceland even more than ever, because it looks so good on Susie. It's been a long few years of pandemic land and it would be

nice to emerge there..." Susie says to check out Blood Moon, off her most recent album 'Invisible Love'. You can listen here: <https://open.spotify.com/track/5NTm2KuqFCVYBij4DY2dcQ?si=8ec95282c9df4f7c>. Or search through soundcloud.com for **Katie Sawicki's** newest album with The Cabin Project: What I Heard When I Listened, What I Said When I Spoke. While you're at it, play Running Red Lights by The Avalanches, which **Sam Goedecke** wholeheartedly recommends, and Hiatus Coyote, with whom **Scott Kerns** fell in love in Brooklyn. **Carrie Gleason** has been listening to Naeem's pandemic release album - a lot. "Startisha is the heartbreaker," she writes, "joyful sad." **Alli (Connolly) Prestifilippo** suggests digging out an 80s mix tape and listening to Let the River Run from the Working Girl Soundtrack. **Julianna Connolly** and I, **Keri Hughes**, are hooked on **Lori McKenna**, especially Humble and Kind, though no one sings it better than **Marc Ruben** and **Bill Hamilton** whose album we are hoping to learn of one day. If podcasts are more your thing these days, check out **Casey Pickett's Pricing Nature**. Casey also recommends The Happiness Lab with Laurie Santos. And a few updates:

Katherine Fiordalis: Hi Fall of '95! I am still a freelance photographer for Gap brands, and I have also joined Team Flytographer as a travel photographer for the San Francisco Bay area! My tiny baby is now an incredible 13-year-old who is taller than I am and is now newly playing goalie for the competitive San Francisco Vikings! Nova Fiordalis wants to be an engineer, and I could not be more proud of her! We enjoy life together in our Edwardian apartment overlooking the beautiful Golden Gate Bridge, and the man of the house is now our royal Egyptian Mau

cat "Bali," brought to us all the way from Dubai. That's a story for an in person visit! This year we have enjoyed a visit from the most brilliant and beautiful Marcelle Foltz. And, this summer we travelled to Martha's Vineyard to see Diana Waring, who is more radiant than ever. We met her adorable family and it felt like no time had passed at all since our last visit! Best friendships seem to last forever! All of my love to my Fall '95 friends during this challenging time on planet Earth.



Scott Kerns: In terms of inspiration, I've been thinking a lot about process. My wife Saskia and I bought a house in Brooklyn at the height of the pandemic in 2020, which turned out to be a much larger project than I had anticipated. I spent a year gut renovating it along with the help of some wonderful people from all around the world. We finished major construction one year to the day from when we bought, and the next Monday I launched my general contracting business with that same crew working on my neighbor's house. Ever since then it's been one project after the next. The inspiration I find in this work is twofold. First off, I've come to understand that pretty much anything is doable given the right understanding and correct tools. I've also learned that sadly there aren't a lot of Americans (at least in my demographic) who

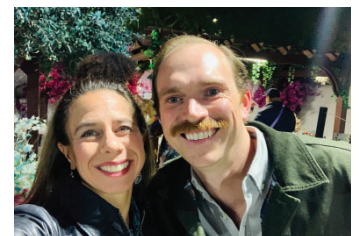
know how to use them! Most everyone I work with was born overseas and learned their trade in their home country. Doesn't sound inspiring, but there's this part of me that thinks maybe we put a little too much (and perhaps too little) into our typical educational path. I think there is a lot of space for all kinds of work in all kinds of ways, and maybe we as a culture should put a little more focus on and value in manual labor.

Until we can see each other again and catch up in person, happy listening!

Fall '96

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Annie Starr Davis: Here's a photo with Ezra Hagerty s04, who I met virtually last year through our mutual work driving environmental sustainability in the legal cannabis industry. Here we are together, meeting in real life in November at MJBizCon in Las Vegas!



Middy Tilghman: I am living in Hood River, Oregon and have been gardening up a storm in the last year with mixed results that leave joyous amounts of room for tinkering and improvement. My kids help me in the garden mostly by eating and picking things before they're ripe, and this feels just about right. I was sorry to miss the reunion. Anyone passing through Oregon should definitely come visit.

Jaime (Bard) Goldstein: Hi, everyone! After two years of launching Petri, an early-

stage biotech venture capital firm in Boston, I went out on my own in January 2022 to launch Founder to Leader, LLC. Founder to Leader provides leadership, management, and communication coaching to early-stage biotech and climate tech companies. I'm really enjoying supporting amazing change-makers and running the business. At home, my son Ollie is now 10 years old and my husband, Jon, continues to enjoy his work as a cancer researcher by day and a craft beer brewer by night. I can be reached at jaimbegoldstein@gmail.com if you want to catch up!

Jonathan Altman: I'm continuing to love life back home in Seattle after returning in 2019 (22 years away; the city changed a lot). My wife and daughter love it too and while we were sad to miss the reunion, it was the first major reunion I've missed since graduation. I'm glad to hear we had a couple of people there! I haven't yet made the trip to Hood River to see Middy and family, but I'm going to make it happen soon (and hopefully convince the rest of the Derby boys to join when I do).

David Skeist still lives in Brooklyn where he makes music and theatre and tends to two cats. He spends a good deal of time in France where his partner lives. Last year he began teaching Acting at Barnard College where he seeks to lure STEM majors away from lucrative careers and into the arts. He is currently writing a heavy metal musical about the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale.

Duncan Hilton: This year I became a stay-at-home-dad, letting go of my job as an Episcopal priest at a parish near where my wife Bethany and I live in Southern Vermont. I never thought I'd know the story-hour schedule of every local library within a 30-minute

drive. Drop me a line if you're passing through to visit TMS!

Being back on Garden Hill, with my Underwood roommate, **Katie Truitt Sharafi** and her daughter, this August was so much fun. The positive energy of the weekend was palpable to all. Katie and I hadn't seen each other in years, yet we instantly picked up as if of no time had passed and loved watching as our girls bonded and got to feel at home on the campus. They loved going independently to visit the goats or run up to the dorm for a sweatshirt or bring their plates in to the kitchen after a meal all on their own. Not only were we reliving our amazing memories of this special place, but we were able to share its magic and community with our kiddos. It was such a fun weekend together with old friends and new. TMS has a way of instantly making people feel at ease and at home.

Nell Solley

Here's Katie, Ellia, Layla, Josh, Livie, and Nell.



Ellia and my weekend was pure magic and worth the coast to coast travel. Nell welcomed us with open arms and our girls were immediately inseparable. When I stepped back into the dining hall, looked out over the view beyond Underwood dorm and walked up the road to Garden Hill, I felt transported back to my time at TMS. It's amazing how the sounds and smells are all so familiar and how easily I connected with the other

alumni.

Ellia still talks about "Pepper" the sheep and the fireflies and delicious fresh bread. I was so happy to share a place so dear to me with her and reconnect with Nell. I hope to come back again and bring Parson, my son next time.

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Fall '97

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25-Year Reunion
August 4-6

Dear wonderful friends, it's always such a treat to hear from you. Thank you for the updates on how you've survived and even thrived over the past challenging year. I hope many of you are making plans for our reunion next August—it's been 25 years, can you believe it. Here's our news:

Amber Reed, her husband Chris, and the kids are loving this brilliant Vermont fall and spending time on the river as much as possible. "I really enjoy my UVM job working with Vermont Farmers to improve rotational grazing and clean up watersheds. We do a lot of experimenting on our own sheep

farm and that comes in handy when I'm trying to solve someone else's complex farming issues. Plus, it makes a good story when things don't go as planned!"

Chris Sommerfeld writes from out by the ocean in San Francisco, where he lives with his wife Abby and son Charlie (9). "When we aren't working on house projects, we spend time on the beach and in Golden Gate Park with our dog Hank. I still work in residential solar and batteries and after nearly 20 years of getting solar on other people's homes, I was finally able to build my own solar PV system and run my dishwasher on the sun, very satisfying! Whenever I get to go west to Hawaii, I love catching up with **Quinn Vittum** and his Honolulu reuse ecosystem. Wishing everyone the best!"

Bella Tonkonogy is enjoying life in the countryside near DC. She and her family are "slowly converting our unused pasture to the uses we want - we started a vegetable garden (+ watermelons!) and planted some fruit trees this year, are about to plant 50 native trees with a local organization, and have found a new passion for conservation gardening and the concept of the 'homegrown national park'. Henry is almost four and had fun this summer at pony camp and swimming in the local creeks and rivers. I have started to travel again for work and commuting weekly, but am trying to maintain some semblance of balance. Hope everyone is well and I hope we can make the next reunion!"

We now have a Hawaii delegation from our semester: **Melissa (Crouse) Kaufman** writes "Aloha from Maui! My family and I have moved to Kula, an agricultural area perched on Haleakala, a 10,000 ft dormant volcano. I'm teaching entrepreneurship at a prep school and dreaming up my next entrepreneurial adven-

ture. Please say hello next time you're on island!" Congratulations Melissa!

Quinn Vittum, over in Honolulu, writes "It's hard to believe that I've been in Hawaii for 16 years! With 35 employees and two locations, my organization, Re-use Hawaii, is making progress towards cultivating the circular economy in Hawaii. My wife, Kara and son Skylar are both well and we feel blessed to be safe and healthy. Wish I could take a walk on Garden Hill right about now :)"



Back state-side, **Kate Fitzpatrick** reports "I read every issue of Pearls & Seaweed eagerly for others' updates -- and hope to make it back to Vermont for this summer's reunion. Would be so lovely to connect with folks again. The highlight of this year, by far, is the birth of my daughter, Tess, earlier this summer. She is amazing, and has brought us so much joy the past six months." Congratulations Kate! "I live in Denver, and lead development for a hospitality start-up, Auto-Camp, that builds hotels out of Airstreams. My parents retired in Vermont, and I hope to get back there this summer for our (25th!!) reunion."

Karen Prazar writes that "In professional news, over the past two years my clinical practice at a community health center in Raymond, NH has shifted heavily towards addiction medicine, which can be both challenging and inspiring. It is an honor to be involved in a person's recovery, and the work feels hopeful. In addition, I have taken on a new role as the

lead preceptor/faculty for our nurse practitioner fellowship program (the only such program in the state!); it's a welcome change to be doing more teaching and mentoring, while also continuing to work in the clinic. At home, I am spending fall afternoons making ski runs down our eight-acre wooded hill, clearing branches and undergrowth while my six-year-old constructs forts along the way and runs down the newly created glades. No plan for a rope tow yet... will have to rely on human power for our laps this year! Come visit, bring your skis, and hope for snow!"

Caroline Kinsolving played Lady Macbeth to audiences of 500 at a Shakespeare Festival just outside of Los Angeles last summer with a truly terrific cast and crew that she loved working with. "I reached \$55,000 of giving through classes and theatre performances through my Theatre and Yoga for Good projects and was listed as *Connecticut Magazine's* Best of CT Yoga Teachers as well as Litchfield's Reader's Choice. Needless to say, if anyone is looking for a convenient online private yoga/pilates teacher or public speaking coach, that's what I do when I'm not acting! And if you're in the Berkshires or NW corner of CT and want to go hiking, please reach out! Always seeking TMS hiking buddies."

Writing from Japan, **Graham Connell** reports that he is thoroughly enjoying myself—"I really love it here! I'm looking out over Tokyo and there is a rainbow right now, not dramatic, but quite nice. I just visited Ise and hiked around Kyoto where the trees and meticulous forest management mesmerized me. I also meditated a bit with a Zen priest and came away with a much warmer sense of Zen. He hit me with the keisaku stick and it was like the most lovely invigorating massage from a

coach, not a reproach. I'm still living in Montreal. I passed my citizenship test, but due to pandemic delays, my oath ceremony has been very delayed. When it does happen, I'll be swearing my allegiance to King Charles, which I will admit is a bit of a disappointment."

Laura Rickard had her first ever sabbatical during the spring '22 semester. "While I hibernated in my home office in Maine for most of it, I did manage to escape to Paris for a conference and Hawaii for a family vacation. The highlight of my summer was meeting up with **Karen Prazar** and her wife Cecilia, and **Cam Lane** (and her remarkable and all-grown-up daughter, Nora) at a magical outdoor concert (Brandi Carlisle and the Indigo Girls!) at Thompson's Point in Portland."

Cameron Lane's update is that "I changed my name back to Cameron K. Lane, I have a senior in high school and an 8th grader and a love partner. I'm so happy where I am." Yay!

Aris Sophocles reports that "Rachel and I are in our fifth year in Bend, Oregon. We have a wonderful life filled with van-trip adventures with our Great Dane, Bella, many of which revolve around road and gravel bike races. When we aren't adventuring, or recovering from the occasional misadventure, we are enjoying our jobs in taking care of patients, Rachel in the NICU and myself in the OR."



As for me, Martha Roberts, I just passed my tenth anniversary of moving to Washington, DC, also hard to believe. My partner Kate and I are really

enjoying being able to see more friends and family in person and would love to host anyone who is coming through the DC area. We are really looking forward to reunion next August! Until then, sending lots of love to each of you. Take care!

Fall '98

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Hello and loving greeting to you all! We mark this landmark year in which many of us turned 40 with beautiful notes from around the world, as well as a next level technical/coordination fail in my class notes writing career. Without further ado --

While **Elinore Kaufman** has published no books, she did convince **Molly MacGregor** to send their kids to the same school. While Elinore hopes she didn't steer Molly wrong, the word is that the first morning's tears were transient. In addition to moments of F98 cross-pollination from Elinore's adult life, she also had the opportunity to work in the ICU with one of **Jeremy Katzen's** research mentees, who wanted to know "if he had been the same in high school. Elinore said she didn't think so; she and Jeremy later agreed they both like to think they have matured. Which makes it a good time to turn 40 and to celebrate it -- "I hope everyone feels like this milestone is as much of an accomplishment as I do!" It was also a banner year for tomatoes, cucumbers, and habaneros in Elinore and her family's concrete garden, so if you stop by for hot sauce, please know it will be hot for real.

Laura Davis also sent celebratory notes around the occasion of turning 40! Adventures and travels and loved-ones celebrations. That said, the actual

notes were much more engaging, but in honor of this grand moment of aging, I fell off in my technical management of notes collection this year and accidentally erased the actual note. My apologies; please revert to your imagination of Laura in the natural world aging adventurously and surrounded by love and celebration.

Looking from 40 to the start of life, **Isaac Grody-Patinkin** is thrilled to share the big news from his world -- the birth of Jude Flowers! Isaac and wife Lennon welcomed Jude in the winter, and I was lucky to join Isaac on the grand occasion of Jude's first walk in the outdoors while tacked to his father's chest at age one week. Reportedly "the little bug is quite transformed from [then]" and at age eight months, is the size of your average two-year-old. Isaac and family are still based in Creede, CO (with flashes in LA) through 2023, and then plan to move to the Hudson Valley to be close to family while the little one grows. If anyone is coming through the Southwest in 2023, Isaac, Lennon and Jude offer open doors to your visit.

Here's a photo of Gideon Grody-Patinkin S03, Jude Flowers, Lennon Flowers, Isaac Grody-Patinkin.



Liz Niemiec also welcomed an addition to the family. She shares, "Marc, George (6) and I welcomed baby Phoebe in February. I am enjoying a return to seeing some patients in person in my psychiatric practice a few blocks from home. If you're passing through Rhode Island, we'd love to see you and share

our favorite spots in Newport."

Crystal Arnold continues to tend to her land in Southern Oregon with her husband and two kids Alana (12) and Cedar (9). She has been working at the Post Growth Institute for five years as Education Director for five years, where she works with an international team to design and facilitate programs for community leaders. She welcomes you to come visit and eat some fudgy oat squares together under her pear trees.

Sending word from abroad this year were Karen and Jasmine. **Karen Tsui** reports she has been doing more hikes since this spring, and is thankful that Hong Kong has started opening up after being aligned with the Chinese policy of keeping the borders closed. Karen shared a photo of herself on a sunset hike at Castle Peak - you are invited to follow her for more snaps on instagram @WhereMyHeartLeads



Jasmine Victoria is coming to the end of a nearly two-year stay in Guatemala and feeling bittersweet about it. "The last few years, I've been living on Lake Atitlan, an incredibly beautiful and spiritual volcanic lake 1500ft above sea level. She shares, "the time I've spent here has been life- and soul-changing". By the time you read this newsletter, Jasmine will have moved back to Puerto Rico (with cat, Langston) to start a new chapter with her partner and his two daughters, "and to be a lot closer to the airport for work!" Her Executive Coaching practice is going great, "I'm working remotely with UC Berkeley and a group

out of NYC, so traveling almost monthly to the east & west coasts." Keep an eye out for her first transformational coaching program inclusive of a 4-day plant medicine retreat to be held in Guatemala. "I am really excited about this new chapter of my life, especially to see the merging of my professional and spiritual worlds through my work." She hopes 2023 will include many more TMS reconnections and sends love, "I miss all my fellow F98 classmates and want to extend (as always) an invitation to visit me anywhere I am in the world."

Patrick Morrissey was thrilled to see **Lizza Weir, Biz Ghormley, and Brent Bucknum** at Brent's wedding in Chicago in August. He shares, "In perfect Derby Double fashion, my old roommate emailed me three days before the wedding: "Hey, are you in Chicago? I'm getting married there this weekend. Can you come? Love, B." Of course, I could come. For Brent, anything! (Almost every speech at the wedding mentioned how "spontaneous" he is.) Anyhow, it was pure delight to celebrate Brent and Megan with Biz and Lizza. And then back to my daily Chicago life: hanging with Leo (now a kindergartener!), Rosie (a full-fledged toddler!), and Lindsay (a grownup!); teaching poetry to hardworking undergrads at the University of Chicago; sometimes writing a few verses of my own. Lindsay and I also spent a memorable summer evening in Lowell, MA with **Jamie Fordyce**, listening to Will Oldham perform in an old mill. Really what I wish I could do is sing old songs with Jamie every night!"

Brent's wedding was a joy. Whether you received a paper invite, a text the day before or a psychic message from him, I can attest to Brent's love holding all of you and our semester folks together with us in spirit

in Chicago. The main event was full of beautiful moments. The ceremony offered joy, ritual and surprise. Alongside the lake, we witnessed the clouds change every few minutes. Inside, we ate beautiful intentional food—including all four kinds of pie, for me. Spending time in company with Brent, Lizza and Pat filled my heart and offered a direct line from glorious 40 (I am loving being in this new decade) back to our teens. I left feeling a rekindled connection to the curiosity and courage of my 16-year-old self and appreciative of the path between here and there.



Harrison Kahn sends word that "Life is full in Montpelier. We are chasing kids (Iris is 9 and Asher is 6) around town to their many activities." Harry sends word that he and his wife Bibba recently took their family to Spain to reacquaint themselves "with sunshine and downtime". He still leads marketing for Barr Hill Gin and coaches 1st/2nd grade soccer with co-coach Sam Kelman (former Mountain School Work Program Manager). Harry misses our TMS crew and

is looking forward to the next reunion.

Me, too. In 2024 we'll have the chance to come together in Vershire to mark 25 years since our semester on Garden Hill. Save the date (more info soon, I'm sure).

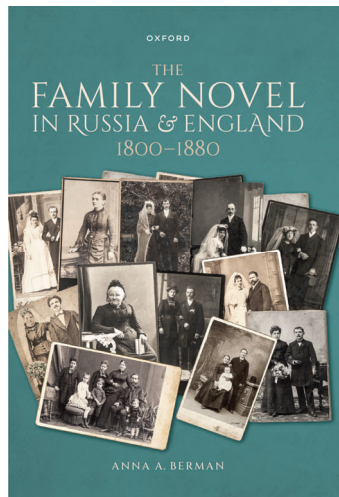
Until then, please find me on the internet or in Birmingham, AL where I continue to strive to garden, work in philanthropy, organize for racial justice and am studying to be a yoga teacher (an exciting step on the long path extending back to when Remy Wildrick took me to my first yoga class in 1999). With love and a hope to see you all soon, Biz.

Fall '99

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Friends! I am always so grateful for your updates, whether they are big, small or just hollering to tell me that you're still living in the same place, doing the same job, and working on the same sweater. As Juliet wrote in her update, "It's a "still" period of life, I suppose," and sometimes still is just right.

Across the pond, **Anna Berman** had a baby and her book is almost out! Her son Owen (great name choice, Boots!), was born on February 15th. Anna reports, "We're so lucky that he's such a smiley, good-natured baby!" As for her long-awaited book (that should be available by the time this P&S comes out) she says, "I've been working on it for a decade, so excited to have it out in the world to be read."



Kristin Boyd Harrington and her fam continue to live the international life. They moved to Guatemala from Chile at the end of 2021 and will likely be there for two years. "We've been stunned by the beauty and friendliness here - everyone has an invitation to come and visit!"

Our current Canadians, **Mike and Connor Kerns**, are still living in BC with their two kiddos, Finn and Rowan. Mike reports that Connor continues to kill it as a tenured Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia, with aims to start a new Autism outpatient research clinic by the end of 2023. Mike has "exited theatre (stage left, even) and is back a school full time getting two Masters degrees in Architecture and Landscape Architecture."



Slightly south in Bellingham, WA, **Dan Stone** started a new job earlier this year in May at West Marine on their

eComm team in charge of customer acquisition. He says "it's been a fantastic change with a different pace granting me new learning opportunities, more family time, and less stress (so far...). My son, Alden, now just over one, is a high-energy kiddo who loves being outside. We're looking forward to winter adventures in the snow as his next outdoor pursuit!" Dan and our fams got to spend an afternoon together in June and don't worry, his hugs are still some of the best I've ever had and the pandemic has in no way weakened his sass. Hoping it's not another four years until I see him or some of you again!

In more baby news, **Fanny Singer** had a gorgeous one, named Cecily, in August! Fanny, Cecily, and her partner, Matt, a film editor, live in LA in a house in Echo Park. Fanny writes that she mostly bounces on a yoga ball with a baby in her arms. Still, eventually, she'll get to work on her next book with Knopf: a cookbook devoted entirely to salad (the most Fanny cookbook ever to be written, I can't wait). Fanny continues to run her homeware brand Permanent Collection (it's been six years now) and she's "excited about a couple of imminent additions to the line: two spice grinders made with local LA designer Ryan Preciado and a blown glass flower vase made with London artist Nicolas Deshayes."



Becky Hurwitz is living in Los Angeles with her husband and "a very sweet little boo named Gordon," who is named after her dad. Becky says her "little family goes to the Hollywood Farmers market every weekend and spends a surprising amount of time biking around the city." Becky is now a realtor at Sotheby's, "helping people navigate their way around the red hot Los Angeles real estate market, and finding hidden gems all over the city."

A few of the Brooklyn crew report all good things. **Andrew Bishop** is still there with his wife and two daughters, teaching high school English. He's been working on a musical project for the last couple of years under the name BUNNY HABIT and his new album 'Visitor' is out everywhere on November 1. Andrew writes that he's "lucky enough to hang out with the NYC TMS crew whenever I can. Chris Tatlock occasionally comes over for dinner, and Lucy Teitler and I try to meet up and exercise in the park when she's in town. And obviously, I'm always grateful to see Juliet and Steve whenever our schedules align!"

Lissy DeSantis has been home with her two boys, Sam (almost 4) and Pete (almost 6!) after leaving her job at the end of 2020. Lissy writes, "I'm starting to think about what's next for me career-wise this year - no big plans as of yet but hopefully, I'll find something to take me in a totally new direction :)" Lissy went to a TMS gathering in October where she got to catch up with **Anna Deknatel**, which she said was such a delight. "Fall has got me thinking lots about our days at TMS - so looking forward to everyone's updates!" **Juliet Lapidos** continues to work at the Atlantic ("I'm the Ideas editor; I have lots of ideas.") and lives in BK with her husband and two kids, Ezra and Micah. Similar to Andrew, she said, "I

have the great good fortune to see fellow New Yorkers Steve Backer, Lucy Teitler, Chris Tatlock, and Andrew Bishop, regularly, though some more regularly than others! Becky Hurwitz and I see each other whenever we're in the same city. Not as much as I would like."

Suzannah Holsenbeck has "nothing new in personal news," but Pete and his family stopped by on their way home from NYC. Their kiddos ran around together, built fairy houses, and they all got to hug each other, "which felt really good after so long."



In Mass., **Ben Ewen-Campen** and his wife, Alex, are enjoying life with their almost 2-year-old, Simon, "who is currently expanding language and complex emotions at a ferocious and fractal pace." Ben was re-elected for a third term as a City Councilor in Somerville, "still fixated on housing affordability, bike lanes & public transit, climate justice and potholes." Proud to have him continue to be a voice for so many issues nearby. **Pete Fishman** is "still living in Medford, still working on teacher preparation nationwide, still marveling at Caleb and Esmé, who recently hung out with Alex and Sammy in New Haven and hopped a ride on Ben Chan's Boston Whaler (evidence attached)." As for me,

I'm home full time with Addie, who turned one in October, doing some remote CS work for fellow alum, Claire Cheney and her incredible local company, Curio, and riding the daily emotional waves that come with cohabitating with a four-year-old. I am sending love and hugs to all as we continue to navigate this complicated world.



Fall 'oo

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Many thanks to Julia Wieting who has kept us so well informed over the past decade. Now that I'm taking the wheel, let's take a little road trip together, and start out west.

From Washington, **Merebea Danforth** writes, "I feel solidly in the phase of life where going to work for 12 hours in a hospital feels like a break from parenting two young kids. My days sometimes feel like wild swings between laughter, frustration, and moments of pure love and joy. Honestly, I'm often feeling exhausted and like I'm always giving. But life feels meaningful both at home and at work, and that feels good. We had great fun this spring and summer with lots of camping trips exploring the Washington coast and alpine lakes."



A trip down the coast to Los Angeles brings us to **Teddy O'Connor** who is still out in LA working as a Director on Hulu's "Solar Opposites." He writes, "My brother, sister-in-law, and my four-year-old niece Dovie live nearby, so I get to hang with them a lot, too. It was so nice having them nearby during the pandemic. Now that we're sort of back to normal, I'm excited to start traveling again."

Should your travels bring you east, you could find **Samuel Johnson** who is in his second year of law school at Temple University in Philadelphia. He writes, "It's an especially fraught time to be studying constitutional law...It's a part-time program, so I still have 2 more years to go." If you find yourself in Philadelphia, be sure to reach out.

Heading up to New York City, you will find **Susanna Brock**, who is expecting her second daughter in February 2023, as well as new New Yorker, **Nathan Sokol-Margolis**, who is also expecting a second child in November. Nathan accepted a position as Middle School Principal at LREI. In moving to New York, Nathan and his family decided to do too many things at the same time, as this is their way of being. They bought an old townhouse in Washington Heights and immediately started to renovate it. Eloise is now four years old and rides the subway with Nathan every day to go to class in the

Lower School.

I have been able to catch up with **Jonathan Posen** who now lives in Brooklyn and hosts excellent birthday crab feasts on his rooftop. As for myself, my husband and I left Brooklyn and bought a new home in Harlem. All of us New Yorkers hope to gather for some Central Park strolls in the coming year, and if you're in town, please join us!

Continuing north, we find **Rachel Wilder**, who left the flood zone in Larchmont to settle in Irvington, NY, with her husband and two children. She echoes the common theme of exhaustion raising multiple children, but reports that they are so sweet and adorable, it makes it worth it. She still has her company MettaWorks, which coaches executives in tech. And more exciting news from Rachel: "I have a book being published in the spring! It's about leadership and how to help you understand your inner world, regulate your nervous system and cultivate your emotional intelligence so that you can be a sought-after leader in your industry (geared towards leaders in tech). It was a labor of love and I'm excited to see it in hard cover in late March."

Just a couple hours away is **Lucy Cox-Chapman Dagneau** in West Hartford, CT. She is working remotely for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network on increasing access to Medicaid in all 50 states. Also reflecting on the joy of parenting, Lucy writes, "My kids are 6.5 and 4 and it's been fun to emerge into this new stage where they are just so much fun. We enjoy hiking with our dogs and my son just did his first AMC hut overnight."

Finally, a hop across the pond brings us **Lauren Maynard**: "I am on year nine of living in London; I'm now a dual citizen. My kids are 5 and 7 and have very British accents. I didn't

know any of this was part of the plan. but here I am, and we are having fun. If anyone is in London, they should drop me a note. Always happy to catch up for a drink or just share recommendations.”

It's good to know that wherever our travels may bring us, there will likely be a friendly Mountain School face there to greet us.

Fall '01

Thank you to Helen for stepping in for Sonje this year.

Pete Albee is still living in Portland, Maine and working on a fishing boat out of Dutch Harbor, AK. He started clearing a site for a small house on Long Island, Maine and hopes to start building in the spring of 2023. He still ignores most of the hype and believes most people are good people.



Sarah Lambertson is living in mid coast Maine with her husband, 2 sons (6 and 3), dog, and cat. She is enjoying teaching her kids to love hiking, skiing, and generally just being outdoors. She is still working as a consultant to higher education institutions.



Timbah Bell is having fun in Japan and finds that powder, paddling, and pedaling are all better when finished with a soak in a hot spring. Look him up if you want to find delicious food in Hokkaido or dream up a bigger adventure.

Helen (Lamphere) McPherson gave birth to baby Field in Aspen, CO, joining big sibs (5 and 8). The McPs recently moved to Nashville, TN where they are loving community, food, and all the live music. Helen still runs operations for an early stage cybersecurity company.

Fall '02

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20-Year Reunion August 4-6

Out on the west coast, **Alan Kwan** is in his second year as cardiology faculty at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles and is enjoying time with his family and watching his son Niko grow up. **David Kerns** and his wife Becca are also in LA. He's the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Producer for CollegeHumor, which now runs a niche comedy nerdy video subscription service called Dropout. He writes, "I try in my small way to create a healthy and supportive work environment and create shows that spread joy and laughter."

Amy Zimmerman reports that all is well in Denver. She's been soaking up time with Georgia who will be 2.5 in a month. She definitely wants to bring her to the reunion to see our little slice of heaven! **Emily Palmer** is also looking forward to taking her little one on his first walk up Garden Hill at the reunion. After a long and winding journey to parenthood, she and Daniel welcomed their first child this spring, Camden Lee

Schultz. She was also thrilled to receive an Emerging Leader Award from the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association this year. "I love my work more with each passing year and reflect often on TMS's lessons of stewardship and interdependence," she writes.



Victoria Parker also has a new kiddo. She's been soaking in all the baby cuddles from her youngest daughter who was born in February. Her big sister is enjoying being a three-year-old bossy pants to everyone. Their urban garden did great this summer despite all the kid-related neglect. "My house is a mess," Tori writes, "especially since I went back to work." Fellow Conardian **Lissa Crocker Cullen** welcomed her youngest, baby Asa, last November. They had an awesome holiday season/maternity leave full of visits from family and friends. She and brother Denny finally got to meet all their east coast family at a big reunion over the summer in Maine.



John Haltom is living in Oxford, Mississippi with his wife

Katey, five year old son Carothers, and daughter Josephine who will turn two in December. They live in the country on five acres, where John runs his furniture and woodworking business, Roxie Woodworks. He primarily builds dining tables and conference tables for both residential and commercial projects.



Lauren Goodman reports that her family got through Hurricane Ian without a scratch (thankfully). This November, she presented at the Argetinger Symposium on International Motor Racing History in Watkins Glen, NY, sharing her research on Lucy O'Reilly Schell, the first woman owner/principal of a Grand Prix team. She also bought a 20-year-old Miata that she's fixing up for track days.

Also in the south, **Caitlin Leibert** writes from her new home in Austin, Texas. She's over a year into her role as VP of Sustainability for Whole Foods. She writes: "I have had a wonderful time getting back on the farm and getting to know some of our many many suppliers around the world. Most recently I was in Germany visiting Weleda's biodynamic farms and medicinal gardens for their Colendula harvest. I would love to hear from any TMS alums that are working with Whole Foods in some capacity. It would be great to make the connections as I am out and about in this new role!"

Ali Giese is enjoying year two of her science & technol-

Caitlin Leibert F02

By Megan Carlan and Hope Gantt F22

Caitlin Leibert, 2002 Mountain School graduate, and now Vice President of Sustainability for Whole Foods, used the spark she ignited at the Mountain School to light her way into her current career. In a nutshell, “my passion is driving positive change within the food system.”

After attending the Mountain School in the fall of her senior year, Caitlin graduated from The Laurel School in Cleveland, Ohio. She went on to study journalism, business, and psychology at the University of New Hampshire. When Caitlin was looking for an undergraduate major, sustainability was not an option. Despite the obstacles, she was grateful to complete a masters degree in sustainability leadership from the University of Cambridge in 2016. As a sustainability leader, Caitlin “drives changes from the insides of corporations.”

The jobs focused on sustainability and climate, a new idea in the corporate food world, is Caitlin's prime interest. With a team of six others, she must learn to speak all the languages of business, to create work that will be incorporated into the strategies of Whole Foods, and to create transparency and accountability. Caitlin also speaks on how just simply having these teams and hoping they are doing the right thing is enough - they must base their work and drive off of



Caitlin says that the Mountain School introduced her to some simple ideas of sustainability: composting, conservation, reusing. Most of all, however, she appreciates the accountability, visibility, and intentionality of living in a community. She calls the Mountain School “a micro-utopian society.” Her experience at the Mountain School founded her passions that she now can carry out everyday.

materiality and data. Whole Foods practices this by doing things like banning around 500 ingredients, always labeling GMOs, and keeping high fructose corn syrup out of sight.

How does a company with thousands of products on their shelves keep sustainability a priority? “The key is around standards”, she says. There's baseline standards with all the products, figuring out ethical sourcing, and paying attention to high risk ingredients like palm oil, seafood, cacao, beef, soy. The change is driven through the branded products that Whole Food sells, although change is hard. Through persistence and nimbleness, consistent messaging around sustainability and keeping transparency a key component, people like Caitlin are beginning to change the way the food corporations demonstrate accountability, and how they can solve climate issues before they become apparent.

ogy policy fellowship with USAID. She spent one year in the climate office (including a summer in Namibia supporting a Namibian University) and is now settling into her new role in USAID's Research Division. She's enjoying the leaves in DC, and is excited to be making a home there, as there's lots to do both in and out of the city—but she misses the splendor of VT/NH fall!

Jim Galeno writes that much has changed over the past year. “I lost my partner in crime, my Rottweiler Moose, who passed away at 10 1/2 years old. He is missed deeply every single day. On a more positive note, my girlfriend Sabrina and I have been dating for just over four years and that has been going really great. My business is booming and there are just too many reptile shows for me to handle on my own, so now I have a full-time employee out doing shows too!”

I (Laura Sackton) am compiling these notes from my home in Western Massachusetts, where I have been enjoying a spectacular fall with my pup. House projects are endless, but I am grateful to have settled in such a beautiful place, and to have the time and space for lots of gardening and woods-wandering.

Fall '03

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Ben Friedman and his wife Lauren Sanchez still live in Oakland, CA. They bought a house in the Rock-ridge neighborhood last fall and have a guest room available for F'03ers! They also rescued a lab-shepherd puppy, "Rainy" who is da best pooty woody around. Ben and **Michael Glassman** regularly get impossible burgers together in

the neighborhood. Love to all.



Julia McIlvaine has had a most excellent year! She just got back from one of the most wonderful adventures of her life, to Scoresbysund in Eastern Greenland! On a sailboat. Completely life-affirming and extraordinary. She's still living in her joyful wooden house in the mountains north of LA with her companion, Ray, and their doggos. She's learning and getting stronger every day; slow and steady. She also has red hair now. And it's really working for her. She is grateful for the time we all had together at TMS! It's amazing how much impact it still has, so many years later. Looking forward to saying that again, many years from now. With love, to you all!

Becky Roberts is grateful for the support of the TMS Garden Hill Fund with her project in Uganda over the summer: Obumu - Female Empowerment through Song and Dance. You're welcome to check out the resulting dance video on YouTube by searching Obumu - Brian Avie (<https://youtu.be/ZAHMo51qsUo>) and find the song on all music platforms. Now she's back in Alaska working with kiddos and finding ways to find light in the darkness. Greetings to all!



Steven Bertozzi recently moved to Milton, MA with his husband, Drew, and son, Theo. He is in his fourth year as prin-

icipal of the Middle School at Milton Academy.

Making pancakes with his kids this morning reminded **Christian Pikaart** of the good times making Sunday Brunch at TMS. They've been on a bit of an emotional rollercoaster the last few months: they were delighted to discover that Cory is pregnant...then stupefied to find out that it was twins... and crestfallen to learn that one of them didn't make it. While they cast about for ways to mourn the loss of one, they are grateful that the other is looking healthy. In other news, Christian got his General Contractors license earlier this year and has started a residential renovation business.

Rick and **Chelsea Alsofrom** now live with a 1.5 year old. While there may be more poop in their lives, there is also always cheese in her pocket - a win. Miles' main interests are balls, cows, and tractors (aligned with theirs, of course). They have started to draft his TMS application. Sugaring anyone?



It's been a big year with lots of changes for **Hannah Meszaros Martin!** She moved from London to NYC and now to LA - making her way around the world. She has loved seeing more of our dear semester while living on the east coast - even sharing a house with the amazing Meg! If anyone is in LA - come and stay! She will always have a space for you :)

Dano Wall and his partner had their first son, Simon, this past February, 2022! They moved apartments and both switched jobs as well, so it has been an eventful year. You can

catch Dano strolling through Prospect Park or Greenwood cemetery with an increasingly opinionated little boy.



Emma Eisenberg is still living in Philadelphia, though she just started a new job as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Wesleyan University in CT. She also just got married to her partner Art and got to enjoy some good TMS friend love in the process.

Clarence Agbi has been traveling more this year and reconnecting with his family and friends in person.

Jon Wiener is now living in Houston, TX. working as a news anchor at the ABC affiliate. With a fiancé, Grace, and a son on the way, full adulting is closing in fast. We love Houston! Lots of sports, shows, food & bourbon to indulge :-)

Isabel Teitler just had a baby! Frederick Teitler Ursache was born in Kreuzberg, Berlin on September 1st at a robust 9lb. 3oz. Fred is doing very well and Isabel and her boyfriend, Claudiu, are sleep deprived and desperate but also very in love with him. Isabel works here as a writer / producer at a small production company and their show Transatlantic, set in the refugee crisis in Marseille in the early days of WWII, will be on Netflix early next year. If any TMS grads pass through Berlin let her know!



Charlotte Gund gave birth to a sweet little baby, Remy, in July and she is magical. Rick and Charlotte are over the moon. The cats are still fat and beautiful, and unsure of their hairless new friend.



Liza, Sylvia, Winslow, and **Davis Moore** moved to Maine, near Portland. He has been out on one overnight camping and painting trip by the coast and thought of the solo song Jack sings in *Postcards From Vershire*. "Sunrise set back in the woods, walk down to the sea; a bright peace last long into morning, oh I was glad to be."

In true Friday night theme dinner style, a group of F'03ers got dressed up to celebrate classmate, **Meg Goetsch's** wedding.

Ethan Wolston is still in Baker City, OR, and loves visitors so come visit! Baby daughter Maeve Cuddy Wolston was born March 4th! Some highlights from the summer included a roadtrip to the Olympic Peninsula, camping in Hells

Canyon, and family reunion in North Carolina. Sarah grew an amazing garden and we still have strawberries in October!

Lucy Lobban-Bean is the Lower School Reading and Learning Specialist at Nightingale. She still lives in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn with her dog, Penelope, and her newly acquired domestic partner, Noel.

Niki Gruttadauria bought a house in LA. Being a homeowner is no joke. Send help!

Elliott Smith lives and teaches in New York City, where he is the Head of Middle and Upper School Learning Support at St. Bernard's. This winter, he will complete his Ed.M. in independent school leadership at the Klingenstein Center at Columbia Teachers College. When he's not teaching or studying, Elliott can be found riding his bike along the Hudson River or in Central Park.

Fall '04

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This year we have news of many new additions to our extended F'04 family; congratulations to all!

Isabel Yellin is still living in Los Angeles with her dog Susie. She is working on some upcoming exhibitions in Toronto and elsewhere. Hiking and skiing with her boyfriend when she can.

Alex Hasbach had a pretty good last year-- became a permanent resident in Canada, and has been working for a year now in the forestry sector. She oversees crop production at a network of tree seedling nurseries across the US and Canada. This season, they grew about 325 million conifer seedlings for reforestation! This work has taken her to a number of remote places in British Columbia, and

she's really enjoying getting to know her new home province and becoming more well-versed in the biology of the forest ecosystems that support our climate and economy. She thinks of our environmental science classes at TMS often!

Julia Gold writes that her news is that she got married at the beginning of September (!). Otherwise, things are much the same: She has a big project wrapping up at work (a new public space in Midtown Manhattan) and is running slightly longer loops of Prospect Park than she was at this time last year.

Emily Arons is still living in Brooklyn, and is now working full time as a social worker with families. She got married this summer to her husband, Eli, who was lucky to spend some time at the Mountain School early on in the pandemic. They were happy to have Karen, Chef Matt, and Chef Chris at their wedding this summer, where they all helped make the weekend extra special and celebratory.

Sayer Wickham got married this summer to a lovely Montanan named Sarah. They quit their jobs (leaving teaching and therapy to the bots) and are traveling in Europe.

Dana Wolfson got married to her husband Seth this past May, and they are enjoying getting to know the area of Connecticut where they have been living for the past year. She is teaching art to lots of kids from tiny three-year-olds to fifth graders, and loves getting to be creative with them every day.

Piper Pehrson is still living in Providence, Rhode Island, and working as a public defender. She got married last December and is expecting a baby girl in March. If any TMSers find themselves in Providence, please give her a shout; she'd love to see you all!

Simon Taranto and his wife and three kids are moving back

to the New York area and very much looking forward to autumns in the Northeast.

Thea Giovaannini-Torelli thinks about MTN school everyday, and says HIIIIII to everyone! If she had a picture of her saying hi, she'd send it to us!, but for now you'll just have to imagine how good of a picture it is!

Tova Tenenbaum is adjusting to life as the mom of an almost-one year old. Amalya will turn one on Veterans Day. Also adjusting to her new role as a supervisor in homeless programs at the VA.



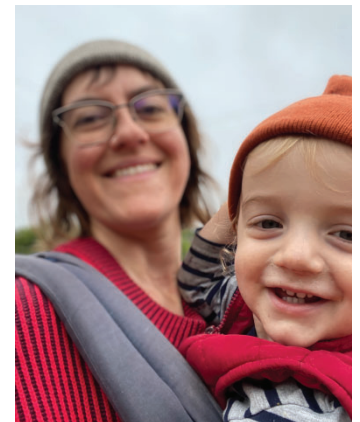
Danny Simeone writes that the big news over here is that he and his wife Sammi recently had a baby girl! She's named Martina (Marti for short) and she's a lot of fun. So far, her hobbies are eating milk and sleeping. They're still living in Minneapolis.



Mary Reid Munford writes that after teaching high school for almost a decade, she just

transitioned into a role working as admissions coordinator for another semester program, The Traveling School. She taught for them about eight years ago and it's great to be back. They are "all girls" - and trying to figure out what that means for them - and they take students to Southern Africa and South America to do place-based courses and learn from the regions in which they travel. So instead of identifying trees in Vermont, it's studying elephants in Botswana! She's working remotely from Atlanta, but traveling a bit for recruiting -- remind her where you live and she'd love to catch up with people! (Heading to DC/Baltimore/NJ in the winter...) She also just spent a few days with Talia in New York City where she's a hand surgeon and orthopedic oncologist working at two hospitals.

Aurora Kazi Bassett has made the move to Bangkok with her partner Tom and their 1-year-old (!), Zea. After a pretty tough couple of years (covid, the Myanmar coup, then some maternity discrimination) it's great just settling in; it's a wonderful city! In the last year they've had a baby and bought property (a flat in northern Devon), so, well on our way to conservatism. JK, eat the Tories. Would be so happy to see any TMSer who swings through SEA so reach out if you do!



Hannah Bushner You can find Hannah chasing her 18 month old, Davis, around their house in Portland, Oregon; where Davis is chasing the cats. When Hannah isn't running after Davis, she's continuing to work as an LCSW in private practice. Hannah and her husband, Evan, took Davis on his first camping trip recently and he absolutely loved it. He's a nature boy at heart and would be outside all the time if he could!

Brent Ballard and his family left NYC for the suburbs last year and they now live in the Westchester town of Rye, NY. He's settling into their new home with his wife, Neena and their two boys, Bear (3) and Artie (1). Thinking of our class this year and hoping everyone is doing great!

Liv Koldenhoven writes that a little update on her life is that she had her baby! She was born November 4, 2021 so she's almost a year old now! Her name is Lennon June Koldenhoven- Leni for short. It's been an amazing year with her. She loves being outside, hanging at the river and playing with her two doggy brothers. Otherwise, not much else to report. She and her husband Nick are still living in Jackson Hole, WY. She can't wait for the newsletter and loves reading about all the amazing things everyone is up to.



Fall '05

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This was a good year for class notes, both for hearing from more of you and because it brought me so much joy to reconnect with so many old friends. From starting families to marriages to new jobs – and sometimes just settling a little more into our cities and our communities – it has been a time of real change and transformation for our semester.

Speaking of: I recently had the chance to meet the Mountain School's new director Alex at an alumni meetup in Industry City. I am pleased to report that he seemed kind and curious and, for good measure, he knows how to recite poetry by heart like Alden. We are in good hands.

On to the year's notes:

Paul Needham and his wife welcomed their first child, Alexander, on August 30. All is well, and they would love to see folks in the New York area!

Amy Chambliss: I was thinking about everyone (especially Kate Lund) because I just moved from Denver to Seattle to start a job at Seattle Children's as a pediatric rehab doctor. I also just got married :-)

Michael Verdi is expecting his first daughter on Nov 15th. He can't wait and considers himself lucky to be able to work from home. Speaking of home, he will be saying goodbye to Baltimore and hello to Palo Alto in the spring. TMSers in the Bay Area...please reach out!

Geoffrey Gund: On 9/24, I married my partner Angela in a small wedding in Philadelphia. My sister Charlotte f03 was one of our witnesses. It was a beautiful and wonderful day.

Brunnell Velazquez: "I en-

dured a 2-year job search while being unemployed and am excited to announce that I landed a Product Manager role at an early-stage startup called Oar Health. Our mission is to help people recover from addictions and compulsions via medication and behavioral therapy.

Also, I recently visited the Dominican Republic to visit family and celebrate my Dad's 70th birthday.

Finally, I am in the process of becoming an insurance agent in order to develop other sources of income. I am still in NYC and expect to remain for the foreseeable future.

Joelinda Johnson: I am one year into a new role in capability building at McKinsey & Company. Been loving the chance to keep doing the people development work that I love but in a new space. We still live in Waltham, MA. Got to spend some time on the west coast in Vancouver this summer and made our first trip to Hawaii. Those gorgeous places reminded me, each in their own way, of the beauty of Garden Hill and the gift of our time there.

Here's a photo of my partner and I as wedding guests at Kua-loa Ranch where they filmed Jurassic Park, October 22.



Phil Fabens-Jones has had quite a year. He and his wife, Cate (not Miller, just the same spelling), bought a house in fall 2021, he became Treasurer of the Rochester Makerspace in June, they got a puppy on

July 2, and they welcomed a very surprisingly early baby girl, Maggie, on July 4. After 94 days in the NICU, she came home, happy and healthy, 2 days before her due date. Also, he started his new job at the end of October. To answer your question, no, he does not remember what sleep is.

Sam Redlitz: Same same for Sam.

Cate Miller: My big update is that we had a second child, Will, earlier this year. We're getting ready for his first Vermont trip this winter! I also had a lovely dinner with Zach and Emma, and it was great to see TMS people. Always eager to see people in Boston!

Cameron Myrhvold: I am continuing to teach and run a lab at Princeton, and serve as a pawrent to Oslo. One quick update: in the past year, I co-founded a startup company (Carver Biosciences) to commercialize CRISPR-based antiviral therapies. See more at carver.bio

Nat Goodby: I can't make up my mind about whether I like the mountains or the ocean more, so I continue to live in Seattle, WA, where I don't really have to choose, although the traffic, people, and cost of living can sometimes make me bonkers. I'll be getting married next summer here in Washington to an exceptionally wonderful woman. I'm looking for new jobs as a data scientist working on environmental problems (or at least for an environmentally minded org/company), so if anyone has any leads, let me know!

Emily Ruff: Emily and her dog Willard continue to spend lots of time in the woods and rivers of Oregon. Please come visit us in Portland! We'll gladly host you and enjoy some good food together. Some highlights from the last year include: seeing the salmon migrating through the Columbia River ba-

sin, growing our family by four (partner, dog, and two cats) and hosting backyard hangouts for the queer and trans community.

Hobie Bowman: I'm staying busy in DC. I started an MBA program at Georgetown this year.

Chauncey Harrison graduated with her MSW from Fordham at the end of August and got married to Ricky Bourke at the end of September. They got married in Mount Desert Island, Maine where they grew up together as toddlers (and Chauncey used to pretend that Ricky was her boyfriend). They currently live in Boerum Hill, Brooklyn with their Havanese pup, Bea, who is the IG influencer of the family. Chauncey is working as Creative Arts Therapist and Social Worker in a group practice and a non-profit in BK.

Katherine Evans: I'm still living in Berlin, I recently got married and am expecting my first child in December! For the last three years I've been studying to be a body-based psychotherapist. This year I opened my own practice in Berlin and am having a blast working with my clients. I'm still doing a ton of training in body-oriented and trauma-informed psychotherapy, so I continue to learn a lot, which I love. The plan is to move to Berlin, Vermont (or thereabouts) with my German partner Konstantin, our baby, and our enormous German Shepard Husky dog Oz, as soon as Konstantin gets his Green Card.

Connor Bell: I'm still living in Arlington, MA and working in marketing. My latest news is welcoming a daughter, Auden, to our family in September. Low on sleep, but high on snuggles!

Pruitt Kerdchoochuen is currently living and cooking in the Hudson Valley. She occasionally runs a pop-up called Thai(ish), serving Thai(ish) food made with ingredients

grown locally.

Evan Merck's family is now one larger and a whole lot cuter after welcoming baby Arden to the world in April. In addition to family life, he manages a bakery in Cambridge and is on the board of a startup food Co-Op in his new hometown outside of Boston.

Emma Posner: Zach, Cate, and Emma (and almost Connor!) met up for dinner in Cambridge this past summer. After what was probably over a decade, they picked up right where they left off. We're all putting in a plug for F05ers to reach out when they're passing through Boston... or any town!

Katy Nowiszewski: I'm still in Queens working as a dean, missing Steve Xu terribly

Margo Seybolt: Same old boring life.

Nick Devonshire (who wrote in late October): Having a baby girl! Due date is today (but we think she'll be a few days late). Live in Exeter, NH. Work at CleanCapital still, made my first investments into brownfield solar and battery storage.

Hadley Brighton: We just welcomed our second son Graham Brighton Scott in September so adjusting to life as a family of four. I will be finishing my fellowship in pediatric hospital medicine at New York Presbyterian in June.

Becky Sussman sent along this adorable photo of her son Jack Levine Rosenthal.



Tom Austin: Since my last class note I have finished my doctorate in epidemiology (2020) at the University of Washington and got married to my lovely wife Kate (2021 (small ceremony) & 2022 (big party)). I now do cardiovascular epidemiology research at the University of Washington.

Elise Morocco: A recent highlight was getting to see Zach in Los Angeles and having our partners meet!! Due with the baby soon, so life will become very different! Otherwise chugging along still in LA.

As for me, my wife and I are in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn with our cat Tofu. We traveled a lot more this year for work and for fun, and I had the pleasure of seeing many of you. A big highlight for us was taking a 6-day rafting trip down Idaho's Salmon River – gorgeous views and beautiful country. If you're ever in New York City, don't hesitate to reach out. I would love to see you.

Fall '06

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Cat and her family built a house, in a small town called Worcester, kind of like the one in Boston but without the messed up pronunciation. They face the least developed mountain range in Vermont. Cat works for a consulting firm in their climate and energy practice, “just trying to balance out whatever Carter is up to. Ya know?” Cat and husband Steve are expecting their second baby in December, likely named Moon Beam or Marcus Aurelius but still a bit TBD.

Hillary got married. **Kayla** and **Maggie** gave a great toast which they started writing in 2010, when they all did farm

crew. **Liz “Bloom Bloom” Bloom** was an especially memorable guest. Liz is still in DC, making elongated eye contact with Lina Kahn whenever she sees her in the hallways at work, still loving the speech writing gig. She, **Randy**, and **Laura Duane** were the three 06'ers at the reunion. In photographs of the event, Bloom Bloom was sporting a real camp counselor meets Hillary Swank energy which **Julia Gerasimenko** found “both bedazzling and enticing.” Also in attendance was **Aspen Reese**, who is taking a pause from teaching and living near Bloom Bloom in DC. She writes in, “the West Coast was lacking in humor and like Carrie Bradshaw, I'm a New Yorker at heart.”



Rosie is still working at the National Renewable Energy Lab in Colorado. She makes and breaks solar cells. Despite being a flat earther and “a bit meh on gravity,” she has resumed her PhD in physics.

After listening to “South London Forever” on Florence's second to last album, **Lucy** decided to call it quits from her life in North London. In a twist, she is moving to France. She writes “Come November, I will be swapping cold water swimming at Kenwood Ladies' Pond, evenings at the Royal Opera House, and a high-powered corporate job to move to

rural France and cultivate her own garden, whatever the heck that means.” Top job prospects include running a lavender farm or Medieval themed brothel, opening a bed and breakfast, and writing her memoirs “My year in France: Wine, cheese, and beautiful, grumpy people la la la.” She is looking for input on how to find herself from **Chloe Wilcox**. She will be in New England in December and early January and would love to kick it.

Schuyler Daum is still in Boston, now working in the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division #LizzyForLife. She writes in “does Carter still work for Exxon? Yes, we’re suing them!” It sounds like the plotline to a Stacey Abrams romance novel. She and husband Scott have a very happy one-year-old named Eleanor. They are moving to Dedham in the winter. “It feels like the next decade of our life is going to be exhausting but we are madly in love with our daughter.”

Sorry Brearley class of 2008, **Andrew Pinte** got married last summer to a lady who’s never been to Vermont but otherwise has good qualities. He is finishing up his medical fellowship in anesthesiology this year and planning to stay in the Pacific Northwest. DM him for the good stuff.

Bob Qu is currently teaching history (and herstory!) at the naval academy in Annapolis. His dog is really half pig half fox. He gets teary eyed when seeing small children sworn in as junior park rangers. He is offering up his uniform for anyone who wants to go as a hot sailor this year for Halloween. All eyes are on **Sam Keller**.

Speaking of Sam, he and first wife Kristy have a five-month-old girl Nora, which is a fun yet classic name. He is looking for friends in Seattle and has forgotten that both **Andrew** and **Anna Condella** live in Seattle and that they

should all be hanging. Anna Condella is providing critical care. She recently went on a date on Mt. Rainier and found her hiking training for solo had somehow worn off and that it was a pretty intense first date idea.

Missing the pizza and sick of all the burning man BS, **Blair** is back in New Haven for a fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at Yale. She loves being back in the northeast and closer to family. She and her partner are branding their home as a Northeast Corridor rest stop—come visit!

Arjun finished his PhD at Princeton and picked up a case of Covid during his graduation. While recovering, he read Marie Kondo’s book about tidying, which mentally prepared him to start his research postdoc at Wake Forest University. Also, to be clear, if he is not responding to your calls, there’s a good chance you “don’t spark joy.” He moved to both Winston-Salem, North Carolina and to Arusha, Tanzania - both places known for having cheap cigarettes. He writes in: “Get in touch if you want a carton or are ever in the Piedmont or the Serengeti!”

Nicola Cuoco finally decided that the women of Saudi Arabia have had enough lingerie and is heading back to the US after six years of running a startup. Just kidding! Never enough lingerie! She is just transitioning out and looking for new U.S. based operations roles. Her goal is to eventually end up in New York, but has been chilling in Vermont. She writes in: “Sorry Cat, I know I am ruining that undeveloped mountain range, but also can you return my texts?” In the meantime, she’s been working for a Boston-based organization called “Inside the Sun” which helps formerly incarcerated community members get CDL trucking licenses.

In their first update since

handing over the reigns to Dave, **Vic D’Elia**, after avoiding the education system by becoming a line cook post college, has been a special education teacher in Springfield, MA for 5 years. The middle school they started working at this year is an incredible community that focuses on anti-bias/anti-racist (ABAR) work and Vic loves hanging out with their sixth grade homeroom that named themselves the Moon Vipers. Vic misses their Saturday night shifts after their restaurant closed because of COVID but, in their spare time, they love to go hiking, hang out around the campfire, play old video games and chill with their partner and two of the best cats, Castiel and Misha.

Cokey Cohen is just doing the usual, hanging with her Seymour cat and BF Brady, writing historical fanfiction, and watching Formula One. She has recently identified a meaningful fashion gap by way of not having enough clothing with cat prints on it.

On to the newly-wed Laura’s. **Laura Kerry** writes in “Aloha and mahalo from Honolulu.” Laura and hunky husband Michael got hitched this summer in the Berkshires. Dave was in attendance and characteristically sloshed. After a fabulous year+ in Hawaii and a truly outrageous evening sharing Mai Tais with Tulsie on the Lanai, they will be moving to DC for Michael to do something in politics. Interpret this move in whatever Freudian fashion that you would like. In other Laura’s getting married far away from where they live news, **Laura Hamm** got married to equally hunky husband Gabe near Bennington Vermont this summer. Lia, Julia, and Dave were in attendance and basically had not changed at all in 15 years. Julia was particularly impressed by the wardrobes of Laura’s extended family. Outside of her wedding, Laura Hamm is thriving

in South Berkeley, hiking with Dave, and hanging with a mysterious crew of hip people.

Julia Gerasimenko writes in: “any flight that is two hours or less is a policy failure.” She is continuing to crush life as a transit spokesperson in Chicago though starting to acknowledge what her soul is worth and looking for some jobs out west. She has flawless taste in podcasts and would love to make some recs, especially to Mirandas (including but not limited to our Miranda).



As for me, it’s been a wild year of pondering/despairing/deeply reflecting on how I want to live in and engage with a sometimes amazing, sometimes horrifying world. Not a ton of answers yet but lots of living into the questions, listening to Krista Tippett, reading queer history, and boldly disconnecting in nature. I still feel pretty jazzed by my work of trying to jumpstart the pretty depressing field of Parkinson’s drug development. This year has, in its own way, felt very informed by TMS. Wishing you all the best!

Fall ’07

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Morgan Ingari started teaching film at Saint Ann’s School in Brooklyn, and

just got married in September in Maine. While she isn't one to brag, Gila might add that she wrote and directed the movie *Milkwater* which gained a lot of hype in the last year and can be watched on Hulu or Prime Video.

Sebastien Issa has been out of the corporate consulting world for just over a year now and has been doing some freelancing and soul searching. He moved to Brooklyn with his girlfriend in April. As any new-found Brooklyn hipster would do, Sebastien can be seen riding around the city on his cafe-racer motorcycle to his various odd-job tasks. He also got a new puppy named Lasagna, who is 20 pounds of chaos and cuteness.



Rachel Draznin-Nagy (still in Oakland, still a public defender) just welcomed a baby boy on September 8! His name is Max, he loves to eat, and he sleeps at night sometimes. If other interesting things in Rachel's life have happened this year, she cannot remember them.



Uriel Hernandez is staying busy out in California living life and loving trees. He just started a new job as an urban forest project manager with the city of Palo Alto. Uriel also completed a master of natural resources degree last year through Oregon State University.

Kalley Ridgway Liehr is still living in Santa Barbara (come visit!!) with her husband, Jason. They live next door to her sister, Jenna (TMS Fall '04 alum), brother-in-law and their two extremely adorable kids - Avon and Delaney. In addition to home building, surfing, and running...these two kiddos are her latest obsession :)



Giovana (Gigi) Espejo completed a fellowship this summer with the National Urban Fellows and received her Masters in Policy Management from Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy. Gigi is still celebrating being done and all the free time she's regained. Post-grad, she's joined the team at the Schultz Family Foundation and is trying to stay sane as she plans a wedding and a cross country move to Seattle! TMS folks in the Seattle area, Gigi would LOVE to connect!

Catherine Phelps got married to her partner, Ben, of 11 years (Connor and Sophie were there to bless the union on behalf of F07). His job took them to eastern Mississippi where Catherine has been working remotely while enjoying a slower pace of life, but she's eternally grateful for the proximity to New Orleans! They're back to

California's central valley in 2023.

Allison Vise is living in the Boston, MA area with her husband, Adam, and their two-year-old pup, Olive. She graduated from internal medicine residency last year and is working as a primary care doctor and medical educator now. Allison has been enjoying weekend trips to get outside in Vermont and Maine and spends lots of her free time exploring Boston's outdoor spaces with her dog. Fall always makes her nostalgic for TMS F07! She'd love to see anyone who comes through the Beantown area.

Katie Miller is living in Boston with her husband Greg and their new four-month-old daughter Claire! Claire is keeping them on their toes, and they are loving being new parents. Katie is in her final year of an infectious disease fellowship and enjoying the work as well. In her free time, she is spending lots of time outdoors and soaking in the beautiful fall weather!



Keech Turner is still living in Manhattan and is working for Korn Ferry, an organizational consulting and executive search firm, where they partner with banks, fintech's and payment companies. He just started his MBA through the NYU Stern Langone's part-time program and plans to complete that in 2.5 years. In Keech's free time, he's playing a lot of squash. Would be great to get an NYC crew together at some

point this fall.

Gila Belsky Modell is living in Battery Park, NYC with her husband, daughter and doggy! Her daughter Myka turns one at the end of October. She can't believe how fast a year passes! After having a child and growing a fascination and admiration for postpartum, she's begun the process of becoming a postpartum doula. She is loving being back on the East Coast and hopes to connect with some TMSers soon.



Noah Berman is still living in Chicago with his wife of two years (Sarah) and dog of two months (Frank). Last spring Noah graduated from UChicago with his Master's in Public Policy specializing in energy and environmental policy and is really pleased to be going back to his TMS roots. Over the summer, Noah started working at the Illinois Commerce Commission, IL's public utility commission, where he is a policy advisor to one of the Commissioners. A quick pitch: If you can vote for utility commissioners in your state, he really recommends you look into the candidates, 'cause they make a big impact on how green a state's energy is, but no one knows who they are. Also, he saw Rachel Nagy and her husband when she came through Chicago this summer - first time in nearly a decade and loads of fun catching up! So as always, if any folks from F07 are coming through Chicago,

please let him know and hang out.

Fall '08

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Charlotte Petty lives in Cambridge, MA with her partner Nick and their rabbit Olive. She graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in May with an Ed.M. in Human Development and Education. After nearly a decade of teaching preschool, she now works as part of a research team at the Zaentz Early Education Initiative at Harvard on projects related to supporting young children and the adults in their lives. She spends her free time at the ceramics studio with her hands in the mud!

Emma Brandt just finished up nine months of fieldwork in Serbia for her dissertation, focusing on youth media consumption and distrust of institutions. She's in Washington, D.C. for the next year and would love to reconnect with/meet any TMS-ers in the area for hikes, baked goods, music, or sharing a good book!

Francesca Maggi - 2022 has been a great year with a lot of exciting milestones. Francesca and Jess moved to a new home in Brooklyn in the spring, got (re)married in the summer, and celebrated their son's first birthday in the fall. They are looking forward to what winter brings! As always, Francesca is thinking of the Mountain School and missing everyone.

After six years and two interstate moves, **Lucia Perez** finally defended her PhD in astrophysics from Arizona State University in May! She moved back to the NYC tristate area in August to start five-ish years of postdoctoral research fellowships at Princeton University and the Flatiron Institute's

Center for Computational Astrophysics. She's working on building up her personal board game collection, organizing her in-home painting nook, re-learning work-life balance, and doing lots of STEM outreach.

This summer **Mahala Pagan** pivoted into product management at Salesforce, where she's building their new on-demand video and live event streaming platform called Salesforce+. She's been enjoying the new challenge, and when she's not doing that, you can probably find her on a daily walk along the Hudson River.

Wallis (Gaillard) Goss is still living in Boston with her husband, Matt. They are expecting a baby girl in early February, which is certainly the most exciting update! Wallis also began a new job in training and development at a biotech incubator in Cambridge this summer, which has been a fun new challenge. Wallis and Matt have been soaking up time with friends and family throughout the year, especially at a few family weddings. This time of year always brings memories of time at TMS - if anyone is in the Boston area, please do call for a visit!

Fall '09

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Hi F'09! Hope everyone is doing well.

Amina Bulman is living in Cambridge, MA these days and would love to see anyone who passes through the Boston area. The big news in her life is that she and her husband Evan recently welcomed their son Mark in July! They can't wait to bring him up to the mountains soon. Let them know if you're ever passing through Cambridge.

Sofia Silverglass spent the past summer walking the Green

Mountains, reciting poetry to the sky, and chatting with every ept along the Long Trail. She still lives in Winooski, VT where she enjoys porch dinners with Phoebe Lewis and teaches preschool in the forest. Come visit, there's always tea and maple syrup to share.

This year, after 12 years in Providence (!) **Eliza Cohen** moved to Mexico City to start a master's degree looking at alternatives to globalization in agriculture. Turns out she's actually just still working on her final presentation at the end of our Mountain School semester about agricultural subsidies, and yes, she still goes to greenhouses to pace around and work out her ideas.

Kate McElhiney just began her second year at Pratt where she is working towards an MFA in Fine Arts with a concentration in painting. She had a great summer, getting married in May on an island in Greece, and then spending six weeks painting and studying art history in Venice, Italy.

Maisy Byerly has settled into life in Minneapolis, MN where she works in international publishing. She just bought a house with her partner and their feisty senior cat. In her free time, she has been gardening, walking around her new neighborhood, climbing, and doing art projects here and there. She has been wearing her TMS sweatshirt around town but has yet to bump into anyone. If you live in the chilly north, feel free to reach out!

This is **Jamie Daudon's** FIRST EVER CLASS NOTES, so it's a pretty big deal. After coming to the Bay Area for graduate school, Jamie is sticking around here afterward. He likes California but misses the fall in New England this time of year. There is a growing TMS squad in the Bay Area, so come and join the party!

Catherine Lu Dugan is back in San Francisco after

spending last year completing her post-bac pre-med courses at Scripps College. She is working as a clinical research coordinator at UCSF as she awaits the medical school admissions arbiters' decision for where she'll be starting fall 2023. She is happy to be back there, and even better than before, since **Jamie Daudon, Annabel Edelson, Grace Goodby, and Jacob Osborne** are all so close by.

David Weinman got married. So that counts for something.



Mary Murphy got married on May 21, 2022 to Alec Simpson. They live in Charlotte, NC and are excitedly anticipating the arrival of baby Simpson in late February 2023.



Fall '10

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Happy Fall! The brisk mornings and crispy leaves on the sidewalk make me think

fondly of our semester. I'm excited by this year's replies from folks - I recently saw **Rebecca Berry** in Minneapolis and her energy and presence just gets better over time. Here's what some of our other classmates are up to:

Gavin Rea has been enjoying the perks and drawbacks of student life once again after starting a Masters of Architecture degree at University of Colorado Denver this fall. So far, he is liking the mile high city and has managed to cross two 14er peaks off his list, though the second one almost killed him. He's currently living near City Park with several other students and loving the walkable neighborhood and the ability to commute via bike to the downtown campus. A friend has roped him into a winter rafting trip on the Grand Canyon over Christmas and he also hopes to take advantage of student ski pass and continue to train with the cycling team for races this spring! Give a shout if you're in the Rocky Mountain State.

Elly Day is finishing up therapist school and will get to be one (LMSW) full time starting spring 2023. You can find them rearranging their apartment layout for the 5th time, reading library books the day before they're due, and spending as much time as possible in their inter-borough LDR with **Clair Beltran**.

Katie Osborn lives in Cleveland, OH and is still working in sustainability consulting. Free time is dedicated to nurturing an excessive amount of house plants, rowing recreationally, maintaining community garden plots, and helping to organize trash-pickup bar crawls. She invites everyone to come visit!

Chris Camp recently moved cross country to the east side of LA, where he is enjoying the sun but making no progress on his promise to learn to surf. He appreciates the pace of life,

the access to the outdoors, and the prevalence of composting. He and **Sam Coxon** recently took a zen archery lesson together. Sam, predictably, was incredible, though it was one of his first times shooting a bow and arrow. Chris, also predictably, was considerably worse, though it was at least his fifth time. In his spare time, Chris contemplates getting a hairless cat, but he's waiting for the right one to come along.

This summer, **Shannon Lindow**, tried a new commercial fishing job, working on a boat catching wild salmon by purse seine in Prince William Sound. It was a wonderful/grueling way to explore the ocean. Now she's back in Colorado enjoying a beautiful fall of packrafting, canyoneering, rubix cubing and other obscure sports. She sends her love to all.

Kyle Kysela is living in Brooklyn and working as a cybersecurity lawyer for a firm in Manhattan. He spends most of his time either responding to data breaches or working on post-conviction appeals for his pro bono clients on death row. When he's not working, he likes to visit national parks with his partner Camila.

Abigail Schneider lives in Cambridge, MA, where she works at the non-profit, Social Finance. During COVID-19, she learned how to make challah and properly lift weights.

As for me, **Clair Beltran** is still in NYC in an apartment that she's still setting up after moving in last year. On the days her work forces her to come into office, she reads a ton of books on her long commute and sneaks in some visits with **Elly** and everyone else in Brooklyn. This summer, she spent a lot of time in western New York on a lake learning how to summer - high school Clair would be so impressed. Hope everyone's well and hoping that we all get a chance to see each other soon.

Fall '11

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Paxton Ridgeway moved to Logan, Utah to pursue a graduate degree in water engineering. He's loving the outdoors Northern Utah holds and is excited to explore the surrounding areas in all four seasons. Those who would like to visit are always welcome, a spare bedroom is available and the mountains are calling.

Devyn Greenberg is in her third year of a dual MBA at Stanford and MPA at Harvard— currently living in Cambridge, MA through May. She's returned to her roots and recently spent a long weekend working on a goat farm in California :) She's still quite bad at milking goats, despite Liana's best efforts.

Renee Wang got married in April and is finally finishing up her Ph.D. at Caltech (this is her last year). She'll be starting a postdoc at UC Berkeley in July 2023 and as such, she'd love to reconnect with any TMS people in the Bay Area once she moves!

Elizabeth Boateng is practicing law in the beautiful city of Austin. She hopes to see all you amazing people at the next reunion!

Kate Bodner is taking an unpaid sabbatical (is that even a sabbatical?) from Saint Ann's this school year in the name of seizing the day. When asked what she's planning on "doing," answers include: slacklining in upstate New York, reading and writing only when it's fun, backpacking in Peru with her partner/fiancé, Rosie, and giving things like friendship and aimless walks, the attention they deserve.

Tia Rabinovitz moved back to California after three fun years in New York City, and is

excited to be turning her attention to music full time in Los Angeles. She loved seeing so many of you at the 10-year-reunion, and would love to reconnect if anyone finds themselves out west!

Fall '12

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10-Year Reunion
June 9-11

Cassidy Jensen loves her new home of Baltimore, where she works as a reporter at The Baltimore Sun. When she is not working the night breaking news shift, she is rock climbing or hanging out with her roommates' two very cute dogs.

Fall '13

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AJ Naddaff is in the first year of his PhD at Stanford as a Knight Hennessy Scholar in the Comparative Literature program focused on classical and modern Arabic literature.

Luke Sullivan is in his last year of medical school at Brown University in Providence, RI and applying to an Emergency Medicine residency.

The past year for **Jenna Flug** has been filled with a lot of change. She moved back from Wyoming after living there for the entirety of the pandemic and returned to her tech job in NYC, where she ultimately decided to apply to business school to pursue an entrepreneurial path. Jenna is three months into Columbia Business School and is loving the global group of students and experi-

encing New York City in an entirely new way. If anyone has questions about business school or the application process, she is more than happy to chat!

After a stint in California, **Sasha Landauer** is back living in New York City working as a freelance editor for podcasts and literary journals. She spends her time looking for dogs to dogsit, reading fiction, and trying to get her 10-year-old sister, Sofia, to agree to go outside.

Maggie Perkins has moved from NYC to Jackson Hole, WY where she works for a company called Wilderness Adventures as a program expert and director of a local day camp. She is excited for a winter full of skiing and teaching her friends how to make Fudgy Oat Squares.

This spring, **Julia Neumann** earned a Master of Science degree in Environmental Management while living in San Francisco. The East Coast called her home and, after a brief stint in NYC, she is moving back to Maine to work her dream job as an oyster farmer. She'll be braving the Maine winter with her two cats, Prefontaine and Talkeetna, and would welcome the company of skiers, snowshoers, and Christmas-movie enthusiasts alike. Love to you all and best wishes.

Carlyle Turner is currently living in Lexington, Virginia, and in the throes of his first semester of law school at Washington and Lee University. He moved to Lexington from NYC and is enjoying being back in a rural environment not too dissimilar from Vershire (although the maple syrup is not quite as excellent, he must say).

Hannah Waxman has been continuing to enjoy living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, and commutes to Stamford, Connecticut where she works in Investor Relations for Braidwell, a life sciences-focused investment firm that

launched this year. She is loving learning more about innovative healthcare technologies that are changing the way we treat disease and transform human health. Sunday farmers markets continue to be the cornerstone of her week - this past summer, her brother Foster Waxman S20 worked at one of her favorite farm stands and as a result she enjoyed lots of left-over watermelon and zucchini (though nothing to rival the Garden Hill zucchs).

Fall '14

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Will Davison has been in DC since graduating from Georgetown. He is working for a real estate firm and focusing on buying apartment buildings in Texas. Will travels to Austin and Dallas frequently. He is the captain/pitcher of his firm's kickball team. Will is trying to go to at least 10 Baltimore Ravens games this year.

Alex Kleinman just moved to Cambridge, MA and is working at a vaccine startup. Joe Yalowitz recently visited him and they went to a Yankees-Red Sox game at Fenway. He's been wondering why Julian Perricone has been so cryptic about spending a significant amount of time commuting to and from Puerto Rico.

Joseph Sindelar has had an okay 2022 so far, with a lot of ups and downs. He started off the year by leaving GDMS to join Walmart's Intelligent Retail Lab, and now happily works from home. His girlfriend Kat is Ukrainian, so the war in Ukraine literally hits close to home. He went to Coachella and OSL, and got COVID on his birthday. His sister got engaged. He hung out with Sebastian and Andrew in

New York while Julian was in Puerto Rico. His Cat died. He took Kat's grandma (the wock) to Poland so she could catch a train to Kyiv. Mostly, he's happy working, doing chores, gardening, planting trees, watching football, fixing things around the house, and just living life. Joseph looks forward to Putin's demise, the end of the war, and eventually visiting Kyiv safely.

Julia Felderman moved to the Boston area over the summer for graduate school. She is getting a masters in elementary education, and as part of her program, she gets to spend time in an elementary school classroom every day. Ever the TMS alum, Julia loves the hands-on experience, even if it means she has evening classes and not enough time to do too much homework. Julia has been exploring a new urban area and so far liking it, though it's an adjustment from rural Maine. She still reminisces about her TMS days and continues to feel that it's infused into every part of her life.

Greta Zorn just quit her job and is living in Prospect Heights.

Alberta Born-Weiss sends her dear classmates love from the chilly town of Atlacomulco, Estado de México! She is currently 2 months into her grant as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant at a high school in a rural town at the foot of one of Mexico's tallest mountains. Alberta moved to Mexico at the end of August, having quit her job providing legal services to detained kids in South Texas in the spring— she used the time off to rest up, and to study for the LSAT. Upon returning to the US next year, Alberta hopes to attend law school (fingers crossed!!), to become a better-equipped advocate for immigrant kids in deportation proceedings. In Mexico, Alberta lives with a lovely family whose two children give her lots of reasons to laugh. Once

a week, she attends a folkloric dance class for beginners (her classmates are mostly 4-10 yo girls). She misses all of F14, and wishes everyone well!!

Julian Perricone has been living in NYC for the past year, where he just moved into a new apartment. He gets to see Sebastian Elverskog, Adam Hirsch, and Andrew Floerschimer from time to time, as well as the elusive Joe Yalowitz. Julian also got to see Joseph Sindelar in a surprise visit to CA last December. In addition to trips out west, Julian has had the fortune of spending some time in Puerto Rico over the past year. He cannot speak to his dealings there.

Fall '15

Agent TBD

Reuben Gelley Newman is starting a new job as an information assistant at Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library in New York City. Come say hi at the circulation desk if you're in town! He's happy to talk poetry or music with anyone via social media or reubengn@gmail.com, and he was thrilled to run into Sam Oldshue and Miranda Brown in September at a poetry performance in the East Village!

Katherine Proulx has been farming on a small island in Washington for the last few growing seasons and it has enriched her life as well as her kitchen. She takes great pride in being an organic farmer and loves using her time and body to grow food and flowers. After working in the fields at a farm-to-table restaurant for two years, she's accepted a new position growing for her local food bank. She looks forward to the magic of the first frost followed by a winter of getting projects done and helping the

food bank improve their efficiency and growing practices. She loves listening to the frogs and birdsongs each day, wading her tired feet in the ocean after work, and seeing wild geese in the sky which remind her of time spent reading poetry in Vershire. Also it's worth noting that her TMS hat is almost always on her head as the afternoon sun hits the farm.



Tor Parker: Greetings from Stuttgart, Germany! Working through a Fulbright Grant, I am in Stuttgart for the year as an English teacher. It is so fun to plan lessons and to field the many questions my students have about the US. Moving to a new country all by myself has been overwhelming but also incredibly rewarding. I joined an Ultimate Frisbee team and have been writing and reading a lot. I miss everyone and am sad we didn't get to have our 5-year reunion on Garden Hill. Hope to see the shining faces of Fall '15 sometime very soon.

Miranda Brown is living in Brooklyn, managing Peridance Contemporary Dance Company in Manhattan, and dancing everywhere possible :) In addition to full-time arts admin work and small dance projects, they're choreographing with their artistic collaborator and presenting work throughout NYC. She loves seeing F'15 friends whenever possible and yes, she is still dating Sam Oldshue. In other important news,

they were Shogo for Halloween and thanks to Duolingo can now say, "His cousin has the pillow," in French. Sending love and hugs.

Henry Hirschfeld: After graduating from Kenyon in May, I spent an amazing two weeks in Mexico City seeing art and eating good food. In July, I moved to Chicago where I am now working at an investment research firm called Morningstar.

Ryan Telingator just began the second and final year of his FAO Schwarz Fellowship at Jumpstart in Boston. He is loving splitting his time between direct service in preschool classrooms and community engagement events, and doing policy research and advocacy in the Massachusetts Legislature for Jumpstart's early education priorities. In his spare time Ryan is enjoying spending time with his fellow Boston-based Mountain Schoolers (Dan Brennan, Andrew Celli, Kiera Klinsky, and Maddie Miller) and coaching little league baseball.

Fall '16

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Les Brough is (finally) finishing their undergrad at the University of New Hampshire (Sustainable Agriculture with a minor in Animal Science). Ask them about the wide world of dairy farming.

Caleb Jeanniton graduated from Tufts University this past May with a B.S. in Human Factors Engineering. After an amazing summer out East on Long Island, he moved to chilly Ann Arbor, Michigan to begin his Ph.D. in Industrial and Operations Engineering.

Calista Washburn probably had a tumultuously significant form of emotional expression today.

Chris Mehlman is a senior

(kind of? He is 2 blocks behind, which is 7 weeks) at Colorado College majoring in political science. Outside of school, he works as an operations manager for a bike and active tour company and races his mountain bike and gravel bike around the US. He recently represented the US at Marathon Mountain Bike World Championships in Haderslev, Denmark and really did not want to come back to this country. After graduation, he plans to keep racing and work for the same company for at least a short time

Claude Roc is currently in his senior year at Northeastern University. He's currently working on his after-graduation plans. He's currently thinking about pursuing a PhD. In the past summer he was studying abroad in Israel focusing on desert ecology and renewable energy.

Deirdre O'Malley graduated from HWS in May with a B.A. in Ancient Greek and Biology. After studying abroad in Greece this summer (and spending her last day there with Zach and his fiancée), she is excited to start a new job with AmeriCorps NCCC this October!! She will be based in Denver, Colorado but spend most of her time traveling and working in communities throughout the Southwest US. Her plan for the next year is to take this time to apply to graduate programs in Greco-Roman Studies.

Eva Elton graduated from Vanderbilt in May (after studying Child Development and Public Health) and moved back home to Massachusetts. She now lives in Cambridge and is completing a Masters in Education at Harvard to become a biology teacher. Eva is loving teaching 10th grade biology this year and is actually looking forward to being back for an East Coast winter.

Holly Harris graduated from Bowdoin in the spring and moved to Hailey, Idaho to

teach a fun mix of sixth grade science, high school art and outdoor education. She is enjoying mountain biking on the beautiful Sun Valley trails in her free time and is looking forward to skiing out her door in a few weeks!

Jake Gould graduated from Tufts in May and is now attending Boston College Law School. He is also DJing at several clubs throughout Boston.

Jane Holmes graduated from Bates College in December with a degree in Rhetoric and is now working as a domestic violence advocate at Boston Medical Center. She is living in Boston and would love to see anyone in the area!

Kate Peterson is soaking up her final semester as a neuroscience and food studies student at Middlebury! After an incredible summer teaching kiddos outdoor science in Bozeman, MT, Kate is fired up and loving the great outdoors more than ever. She absolutely loves working with kids and is still eager to be a doctor... perhaps a pediatrician!!

Katie Eder, not surprisingly, has still not graduated college. She's currently a junior at Stanford studying American Studies and trying to figure out how to dismantle the nonprofit industrial complex. After redeeming her solo experience by spending a week meditating in silence this past summer, she's considering leaving society and starting a remote egalitarian community (not cult), but only if Calista Washburn agrees to be the leader.

Lucas Kirshenbaum graduated Cornell in May and now covers e-Commerce and Retail stocks at Barclays, but does not have enough experience to render any investment advice.

Luke Notkin got concussed again. Fine now. Doesn't know what he's doing.

Mariam Sousou is now a senior (finally) at Harvard and

writing a stupid long thesis. She flew her cat from the UK to Boston just to feel unconditional love and affection while she does painful schoolwork. It backfired since cats only give conditional love. She plans to apply to masters programs in Philosophy, so she can continue to bang her head against the wall and ponder the meaning of life. Also, she ran into Eva in Cambridge <3

Meera Narayanan-Pandit is now a senior at Connecticut College and is enjoying living in a proper house with a kitchen so she can cook all her Tik Tok saved recipes for her friends. Meera is also mourning the downfall of the Boston Red Sox's 2022 season *sigh* and hopes 2023 will be better for her city.

Noah Cohen-Greenberg is taking a year before grad school to recover from long mono and read *Pride and Prejudice*.

Rachel Handler misses Kate and Calista.

Zach Curtis-Ginsberg finished up his undergraduate schooling with a major in Physics and a minor in Media, Art, and Design. His after-college trip ended up with him in Greece and getting engaged! He then went off to an Arctic ice sheet to do some physics research for a few months before heading to Madison, WI, to start a PhD in physics.

Fall '17

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5-Year Reunion

June 9-11

Addie Ezersky is a senior at Brown University, double concentrating in History and Religious Studies. She's currently working on a senior thesis in the Religious Studies

department on religion and rap music! She's also starting to train for a half marathon in the spring semester. She's not sure what post-grad holds in store, but she hopes to return to NYC!

Ariane DesRosiers is in Buenos Aires, Argentina for the semester - if anyone happens to be around, they should hit her up (chances are low but you know, worth a shot)! Spending her days rock climbing, learning tango, practicing Spanish, and supporting the climate movement in Asia. Found an urban garden in Buenos Aires to volunteer at as well. She will also be in Taipei this upcoming spring. She is excited to graduate and see everyone at the reunion this summer!

The biggest update for **Corra Duncan** is that CJ stands for Coretta-Jay now. She is loving life as a woman and as soon as she graduates in May she intends on moving to South Africa with her fiancé. Besides that, she hopes to get a job in Environmental Education and continue her current position doing finances for her fiancé's poetry brand.

Eliza Twomey is about to finish up her first semester of senior year at Colgate University. She is majoring in Sociology and minoring in Film and Media studies. She spent last semester studying abroad in Vienna, Austria, which she loved. She is not sure yet what is in store for post-grad, but she hopes wherever she is she will be able to reconnect with TMS friends!

Emma Gallagher is a senior at Colgate University, where she just added her second major, English with a Creative Writing focus, to accompany her first major, Film and Media Studies. Since returning from studying film in Brooklyn and Prague during her junior year and interning at the Cannes Film Festival this past summer, she has started working at a plant shop, where she has loved

learning and teaching others about rare tropical plants and how to care for them.

Kendall Hoffman is finishing up her senior year at Cornell and is excited to be graduating in the spring (although she's considering starting a master's in information science in the spring). She spent the summer working at a startup in Ithaca and learned a lot. Mostly things like where the best swimming spot is around there. She's looking forward to maybe attending the 5-year reunion this summer but is hoping to see some familiar faces before then!

Maddie Malueg is currently studying abroad in Paris, France, where she is loving exploring the city and traveling on the weekends! She returns to the U.S. in mid-December to finish up her senior year at Northwestern, where she is majoring in French and minoring in Business and Italian. She plans to work in consulting after graduation in Chicago, so if anyone else is planning to be in Chicago post-grad, let her know!

William Bosco is finishing his last year of college in Washington D.C. and working on a thesis about Heidegger's philosophy of death. You can also find a short story of his published in Issue #11 of *Elegant Literature Magazine*. The prospect of 'entering the workforce' makes him queasy and he wants to keep learning and eventually teach, so he's thinking about pursuing a PhD in philosophy. He misses the woods of Vershire dearly.

Fall '18

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After finishing a year at Princeton University, **Tristan Connell** is now study-

ing Buddhism and Tibetan language in Kathmandu, Nepal, having looked for a program and environment more suitable to studying the living tradition and culture of Buddhism. It has been a wonderful time getting acclimated to the new environment, and Tristan hopes to continue exploring the nearby mountains and pilgrimage sites and perhaps to do some trekking. Having taken a break from American education, Tristan is relearning how to relax and not take life too seriously. He continues to think about Mountain School friends and memories, wishes all of you are well, and hopes to connect soon!

Over the summer, **Kyle Matthys** worked with thermo-electric cooling systems for a startup called Phononic. He also became a high-stakes professional poker player and the business manager for his a cappella group. He also enjoyed celebrating his 4th anniversary with Cella Sawyer.

Campbell Leonard returned to the farm life this summer with great enthusiasm, wwoofing in Washington state on a garlic farm.

Alex Nickel is a sophomore at WashU and enjoying it immensely. He's studying economics and involved in the professional fraternity Phi Gamma Nu (where he's served as Alumni Chair) and the Beyond Boundaries program (an interdisciplinary student cohort). Over the summer, Alex took a behavioral economics course at the London School of Economics and subsequently traveled around Europe with some friends. Outside of academics, Alex was a contestant on the game show "Domino Masters" in March, where his team competed to make the most inventive domino topple. Hosted by Eric Stonestreet, "Domino Masters" aired on Fox and can be watched on Hulu. In June, Alex accepted a product marketing role at Copper, a

fintech startup teaching teenagers financial literacy, where he's building their sponsorship marketing program. In his free time, Alex solved every *New York Times* mini crossword (totaling nearly 3,000 crosswords) and now creates crosswords for WashU's student newspaper.

Lucas Galarza spent the summer working in a museum in Mallorca, Spain. This school year, he is building a formula 1 car, studying history (still) and getting brunch with Emily Wagg and Dillon Sheekey.

This summer, **Quinn Watson** enjoyed spending time at home with her family and friends. She worked at a café with an evil owner who attempted to steal her hard-earned wages. Now Quinn is entering her junior year at Tufts as a geology major. She is getting annihilated by lab courses but is having a great time. If you want to hear the lovely sound of her voice, find her on her radio show, DJ Sticky's Funk Wizard Beats, on WMFO freeform radio!

Mary Walton Petersen is a second year at the University Virginia and is studying the pre-celebrity track (Major: "Undecided"). In addition to her Improv Comedy troupe, Mary Walton won "Crowd Favorite" in a springtime stand-up comedy competition and has since "comedized" as both an opening act and MC for other student events. While folks love her wit, they also love her LOOKS! -- Mary Walton, models, designs, and produces every piece of her ironic T-Shirt company, @UVAstepmom on Instagram, whose mission is to fraternize her school by a common humor! Check it out!

Josie Gross-Whitaker is starting her second year at Stanford studying Communications and Creative Writing. She's also working for the Women's Basketball Team.

William Kim is having a smashing time at Cornell.

Emily Wagg is going into

her junior year at Brown, and while she isn't running into other TMS alums on campus, she is still studying Geology. The most notable development in the past year is the creation of her harmonica trio, named No Harm No Monica, which, though lacking in technical proficiency, brings her a lot of joy.

Rose Robinson never leaves Vermont! This summer, she had the single most niche internship ever—archiving vintage children's handkerchiefs at the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, VT. This is her second year living in Middlebury's local food themed house, and she loves it... though she is hoping Sylvie Linck will come to her senses and move in soon. Rose sends her love to all of you!

Lucy Reid recently enjoyed a crepe brunch with fellow members of F18, **Nathan Liang**, **Frances Keohane**, and **Will Min**. She had been busy reading and writing for her English major and volunteering at a New Haven health clinic and as an EMT.

Nat Edmonds is enjoying his junior year at Amherst. When he isn't hanging out with **Owen Favreau**, he is studying physics and sociology and is sailing for the Amherst team.

Chloe Paravicini spent part of her summer road tripping to national parks, working weddings in California, and hitting Red Lobster with Karen! She started her junior year at Vanderbilt and is stoked to study abroad to Sydney, Australia this spring. She sends her love and invites all of you to come visit her in Nashville or in Sydney!

Fall '19

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Remembering Misrach Ewunetie F18

The Mountain School community was deeply saddened to learn of the recent passing in October this year of Fall 2018 graduate, Misrach Ewunetie. Misrach was from Ethiopia and most recently Euclid, Ohio and she was a junior studying at Princeton University. Some classmates and faculty from the Mountain School shared memories over Zoom on October 22, coming together to celebrate her cheerful spirit, caring personality, her love for creating and sharing art, and all the ways she made the semester special and unique.

In the words of her classmates, "It was easy for anyone who spent time with F18 to see the kind of person that Misrach was. She was a quiet leader, grounding our semester with her kindness and understanding. She was incredibly tuned in to those around her: if you were having a conversation with Misrach, you knew that you were really being listened to. She was an incredibly smiley person who, when we were lucky, would let us hear her great laugh. When any of us were in need, Misrach would immediately offer her help, no questions asked. Her support helped many of us to be our best selves. While at TMS, she could often be found in the kitchen, pitching in where she could, and even cooked us all an Ethiopian meal that students still cook today. In her application, Misrach leapt off the page, despite being humble about her vast slate of accomplishments. Misrach, we miss you immensely. Thank you for sharing your loveliness, support, and heart with all of us. We hold our memories of you close and think of you every time we see paper cranes."

The Mountain School is definitely better for knowing Misrach and for sharing in her journey as a student here. Losing Misrach as an alum and a person with enormous gifts and potential is a supremely challenging loss. There is, however, comfort in knowing that her memory will live on here and in the hearts of those who knew her. When she was a student here four years ago, she wrote and shared that the Mountain School experience was the best one of her life. Misrach, we miss you and hope that there is healing and peace for you and your loved ones.



Jacob Martin is loving his second year of Yale. After spending the summer working at an agricultural technology company in Tel Aviv, Israel, he's excited to be back at school. He loved seeing Max Zorn, Izzy Abbott, Dean Bezos,

Margo Morris, and Sophia Christodoulou over the past year, as well as connecting with tons of other alumni, including Frances Keohane and Will Min. He can't wait to see the rest of his friends at F19's first reunion. **Merelin Baldonado** moved

to Pennsylvania over the summer where she was able to intern and work at two different places, and still attend multiple concerts! Over fall break, she saw her best friend in the whole world after three years! (Will!!) She is still a part of Yanvalou, Wellesley College's African dance and drum ensemble, and meeting new people.

Samara Cohen is enjoying the start of her second year at Dartmouth! She loves being in the Upper Valley and is soaking up the fall foliage! She visited TMS a few weeks ago, and it was crazy to see how things have changed. It was as beautiful as ever, and she saw Kareen, which was awesome! She sends love to all her F19 friends and hopes to see them soon!

Izzy Abbott takes any chance she can get to go outside and study now that the weather is cooling down. She has been non-stop busy since getting back on campus; between hungry friends and her TA section she's trying to win over—including **Dean Bezos**—her stress baking has reached new heights. She's living off campus with a fellow TMS-er from Spring '20 and late-night dorm chats have been replaced by jam sessions and trading stories about their semesters—so she doesn't really feel like TMS is ever too far away, but misses everyone dearly.

Here's a photo of Dean, Izzy, and her roommate, James s20.



Eloise Johnson has been all over since the last newsletter. She worked on a ranch in Colorado where she experienced a lot of snow and served Guy Fieri breakfast. In February, she started college at Middlebury where she took a class about the history of the universe that she adored. Summer came and Eloise relocated to Northern Wisconsin where she was a camp counselor and led a 5-day canoe trip, picked lots of wild raspberries and swam in the lake frequently. She is now back in Vermont for her second semester in college and is stoked for her first fall in VT since TMS. As always, she sends love to all of F'19.

Kallie Hansel-Tennes has just started their second year at University of Oregon ('sco ducks). They are majoring in journalism but might mess around and switch things up. They just started working for Women's Sports Exchange as a photographer in their free time. They can be found playing ultimate frisbee most days and praying that their knee holds itself together long enough to make it to nationals this year. They just moved into a house with four of their teammates and miss TMS dinners terribly because cooking for themselves is not the vibe.

Chet Lukanic is still studying Urban Planning at Cornell but has begun exploring his love for the outdoors in new ways there. Most recently, he guided incoming freshmen on a pre-orientation canoeing trip in the Adirondacks. Currently, he trains guides for future trips, and is excited to soon start teaching outdoor PE classes. He still misses TMS and hopes to stop by to visit soon (hopefully this semester since his brother, Otto, is currently there). He wishes all the F19ers the very best!

Grace Geurin is currently at Skidmore College, where she is majoring in political science

and environmental studies! She is continuing her internship with Sustainable Saratoga, a nonprofit which promotes environmental education and action, along with working for Peace Action New York State to promote peace both on Skidmore's campus and statewide. As always, she sends all of her fellow F19ers peace and love!

After a great summer campaigning in Maryland, **Jacob Warren** went back up to Maine for his second year at Bowdoin College. He's been happily playing baseball and enjoying the New England weather while it's still pleasant. Despite the long dark winter ahead, Jacob is excited for snow and hopes to get some skiing in.

In the past year, **Aliza Kopans** got COVID twice, decided to major in Public Health, saw **Mariangelina** and **Will** in their home state of California, visited TMS, continued adventuring with **Emily** and **Kieran**, and introduced her family to the popping pods of the Jewelweed plant that she first discovered while walking uptown with Eloise Johnson three years ago. Aliza is still advocating for a safer digital world for young people and is thrilled to report that good change is happening!! Her sister Suzanna is off to HMI next semester and Aliza will miss her dearly (but is so excited for Suzanna to experience the amazingness of a semester school). She cannot believe F19 was three years ago and sends boundless love to her semestermates. Here's a photo of Aliza, Mariangelina, and Mariangelina's famous cookies



Henry Wilde is doing really well. He worked for a classic

car auction house in LA this summer, which was super cool and fun. He has always loved classic cars and someday might like to be an automotive designer, especially with the whole EV craze going on. School is going well too: he might be a physics major which is totally unlike him, but physics is some cool shit.

Myca Costello is really happy at WashU! She has great friends, great classes, and mediocre cafeteria food. Other than that, Myca's life is pretty blissful right now.

After freshman year, **Minnue Uhm** stayed the summer in Ithaca to join both a bug lab (ew) where he studied tri-trophic ecology, and a horticulture lab where he worked on developing urban trees. He still needs to get dinner with **Chet** (sorry Chet, I'll text you), but is excited because Eric is now at Cornell! Seeing the fall foliage reminds him of his friends back at TMS, and he can't wait for the five-year reunion.

After a lovely summer working at a brewery, **Eva Barta** dropped out of college and moved back to Thetford. She's having a blast. She got to go to the Tunbridge Fair for the first time in a few years and has been working on her favorite farm. She's thinking about buying herself a new pair of back-country skis. Or she might mess around and try to learn how to drive stick.

Sophia Christodoulou is currently collecting a bouquet of the insanely fiery red leaves that are outside her dorm as she walks to a nice 8:30 AM class. She misses all of F19 and asks them to please come say hi if they are ever near Tufts!!!!

While **Dean Bezos** has done very little to give back to the TMS community since coming to college, the people he met there and the experiences he had continue to teach him lessons and he prefers not to think about where he would be with-

out TMS. It truly is the most incredible place in the world, and he wishes the experience for everyone.

Will Gaston is enjoying his second Maine fall at Bowdoin after returning home to the Bay Area for the summer. He has been trying to get outdoors as much as possible, especially kayaking and other watersports. He is also planning on playing for the competitive frisbee team this year. Over fall break he went down to Boston and got to see **Merelin** which is a highlight of the semester so far!

Emily Taylor is in her second year at Georgetown! She's an EMT on campus and works in a lab studying the psychosocial impacts of cancer. She loves living in a big city but misses both the mountains and the ocean. She is so grateful for the friendships and lessons TMS gave her, and she sends love to all her fellow alums.

Griffin Saginor is in his second year at American University as a psych major. He is loving the fall weather because it reminds him of his wonderful time at TMS and he misses his F19 friends dearly.

Katie Wiemeyer is currently a sophomore at UVM and is studying animal science on the pre-vet track. To break up the science courses, she is also pursuing a minor in music and is learning to play the drums (she's pretty good!). She spent her summer working with an equine veterinarian and is planning on working at the UVM dairy barn this spring and next fall. Though she enjoyed her time with the horses (and is excited for more cow time), she thinks small animals may be more her speed. She is happy in Burlington, really loves UVM, and is hopeful to return to Ver-shire at some point in the near future to visit.

Salma Alawi is doing quite well! She is spending her days drinking a lot of tea and going on silly adventures, very simi-

lar to her TMS days. She hopes everyone is doing well and to let her know if anyone is in the Boston area at any time! :)

David Nimura is enjoying his sophomore year at Bates and just finished leading his first outing club trip to Acadia National Park. He is super excited to keep getting outdoors and can't wait to see his classmates soon!

Mariangelina Martinez Matteo started her second year at UCLA and is currently an RA! This summer she visited France for the first time, finally saw her favorite roommate Aliza after three long years and worked at her family's ice cream shop!

Eloise Silver Van Meter lives in sunny, rainy, and hopefully snowy Northampton, Massachusetts where she attends Smith College. They live in a brick building. They're liking fall more than ever. (They've never liked fall.) She paints—only when she wants to—and loves to make a mess while doing so.

Roman Sarlo moved to Nashville to start his studies at Vanderbilt University! Roman was shocked to learn that Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains is the most visited national park in the US, but could see why after visiting Dolly Parton's Dollywood (might give Tunbridge Fair a run for its money). In Nashville, Roman is trying to understand southern concepts such as a "honky-tonk" and find people to practice speaking Italian with. Over the summer, Roman had the chance to visit his great-grandmother in England, learn some very basic German when connecting with friends in Austria, and DJ at a San Francisco crypto conference.

Cal O'Connor is in her second year at College of the Atlantic. She's working towards a career in teaching and her time outside of studying is spent with her friends and girlfriend.

She is thankful for the opportunities she was given because of TMS and where they have guided her in life.

Max Zorn is having a blast goofing around in New York and making music in his dorm room. Also, too much time has passed and the truth needs to come out, he totally cheated at Minecraft in the dorm.

Over the summer, **Liam Badger** lived in southern Italy doing an internship on regenerative agriculture and how to implement more sustainable farming practices into large-scale farming. Currently, he is working towards getting credits for his organizational studies major and working with several startups in LA on food equity. He is still doing pottery at a small studio as well to keep creative.

Maggie Aslanian is enjoying her second year at Colorado College. In her free time she is spending time with friends, reading, biking and walking. She is very jealous of her sister Elsa who is lucky enough to be at the Mountain School right now!

Leo Bowman is in his sophomore year at Pitzer college and is rooming with Kyd from F19. Kyd and Leo were randomly assigned to the same room last spring and decided to stay together this year. This summer, Leo did farm crew at TMS. He was there when they put Desmond down, a sad day without question. Leo got to meet the new head of school and say goodbye to Jack and Sue. He misses F19 and looks forward to the reunion.

Eric Reilly is finding a new home in Ithaca, NY. Studying Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and taking weekly nature walks, he hopes to deepen his connection to place, a practice that he fell in love with at TMS.

Fall '20

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After finishing her senior year on an off-campus term traveling, exploring, and studying the Western US with 8 of her classmates by minibus and trailer (only camping), **Ada Gardner** dove right into her gap year pursuits. This summer she balanced two farming related jobs: the first as all-around farmhand (planting, weeding, harvesting, etc.) at a nearby farm and the other helping run a Mobile Food Pantry, which collects excess produce from local farms and distributes to nearby food pantries and low-income elderly communities. Mix in some fun adventures and family travel and it was a full, but rewarding summer. Heading into the fall, Ada is wrapping up the harvest season and looking forward to the quieter months ahead. Although, she does have plans to join her high school Nordic team in Norway for a couple of weeks in March. Lots of love to F20!

After a spring of ultimate frisbee and residual senior fall stress, **Annika Weber** had an adventurous summer, including traveling for four weeks in France and Switzerland with **Julia Werner** after an extraordinarily awkward failed WWOOFing experience that still slightly haunts them both. Now she's loving her gap year, working at an elementary school, volunteering with a grassroots climate group, and reading lots of books. She misses the thoughtful TMS vibe and hopes to meet up with more of F20 soon!

Emma Mazlish had a fantastic summer working as a camp counselor for 5-6-year olds and exploring the wilderness near Lake Tahoe before swapping coasts to begin her first year at Bowdoin College.

So far, she's had a great time meeting lots of new people (as well as reconnecting with **Julia**—TMS roommates to fellow Bowdoin students!), taking rad classes and once again baking challah for lots of people at Hillel. She's also discovered an unexpected love of rowing after joining the novice crew team and is enjoying exploring the Maine outdoors through both rowing and running.

Timia Quincy McCoade spent the summer writing poetry (duh) & attending way too many concerts (38 and counting this year alone!!) They started college way later than everyone else (roll quarter system), but they're absolutely loving Evanston, studying journalism & their biotechnology podcast internship!

After a summer spent playing chamber music in Vermont, **Stella Larson** is back in the Upper Valley for her first term at Dartmouth College, where she's been busy practicing piano, studying for her Earth Science class, and working on a forest census a few miles from campus. Fall in Hanover reminds her lots of the Mountain School...she misses everyone and sends lots of love!

Also making her way through her first year at Dartmouth College is **Ella Klin-sky**, who, in an audio message recorded via **Stella's** phone at a campus dining hall, reports that she's planning on majoring in politics/philosophy/economics and is enjoying her fall. She's working as a ski instructor, is playing water polo, and is part of Dartmouth EMS and the Dartmouth Political Union, as well as getting involved in "some other things" – she's been busy but is having a lot of fun!

On August 15th, **Gretta Koppers** packed up her stuff and moved out to the Twin Cities to attend Macalester College. So far, she's enjoying the backdrop of Minnesota but

she misses the mountains of Vermont more than anything. There's so much snow in Minnesota but no alpine skiing? How?? However, Gretta has been finding plenty of other things to do across the fourteen clubs she signed up for her first week. Yeah, she knows she has to narrow that down.

After a summer of slinging ice cream, finding a love for flower arranging, and many heartfelt goodbyes, **Luca Rudenstine** ventured from Boston, MA to California to begin her first year at Pitzer College. When she isn't studying for her global studies major, she can be found bumping into TMS alumni like **Stella Stringer**, teaching yoga classes, or out in the mountains. Although the sun is nice, she misses Vermont weather and her TMS family deeply.

Nicholas Farrell has decided to take a gap year before attending Lafayette College next fall. He's currently traveling Europe solo and will be until December 20th, after which he's considering working internationally or enrolling in a language program. He hopes everyone is well!

Andrew Li says hello and wants to check in and see how everyone's doing – he misses F20 and can't wait to see everyone at our 5-year reunion. He just started his first year of college at UC Berkeley where he's having a lot of fun meeting new people and trying to make the most of the college experience, all while grinding through his classes and generally trying to stay afloat! With midterm season around the corner, he's been reminded of exam weeks at TMS – ohh...the memories! :)

Ryan Langston has been living it up in her new home in Prescott, Arizona. Now a dusty desert dirtbag, Ryan is climbing, canoeing, hiking, and rig romping across the West at her alternative college. She's ma-

joring in adventure education and couldn't be happier!

Isabel Tribe is writing from her gap year in Argentina. She's spent her fall working at the Reserva el Potrero, a wild-life preserve where she's been planting a lot of squash, working with local schools to promote sustainability, and helping rehabilitate native birds, deer, and carpinchos (which are essentially giant swimming rats but cuter than you'd think). She's learning to drink mate like a real gaucha, but still gets laughed at for drinking so much milk all the time. Though her journey towards Spanish fluency is an uphill battle, she's learning to laugh through mistakes and misunderstandings (she keeps mixing up zapallos and zapatos). Next stop on the gap year is Baja, Mexico, where she'll spend the spring semester on a NOLS expedition in the desert. She's excited to attend Brown University next fall.

Mani Cort writes that it's crazy how much has changed since TMS. She often sits back and thinks about Solo, for example, and how she spent so much time alone! College is different from how she thought it would be – not too long ago she thought she would be studying African American Studies at Howard University! She got a call from Underwood a few weeks ago and was reminded of a time when she was on the other side of the phone – the world is crazy like that! She misses F20 but says that it feels good to watch everyone flourish and grow in their own ways.

Jessica Robles has only been at UCSB for three weeks, yet she is struggling hard – she's on a quarter system! Despite being overwhelmed, she is loving Isla Vista and all of her free time. She is yet to see anyone from the semester but hopes to soon, especially because many F20 people are in nearby cities. All the best to everyone!

Tashi Landers-Quinn says

hello from East Africa! He is in the middle of a gap year and has been spending his first semester in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania working on community projects, engaging in cultural immersion and independent study of waste management and energy access in this part of the world. He is planning to spend the winter working in Steamboat Springs, Colorado as a ski instructor, and is then hoping to do some independent travel in the spring, maybe to New Zealand or Western Europe. Tashi was planning on attending Montana State University next fall but has become unsure and has decided to check out some more options this winter including Cal Poly, UCSB, and Dartmouth College. From Nairobi, Kenya, Tashi sends love to all of F20 and can't wait to see everybody again someday down the road.

Fall '21

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1-year Sugaring reunion
March 17-19

Senior fall has been hectic for **Alida Lissak**, but also a lot of fun. She's been working on her school's tv show and newspaper and playing lots of softball. She's so excited to be done applying to college!

Amalia Guzman has been doing well! She had a great summer in Ecuador, where she hung out with her friends. Senior year has been stressful with college applications [get ready for a common theme!], but she's excited to see the outcome in the spring.

Annabelle Grandy has been playing more guitar and writing more music than ever since she's been back. She continued interning at the USC Brain

and Music Lab which has been fascinating. She's been "really great!!" and can't wait for senior spring and TMS reunion!

Things have been pretty good for **Anya Bulchandani**. Everything is kinda crazy but she's finding the good in it all. She's doing a lot of music and theater at school and prepping to direct her first show!! And her dinosaur collection is thriving :)

Anya Movius has been good! She's still writing lots of music — new songs coming soon! Charlottesville is the same as always, but she's starting to appreciate it a little more. She's sending love to everyone!

Aodhan Kawakyu-O'Connor is swell. Rowing and schoolwork have taken up most of his time, and his senior year is going well. He misses everyone and hopes to see you all soon!

Atticus Orbach is finishing up a play and starting volleyball season. Senior fall has been tough, but he's doing well and looking forward to senior spring now that he's adjusted back to life in Cleveland!

As you'd expect, **Dora McCotter-Hulett** has been playing lots of frisbee, including two national tournaments this summer. She's been falling plenty (into an aquarium tide pool yesterday... at homecoming). She's also managed to rope Fino Li into managing Ultimate Coffee with her. [Pearls and Seaweed plug for @ulti.coffee in insta]

Elise Rueppel says, "Hi everyone!!" She's doing well, and has been rowing a lot since she got back from TMS (this past weekend was Head of the Charles)! She still drinks coffee with maple syrup and the fall foliage makes her think of the walk up from Tobold and all of you amazing people. She is so excited for the spring and the reunion!

Emily Bao has been learning how to drive her mini coop on the highway and playing some

tennis! She can't wait for the reunion and senior spring, and is currently missing fresh sourdough.

Hallie Garcia-Sanabria is back home in NYC trying to push through the college process! It breaks her heart to see memories from TMS a year ago pop up in her camera roll as she misses Vershire ever so dearly. Otherwise, she sees TMS friends regularly and is eternally grateful for her experience there. She was inspired by Bruce's E-sci class and has decided to take the environmental science route in college. Hallie hopes to see everyone soon at the one-year reunion!!

Vermont can't be compared to **Ingrid Ruiz's** homeland California. She has been stressing over colleges and scholarships. She's also recently gotten involved in cycling!

Isabelle Ho's been a bit swamped with college apps recently. On a brighter note, she's been spending a lot of fun time in the shop and is now working on a 3D honeycomb stained glass planter for her philodendron ginny!

Iywren Fenrir has grown; had their poetry published, heart broken, and hair cut; He joined stage crew, got a job he loves, found hope again; He met people who make him feel alive, challenged society every step of the way, and still made it to bed before 12 a.m. All jokes aside though, he's working on being a better version of himself every day."

Jade Pierce has gotten into the swing of things with senior year and is honestly having a great time. She's not as stressed as she thought she was going to be during senior fall, and she's finding time to balance school, mental health, and her social life.

Julia Tan has been doing well so far. She's stressing about college apps of course, but looking forward to seeing everyone at the one year re-

union!! She's missing Vermont so much, also she hates calc!

Lena Cohen-Greenberg has been sewing a lot and writing her little stories. She often wishes she were in the dining hall eating a nice piece of bread.

Madisyn Cunningham has been good! So far, their senior fall has been full of work, fun, and basketball; they're having a great time!!

Mary Louisa Leopold has been doing pretty well! She feels like she's been swimming and doing school work since she got home, but she's back in the swing of things in DC. (She's writing this in her rainbow stripe pants w/ vegan chai.)

Things have been good for **Max Katz!** Life is weird, he's been finding the derivative of functions, working to install solar panels in his school, watching football, attending to the responsibilities he inherited by becoming school president partly as a joke, and looking forward to being done with college apps. He misses TMS and hopes to see everyone soon!

Minelle Jeddy has been doing pretty well! Other than school and college applications, she's been having fun hanging out with friends and enjoying senior year :)

Myles Leatherman has been doing really well. He's super busy with college apps and school. He is training for a BJJ competition in mid November [everyone wish him good luck!] which is taking up the rest of his time. He's looking forward to our reunion!

Nadia Belber is getting all her college apps in and trying not to be too stressed about it all! She misses TMS terribly but is enjoying the foliage while she can!

Ozzy Barrera is doing great, his soccer team was able to reach the finals. He managed to maintain top scorer of the team [!!] and keep up with school.

Ruby Melroy spent almost two months traveling around Spain last summer and also spent a bit of time in the South of France. The first half was in Madrid with a language and culture program and the other half was with her mom and family friends. Now she is knee deep into the college process writing lots of supplements and looking forward to senior spring when everything will be done! She hopes everyone is doing well, she misses everyone and can't wait for the reunion.

Sadie Coulianos is really enjoying living life! When she's not doing work, she is singing with her friends or getting outside (along with watching really bad reality tv). And she is still making jewelry :)

For **Sam Gomez**, being at home has been great but she has been missing F21 a ton. She's been doing a lot of swim and water polo and got captain for both sports! Her main motivation right now is the reunion in March.

Samantha Pelayo got the chance to study abroad in Costa Rica this past summer, which she loved because she got to meet amazing people. Senior year is definitely busy. She is working on multiple applications at once while doing her schoolwork and extracurriculars. Although it is draining, she is doing well and looking forward to the end of this chapter in order to start a new one.

Sophia Wyse is busy with schoolwork and her art portfolio for colleges. The chamber chorus group she is a part of at her school won a Gold With Distinction at NYSSMA at their first time going - which was super exciting as it's the highest honor one can receive! She also had a lead in the spring musical! She's busy but doing well and is looking forward to winter break and senior spring. She hopes everyone else is doing great as well!

For **Tovahn Vitols**, it feels like no time at all since we left, but since then he had a good summer doing theater and re-connecting with local friends. Now he's jumping into senior year and doing good, despite cramming college applications! (Ahhh!!!)

Willa Blair has been missing Vershire a lot, but they are settled back into London and doing a lot of work. They're looking forward to coming back to the US for college! [We're looking forward to that too!]

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