

ALUMNI NOTES

Conard Years Alumni

Vicky MacLean *class of 1968*

I arrived, with my horse, at TMS in the fall of 1966 having finally been allowed to get out of a traditional girls boarding school - I'm sure it was only because my mother had gone to college with Doris Conard. After TMS I went to St Lawrence and earned a geology degree while also spending a lot of time skiing and backpacking in the Adirondacks. Then it was off to Wyoming for grad school which I never finished. In 1976 I ended up in Montana where I worked for about 12 years for a small natural resources consulting firm. The up and down nature of consulting allowed me (and my then husband) to collect a kennel full of sled dogs and pursue a lot of time on the trails of the nearby National Forests on a dog sled behind a team of dogs.

A divorce forced me to change careers as my consulting job required a lot of travel which was impossible as sole owner of a large number of sled dogs. I went to work for the Helena National Forest as a range management technician while going back to school and collecting the range and wildlife credits I needed to pursue a professional career in that field. It was a wonderful job with summers spent in the field - often on horseback - working with local ranchers who had grazing leases on the National Forest. I retired in 2008, by then having gotten out of the sled dog hobby and into retriever field trials with my Labrador retrievers. During my early retirement I was able to write 3 books about the history of the National Forests in Montana. About 10 years af-

ter I retired I moved westward over the continental divide and settled in Ronan Montana, an agricultural area in the beautiful Mission Valley and in the heart of the Flathead Indian Reservation. A big switch from the forested area I had moved from. I eventually acquired about 70 acres of hay ground, garden, small orchard and retriever training grounds. This keeps me busy, outdoors and in touch with the local farmers and ranchers. I am also involved with some social justice groups and started some volunteer work with the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project. This is very interesting as water rights and Native American issues are very contentious.

I still go east to see family in Connecticut twice a year and try to get up to Vermont for old times' sake. I would love to see any TMS grads who are in the area or traveling through. I have space for visitors here and my sister, nephews and I have an airbnb in Missoula. P.O. Box 608, Ronan MT 59864, 406-459-6731, agillabs@mcn.net.



Reggie Brown, *class of 1975*

The Mountain School was a place where I made my home for 3 years. The combination of the physical environment and the sense of community contributed significantly to this experience at TMS.

The Physical Environment

Sounds:

- Roosters crowing at dawn
- Cows mooing or lowing
- Horses neighing or whinny-

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- Pigs snorting or grunting
- Sheep or goats bleating
- Tractors or other machinery humming or chugging
- Birds chirping or singing
- Bees buzzing around the hives

Smells:

- Freshly cut hay or straw
- Manure or fertilizer
- Dust or dry dirt
- Animal feed or silage
- Plants or crops growing in the fields
- Freshly harvested fruits or vegetables
- Rain or wet earth
- Wood or smoke from a nearby fireplace or stove

Sense of Community

In October 2023, my 17-year-old son, Zach tagged along on the impromptu reunion at TMS. He was gobsmacked at the comradery that still exists among the TMS alum nearly 5 decades after graduation.

I have often tried to put my arms around what it was that created this bond between us. Unfortunately, I am no closer today being able to write down the formula than I was 30 years ago. I'm just feel very grateful that I was a part of this.

My life's trajectory would have been very different had it not been for my years at TMS. My choices would have been altered and influenced by the narrow-mindedness of those who lived and still live in the small town where I grew up. Instead, I have lived and worked in several continents around the world and have been blessed by those who have given of themselves to me by sharing what matters to them.

Hilton Dier, *class of 1979*

I'm about to mark the tenth anniversary of making power at my hydroelectric plant in North Troy, Vermont. My business partners and I renovated

an abandoned plant and have been feeding the grid with green, slightly damp electrons since 2013. I'm occasionally teaching solar design at Yesterday in Waitsfield and growing small plots of corn and rice at my home in Middlesex. I'm still blacksmithing for fun but not profit.

Susan Euling, *class of 1979*

I have lived in the DC area for over 25 years. I live with my husband, Lester, and my younger son, Teddy. We will be empty nesters this fall after our sons graduate from high school (Teddy) and college (Henry). I work on health effects of drinking water contaminants at the EPA where I lead a team. I count myself lucky to have to have gone to the Mtn. School.

Aaron Hoopes, *class of 1979*

After spending many years living in Japan and Australia, I am back living in Vershire and homesteading on my family land. In addition to being a massage therapist, I teach children's martial arts as well as Tai Chi and Qigong classes. I've written a number of books including *Zen Yoga: A Path to Enlightenment through Breathing, Movement and Meditation* and *Reconnecting to the Earth: Reclaiming Our Relationship to Nature and Ourselves*.



Devon Carranza, *class of 1980*,

At TMS I was known as Devon Denslow.

I was there for my freshman and senior years.

I currently live in Albany county, NY, in a little cabin in a big woods. Although I lived in NYC for many years, I always knew I would end up back in the country. PO Box 193, Westerlo, NY 12193, 917-805-0641.



Jim Felderman, *class of 1982*

I am living in Northeastern Ohio with my wife of 33 years Emily. We are finishing up a 4-year project of building a house for ourselves out in the country in the first rural county outside of Cleveland. My 25-year-old daughter attended the Milton program in the fall of 2014 so I've been back on campus a few times. I'm helping out Annie Janeway in the TMS Alumni Relations department fill gaps in record keeping of the Conard generation of TMS attendees and graduates. If you'd like to get re-connected to your class, I may be able to help, or you may be able to help me and the school with this project. Please contact me at jim@czdesign.com.

Spring '85

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It was great to hear from **Dave Meyer**, who was on spring break when I communicated with you all. He wrote, "I spent a week rock climbing at Red Rocks near Vegas with my wife, 22-year-old son and friends. Then spent the following week visiting my 89-year-old dad at his house in Maui. Feeling a lot of gratitude for life. Still teaching at Colorado Rocky Mountain School, 24 years in. Had a great ski season with the snow still falling, the CRMS climbing team won the state championship, my kids are happy in college, so my little corner of the world is good. Working hard not to be discouraged by the larger news cycle."

It's been a long winter (but not a TMS winter!) The rain has stopped, we're playing lacrosse and still skiing, the poppies are super-blooming all over the state, and we're preparing for the big snowmelt. I've been busy teaching, coaching a HS lacrosse team at a nearby prep school, and watching my kids navigate middle school (6th and 8th grade). In March I went to Seattle for a writers' conference where I caught up with Christina Vaule f84. It was fun to reminisce about TMS and growing up in Boston.

Hope this finds everyone well! **Susan**

Spring '86

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Cathy Han wrote with the exciting news that she will be returning to school in the fall to complete a one-year master's program at Harvard School of Public Health. She

is looking forward to living in Cambridge, and encourages anyone who lives in the area or who might be passing through to reach out and meet up for coffee or a drink in Harvard Square!

Gus Janeway was in the Boston area this past winter, and had the pleasure of wandering through Arlington, MA with **Ben Ames** and Ben's dog Sonia on the last day of January. Gus wrote: "We discussed moderation (with a passion!), kayaks, and teenagers, which we conveniently forgot we were, once. Also, rivers, and dams, subjects near to the heart of Ben's inestimable wife, Shannon. Then we had sandwiches. I couldn't have wished for a better time!"

Other classmates who have enjoyed recent visits with one another include **Sam DeVore** and **Vannesa Houghtlin**. Sam wrote from his home in Tucson and included a couple of beautiful photos of recent hikes in breathtaking places. One photo was of him and Vannesa on a January 22nd hike, and another was of a "rim 2 rim 2 rim" hike of the Grand Canyon. In addition to sharing these adventures, Sam noted that he is spending more of his idle time "thinking about re-igniting the TMS enthusiasm to try to make a positive change in the world."



Abby Solomon is still living in New York and is currently co-producing *Funny Girl* on Broadway and a Lynn Nottage play *Off-Broadway*. This past year she acted in the upcoming film *Lilly* about the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. When not at work, she is keeping busy

with her kids, Jasper (10) and Becky (5).

From the west coast, **Keith McAfee** sent news from his home in San Francisco. He has been thinking about the Mountain School more in recent months as he recently found his journal from TMS, and also made an impromptu visit to the campus last fall when he and his wife were in the area. He encourages anyone who visits San Francisco to look him up.

Francesca (Cesca) McInerney is still enjoying life in Adelaide, Australia, which is "a lovely small city with gorgeous beaches, wonderful wine regions and people who seem fairly content." She wrote that her "career as an academic doing Earth Sciences research and teaching at universities has been pretty messed up by Australia's struggling university sector. I am hoping to keep going but have been relegated to short term contracts and second-class citizenry, which is a hard way to build a research program. Only time will tell if I will be sidelined, like countless other women in science, but I have narrowly escaped a few times already. I have started writing about it all as a sort of memoir and even taking some writing classes. Reminds me how much fun English was at TMS! Even though it has been professionally quite challenging in recent years, I have no regrets about moving to Adelaide. My husband and son and I live surrounded by a large and wonderful extended family and that is why we came. My son is 12 now and a true Aussie, into his cricket and Aussie rules football. If you find yourself in Australia, please come by and say g'day!"

Matt (Beagle) Bourgault and his wife Marsi had the plea-

sure of meeting up with Nancy and David and Jack and Sue for dinner and then a performance outdoors at King Arthur Flour last fall. The day they got together was what Sue called her “first official day of retirement” as it was the first day of the fall semester and they were not there to meet students.

Matt’s daughter Zealy is now attending UVM after a term at Cal Poly, and his son Perry was in the process of deciding where to go to school on the day that Matt wrote... “close to home or head out west? It has been a tough decision and we shall see where he lands.”

Matt’s work on Vermont’s statewide Educational Talent Search program continues to

take him around the state and he continues to marvel at the variety of landscapes and people in Vermont. His job recently took him to D.C. as part of a national advocacy effort. Of his visit, he wrote, “I got to see cherry blossoms there for the first time! I missed seeing Bernie (he was in a hearing) but we did get to meet Becca Balint, Vermont’s first woman to serve in the House. Hard to believe it took this long but with only three people in Congress, all of them getting reelected for multiple terms, I guess it was bound to take a while. I hope she sticks around.”

Of early spring in Vermont, Matt noted that the Eastern Meadowlarks and Savannah

Sparrows were singing in the fields and Bobolinks would appear soon. He was getting ready to assemble his compost bin and plant potatoes and spinach. “After the grayest winter we can remember, spring is welcome.”

In D.C. we had the earliest spring I can remember, with daffodils blooming in mid-February and 80-degree temperatures in early April. I look forward to getting up to New Hampshire for a good part of the summer as I’m sure the D.C. heat will be pretty unbearable. My daughter, Mary Louisa, will be graduating high school this June and will head off to Pomona College in August. Andrew is just finishing

his first year of high school and has become an avid runner through his experiences in cross-country and track. If only I could keep up with him!

Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

Spring '87

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TMS graduates with kids at

Benton Jones s87

By Eva Bogan s23



Benton Jones, spring '87, is spreading inspiration and information about environmental justice through his artwork in metal and glass.

While Benton first attended Carnegie Mellon for business and industrial management, he acknowledges that, “I knew it was probably not the right path for me, but it was the path of least resistance to follow in my family’s footsteps.” However, after falling in love with art through taking electives in it, Benton switched paths and graduated with a degree in sculpture. Benton attributes the Mountain School with helping him find his love of art and nature. He recalls going on a Mountain School trip to attend a lecture at UMass Amherst about climate change— that was the first he had ever heard of it. From there on, Benton became invested in environmental issues, and it shows in his artwork. Many of Benton’s pieces are made with reclaimed materials. In a 2013 exhibition of his artwork at the Cape Cod Museum of Art titled “Ocean:Us”, Benton used glass from a local aquarium that had closed to create his sculptures. He also used discarded glass flotation spheres, devices that are made for deep ocean exploration and can measure ocean salinity and currents. Although the spheres are incredibly strong, each weighing around 40 pounds and able to withstand pressure 4 miles below the ocean’s surface, they do need to be replaced over time— so Benton reclaimed them for his Melting Hemispheres collection. Benton formed the glass from these spheres into shapes resembling specific ice formations, naming each piece after

the type of ice it resembled. Benton says that these pieces are a way of paying homage and celebrating the ice formations before they disappear due to humans’ environmental impact, while also bringing attention to the issue of climate change.

Benton was excited by the idea of immersing himself in nature when he first applied to the Mountain School. He recalls being awed by how Elliott Coleman, the lead farmer at the time, had the ability “to work miracles” in growing things. Benton himself went on to a type of farming later in his life— oyster farming. He and a friend run an oyster farm in Cape Cod Bay, still in operation. Benton says that oyster farming is a great way for him to connect with the environment, and on top of that, it has many positive environmental impacts, like the cleaning of extra nitrates from the bay, filtering of water, and offers a habitat for other creatures. He enjoys oyster farming and spending time on the flats.

Recently, Benton took on the role of Director of Art at the Cape Cod Museum of Art. There, he produces exhibitions and creates themes for artists to respond to environmental issues. He is currently receiving artwork for an international exhibition called “In Tandem”, which will showcase artwork featuring examples of how humanity can live ‘in tandem’ with the environment. Benton says that one of his biggest gratifications is feeling that “I am able to take some of my personal concerns, issues that have always resonated with me, and that were

reinforced by the Mountain School, and be able to ask other artists to postulate on these issues, allowing the Cape Cod Museum of Art to offer many points of view around them". Benton also operates his own Millstone Sculpture Gallery in Brewster, MA. "The Mountain School certainly helped me discover myself," says Benton, and advises current students to "follow your bliss and not to ever limit yourself or to create expectations that constrain your ability to have an impact... I think everybody needs to realize that they have the capacity to grow and evolve and change and become better throughout their whole life. Who you are today won't be who you are tomorrow, but if you slowly and incrementally follow your bliss, eventually you will find your way."

TMS! **Ruth Henning's** "son will be going to TMS in spring '24! Other than that, it's the usual." **Zanthe Taylor's** daughter "Alida is at TMS now (3/17) for a reunion for the previous year's two semesters." Otherwise Zanthe and Matthew are preparing for empty nesting but first the vicarious stress of college applications. Zanthe is "still doing various volunteering projects—this fall was helping students with their college essays, partly through the Posse program and partly through a public girls' school in East Harlem—and still (always) wondering what my next chapter will be. Thanks to all of you for putting up with my occasional TMS fundraising appeals—I've really enjoyed the conversations they've sparked, including the last one about **Caleb Kenna's** awesome snowshoe running photos in the NYT!" **Melissa Davidson** says, "Hi all. No news from me here in Virginia. However, I look forward to hearing from everyone else. Especially those who we haven't heard much from. Please let us know where and how you are!" **Elizabeth Redwine** writes, "No new news here! Four teenagers, three pets, Jersey suburbs, living the dream. Kids are fine, but honestly it might have been easier when we could just strap them all in the van. Our oldest is at Warren Wilson College outside of Asheville NC, really likes it and has naturally picked up the banjo and added the requisite facial hair. I'm still teaching English at Seton Hall University. My husband Jonathan is working on local climate actions for our town. Mostly I just try to stay awake

for curfews and try to get people to turn down loud music because I am that person now. Would love to hear how everyone's doing!" I, **Jeanne Hargett** have been balancing the needs of my three kids and a new job teaching art in one of the largest, most economically and culturally diverse high schools in Virginia. It's been a wild ride with many ups and downs. My vegetable garden is also doing great. All the best to everyone!

Spring '88

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Spring '88ers!

You have shown up digitally en masse in December 2022 when there was a call from our own **Julia Brasfield** to make a gift to TMS. Then was it **Grace Decker** who said make the gift a multiple of \$35 because it has been 35 years since we stepped onto campus as eager juniors, then **Jess Brooks** who called out the procrastinators of us to make the gifts right away before things got busy with the holidays? What a call to action and what a mini-reunion and exchange of pictures - an outpouring of good wishes to visit when in the area, nostalgia, and freely sharing news and updates with no pretense other than I am so happy to connect with you all again. And of course... the consistent apologetic message from Clark Sheffy's email auto response that states it is gatekeeping to control spam and wants me

to be pre-approved in a one-time inconvenient request to click the link and give them my info. Alas the bots still have not cleared us after all these years. The following is a summary of our digital reunion emails, edited for manageability. I had said if you don't say otherwise, I will use the impromptu correspondence for the news update and so I honor those who declined and share the wonderful updates from the rest of you. In no particular order...

Julia Brasfield is in Ohio working for an attorney making sense of medical records and is part of an all-volunteer ski patrol when there is snow; paddleboarding when there's not.

Grace Decker of Missoula, MT since 1994, is still working in early childhood education wearing many hats, policy leadership and hands-on, most of the past 30 years. She and her carpenter and low-income housing activist husband have remodeled their house into an eccentric cozy hearth. Their son Alden, almost 15, is about to start "unschooling" this spring. He has convinced them it's time to try something different to find a better fit than what Missoula is currently offering. Grace says "I've played fiddle and sang -- mostly in a honkytonk band called Cash for Junkers and lots of side projects too...My dad passed away about 6 years ago, and since he was my only real parent, it sent me into a bit of a tailspin. This phase of life has taught me a lot about grief and what people walk around with

-- it's sobering for sure (pun intended, coming up on 5 years 1/1/23.)

Zark Strasburger states his garden is almost all brown and countless dahlia tubers are divided and stocked away in the basement awaiting spring planting. "I hope whatever you and yours may be planting literally or figuratively is bringing you a bounty."

Jessica Brooks misses us crazy people. She has "a small flock of urban chickens and they've started laying again after going on hiatus to protest shorter daylight and cold." She will make you egg sandwiches if you visit anywhere near Boston. Her family is Russ, Brooks, age 15, and Cooper, age 11.

Jason B. Fischer of Austin, TX sounds in agreement that TMS was truly some of the best of times ever - vivid and cherished. Jason will be taking his family to Vermont this summer and plans to poke by if able. He would like to find Steve Cole. Jason, I saw Steve Cole at a wedding of a friend of my husband's in Williamstown, MA (along with Jake Upton, but that was the last time I saw him. Maybe we can write a book a la the Where's Waldo series with Steve and Fiona Pathay, and anybody else we are looking for. Steve says his wife Sunny lives up to her name and they have two boys, Xavier (just turned 11) and Kingston (9).

John Peters, of Boston, only a few miles from Jess - is chasing teens, caring for aging parents, staying 'young' with

rowing, and trying to work as little as possible. "Oh yes, remember when I had hair?" Yes John, I remember when I had hair on my head too instead of on my upper lip. At the time of writing, John's son was applying to TMS. John sees Jake Upton regularly - all their kids overlap at school. He got out of the insurance industry and helped start a new company 6 years ago. "A certified B-Corp, Lemonade donates to charities of your choosing every year, and funded a foundation to do good (think crop insurance for subsistence farmers in Africa). My wife Jessica (ER doc) was leading a non-profit providing healthcare to homeless women in Boston shelter, but is now figuring out what's next." Aren't we all? They're in the kids-leaving-home phase: senior headed to Stanford in the fall, sophomore (taller than John), and amazingly stubborn/determined 8th grader. "Ball sports never turned out well for the Peters, but my kids have all become freakishly good rowing fanatics. The senior was on the US National Team, and raced in Italy last summer, and her '64" brother is not far behind. I've started coaching their school (Nobles) team - my kids' skills give me instant credibility that is not entirely deserved. And I get to race Head of The Charles every year in the parent-child category - highlight of my fall, if not my year!"

Jake Upton was involved awhile back with the group that started the Garden Hill Fund and has fond memories of the pastoral bliss we shared in our youth. Like John, he's in the throes of teenage years with 3 kids and a chocolate lab.

Jody Esselstyn writes in from Charlottesville, VA, her home for 22+ years. She hasn't been back to TMS since the 25th re-

union in 2013, but she keeps up with inside scoops from friends whose kids went to TMS and from her cousin, Todd Bland, who's been the headmaster of Milton for a number of years now. She has a bearded son, Ed, who's a second year at UVA. A daughter, Sarah, who's a first year at Virginia Tech; and the youngest, George, an 8th grader and suddenly the only kid at home. She's not gardening or raising anything other than kids and a poodle (husband Jeff is a landscape architect and handles the plants). She works half-time as an elementary school nurse and an occasional UVA art museum docent. She made her multiplier gift in memory of Cort, as did Jennifer Woodward.

Jen Woodward lives in South London with her husband James and 9-year-old son Dillon, not too far from Ian McDonald. She and Dillon have a quirky little podcast called 'The Room in the Room' - check it out. "I do a lot of voice acting. And I wrote a book *90 Days Without You...* So please do me a solid and [order it here!](#) And then if you like it (and only if you like it, please!) write a review! That link should take you to the websites where it's on sale wherever you live. I am working and parenting. I can't complain. If you're ever in London, come say hi!"

Ian McDonald made his donation also in memory of Cort. "It still hurts knowing that all that passion, energy and love has left us. Catherine and I have been in London for 24 years and recently became empty nesters. Isobel (21) is at Glasgow University, and Libby (19) has just started at Durham University. Cath is also a full-time student again having just started a 3-year programme to earn a degree in mental health counseling. I'm now part of a very small investment

firm focused on sustainable finance and impact investing. Most of my time is spent on a new private equity fund that will focus on building out sustainable supply chains for the paper/packaging and textile industries by investing in companies that are scaling up the use of non-wood feedstocks to produce pulp and fibre for these industries. No wood, no plastic. Alternative feedstocks include agricultural waste (e.g., wheat straw, which is otherwise burned), as well as food and landfill waste. We will also invest in textile recycling, which has seen significant technological advances in recent years, but needs funding to become commercially viable at scale. We are doing this in partnership with a fantastic Vancouver-based NGO called Canopy Planet - they have a great website and active social media effort if you are interested in learning more about their work.

Amanda Yonkman says "My husband and I live in Waitsfield, VT with 2 kids at UVM. Kind of digging the empty nest gig!"

Rebecca Braun's daughter is also at UVM. Rebecca is back living in Alaska. "I'm reading *In The Heart of the Sea* right now - the true story that inspired *Moby Dick* - and I can almost hear Peter's voice reading "Coffin! Save me!" Nostalgia is powerful!"

Brigit Beyea says "Life in NYC is good; kids are now in 8th and 10th grade. Visitors from near and far welcomed."

Heather McGray had big news that she and Jim, her partner of 11 years, got married this past summer - a happy outcome of the pandemic. They still live in DC, and grow a roof deck container garden that gives them kale for stir-

frying in December.

Eliza Nelson is still living in Oregon, and "just this very day, I tapped Bigleaf Maples to start the PNW sugaring season. Vermont is always with me. Emil is 16, Abe (18 and now off at college). My husband Alex and I are being flighty parents, having left our jobs in teaching and tech and planning a move to our farm at Mt. Hood when (sniff) we have an empty nest."

Charlie Langston wants to know "Who are all you people and why do you keep bothering me? Howdy from Portland, Maine! We've been here since 2002, in our house since 2005, which we've been slowly but steadily modifying and expanding to suit our needs. Kiddos are into sailing, playing in the street with their friends, climbing, getting dirty and eating good food. Our daughter, Ryan, is a freshman at Prescott College in AZ. She had a wonderful, but politically tumultuous semester at TMS in fall of 2020. TMS was awesome at covid logistics, and they had a very close-to-normal semester (as close to normal as any part of 2020 could feel). My wife and I scooted to Iceland this summer when we had our first week with no kids in 18 years. It's a magical place that's surprisingly convenient to get to from Boston, and well set up for adventurous tourists. Our highlight was driving the little rented 4x4 on gravel tracks across streams and other-worldly landscapes way back into Vatnajökull park. We hope to get back, especially to spend time in Reykjavik. (I had to use Google to spell those words correctly).

I'm in the cannabis business (5+ years now), which I find fascinating and a great place to be creative. It turns out that Maine has some really expert cultivators, many of whom have been refining their craft

for more than a generation.”

Elizabeth Steinfield is still in the Bay Area, “moved to Berkeley from SF a year ago with my wife, Janell, our 13 yo son, Solomon and our dog Jax.” Sol has an 18 yo brother, Oliver (Jed’s son). “It’s been great to live a mere mile or so from Jed. I’m working at an abortion clinic in SF and trying to spend as much time in the woods or on my bike as I can.”

Kayden Will has loved connecting with various TMSers and their families over the years at reunions, barn raisings, random encounters, and even social media. “I am still teaching in New Hampshire, not too far from TMS, and we love living so close to mountains, lakes, and seacoast.”

Ava Moskin / David Oppenheimer writes “I have an especially extra soft spot for TMS — at our 25th reunion I got to reunite with David Oppenheimer TMS F87. We first met on farm crew back in 1988 and stayed in touch. And then boom — we became a patchwork blended melting pot family and moved to Oakland with Sam, and then we had Elliot, who is a total mensch. Life is good — Sam launched this fall and is loving his independence, and David and I have the privilege to spend a lot of time together, and also with Elliot. Time Affluence, I’ve been told it’s called — sounds right.

I’m working 1 day a week in addiction medicine and I’m grateful and humbled by the work every time. Oakland is almost always sunny and 60 degrees, come visit.

I’ve been diving deep into how we make connections with other people — including why connection can be fraught and how to find flow. This has helped me in my work with people who have addiction and also with my 3 guys at home!

I’ve recently finished reading:

The Myth of Normal by Gabor Maté

Hold on to Your Kids: Why Parents Matter (also by Maté)

Us by Terrence Real (Bruce Springsteen’s marriage counselor!)

I’m looking for recommendations on conflict de-escalation (especially considering that next year is a presidential election year.)”

Joshua Rappaport reports that “Jennifer Chase-Rappaport s87 and I are still happily ensconced in the Great NorthWest and enjoying the relative peace and quiet of an empty nest, having just dispatched our youngest to join her older sibling at Western Washington University. Jamie, our eldest, is set to graduate next year as an English major (for which I have nobody but myself to blame); Alice is thriving in that freshman-year bliss of discovering everything that college has to offer, and working seriously on electronic music composition. We ended up with two creative, inquisitive, and opinionated children which has been both a joy and a challenge. It can be disconcerting to realize that I am effectively arguing with a twenty-year-old version of myself, and it gives me a whole new perspective on what I put my own parents through. Jenny is busy applying for graduate work in early childhood literacy education after spending the last several years working in the Seattle public school system on programs aimed at early reading and writing. During the year-long school closure in Seattle I had the pleasure of watching her teach kindergartners via Zoom from our kitchen table. It is funnier than anything you have ever seen, I guarantee. She also continues to work on designing and marketing her own line of knitting

patterns.

I am still playing with food, more or less, although in less of a hands-on way. I spend a lot of time out in Minneapolis where my product design team is based, and the remainder of my work is done mostly from a repurposed 1967 Shasta travel trailer parked at the edge of our yard... When I was back at my dad’s place in Maine over the summer, I came across an envelope of snapshots that spanned roughly October of 1987 through March of 1988 including a few from my first couple of months at TMS including some great shots from a cross-country ski outing at Mark McKee’s place. It’s amusing to reconcile the pictures from this email string with the fresh-faced children in those old prints. I find that I have a hard time these days explaining to people what TMS was/ is all about. It just sounds too magical to be true.”

Matt Sharp “I realize I have not seen or talked to most of you in 35 years but this [email thread] is bringing back so many fond feelings and warm memories... I have been back in Philadelphia since 1999 and live in a small rowhouse with my wife and 2 kids - about a mile from the house I grew up in. There’s actually only 1 kid left at home since my oldest started college at the University of Rochester this fall.”

Ben Longstreth “Molly Rauch s89 and I have been in DC since we moved here almost 20 years ago with our three-month-old daughter, Elka, in tow. We added Isaiah (now 16) and then Silas (now 14). Elka went to TMS Spring 2020. Fortunately, the magic of the school had set in by mid-March when covid sent her semester back home where they finished out the term on Zoom. She is now enjoying college, a winter study in New Mexico

and the many books that she consumes at a pace I will never approach. Yesterday Isaiah took the bus to New York, the first leg of his journey up to the Mountain School for this coming spring. We are thrilled that he’ll be there (and of course sad to have him gone). Fortunately, Silas will not have to bear the full weight of parental attention this spring; we added a puppy (Ozzy) to the mix during covid and are ridiculously obsessed with him.

I work on climate issues and, notwithstanding the slow progress we are making, I am still enjoying it. I switched organizations in August. After 16 years with the Natural Resources Defense Council, I moved to the Clean Air Task Force, which better aligns with my view that we need a broad range of the tools to tackle the climate crisis.”

Ivan Johnson “Things are going well enough here. Both of the kids are out of the nest now and figuring out how to “adult.” I’m still lucky enough to get paid to press some buttons on a keyboard and talk on my headset. Some days I’m even rewarded with a sense of accomplishment. I’m starting to spend more time talking with my girlfriend about what we want to do with the next chapter of our lives. But I’m still staying plenty busy with present-day activities, like volunteering and traveling. One of my recent trips could be the basis of a mini-series: “The most expensive vacation I never had.” The week in December that we were supposed to spend with our Swiss family had us stuck in 2 airports for 3 days before we could evacuate. Our luggage was returned 2 weeks later. We’ve got another family trip planned for this summer. We’re going to see Beth’s family down the shore. (Direct flights and low likelihood of snowstorms are two reasons

I'm less concerned.) Otherwise, not much of consequence to share. Which, at this age, is probably a good thing, right?"

Elisabeth Neely still lives in Portland, Oregon. "Husband Bob and I have three kids: Peter (20) is in college, Annabel (18) is a senior in high school and Jed (8) is in 3rd grade. No empty nest for us any time soon! Good thing Jed is fun and keeps us on our toes. My work still is a funny mix of teaching and nature; a few years ago, I started an all-outdoor forest kindergarten, which turned out to be good timing for the kids during the pandemic. Right after the covid shutdowns in spring 2020 I was diagnosed with breast cancer, adding another challenge to that year, but fortunately it was caught early and after surgery, I have recovered (so far so good!). This year I decided to hand off the kindergarten project and begin teaching first grade at the same Waldorf school Jed attends. It's really fun. My husband works for Portland Audubon, and although it will never compare to TMS, we do have an urban farm menagerie including some goats and chickens and a few other creatures. I like going out in the morning and moving hay and hauling buckets of water...remember this song "long underwear, long underwear, makes the foulest weather feel like fair" ...it is good to feel connected across so much time and space."

From **ME**: I have two daughters who graduated TMS. One is in college now and the other is going to get married in Cody, WY in October. The third child, the son, didn't go because Covid made him feel like he never even attended his home school so opted not to apply, much to my dismay. The youngest daughter (11) is a funny and brilliant autistic who will likely

not apply to TMS for various special needs reasons. But we all love visiting or hearing me tell stories about TMS (if I say so myself). My husband is in re-election season in a three-way Democratic primary. He is the centrist and the other two are very left of him. The debates and abundant literature are interesting (and full of LIES!). Telling people off as I've so gleefully embraced after passing 50, is verboten apparently even in a modern day campaign, so I just smile and wave but try my best to shoot lasers from my eyes.

I'm still running a law firm, shepherding my parents through illness and impending twilight, and helping keep the lights on for our local theater company. For stress relief, I sing once or twice a week in bars for free tea and beer. Last summer I performed to much acclaim in Shrek the musical as a breakdancing Humpty Dumpty (take my word for it). We lost money on that one because a Covid surge struck most of the cast. Yet the first weekend of performances were a glorious return to being part of a cast family and a much needed creative light for many in our community.

One of my biggest regrets is not going to the Philadelphia Flyers game with Matt Sharp when I ran into him in 1990. It would've been fun, but I was engrossed in family drama then too. Matt has recently confirmed he has little to no memory of this run-in. Good thing I've spent the past 33 years letting what I perceived as a rudeness pop into my head when I have insomnia. Since I confess it here, maybe I won't keep regretting it and can think of more recent ways I let people down. Like this newsletter submission is super late and the condensing not that successful. So, you might be reading this in the next next season of the *Pearls and Sea-*

weed. Regardless, take care of your hard heads, soft bellies, and burning hearts.

Love, your crotchety, so over it (in so many departments), TMS news forager,
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Spring '89

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Spring '90

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Hello Spring '90! I hope you are all thriving, wherever this message finds you. Our crew is, as usual, busy and engaged, as our updates will reveal. Someone who was too busy to write in is **Alison Yager**, probably because she's been all over the media on behalf of 5 million Floridians who are losing access to Medicaid. That's our Alison! Check out Florida Health Justice Project if you want to learn more about the amazing work she is doing.

From **Hannah Burr**: We've had a relatively calm year this year, and thankfully, parents (though my dad died in 2014) are stable and active as they age. I'm working on a new book called *Field Guide to Ambiguity* that will come into being via crowd fund this late summer or fall. Our garden is teaching us a lot, as is the field cam we set up to see the large community that enjoys our compost pile. I've had some art exhibitions, and I'm looking forward to a quieter spring. I began a project called End Papers, hand sewing books from the papers left behind by someone who has died, during the pandemic, and this year it's become a service and

a course. I've had the gift of an intern showing up to help, so I'm learning to plan projects for two. Guy and I call the view between the posts on our front porch our high-definition TV screen, and it's fun to sit and watch the world from there. I salute you all as we crest over the 50 mark! I still feel 20! My body has other feelings...may blessings be upon you all!

From **Adam Werbach**: I do have a work update! After three years launching sustainable shopping (an oxymoron?) at Amazon, I'm going to be starting up a digital division for TV Studio called Kapital Entertainment. So excited to get back into creative storytelling and to build new tech.

Kids and Lyn are all good — can't believe how old everyone is getting.

From **Mike Dow**: My sweet son Nick is almost 3. He enjoys jungle animals, iPads and screaming. He was recently potty trained with patience and M&M's.

I'm still writing for TV in Los Angeles, but I moved into features as well. I am currently writing a zombie girls' basketball movie, a subject both timely and important.

My family and I also moved to the lovely town of Altadena. Nestled up in the foothills, I'm walking distance from hikes, waterfalls and beautiful vistas! And we just converted our gas furnace to an electric heat pump. The planet breathes easier.

And from **Cale Jaffe**, who has an update about the Next Generation:

I'm having the opportunity to re-experience the Mountain School vicariously through the eyes of my daughter, Eliza, who is a member of spring '23! To be honest, I was a bit worried about her heading off to Vershire. I was thinking about

aspects of the school that remain important to me 33 years on and was nervous about whether too much might have changed.

But I am thrilled to report that the core experience seems to have remained the same!

The kids are still snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in the outdoor program. They're tending fires in the school's furnaces. They're engaged on the farm and journaling for English class. They will have the opportunity to go on solo. And they're still singing on dish crew!

I'm thrilled that she and I now share this wonderful place.

Love to all!
Cale

P.S. The photo below is one Eliza sent me. She's the one on the far left, looking tough as she and her semester-mates head out for an afternoon of wood crew.



Lea Koonce Ogundiran s90

By Lucy Pakurar s23



A customer walks into a jewelry store holding a piece of jewelry they've had in their family for generations. They may assume it's costume jewelry and worthless, but still, they're eager to figure out the provenance of this piece that's been part of their family for as long as they remember. "I get to tell people what they have and what it's worth." Lea Koonce Ogundiran went to the Mountain School in the spring of 1990 and then went to Boston University to study biology. Only after graduating did she find her true passion: gemology.

Lea grew up in Cleveland and welcomed a semester away from city life at the Mountain School. While in Vershire, she met her best friend, had some run-ins with the sheepdog, and immersed herself in nature. To this day, she is particularly proud of herself for completing solo – something she didn't know if she could finish.

As a young adult, Lea developed a long-term interest in rocks and auctions. She pursued her passion beginning with a part-time job as an auction assistant at an auction house in Boston after college. It was there that she realized that gemology was a field she wanted to pursue, and went on to get a degree from the Gemological Institute of America (GIA).

While pursuing her advanced degree, she landed a job at an auction house in New York City. Since then, she moved to Charlotte, NC, and currently works as a jewelry buyer and appraiser at Perry's at South Park, a jewelry store. Additionally, she appears as a jeweler appraiser on the Antiques Roadshow. Lea's favorite parts of her job are "getting to meet people from all walks of life", and getting to uncover the hidden backstories behind beautiful pieces of jewelry. She is one of few African-American people in the field of gemology and explains how she faces challenges, as people don't normally expect to see her in this field. She has, however, met many amazing people throughout her career and has gotten a lot of help along the way.

Lea stresses the importance of a liberal arts education and still carries lessons from the Mountain School with her today. She recalls reading Thoreau and Walden in English class and explains how the majority of her work today involves English and history skills. Although she did not end up becoming a marine biologist, the science she studied in college greatly helped her in studying the chemical composition of gems while at GIA. Her love of uncovering the backstory behind the things around her, though, all began at the Mountain School when tasked to understand the backstory of a tree. Nature, she says, plays a huge role in a lot of the jewelry she encounters, as many artisans are often inspired by nature. While in Vermont, Lea spent her time admiring the beauty in her surroundings and continues to appreciate the beauty of nature when studying jewels and gems.

One of the most important skills Lea learned in the Mountain School community was problem-solving. She remembers how, especially on solo, students had to figure out how to solve problems that don't even have a correct solution. She carries these values with her as a jewelry appraiser while she uncovers the mysteries behind pieces of jewelry and is in a position to share with people the truth behind something they value so deeply. For Lea, her work is even more about the people wearing the jewelry than the jewelry itself. She adores helping people and seeing the looks on their faces when they find out the context, origin, and significance. To current and future Mountain School students, she advises them to "enjoy all the fabulous people" and to immerse themselves in the wonderful community of the Mountain School.

Spring '91

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Tim Pieh writes, “I am living in Rome, Maine. Working part time in the local emergency department and most of my time working with local EMS agencies. I spend a lot of time teaching EMTs and paramedics and loving the chance to concentrate on this work. I think it is my favorite way to spend time. I am getting to respond more and more to 911 calls again and this feels like I am returning to what I love best in medicine. It feels good that almost everything I am doing right now is what I want to be doing.

We move to camp in the summer on Great Pond in Belgrade where life slows down to a lake-side pace. Morning coffee on the dock and sunsets on a boat. Breaking up the year with this seasonal transition is the best thing to happen to us. An annual reminder to slow down a bit and let moments linger. My oldest, Tucker, is finishing his first year of college where he is finding a love for political science. His younger sister Sadie is driving and spending a lot of time playing soccer. We made two caring, thoughtful and kind humans! An amazing feat. If anyone is anywhere near Rome or Belgrade Maine, I would love to see you.

I sent a note to TMS about **Josh Davis** and I rappelling off the silo! Hilarious memory. Sad it is going to come down. **Dave Wolman** and I got to catch up in Hawaii (only slightly disrupted by a COVID infection...)”

Spring '92

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Greetings class of '92! Thank you to all those that had the opportunity to write back and share news. Life continues to move at a fast pace, so I offered a secondary option for sharing information and potentially connecting with former classmates. Using the “ice-breaker” Two Truths and a Lie, classmates had the chance to quickly give fun updates while hopefully having random classmates reach out. Class of '92, take a look at these and feel free to email your classmates to find out the answers.

For me, I went sky diving for the first time (and two more times since), I have gotten 11 tattoos in the last year, and I have read over 100 books to children over the last year. (multiball29@hotmail.com)

Carter Jons shared a wonderful memory. “It has been an epic snow year in Idaho – All those atmospheric rivers in California bring joy to the PNW mountains. I have such fond, foundational memories of borrowing Drew Wheelan’s snowboard and building a jump on the hill beside Miles Dorm and spending hours walking up, riding down, (kind of) jumping, crashing, wiping the snow off and doing it all again. Snow in my face and I think of Drew!”

Fellow Derby House member **Geoff Sobelle** (rainpan@gmail.com) offered these two truths and lies. I had an awesome reunion this past Groundhog’s Day with Mark Nestor, Philippe Kozub and Ben Hance up on Garden Hill. We ran around naked just like old times but were quickly escorted off the property. Maybe for the best. I’ve got two kids now – both goblins. Louise and Elliott; 3 and 2. They’re fantastic. But also – ruthless. I think the whole “kid” thing is a scam. I’m an old dad. I feel it every-

where. I’ve got a new show out about the ways and whys of eating – it’s called “FOOD” – I couldn’t think of anything better. Maybe it’s coming to a theater near you?

Rosie Kerr (Rosalie.E.Kerr@dartmouth.edu) challenged classmates to decide which of these is not true. My daughter got a tattoo. I have three horses. I grew oranges on a tree last year.

Some of our classmates remain just the same. I was delighted to read **Neesham Spitzberg’s** sassy response. “You took a great approach to collecting news, because short of winning their first Oscar, or a new job in Hawaii as the Obamas’ house manager, what is interesting to report? (I still live in Bethesda MD, still have a kid who’s now 13, and still have the same job in DC.)”

Not surprisingly, we got NYC updates. **Liz Lynch** shared that “New York still has her hooks in me, though dreams of Vershire linger in my head. My husband and I have two girls, one of whom is heading to sleep-away camp this summer a stone’s throw from TMS. My truths and a lie: Hugh Jackman once told me I had a good-looking dog, I know one of the astronauts on the Artemis II mission, and since 2000, I have lived bravely without my appendix. Love to everyone!”

Miles from the hills of Vershire, we got this report from the Pacific Northwest from **Eric Krieger**, “I live out in Seattle with my wife and two awesome kids in 4th and 8th grades. The rising high-schooler is interested in applying to TMS. Living out here we get to take a number of adventures in the mountains and woods with the kids who love bike-camping and are learning to climb.

The Mountain School feels pretty far away right now but it remains the most important educational experience of my life. I am a cardiologist here at the University of Washington taking care of adults who were born with heart defects (adult congenital heart disease). I recently traveled to give Grand Rounds and the title of my talk was TANSTAAFL. For real.”

More news from NYC came from **Elizabeth Angell**. Elizabeth is always good about sharing news connected to her TMS friends. This time, she shared “I am doing well and living in Brooklyn with my kids and husband. I’m still the editor of Romper.com, a digital parenting magazine, which I love very much. I live close enough to Jess Yager to meet her for frequent walks in Prospect Park with our dogs (I had to get a dog so I’d have an excuse to pester her every Saturday morning to walk with me). I also had the pleasure of seeing Rosi Kerr and her family last summer. We foist ourselves on them in Vermont with what I’m sure is alarming frequency. I think we’re hoping they’ll adopt us? In and around Brooklyn, I get to see a bit of Catherine Steindler and Lucy Mayo, too. I feel lucky for all of it.”

Continuing to tap into my appreciation for individuals that support children, **Katrine Lofberg** shared “Viggo, my son, is turning 3 in May! And we are moving to Copenhagen in July where we will be close to family. Viggo will hopefully be going to a Danish Forest Kindergarten and playing outside all day, and I will be helping build the pediatric surgery program at the new children’s hospital, Børneriget.”

Fellow “Clevelanders” **Holly Peterson** and **Bill Mann** shared

that life continues to be steady without any significant changes, but she says hello to everyone.

Annie Byram (annebyramallison@gmail.com) always had an appreciation of the absurd. I particularly like her middle statement (I'm guessing it's true). I moved to Florence, Italy. I have a pet chicken named Tina Fey. I just cut my hair super short.

We got a really nice update from **Susannah Bothe**. She not only reports on her life, but shares insight into a few of our friends we haven't heard from in awhile. "We've been living in Salem, MA for about 10 years now after moving East from San Francisco. The North Shore is a great place to be, and we spend a lot of time at the beach, year 'round. We get up to Vermont throughout the winter for the ski season. Thank goodness for the snow in Vermont this winter, because there was almost none in Massachusetts. The route brings back memories of the journey to TMS! I've been a portrait photographer for about 15 years and that keeps the schedule quite full, along with our kids, age 12 and 10. I have my eyes on TMS for both of them when they are juniors in high school. Lorna Campbell and I are able to get together a handful of times each year, and I enjoy some Rachel Marker catch-ups when she's back in town from Montana."

I wish everyone well. If you have a chance, reach out to those that sent two truths and a lie to find out the answer. One of the things I have enjoyed most about doing this the past couple of years is opening the random email from one of you and feeling a connection to the past. Much love to all of you

and your families,

Mark

Spring '93

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Hello Spring '93 – A light response from our crew this year! Hope everyone is doing well now that we are (gulp) 30 YEARS OUT from our time at TMS.

Ari Blum is still living in San Francisco, feeling very TMS these days pulling weeds in his garden and planting cover crop in his backyard. He'd love to see anyone visiting SF. **Kate Berg** moved down the road from Somerville to Lexington, MA just before COVID. A well-timed decision to enjoy more space in the great New England outdoors. Kate, an ICU Doctor, was working hard during the pandemic, as 95% of her patients were in the ICU for COVID. She splits her time between clinical work and research, and still sings in her local church choir. While Kate's stepchildren (ages 13 & 15) don't seem too enthusiastic about applying to TMS, she's started the process of grooming her 7-year-old son. **Jesse Robinson** is happy! Living in Maine with her two boys Toby (3) and Ezra (6). She's tapping maple trees and celebrating that Toby is no longer in diapers. Jesse and her boys passed through Connecticut last summer en route to a family graduation and spent the night there with the Baileys for some pizza and hanging with their dog Weezy.

Spring '94

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While I was happy to assume the role of note collector after Brian's eight-year-run in the position (thanks, Brian!), it felt at first like calling out into the wilderness. Thanks to all of you who returned the call. It's been great reconnecting in this small way 29 years out from our spring together in Ver-shire. Let's start thinking about next summer, when hopefully, many of us can make it to Ver-shire to celebrate our 30th reunion!

I, **John Nesbitt**, am still living in New Hampshire and working as a psychotherapist in Hanover. My oldest will be a rising senior in the fall, so our first foray into the college process is kicking into gear. We had the pleasure of visiting Ted Lord and family at their place at Sugarloaf, ME this February on the coldest weekend of the winter (wind chills were -50+). Anyone coming to the Upper Valley of VT/NH, give me a shout. I would love to reconnect.

"After recovering from various injuries and a deep pandemic malaise" **Brian Frutig** has "some trail running events planned for this year, including a 15-miler in Leadville and a 50K near Winter Park. As ever, my wife is one-upping me by running a 50-miler interspersed amongst Ironman races. Our family and fun adventures will take us to Cleveland, DC, London, and Portugal this year, in addition to smaller adventures throughout Colorado. Frutig Law LLC continues to be fulfilling as we help families in Colorado, California, New York, and DC with their estate

planning and elder law needs."

Way up in Brooklin, Maine **Allison (Gladstone) Watters** runs a marine canvas and upholstery business out of a shop 30 steps from her front door. She writes "Essentially, I sew custom things for boats. Since there are plenty of boats here, and I enjoy sewing, it's working out pretty well! I have two kids. One is a junior who is starting the college process. He's big into rock climbing and keen to head west. My daughter is in 8th grade. I find I rather enjoy the teen years, even with all their associated challenges. If all of that wasn't good enough, I found the love of my life right before the pandemic, and we happily live here on this hill in a former blueberry field. We find plenty to love about this area with its myriad of hiking opportunities, canoe spots and ocean-related entertainment." Congratulations Allison! Allison encourages any classmates finding themselves on the Maine coast to be in touch at brooklincanvasdesign.com.

In Oregon **Gabe Winkler** is the Head Coach of the Oregon Beavers Men's Pro Wrestling team. He writes "we practice going off the top ropes every Thursday and the famed 'Beaver Buster' finishing move will knock them flat for the K. O. We'll see YOU at the Omni!" Kidding aside, Gabe is actually a Men's Rowing coach for the Beavers. He writes that son "Levi is doing great. He'll be 5 on Friday. His heart surgery a year ago was a complete success." Outside of the rowing season Gabe keeps his sanity on the XC mountain bike trails where he has a couple races on the docket for this summer.

Dan Myers writes "The older I get, the more I recognize the effect of longitude on our

temperamental differences: so here's a dispatch from my side of the great divide. Two of four kids have flown the coop- one to NYC (after a year in DC, sometimes the first few chairs you try aren't just right), and the other to the East Bay. Temperaments. The remaining two are happy healthy middle schoolers, firmly planted in the Pacific Northwest, for now. As for us- my life / work partner Traci and I- as people have started returning to the public places we design, we've reluctantly returned to our bicoastal lifestyle. Design requires a lot of travel, and travel requires a lot of carbon. It's unsustainable in many senses of the word, nevertheless we're grateful for the opportunity to continue making places that enhance understanding, for now. Our other, newer major work is in community organizing, which we're doing in a disorganized way. We're building a loose network of friends and neighbors here where we live to support each other and provide mutual aid now and in the uncertain future. I'm looking forward to seeing ALL of you in Vermont soon. 30 YEARS!?"

Julia Raish is "still in Seattle most of the time, but spending a good chunk of the winters in the southwest, mostly Arizona. Still adventuring a lot in the outdoors, and being bi-regional helps with that. Mountains, rivers, canyons, deserts, oh my. I've been working at Amazon now for over three years, helping to implement its climate goals within its global real estate. It's fun, challenging, and I love the work, and have a great team. If anyone is in the PNW or SW - hit me up."

Fellow left-coaster **Crissy (Gershey) Koehler** writes "I'm still in San Francisco and have 2 boys - 6 and almost 9 - who I spend the majority of my time carting around to soccer, base-

ball, and more! At the moment, I'm doing a lot of work for their school. Post-Covid San Francisco is a bit of a different place with a lot of areas feeling pretty down and out, but hopefully it rebounds quickly. We still love living here though. There are so many gorgeous places to explore, from coast to mountains, all a stones throw from the city."

From Brooklyn, where he lives with his wife, Kate, and daughters Virginia (11), and Jane (8) **Ian Salisbury** writes "After almost a decade at *Money magazine*, I recently started a new job at the *Wall Street Journal*, where I am helping them launch a new section called Buy Side. It's a review site, sort of like Wirecutter, if anyone has heard of that, except instead of computers and gadgets, we also review financial products like investments and mortgages. Ok the really important news: We recently got a puppy named Charlie. He's a King Charles Spaniel. A bit on the nose, I know. That's what happens when you let the kids make the decisions :)."

Kristy Gould-Duncan says that she "think(s) of everyone and our time at TMS all the time. I live in Ojai, California with my husband and three young children on a small citrus orchard. Kids are growing faster than I can keep up with: Arlo (11), Ever (9) and Iris (5). My gardening goal this year is to plant a colorful cut flower garden. I work as a creative and branding consultant which takes me traveling all over which is fun, but I'm happiest at home here in Ojai hiking, cooking, and spending time in nature or at the beach with the fam. If any TMS-ers are ever in the LA/Santa Barbara area, I would love nothing more than to host them here in Ojai or meet up anywhere nearby!"

On her way back from a family vacation to Santa Fe, which she "absolutely loved" **Sabina Menschel** shared "All is well here - I live in DC with my husband and two kids (a seventh grader and fifth grader). We've been here about 10 years. Life is busy but good!"

Kate Bothe writes from Providence, RI where she runs a small preschool that she opened twenty years ago. Her oldest will be entering high school in the fall. Of her six year-old, Kate writes "on her first trip to the Providence Place Mall this past week (special, much longed-for outing to pick out an outfit for a school dance performance -- we don't get out much), told me she could live there. How the pendulum swings!" Kate is finishing a Masters in Holistic Mental Health Counseling and she is in regular touch with Danielle Bezaire "who is now living in Santa Fe, New Mexico, working as a gifted somatic therapist." Danielle and Kate still harbor a long-standing dream of living on Vancouver Island together someday. Kate is "always happy to cross paths with Dan Rodriguez on College Hill from time to time, most recently on the sidewalk while he was strolling to work (History Prof at Brown) with his face in a book."

Dinah Shepherd has "two boys: 13 and 15 and I am enjoying them more now than I ever did when they were younger. Even though they grunt more than they actually make real words..." Dinah is celebrating her 10th year on the team running First Teacher. She says "It is amazing to be part of a thriving community deeply rooted in love, especially after the last three years. My main job there is fundraising which sometimes sucks the life out of me, but I get a lot of wisdom and guidance from another

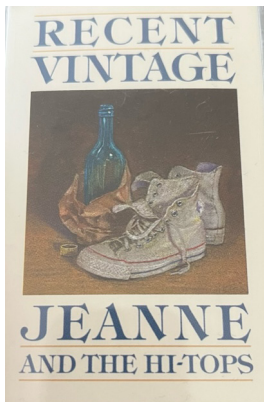
TMS alum, Jess Brooks! I miss teaching teenagers and will return to that soon, but I am currently partnering with teenagers who are parents and that gives me life."

Having recently begun a new job at an inpatient rehab hospital, **Sarah Aldrich** says "it is all consuming and feels like a culmination of the work I've done over the years in eldercare for my parents, working with elderly Pilates clients, etc." Of family life, Sarah says "My daughter is 9 and somehow a natural at hip hop dancing. She has a laser-tuned sense of humor and irony." Sarah is loving life in New Haven - "it's a goldmine of thoughtful, interesting people and with every passing year I learn about yet another cool thing about this city."

Layard Thompson is starting a 1-year sabbatical from stewarding Zuni Mountain Sanctuary. ZMS is a 501(c)3 intentional queer community on 310 acres at 7200' elevation adjacent to Cibola National Forest on the Continental Divide in New Mexico. His life as a Steward was a mix of non-profit management, grant writing, PR, HR, gardening, forestry, animal transparenting, building maintenance, new construction, and much etc...During his sabbatical he will be traveling, working on writing projects, studying with his Theater of the Oppressed cohort, and developing an alchemical coaching business. He will periodically return to ZMS to finish construction on a custom fabricated walipini greenhouse.



Julia Daunis is “still happily living in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn with Scott and our two kids, Max (13) and Ezra (10). Middle age and sandwich generation-ing are a strange new phase of life, and we’re dealing with all of the related challenges. Luckily, thanks to a recent revelation that I had been living with untreated sleep apnea for years, my life has dramatically changed. After a lifetime of being known as someone who sleeps all of the time, I am no longer so very tired! Again - I really can’t believe we’re middle aged.” Julia and family are planning to move before this fall after ten years in their current home. She recently unearthed a cassette tape of “Recent Vintage” by Jeanne and the Hi-Tops. She also discovered a mix tape made by Jenni Leisman “Tobold Mix Spring ‘94” which she has recreated on Apple Music for our listening enjoyment: <https://music.apple.com/us/playlist/tobold-mix-spring-94/pl.u-zPyLmDgFkivAYm>



Jeremiah Leibowitz is in his 15th year working in land conservation. He writes “I am currently serving as the executive director for an organization called Cuenca Los Ojos (www.cuencalosojos.org). We are a binational, land management nonprofit working in Arizona and Mexico. Our mission involves watershed restoration of arid landscapes. We cur-

rently own/manage two big projects in Mexico. Our main preserve is in Sonora, Mexico and is 121,000 acres located directly on the U.S./Mexico border where we abut Arizona and New Mexico. We share a 30-mile border with the U.S. The second project we don’t own, but we manage and it is 50,000 acres in Chihuahua, MX where we oversee many of the same projects as on the other preserve with the addition of managing of a herd of 300+ bison (amazing animals!)” Jeremiah lives with his wife Kathy and two boys, Gus (10) and Teddy (6) and invites classmates to look him up if they are ever in TX, AZ or Sonora Mexico. Here are two photos: Rancho El Uno Preserve, Chihuahua, MX working the head gate during our annual bison roundup November 2021 and with his family at Thanksgiving 2021, El Coronado Ranch, Arizona, in our backyard.



Ted Lord is the proud father of a labradoodle puppy named Snoopy. He is excited about a trip to Amsterdam and Croatia with his daughter, Rosie (14) in June. He reports “same job as a pediatric anesthesiologist, home, wife, and lack of ironic facial hair as 10 years ago.”

Missy Lewis is “still teaching 5th grade-17 years! I love it, love my school. Still hiking when I get the opportunity. My husband is a long-distance hiker, so between the two of us, we’ve influenced our 7yo who loves sleeping under the stars and cranking out miles. And I’m still living in NYC right around the corner from where I grew up. I’m thankful for this as my mom is very ill. And just this week, family is gathering to support and surround my dad with love as he transitions to home hospice after almost 2 years of dealing with cancer. It’s been a heavy few months and weeks as his health has steadily declined. But there is poignant sweetness and beauty during this time. I’ve been blessed to have him in my life and my son’s and husband’s. So, I wish I had a bit more of an upbeat update but this is where I’m at this week. My little family is doing well and enjoying as much as we can of the spring season.”

Spring '95

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Gwyn Welles shares that “this summer will mark my 10th year at YouTube (gulp!). It continues to be an interesting and fulfilling place to spend my time. I’m currently running a strategy & operations team focused on launching new products like YouTube Shorts. I got to moderate a talk with Nick Kroll at Google NYC in December, which was lots of fun and earned me serious cool points with my co-workers. My kiddos are finally at an age where my husband Ben and I enjoy hanging out with them (Gideon - 7, Tobias - 6). We all learned how to ski this win-

ter, which was a great way to spend time together outdoors in the cold months. I’m still sad we didn’t get to have a 25-year reunion in Vershire. I guess at this point we just wait for 30?!!! Miss you guys!”

Digger Weiss has had an eventful and beautiful year: “Last summer I got engaged, and this summer we’re expecting a baby! It’s funny, the kids are most concerned about what name we’ll choose. I’m still practicing out of my Structural Therapy office in Northampton, and I’m renovating a building on my property so that I can open a practice here in Vermont as well.

The last snowstorm was up to my hips, wet and heavy, and stuck to the branches. It was beautiful but it also took down branches, trees, and the power as well.”

B Chatfield also has a new addition to her family – “a sweet fluffy mutt named Ursa Minor who is now quite major. She is the dog of our dreams. Kids are good, job is good, etc. - life in Boston is treating us well!”

John McSoandSo (McCrow) moved to the Charlotte NC area last year, and just bought a house near a lake with a porch swing and rocking chair. He says that he’s “still looking for a good straw hat and a jar for lemonade.” He is still working for Mastercard, “managing a team of data scientists who build global financial crime models. Working remotely in a seemingly endless stream of conference calls and occasionally traveling to visit one of the offices. My team says they think my primary job is dog sitting, and that Mastercard is only secondary. I tend to agree.”

Jess Taverna managed to survive the 650 (!) inches of

snow she received in Salt Lake City this winter. I took my shoes and socks off to do the math – that’s 54 feet of snow! She says that this was her 7th winter in her house and “It’s been....epic and challenging and yes, a wildly amazing ski season.” She also shares that she recently “stepped into a new role as Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies in the Eccles School of Business and am currently in charge of completely revamping our undergrad program, which is also epic and challenging (and not as amazing as skiing). Along the way, I ride my bikes as much as possible and am looking forward to the snow finally melting so my gravel, MTB, and cyclocross race seasons can get underway.”

It has been a while since our last semester Zoom get together, so **John Richardson** has not had a chance to wow us with the view of the ocean from his house. Perhaps it’s because he’s been busy helping open a new museum building for the Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney! Despite being on the other side of the globe, he “often reflect[s] on the spirit and passion that was nurtured by the staff, but more importantly the fellow students/friends at TMS. To lie on Garden Hill and imagine all the possibilities for the future. I try to bring a bit of that into my work each day and am thankful for that brief but impressionable time at the Mountain School.” He is also very excited to be going back to Vermont in July, after a 5-year hiatus, to spend time with his extended family on Lake Champlain.

Nelly Carter sends updates from her homestead: “Radish sprouts, garlic, leggy tomatoes as of April—planting tomatoes in Philadelphia in April! Too much dumb work, plenty of fulfilling work (give me your

tired, your poor, your huddled masses of adolescents yearning to breathe free). Radically honest family with beautiful kids who do endearing things like not sleeping and getting sick every week. Incredibly life-like.”

Emily Landsburg (Bockian) has “entered stasis.” I’m going to assume that means she has kept her persimmon tree from last year alive. I’m sure it has its own Instagram account by now.

Amy Shopkorn sends her regards from Cape Cod, where she continues her daily beach jaunts and is loving being back in New England after a long stint in DC. I volunteer her place for a clambake and a 28th reunion this summer!

Josh Viertel has some exciting news to share. He is still living in Wingdale, NY and “just got approvals from our town’s planning board to build out a sort of Mountain School for grownups on our farm. 43 cabins, a dining space, classrooms, etc. It took 6 years to get approval, so it feels good to be on the other side of it. I get to connect with some friends from our semester, which always brings me joy. And I miss you all.”

I (**Matt Cuthbertson**) will be among the first to ditch my children to cos-play as my 16-year-old self at TMS: Wingdale. I can’t be the only one, right? I am still living in the Bay Area and am both heartened and dismayed that my kids have added the term “atmospheric river” to their vocabularies. Can’t wait ’til our 30th reunion! Love and miss you all...

Spring ’96

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As usual, everyone would love to see S96ers coming through their neck of the woods!

Jessica Silverman is still in the Bay Area but had a tough year with preemie twins, one with critical health challenges. She’s grateful for modern medicine and looking forward to a healthier and more gentle 2023.



Brooke Brewer moved back to midcoast Maine after 5 years in Spain’s Basque Country to be back around friends and family. She’s working remotely as a production manager for an animation studio and is looking forward to planting her garden and sailing. Otis (8) and Oslo (4) have gotten into cross country skiing, hockey and sledding. They adopted an Old English Sheepdog puppy from a local rescue and named her Matilda.

Jay Hallen took over as CFO of Joola, a leading company in pickleball and table tennis equipment. He’s enjoyed being in the middle of the country’s fastest growing sport managing a global supply chain and a handful of subsidiaries. It’s his 9th year living in Alexandria, VA, and his 14th married to Tatianna. Their older son Jack (10) plays Little League and youth hockey and is active in the Sea Cadets program. Their younger son Teddy (5) has boundless energy and just wants

to do whatever his brother does. Jay is coaching his tee-ball team. This summer they’ll spend a beach week visiting his parents in Quogue, NY, and another week renting a house in Beaufort, SC, a lovely town they discovered a few years ago.

Kristian Gratton is starting his 16th year with the emergency medicine group in Birmingham, Alabama. “while not always rewarding and at times exhausting; I continue to find patients daily that remind me why it is that I chose this path.” He wrote his update on his 44th birthday while sitting on the porch of his friend’s home in the mountains of North Carolina, watching turkeys and several deer make their way across the field. He’s been playing men’s hockey, hiking with his dog Bodie, and aspires to a 200 miler. Olive (10) played Marta in *The Sound of Music* and will be cast as Lavender in *Matilda*. Finley (8) was second overall in the Alabama state gymnastics meet. Reed (3) is his tornado.

Karalyn Burke is still living in Vermont with her family and teaching science at a local rural high school. She teaches mostly biology and a climate change course, which can be heavy but important. Her sons are 3 and 5 and so bring so much spunk and adventure to their lives. She splits her time between work, skiing, hiking, and building obstacle courses and Lego creations with the boys.

Becky Nyce Silva is still living in Newton, MA and loving the opportunity to spend more time with her girls (ages 7 and 3) while doing some part-time leadership, operations, and strategy consulting for non-profits. Her younger brother passed away in 2021, so she’s been learning a lot about grief and how much work we have to

do as individuals and a culture around it. "Always growing!"

Marina Michahelles is on her 18th season farming flowers in the Hudson Valley. She received an NRCS grant to put up two high-tunnels (greenhouses for in-ground growing), which will allow her to keep employees working year-round. She's most excited about a few hundred rose plants she's putting in for cut flowers.

Marina reports that **Morgen Peck** continues to be one of the foremost crypto currency and blockchain journalists in the world with a 2021 *New Yorker* piece, radiolab podcast, Science Friday, for IEEE, and more. She is currently working with some investors on an alternative to crypto, inspired by the Slow Foods movement, called Snail, wherein the assembly of cowrie shells into QR code belts is proposed as an alternative to blockchain. She is also selling her water lilies through Marina's seedling sale in May. Morgen stayed with TMS S93 alum Sean Westmoreland in Scituate, MA for a few weeks where she baked and decorated 8-in circumference cookies to become a contestant on the Food Network. "As you can imagine, some of the designs were quite... interesting."

David Jacoby's company Hostfully is now 8 years old with 75 employees in 19 countries. They are past the "start-up" phase even though they still feel like the scrappy underdog. Work travels took David all over, including Porto, Amsterdam, and Mexico. As a family with his kids (ages 10 and 11 now) they went on a six-week trip to Puerto Rico, New York City, and back home to CT, then used the Ikon Pass to ski Tahoe, Canadian Rockies in Banff, Canada, Steamboat

Springs and Winter Park.



Their biggest adventure was attending Burning Man. They camped in Kidsville, which had 400 burners, half kids and half adults, trampolines, swings, slides, obstacle courses, beautiful art sculpture, outrageous art cars, creative costumes, and wacky theme camps. The embraced the "10 Principles:" radical inclusion, gifting, de-commodification, radical self-reliance, radical self-expression, communal effort, civic responsibility, leave no trace, participation, and immediacy. "It really doesn't get any more Mountain School than that!" While there, they also bumped into **Peter Sheridan** and his Dusty Rhino art car!



As for me, **Ned Friend**, I'm still in Seattle with my wife, Sara, and daughters, Hannah (13) and Naomi (11). Hannah celebrated becoming a Bat Mitzvah in September and I continue to coach Naomi's soccer team. I'm working from home leading the Microsoft

365 Copilot Business Chat team (<https://aka.ms/BizChat-Launch>). That's gotten me to the center of AI debates where I continue to advocate for wealth taxes to share the proceeds from increased digital productivity and corresponding labor disruptions.

Spring '97

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Hello All. It's been an eventful year since last we wrote. My husband Greg, our now 5-year-old son Kipka, and I welcomed identical twin boys Ocean Gowl and Vega Manley in September. They are rolling and toe-sucking and starting to really interact with each other. Kip is a loving and proud big brother, and I am so grateful for his help and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to spending more time outside as the weather warms and giving these little ones a chance to explore the world through their senses. Here's a photo of our offspring, Vega is sporting buffaloes, Ocean stars, and Kip bright yellow.



I've seen **Katherine, George Cullman, and Alexis Boehm-ler** on recent trips to NYC. I had the pleasure of Katherine Messer coming to Pittsburgh to meet the wee ones around Thanksgiving. Cassie Marlantes Rahm will be in Pittsburgh in June, and I look forward to visiting with her.

Ann Kelly floats the possibility of a Pittsburgh visit. She writes "Greetings from Navarra--here in the Basque country... Our news is that we will be spending next year in the US! I was offered a fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study, and we will be relocating our minecraft-loving family roadshow to Princeton in late August. We are excited to finally having some time to catch up with family and friends whom we've missed loving across the pond."

Ian Cheney also appears to be headed my way in October. He shares "I finished my most ambitious film to date, *The Arc of Oblivion*, which involved building a large ark in a field in Maine. **Curt Ellis, Thomas Whitney** and **Reif Larsen** each lent a hand in their inimitable ways. My 7-year-old son Kepler and I premiered the film in Copenhagen and came home with Covidhagen, but are muddling through. I have to film in Alaska in July, and I wonder where Josh Onion lives." This concluded my theme of TMSers coming through Pittsburgh. Please help me make this section even longer next time by visiting the Paris of Appalachia. My next theme is new-found outdoor shenanigans and physical feats.

Carolyn Petruzzello writes "Hi! I'm still teaching high school Physics in the Bronx. The kids (Nico and Simona) are growing up too fast: 11 and 8 now. They've caught the VT/winter bug as they are both alpine ski racers now AND to support their bug, I passed my level 100 Alpine ski race coach cert this winter and am coaching at Windham Mountain where they race each weekend. It's been a fun new adventure to do alongside each other and one I never imagined doing at 42."



Beth Sigman shares, “Doing ok here. For the past year I’ve been working for a consulting firm that partners with nonprofits across sectors to help them with fundraising and operations. It’s challenging but interesting! I’ve also added gravel and mountain biking to my many years of road cycling, which makes me feel old and young at the same time. My daughters are 12 and 8, and we love baking together, dinners with friends, and traveling to new places. We’ve been taking taekwondo together as beginners this year—I don’t see us becoming black belts, but we did pass our first belt test! I would love to get together with S97ers this summer!”

Curt and Alex are home-creating:

“**Curt Ellis** and his partner Emily are moving with their blended family to a 30-acre farm in Mt. Holly, Vermont. Curt is otherwise busy co-leading FoodCorps and looking for the hubcap he and Ian lost on the side of a road in Maine.”

Alex Lloyd teaches me that “Vega is also a spectacular island in Norway” – where I am now determined to go. He is “trying to make a house happen upstate, learning about air to water heat pumps and, really more to the point, planning boards. If any readers are

clever about efficient hydronics, I’d love to chat. axlloyd@gmail.com”

On to music:

Molly Venter is “still writing, singing and performing as Goodnight Moonshine. Also becoming a certified sorcerer, I mean hypnotist! [FUN] Life w/ 3 littles is so chaotic and so overwhelmingly beautiful all at once.”

Nick Singer “got married last summer and my kids are now teenagers. Whenever possible I play my mandolin and sing harmony at all-day jams in Sonoma and Marin with a bunch of old hippies I met last year. I’ve also gotten pretty good at chopping wood.”

Finally, two updates from Sarah and Scott.

Sarah O’Keefe Grieg shares, “My kids are getting too big too quickly—currently 12, 8, and 6. Life is busy—I was happy to catch up with Katherine, Cassie and Alexis when we toasted George’s bday this spring. I’m still teaching architecture, taking photos, and running between various soccer games!”

Scott Belsky writes from “Amagansett NY where I am taking a short writing retreat for a new project I am working on. Professionally I am still at Adobe, trying to navigate this wild new world of generative AIcreativity. the highlight of my last month was taking my family to Japan, one of my favorite places in the world. My wife Erica and I have two daughters and one son in the middle. If anyone is traveling to Japan, happy to share some notes and highlights from our itinerary. the moss gardens and TeamLab exhibitions were among our favorites.”

I hope this finds you well

wherever it finds you.

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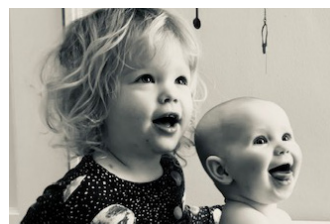
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Charlie Munford is still in New Orleans, for now. Meanwhile, his modern family has added a new child, and now they are all planning to move up to Vermont this summer! Charlie is currently looking for a job in forestry, agriculture, environment, or education.

Beth Mitchell didn’t have much to report from “rainy, rainy, rainy California,” so she sent along a picture of her mustachioed family instead:



Sutton Kiplinger reports a new baby in the family! “Frances, born at home in Boston on July 16. Toddler sister, Cass, loves her with abandon.”



Tess Wheelwright also welcomed a new baby, Sammy, to the family in October. She also writes: “Before that, I was busy and learning tons helping launch a nonprofit (Freedom Reads) to put libraries in prison housing units. Like Charlie, I am now casting around for what’s next for me work-wise. Our older kid Omar thinks I should get back to writing fiction — suggesting I ease back in by picking up an old story to rewrite: ‘Like, you could make the “O”s “Q”s... and maybe the “N”s “Z”s...’ I’m taking it under advisement.”



Tracy Krueger is working at Maine Department of Environmental Protection on impaired rivers and streams. “It’s interesting work, but hard to find actual solutions in all the bureaucracy and lack of funding. I hope to be able to develop the program in the years to come. The family is well. Both kids are in elementary school now and busy with many things. I FINALLY tapped a maple tree on my property this year. After years of not thinking we had any tappable trees, it turns out there was one right in front of me the whole time. Here’s a picture of our makeshift boiling operation with my daughter, Astrid.”



Jaime Huling Delaye had a big year out here in San Francisco. “We are (still) renovating an old Edwardian house in the

city and hope to move in as a family of four this summer. We welcomed our baby girl, Mira, last summer. I'm still at the City Attorney's Office, but I have changed teams to become an advice attorney on Ethics and Elections issues. Calder started kindergarten, and we have spent much of this winter up in Serene Lakes, in Tahoe, where we officially hit record snowfall this week with 750 inches!! I got to ski a blue run with Calder for the first time today, which warmed my heart.



Lara Vogel is settled into a chilly autumn in New Zealand. "I honestly cannot say enough about the absolute and complete beauty of this place. For outdoor activities and lifestyle with small children, I think it is impossible to beat. Day-care, school, healthcare is free and the natural beauty is unrivaled. Everyone--plan a trip here immediately. The kids are great here--Oscar 10, Eliza 8, and Charlie and Vivie 5--and have settled into a life that is good and full of sports, hiking adventures and a shockingly small amount of school, which we plan to look into addressing soon-ish. The hubs, Louis, runs a business that is taking off doing non-literacy-based mobile education and data collection for the Global South and I am an ER doctor here in Christchurch. I happily have become incredibly unimportant as a lot of my initial job here in 2021 was designing the national response to COVID (back when none of them had seen any and I had just moved from a country full of COVID) so I hope to

remain deeply unnecessary."



Eden Trenor writes that, "After many years of California living, my partner Dan and I moved to Washington state where I was born and raised (a coming home for me, and a new and challenging adventure for him - which actually means a new and challenging adventure for both of us). We're now settling into the particular beauties of living so close (at last!) to the ocean, to the big trees, and to Olympic National Park. Come visit us in Port Townsend! After many years as well, I'm unemployed - the nonprofit I've been working for as the Director of Transformational Education for nearly a decade closed its doors - with dignity and celebration, but it's also opened up a space in my life that I haven't experienced in years. Which is both delightful and not very financially sustainable. So I'm in that humbling and exciting process of job-hunting/building my own business. Last month I ran my first half-marathon (in 34 degree weather with 2800' elevation gain - whew!) as a fundraiser for the National Network of Abortion Funds and I'm training for another - which will be flatter. And warmer."



Billy Parish writes: "We moved to Washington DC almost 2 years ago after my wife took a job leading DOE's tribal energy programs, and we are still settling in. Our girls wish we were still in Oakland and are going through some of the challenges so many other teenage girls are right now, but the dog we adopted in Alaska this summer seems to help. I'm still running a clean energy finance company and am grateful for all the progress on climate policy that is helping accelerate the transition. Would love to see you all -- if you ever come through DC, hit me up!"



Diana Rodin is still in Brooklyn doing health policy/public health work, and trying to teach an old rescue dog some new tricks. "Excited that it's time for some tiny patio gardening too. It's no garden hill but I'll take it."



Sam Potolicchio writes: "I still teach part-time at Georgetown, Bologna (Italy) and Mannheim (Germany) Universities, but have most recently founded a center of global leadership at American Councils for International Education. American Councils administers exchange, language and curricular programs for the State Department, US

Congress and Department of Defense. In the last couple months I have worked with our alums on the ground in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Serbia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Senegal and Kazakhstan as well as Afghan refugees at our campus in Albania."



Alexis Talyor writes: "It's been quite some time since I've written an update, but in this last year I gave birth to our baby daughter, got married and changed jobs (in that order). So I guess I've been making up for lost time...though it's been A LOT, and now I see why people space those life milestones out a bit? After many years of wandering, I've made my way back to New York City, accepting a job as VP of Climate Resilience at NYC Economic Development Corporation. I'm working on projects that will likely take decades to be fully realized.... But I'm becoming even more resolved now that I'm doing it for the next generation."

David Gorin writes: "My partner Charlotte got a job in the design school at ASU, so we just relocated to Phoenix, Arizona this past summer. Phoenix is a big change from New York, and I went kicking and screaming at first—but as of a few months ago I started having an amazing time: I've been teaching every semester and most summers for fifteen years, and this is the first that I've been able to devote to my own writing. I'm putting myself out there for teaching at ASU and their their prison

education program and to local organizations working to protect reproductive rights in Arizona.”



And as for me, **Caleb Masland**, the last year has been much of the same for me personally. I've come to fully embrace that some seasons of life are much more about playing a support role, which has been an adjustment for someone who has staked their career on their individual brand. My wife got a huge new role directing Teaching Excellence across the entire university where she works. In January, I was set to participate in the official Elite field at the Houston Marathon but couldn't travel due to a covid exposure. My training partner had a huge day, though, running a huge personal best and finishing as the top American woman. I'm still coaching individuals and groups if anyone needs running guidance!

Spring 'oo

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Hi friends. I find it fitting that I'm compiling these notes on the CT to NYC Metro North commute, as this update is always a welcome snapshot of where we are on our own journeys. Wherever you are in transit at the moment, I hope you're well. Here is where our crew finds ourselves this year.

Starting the furthest afield, **Kip Battey** writes: "Hello to ev-

eryone from Namibia! We're still living in Windhoek and loving it over here, but will probably be ready to come back to the States in 2025 when we're planning to (already thinking about timing things to make sure we're back before the big 25 year reunion...where did the time go!!). We have a guest flat and now also a 12-seat safari vehicle, so if anyone ever wants to come visit and really get away from it all, our door's always open. Also saw Coltere Savidge when we were back in Vermont visiting family in December, and he'd just welcomed adorable baby #3, little miss Margot."

Josephine Ferorelli writes "to send our crew love, (and happy 40th birthday to everybody!) and also to celebrate that my co-author, Meghan Kallman, and I just finished a final draft of our book, due out early next year, called *The Conceivable Future: Planning Families and Taking Action in the Age of Climate Change*. It's based on the past decade of organizing work we've done to illuminate how climate change is shaping our generation's reproductive lives, and what we can do about it (spoiler: climate activism!) I can't tell you how good it feels to know I am not allowed to make any more changes to that document. Other news? Chris made essentially a plywood quilt for our kitchen floor, it's amazing. And we have a beautiful new red-headed nephew named Val."

Barb Rosen "turned the big 4-0 this September, and to celebrate I flew off to the east coast to visit some dear TMS buddies in Brooklyn- Julia Marsh, Scarlet Kim, and Jeff Markowitz! It was really special to meet all the newest additions to the Conard Kitties lineage, and to reunite after many years and also feel like no time had passed (except for

all the young children hassling us!)). I'm still based in Seattle, WA with my husband Russ and three kids (Isaac, 8, Sonya, 5, and Aviva, 2). I'm doing independent consulting work in early childhood education policy, and having fun planning more travel and having friends stay with us now that COVID is calming down. Come visit!"

Jim Sherwin is still in Portland, where he swims often, reads when he can, and cooks if the mood strikes. His newest hobby is fretting over interior lighting; he blames TikTok.

All is well in Berkeley, CA where **Alex Schoenfeld's** kids (6 & 9) have been hitting the overwhelmingly snowy Sierra slopes this winter. "My husband Ryan was granted tenure at UC Berkeley which is a huge milestone (for him) and relief (for me). I'm well and helping grow a company that provides special education services for students with the highest levels of need."

Life is full for **Aarav Sundaresh!** "I'm learning and being challenged every day as a parent. Coupled with haunting legislative sessions, things can feel hard, but we are trying to center joy through it all. Also, I left the classroom after 14 years! Now I'm directing the Office of Equity & Belonging for Providence Public Schools. Learning and being challenged every day as a leader, too."



Katie Mygatt is still loving living in VT with her husband Karl, and two kids, Henry (3) and Ruth (5.5). She has found

that making a ski town your full time home has its benefits when looking to optimize efficiency at getting your outdoor adventures in while working full time and raising kids. Case in point, Katie practices family medicine and sports medicine at a local clinic, and enjoys mountain biking in the summer, and skinning up Mad River Glen in the moonlight after work in the winter!

After getting snowed in for 2+ weeks this winter, **Pendry Haines** is embracing spring with potty training and gardening with her toddler, Forrest.

Becca Link writes from her home in Driggs, Idaho, where she skied the deepest powder of her life during a fantastic ski season! She and Adam are currently building a house for his mom to move into on their property. They spend a lot of their time managing their "magical" little corner of northwest Washington, along with old lady dog Flo, who is still kicking at around 16 years old! Becca continues to "fight Darwin" working nights in the ER, and was recently promoted to group scheduler, a huge job with the benefit of allowing her to do some work from home. "Covid feels less scary, and I no longer fear for my life at work, so that's an improvement. The invitation remains open for anyone to visit us in Washington or Driggs. I miss you all!"

Caroline Kerr writes: "Darcy, William (soon-to-be 8), Alexander (5), Elizabeth (5) and I are loving life in Hanover. We did some backyard sugaring this year: sap tea, minor burning of pans and fingers, and even some syrup. Wonderful. Mallory and I got together for a kiddo park playdate. I see cousin Rosi Kerr S'92 regularly and our kiddos love adventur-

ing together.”

Rachel Chase took a new job this year as the Education Director at the Saratoga Auto Museum. She absolutely loves getting to teach STEM in the context of cars. “My wife Dacia and I moved out of the city and into the Adirondacks in 2022. Like most former Brooklyn hipsters, we’re still on brand and our pandemic puppy and chickens are doing well. We’re just finishing up our last maple boil of the season because all of the buds are beginning to swell. I promise I only cut production by a third from maple tea. Happy to host/visit if folks ever make it up to the Lake George region.”

Dave Eisenstadter is almost at the one-year mark for his job as managing producer at MassLive in Springfield, Mass. “It has been a full experience and rewarding to be working directly with reporters again. My job duties recently shifted and I’m doing more writing again, a change that felt intimidating but that I’ve actually been enjoying quite a bit. My kids Sebastian and Amelia are 6 and almost 3. Both are extremely energetic and I’ve been wondering where they get their stubborn streak from ;) In January, we took our first family trip since COVID down to Florida which included Disney (my first time, and I did survive ...). Both kids are still singing songs they learned down there. Our family is still masking in public indoor places, but month to month it does feel like things are reverting to a sense of normalcy, even as folks we know continue to come down with Covid from time to time. Sometime we hope to take the kids to a dance somewhere, but that may be a ways off.”

David Vitale-Wolff continues to live in Boston, and is now a School Librarian at a K-8 school in the Boston Public Schools. David lives down the street from Emily Lowenberg – they see each other every so often and their kids are in a rock band together.

Life is busy for **Tony DeLisi** in Austin, TX. “My wife, Natalie, and I are mostly working and enjoying time with our newly two-year old son, Gus. Sometimes it feels like there isn’t a lot of time for much else, but he’s really a joy, and we find time for fun when we can. In fact we’re going down to San Antonio next week for a mini spring break that will include visits to the zoo and children’s museum along with the Riverwalk, Alamo and tacos. Here’s a photo celebrating Gus’s second day at his Montessori class. (Obligatory Carhart hat on head).”



I, **Laurén Rauch**, am enjoying the CT ‘burbs with my family, with Sunday soccer games and a full summer camp schedule for Rylan (5) and a “whatever my sister is doing” attitude from Mason (2). Our pandemic baby will finally get on a plane for our Disney adventure in May. I am still enjoying my role as in-house counsel at Oliver Wyman, and appreciating the embrace of hybrid work. Sending love to you on your respective commutes and can’t wait for 2025!!

Spring '01

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Robbie Whelan moved with his wife Allegra and their two young kids to Los Angeles last year to cover Hollywood studios in his 13th year as a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*. Robbie lives down the hill from Abdel Reid, with whom he has gone swimming and to a Lakers game and often fist-bumps through their car windows in the morning when they pass each other after dropping kids off at school.

Micah Resnick lives in Cincinnati with April and their three kids. He practices the art of pediatric medicine, coaches youth sports and cultivates the garden.

Olivia Zaleski lives in California and just had a new baby. She stopped working her corporate job and is now fixing up an old house and spending most of her time raising her kids and gardening. She couldn’t be happier.

Lucia Ballard lives in Seattle with her husband Robert and daughter Penny. At Apple, Lucia builds technologies that make it harder for hackers to get into your phone. And she’s starting to garden again, for the first time since planting onions on Garden Hill.

Galen Laserson Bussmann writes: Matt and I are still enjoying life in San Francisco. Our daughter Ellis is 2, enjoys chasing birds and jumping off high things, and is generally a hoot. I graduated medical school this May and am excited to be staying on at UCSF for residency in Emergency Medicine. We will be in the Bay for at least the next four years and

welcome visitors anytime!

Thyra Heder just went to the Galapagos and swam with sharks and penguins! But in her regular life, she is making more books and working on movies in Brooklyn and teaching at Tufts once a week (long commute!)

Molly Derringer (Now Molly C instead of Molly D) is still in Sacramento with her husband and two kids. They got a puppy last year who loves to run. She just took a new job working for a clean energy trade association on Pacific offshore wind.

Mollie Wertlieb Barnathan lives in Portland Maine with her husband Evan and their 3 daughters. She is a postpartum doula and co-founder of North Light Newborns. Her family loves spending time outside in all seasons, and her girls are becoming avid skiers, snowshoers, and maple sugar-ers.

Paul Feingold (PFein) is a thoracic surgeon at the University of Rochester. He and his wife, as well as Jack (6) and Ellie (4), love living in western New York. He is wondering why all his classmates from Vershire seem to be living in California!!

Will Cook is working as a creative director in the games industry. He and his wife Beyza call San Francisco home, but for the last two years have spent most of their time in Copenhagen and Istanbul.

Natalie Tear is a proud member of the Vershire California delegation, settled in Culver City on the westside of LA. She does sustainability/innovation work for a big real estate firm and otherwise tries her best to keep up with her husband and two kids who are always zipping around town on bikes, hiking the trails near

their house, or adventuring in Santa Monica Bay.

Elana Snow spends most mornings building highly technical magnatiles for toy trains and most evenings digging deep into her Rolodex of child-appropriate, makeshift bedtime songs, both hobbies that are stipulated and supervised by her almost-three-year-old son, Jonas. In-between time is dappled with work as an instructional designer from her home outside Boston and long walks along the river with her 11-year-old lab-mix, Ricky the dog. She's contemplating getting into birding, as one does with age, inspired mostly by her recent run-ins with a majestic great blue heron and some migrating hooded mergansers swimming along the Charles.

Emily Maher is living and working in San Francisco with her husband Dan, and two girls, Ella (6.5) and Antonia (5). She spends her working days running corporate finance at Uber, and her non-working time outdoors with her girls or drawing rainbows, hearts and unicorns. She recently spent many winter weekends trying to instill a love of skiing in her girls (it worked!) and is happily embracing the returning sunshine after months and months of rain and snow. With the return of warm weather, she is back to enjoying family bike rides and time in wine country with her family. For the east coasters in the group, Emily finds herself in New York regularly for work, and Cape Cod for several weeks in the summer for play.

Andrea Loeffler is still working as a private chef for postpartum mothers in the Bay Area. Although she will be taking a short break from the kitchen as she makes preparations for her own birth, Andrea

and her partner Harry are expecting a babe earthside mid-June. She is looking forward to joining the ranks of moms in our semester and anticipates the rest of the year to be both busy and transformative.

Up in the northern greens of Vermont, **Ali Jackson** is living and playing and raising a family with her husband. She's still working with museums around the country to move the needle to increase public trust in science and cultivate wonder and joy in STEM engagement. In the evenings, and sometime early mornings, she's often out exploring the frog pond, roaming the trails, foraging, and trying not to fall into abandoned cellar holes or old sugar shacks in the woods behind her house—most often with her boys in tow.

Will Genge is three years into living outside Seattle on Bainbridge Island with his wife, Jenna, and their son Bish (3). They had the great fortune to see JJ get married last summer but otherwise have been bereft of Mountain School contact for too long. He spends his days in the basement working at Microsoft and evenings in the basement hiding from the rain, painting unicorns, and reading *Fraidyzoos*.

Ben Goddard lives with his wife, Elaina, in Salt Lake City, UT where he is recuperating from one of the most epic ski seasons in forever. The skiing was, indeed, much more fun than working for Hasbro. After an encounter with a regal North American porcupine on the ski slopes, he is thinking about getting into porcupining because, as we all know, birding is for chumps and porcupining is way more extreme.

Daniel Rizzotto continues to work at his design agency Sisu, where he is now a part-

ner and in charge of managing actual people. He misses New England and all of the green, but is okay with spending time on the beach as a compromise. He recently moved to mid-city with his son Harvey (actually a dog, let's not get crazy) and two best friends, and discovered yoga, but mostly just because he's learning to do cool headstands.

Abdel Reid still calls southern California home. He, his wife, Jessica, and son, AJ, split their time between Los Angeles and Joshua Tree. Abdel enjoys running his commercial real estate investment company, coaching his son at a variety of sports, and taking family trips to national parks.

Scott Foreman-Murray will complete his fourth year in Bellingham, WA this summer, which is as long as he's lived anywhere since he went to Vershire in 2001. Scott lives with his wife, Lindsay, and two sons, Mac (almost 7) and Rad (4). They are enjoying leaning into a cliché PNW lifestyle—mountain biking, skiing, paddling, and generally having fun outside whenever they can.

Lisa Dunlop is the proud founder of the Toronto Vershire contingent and is looking for new members who enjoy free healthcare, gun control and up to 18 months of maternity leave. She has picked up moose watching because that is even more hardcore than bird and porcupine watching. She lives with her husband, Andrew, and her 18-month-old daughter, Josie. During the day, she works at Instacart, where she has convinced people that she belongs in the Engineering organization even though she can't code. Josie is a joy and a real independent spirit—in the last week, she escaped from her crib twice by doing an elaborate front

flip and decided to potty train herself. In her spare time, Lisa likes exploring nearby playgrounds, eating on patios, and gardening (cultivating her first round of fruits and veggies after a few years of being focused on flowers).

Nate Warren and his partner Gabrielle moved to Oslo, Norway in late 2021. They spend as much time as possible exploring Europe and enjoying Norwegian mountains, rivers, and forests. In his spare time, Nate teaches marketing.

Claire Cheney continues her efforts as a spice merchant with Curio Spice Co. outside Boston and is proud that the TMS kitchen is a regular customer. She keeps busy with her husband and two daughters, Linden (5) and Mabel (2) who love eating flowers. “Mom, is this edible?!” and who recently came along for the ride on a sourcing trip to Colombia where they all ate many magical fruits and spices.

Andrea Dreyer (formerly H, now D) is happily settled in Brooklyn with her husband and kids, Warren (6) and Daphne (4). She is an attorney at a retirement services company and spends all her spare time planning travel, baking and reading. She also took up running during the pandemic and is vaguely considering a half marathon next year.

Sasha Harris Lovett still lives in Berkeley with her family. Now her kids like doing things she also likes doing, which is super fun, like going tidepooling, reading Harry Potter, and laughing about farts. She works by day as an environmental scientist at the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, a small government agency focused on stewardship of the SF Bay, and by night, she

aspires to be a kids book writer.

Dawn Lippert is going on 14 years living in Honolulu, which mostly feels like being on vacation. She lives near the ocean with her husband Brody and kiddos Lily (4) and Hatcher (1) and one houseplant that is thriving, but does not quite qualify as a garden. She tries to keep up with Lily's love of unicorns, fairies, rainbows, mermaids, and *Salboat* by the great Thyra Heder. Dawn is also almost 14 years into Elemental Excelerator, a non-profit climate investor which recently made their 150th startup investment and results in way too much time on airplanes (need to see more of you on my travels! Working on that) and recently closed a new venture fund, Earthshot Ventures, to do the same thing but for profit - eventually(!) So encouraged by our new climate policy and the progress this year on tackling climate, and we still have a long way to go!

Jared Martin still lives in Alaska. He spends summers guiding folks in the wilderness. Last year he spent 2 weeks rafting and hiking barefoot (lost his Texas the first day on the river) in ANWR and saw a muskox in the wild. He is looking forward to another great season just as soon as it stops snowing. If anyone wants to come play in the north and see glaciers, whales, caribou or moose, look Jared up. And to all you Bay Area folks, be ready for more sneak attack bear hugs. Jared is known to show up for newborn night nursing duties.

Lindsey Abbey Lane continues to live down the street from Milton Academy with her husband Eric and kids Bennett (6) and Hanna (3). Even though she was raised in Ohio, New England is, and will forever be, home. She has spent the last 15 years at an impact investment

management firm in Boston overseeing marketing and communications. Like many classmates, she has discovered the joy of cultivating her own garden, practicing patience as she coaxes flowers out of the earth. She introduced the kids to skiing this past winter, hopefully instilling in them a love for winters in Vermont.

Lisa Field is marrying her sweetheart on the anniversary of the day they met six years ago on 5/20/23 (but her name will remain Lisa "F"!) Colorado Springs, CO is still homebase 11 years later, and she continues her life-saving work at Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains as a Registered Nurse.

Johnny Williams is going on 15 years in San Francisco with his wife Marisa and kids Beatrice (5) and Louis (3). He continues his work as a corporate lawyer in San Francisco working with tech and life sciences companies. He also spends a lot of his time with his kids at parks, on hikes or at the beach.

Ken Nakamura moved full-time to the high desert, just minutes away from Joshua Tree National Park. He and his husband are busy fixing up a 1950s homestead while making sure their two dogs don't get attacked by coyotes, rattlesnakes, or scorpions.

Spring '02

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The spring '02 class has had a number of adventures in the past year, including a chance to reconnect at TMS for our 20th reunion! From welcoming new family members, to writing, to living well and seeing wonderful places, it has been an exciting year!



Robin Wolthausen is living in Southwest Colorado, gardening, making beauty, going on adventures, feeding the Earth, running a private body-based trauma healing therapy and parent coaching practice. You all are welcome by Robin's fire anytime. Robin wishes blessings on your homes and loved ones.

Sophie Eisner is teaching in the Studio Art Department at St. Olaf again this year. A couple of the highlights have been designing and teaching a Sculpture and Installation course this semester and deepening her relationships with students that she met for the first-time last year. Next year Sophie is moving back to the east coast – location to be determined!

Amy Strieter is living in Athens, Ohio and is still frequently glad to be back in her home state. She is in the home stretch of year two of the Ph.D. in CRWR at Ohio University! Earlier this year, a 'weird poem of mine that I dearly love' came out in *Literary Matters*, which can be read online! Amy is still getting out to hike regularly and hopes everyone is taking care!

To read the poem, google "If We Could Go As Seals" or use the following link:

<https://www.literarymatters.org/15-2-if-we-could-go-as-seals/>

Prompt before reading: Imagine that someone you know but don't like has died and has become a seal, and so

have you. Now, read!

Matt Sinclair is also living in Ohio (Chagrin Falls) and recently welcomed a new member of his family! Max was born over Thanksgiving weekend and is thriving with his older brother Luke (7) in their new home deep in the woods. Matt is working hard as a consultant and is looking forward to traveling to the Redwoods and Crater Lake this summer with his boys and partner, Mary!



Therese Claxton is still working at the MA Dept. of Public Health working to expand access to naran and medication for opioid use disorder. Therese just got remarried in April and lives in Boston with her wife and their four kids.

All is well for **Alison (Neubauer) Miller** and her family in Virginia. Jason, Owen (7) and Evelyn (4) are happy, healthy and having fun! The family will be adding a pup to the family soon! Stay tuned for the name!



Life for **Haley (Mackrow) Sammen** has been chugging along; recently, wrote about how she and her company are rethinking evaluation in philanthropy, something that we should all refresh now and again! Read about it here:

<https://www.peakgrantmaking.org/insights/how-centering-emergent-learning-can-hone-your-grantmaking-and-deepen-partnerships/>

Vijay Viswanathan is operating a small ranch with his wife in Longmont, CO raising chickens, goats, and cows, and staying busy trying to sow what they can in between snowstorms. Vijay is still working with Lindsay Young at Boulders Open Space department when she's not feeding the bears!

Speaking of **Lindsay**, in an amusing incident at work in the past year, she set up a motion activated camera in the woods to make sure no one illegally harvested the antlers off a deceased deer. A black bear took interest in the camera, looking at the lens from a variety of angles. The resulting 400 photos resembled selfies. Lindsay posted the photos on her work social media account and they went viral! Days later, NPR, the BBC, *The Colbert Report*, and *Saturday Night Live* mentioned the story!



Wherever you are, from us to you, we hope you leave things greater than you found them, and enjoy the little pleasures!!

Spring '03

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20th Reunion
August 4-6, 2023

It has been TWENTY years since our semester at Mountain School and when I reached out for updates from everyone; the most incredible email chain of updates on reply all ensued. So much incredible news to share - but the overarching themes of missing one another, still considering each and every member of our semester such a close friend - even if it has been years since we've seen one another, and a general consensus that our time together, in the spring of 2003 was most definitely the time of our lives.

Now for the most individual news I've gotten back from you all in YEARS:

Sydney Glassman is a professor of Microbiology at UC Riverside and running a lab researching fungal and bacterial responses to wildfires. The big news is that on July 26, 2022, Sydney became a mother to a beautiful baby girl, Charlie. Sydney and her husband Justin are loving new parent life and watching her grow. Charlie loves her dog siblings, Ollie and Chanty, and someday Sydney hopes to bring her to visit Vershire



Miles Turner is still working for NOLS and is spending some time in San Rafael, CA and hoping to head for sea kayaking in Alaska by the time these notes come out. A man of adventures - he hopes to make it to VT this summer for reunion!

Liz Gould has been living in the mountains of Western North Carolina with her husband and now 4-year-old son Henry. She is an ER nurse in a rural hospital and spends her free time tending their garden and flock of 17 chickens! Future plans will bring this family back to the northeast to Cape Cod where her husband Seth is from and they are building a house near his family there.

Amanda Rook is living in Norman, OK and working as a massage therapist with her own pelvic floor therapy business. Please follow her growing practice on IG @pelviccare or on Facebook at Pelvic Care Physical Therapy. Her daughter Clementine is now five-years old - a super girly girl with an incredible sense of humor keeping life busy and never boring.

Gideon Irving lives in upstate NY on what has become a bit of a family compound with his parents and brother's family. Being the funckle (fun uncle) is likely one of his true callings! While he plans to get back to touring with his one-man band, currently Gideon and his parents are working on a TV show and plans are in place to shoot the first season this summer in NYC. If you watch any of these three on Instagram, you know it is sure to be a HIT!

Bryce Goodman is moving to the UK with his partner and their 16-month-old twins! These two wild and wonderful boys are keeping them very

busy, drowning out most everything else - but Bryce still plans to finish his PhD in AI. A current project he is working on is with a group called Coral Gardeners listening to coral reefs and determining how healthy they are (how COOL is that?). Good luck across the pond, Bryce!



Esme Cullen wrote in from West Marin, CA after tucking in her 15-month-old for his morning nap. They live on a rural homestead north of San Francisco where she is a primary care doctor and director of the local safety net clinic where she is humbled every day by the many challenges people must navigate to live in our country at this time. Esme and her husband have three kids - Jackson (10), Olema (4) and Caleb (1) and a bunch of animals. The homestead sounds like a paradise of zip-lines, tree forts, and adventures.

Meredith Morgan lives in the Cleveland suburbs with her son Max who will be 8 this June, her partner Mike and their dog Aurora and cat, Beau. A year and a half ago, she decided to go back to school to become a nurse and by the time this publishes, she will be gradu-

ated and hopefully working in a medical ICU at the Cleveland Clinic where she is currently a technician.



Steve McDonald was lucky enough to send his update from an Amtrak train on his way to visit Emma Haberman and her family in Washington, DC! The past few years have been quite the ride for Steve: he is an ER physician in New York City (US epicenter of a certain pandemic) but is growing increasingly disillusioned with the practice of medicine in our modern era. In all the spare time I imagine an ER doc having, Steve is taking a second go at a book he is writing describing his path into medicine and now path away from what is an increasingly corporatized work environment. A moment of transition - but one we cannot wait to watch you succeed in Steve!

Morgan Asbridge and her husband moved out of Seattle to a nearby island and decided to postpone their wedding to have their child Madeleine who is now a hilarious two-year old! Add three cats and an orphaned deer fawn, Deirdre, who hangs around their home and rural life is never quite quiet. Morgan is wrapping up the final year of a Veterinary Nursing program while working her tenth year as a vet assistant - a job bringing serious joy!



Talia Cooper lives intergenerationally in Oakland, CA - her mom with her boyfriend upstairs - while Talia and her husband Andrew and their daughter live downstairs. Talia's daughter, Aila (rhymes with Micaela) was born last September on their four-year wedding anniversary! Talia is working as a life coach and body liberation coach and hopes to start singing and songwriting again soon. When she finds time for herself, Talia's favorite activities are dancing, hiking and baking.



Coogan Brennan lives in Charlottesville, VA with his wife and daughter Poppy (almost 3), and they are expecting twin boys in May! The family is deep in the Waldorf world

here, with singing, felting, darning and tromping about. Coogan still works in the world of blockchain, but more on the cryptographic research side where he makes courses and curricula for others learning. He's also started playing the Irish bouzouki because Nate Sloan said he was and maybe they'll someday make lullabies for all these babies the group is having!

Tiffany Shumate lives in the Bay Area of San Francisco and will have graduated with an MBA from Berkeley by the time you all read this! She's focused on tech workforce/talent development and has recently also taken some inspiring trips to Ghana and South Africa learning about AI education abroad. She bought a cute condo last year where she lives with her pup Kalista, but is hoping to rent it this summer to go on more adventures further afield than their regular hikes in the redwoods.

Kristen Butterfield and her spouse married in 2019 and managed a honeymoon in Costa Rica before they all stayed home for many months. In 2021 they purchased a house in the Seacoast of New Hampshire where they are focused on gardening and creating a little oasis - you can find Kristen in her hammock all summer! They have two sweet kitties. Kristen works as a student support counselor at a community college where she no doubt is helping guide future generations as they enter what is a challenging time in our world. Aren't we all trying to infuse gratitude and moments of joy while pushing back against the things we are all facing economically, politically, for mental and women's health etc.?

Abby Wright lives with her husband and two kids, Kit (6)

and Nat (2), outside of Boston. She works in the digital assets space, leading a team that primarily does marketing and strategy.

Frank Wood has spent the last decade in California, but has now moved back to Oxford, MS with his wife Anna, their twin boys, Ryland and Emmet (7), - honestly what is up with this group and TWINS?! - and they've recently welcomed a baby girl, Ithaca (9 months), who he describes as a living smile! Frank is an attorney, and now owns an LLC sling pre-closing work for real estate firms.

Rachel Caylor Lane has spent the past two decades living in Europe and Asia with occasional visits to the U.S. to see family. She moved back to London just before the pandemic where she has remained the last couple years. During the past few years, Rachel has made a big career/life change and left big corporate life for a small independent company that works with small growers and producers who employ sustainable, organic, biodynamic, vegan and no/low-intervention farming and wine-making practices. Check out www.theatreofwine.com to learn more (you know I will!).

Lenya King works for Mastercard as a Product Experience Design Lead and lives in Brooklyn. While she loves her peace, she is on the hunt for a pup to go hiking with, watch horror movies with, and howl as she plays the guitar. Ever grateful for the art classes at the Mountain School, Lenya received her BFA in Graphic Design from Massachusetts College of Art & Design then moved to NY and has been there since collaborating with hundreds of creatives at companies giant and small. Now, 10+ years later, she is contem-

plating her next move, perhaps outside the toxic tech world. Losing her father suddenly was a turning point for Lenya and has allowed her to participate in the world in new ways - like learning electric guitar, seeking a dog family member, speaking publicly about neurodiversity in the workplace, savoring black raspberry ice cream whenever able to find it in New York (this is apparently very hard!), and even writing a collection of horror short stories. Through grief, hope & inspiration. We love to see it.

Sophia Lear was married this past New Year's and now has two stepsons adding adventures abound to her life. She is working as a co-executive producer on a sitcom named *Ghosts* (I know it!!!). She remains close with Steven - they have a very exclusive cinema club.

Nate Sloan lives in Pasadena, CA with his partner Whitney, their delightful child Moses (2.5), an annoying toy poodle Agnes, and another baby due in June! He has been teaching music history at USC for the past 5 years and hosts a podcast called *Switched on Pop* - check it out!

Emi Neithercut and her husband Parker live outside Minneapolis with their kids Yuki (4) and Robbie (2) and the family dog. She works for General Mills as the Brand Manager of Old El Paso - pretty cool for us taco Tuesday fans! Her husband runs a small organic healthy cereal company called Lovebird and though busy, they try to travel and bike as much as possible.

Thomas McCosker and his wife, Catherine are still living in England, almost 10 years after they promised their families "only one year". They are proud parents to Rose (5.5) and Thea

(1.5) who love riding bikes, well Thea, is still learning to walk! Thomas is still working within sustainable construction, having done an apprenticeship in timber framing after college (didn't we all do that, but in high school?!). He has worked building high efficiency houses and has now switched gears to design and analysis. He is currently forming a small sustainability team here, pushing the envelope on building efficiency and reducing carbon emissions. Free time (with two kids, ha) means Thomas is out for a run or popping to a local pub, but finds immense joy playing at the park with his girls.

Jess Nepom writes in while sitting with her three-week old daughter Sienna! She also has a two-year old, Cora. Jess and her husband Rorie live in Austin, TX and works as a Technical Producer at a global tech company where she focuses on building internal tools for education and skill development, primarily via adaptive and personalized learning.

Raf Kelman lives in Northampton, MA with his partner Mary, their child Urso and dog Cheater. He left his boarding school job two years ago and now more happily teaches art at a little hippie day school.



It always feels weird to end these with an update about myself, but I know you all wait with baited breath, so here it is. I bought a condo in South Boston last fall where I live

with my dog Banker. I'm working in digital marketing for Manulife, a company based in Toronto which has been a fun new city to get to know, spending as much time hiking and golfing as I can and enjoying my expensive wine hobby with friends and family. I hope the enthusiasm of the email chain with updates leads to many of us making our way to reunion this August and leads to this type of lengthy update annuals more often via email - miss you all.

Love,
Cordy

Spring '04

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It's been too long since our semester was featured in these hallowed pages. Last year, right when class notes were due, a fire consumed my beloved loft in Chinatown, Manhattan, and I lost my home and everything I owned—including my journal from TMS and the book of short fiction my English class made together. Needless to say, my obligations to *Pearls and Seaweed* took a backseat, but the response to this year's call for notes was tremendous.

Since last May, I've been slowly rebuilding my life, and I'm taking the summer to travel. I'm currently writing from Tbilisi, Georgia, where I've been enjoying the welcoming culture and delicious dumplings. In July, I plan to be at Ruthie Schwab's wedding in Spain along with Ben Mandelkern, who also recently got engaged.

I hope to see everyone next year at our 20th reunion—if not sooner. I'll be back in NYC in the fall, where I'm now living in Brooklyn, and would love to entertain any TMS visitors.

Also in Brooklyn is **Andrew Gorin**—where he's been teaching and working on his writing—but not for long! He recently accepted a teaching job in Haifa, Israel so he'll be relocating there along with his partner, Amy, and their two-year-old, Tal.

Mary French has also been on the move: Toronto to speak at an international symposium on historical birch bark objects in cultural heritage; Oxford to research a Tudor embroidered binding made by Queen Elizabeth I when she was only 11-years old; Denmark to speak at a conference about Kashmiri birch bark manuscripts; and Venice to see beautiful art and eat delicious food. "Closer to home, I've been having a lot of fun renewing my friendship with Casey Freedman since we live in the same neighborhood," Mary writes.

Mai Ann Healy just moved to Portland, Oregon where she started a new job at JP Morgan focused on impact and sustainability for their sustainable timberland and natural resource investment management. "I'm playing in forests and having to remember my TMS tree identification skills," she notes.

Another recent transplant to Portland is **Logan Vincent**, who moved in August with her husband and son, Parker, and is working as an interventional cardiologist. "Life is happily full of toddler adventures, exploring our new hometown, and trying to break down some of the barriers for women pursuing careers in procedural cardiology," writes Logan. "The best part of the move to Portland has for sure been reconnecting with TMS friends, including 'Auntie Mai Ann' (as my son knows her)."

Nearby in Astoria, Oregon is **Corinne Reeves**, who recently left behind the hospital where she midwived for six years to join a freestanding birth center. Of coastal Oregon, she writes: "It's an idyllic setting; I saw a whale in the middle of doing someone's breast exam a couple weeks ago. My husband Alec and I had our daughter Isla at home in December 2021 and are expecting Baby #2 in September, so the next couple of years will be rough (but cute) and then we hope to get back to our rigorous river rafting schedule."

Joelle Kelle has maintained a rigorous hiking schedule in the Hudson Valley, where she's been living for six years, pet-sitting and dog-walking. "I am now 22/37 for my Catskill 3500s. Some recent life highlights include ice fishing for the first time and living in a yurt for the past five months. I'm actually about to change things up and relocate to Vermont to be near my closest friends and try out life up there for a while. Should be a fun new adventure. Would love to reconnect with anyone up that way this year! I miss you all."

Also in Vermont is **Jody E. Lowes**, who writes to say that "Life is full here up on the hill in Tunbridge—not far from our lovely Mountain School and always blowing kisses when I drive by on Route 113. My family (Ian, Merritt (8) and Freya (almost 4)) and I are farming still: cows, chickens, and vegetables. In the depth of Vermont winter, we took a much-needed camping trip to Everglades National Park. I'm entering my 8th year as the Director of a thriving preschool. Life is busy but good."

Nearby in New Hampshire is **Sarah Gibson**, who is "currently convalescing from a ski

accident and appreciating the first sounds of spring peepers. Last year included: backpacking in the Alaskan arctic, reporting a story for *This American Life* about an epic school budget battle, hanging out with my baby niece and dog, and eating delicious pizza that Ben Mandelkern baked in an old stone hearth in VT. If anyone of ya'll come through the area, feel free to reach out."

Emma Loosigian is in New Hampshire, too, where days are full of playing with her kids Woods and Alden. "We're homeschooling so I'm lucky to have great flexibility for many adventures. Highlights from this year are swimming and boating at our favorite lake spots, a week at Camp Huckins "Family Camp", welcoming our new pup (Ziggy) to the family, working with my parents to manage our 7-acre apple orchard, teaching my kids to ski, swimming and looking for shark teeth in Florida, and watching my kids continue to grow deeply in love with the natural world."

Ben Woodworth writes from Orono, Maine "where the forsythia has not even bloomed yet but the pair of woodchucks who hibernate under our garden shed have just poked their heads out, so things are looking up. I'm back to part-time basement lawyering (in house for a healthcare system) after a stint full-time parenting."

Further south in Connecticut, we can find **Nathan Mazonson** living in Westport, where he and his wife Carolyn welcomed their second child, Jack Arthur, into the world; and Dan Glazer in New Haven, working as a pediatric rheumatologist at Yale and raising Madeline (5) and Cecilia (2), "a high energy dynamic duo that keep me and Emma very busy."

Sylvia Ryerson is in New Haven, too, finishing her dissertation and wrapping production on a 30-minute doc called *Calls from Home*. "Building from my time working as a community media maker in Eastern Kentucky, the film documents the work of WMMT-FM's weekly call-in show, which broadcasts toll-free messages from family members to their loved ones incarcerated in rural Appalachia, often extremely far from home, and how people across the region are finding ways to work together to confront rural prison building & racialized mass incarceration. It's going to be touring nationally this year in a compilation of five short films for abolition, titled "Beyond Walls" and may be coming to a city near you!" She adds that she spends as much time as possible hanging with her nephews Mac & Maurice, "who I amazingly SHARE with Emma Rome, and I get to co-auntie with. Sending hugs to all!"

In the Boston area, **Jena Talbot** is working as a psychologist in community mental health. "My husband and I had our second child, Quinn (10 mos), in May, and are loving getting to know ourselves as a family of four with big brother, Owen (3.5)."

Ben Lurie writes, "Not much to report from here but so grateful to hear how well everyone is doing, all around the world, and to see the great pictures. Wishing you all (+partners +kids +friends +communities) a lovely spring and many new adventures!"

Jamie Phinney is in DC "working for the madness that is the Defense Department, enjoying married life, dog fatherhood, and keeping my COVID mustache alive." Also mustachioed,

Ezra Hagerty is expecting a baby boy any day now, with his wife Grace. "With my dwindling free time, I've been enjoying pottering around in my garden watching the plants come up. On the work front, I've spent the past year building a sustainable cannabis business, and we're just getting ready to finally put some seeds in the ground."

Benjamin Fine Hartman is still involved in all things food in San Francisco, where he's living with his partner, Kels, and their daughter, Ezra. After leaving Good Eggs, he's now working for Sungold Consulting and a fruit-slinging business called fruitqueen. Ben writes: "Haven't felt so free and excited to be doing new things in quite some time, which seems similar to how our almost-11-month-old sees every day, and is also reminiscent of learning and exploring at TMS a few centuries ago."

Hannah Pitt is still living in the Bay Area with her partner Eric of nearly one year. "Still doing climate and energy research, enjoying lots of backpacking and trail runs, dancing (anyone remember how I used to practice ballet in the barn?), and watching the flowers go bonkers here after all the crazy rain we got."

Further up the west coast is **Caroline Rex-Waller**. "I timed my five years in Portland badly, just missing Logan and Mai Ann. I moved to Wenatchee, WA in August with my partner John, and our 2 kids, Charlie (4) and Mabel (1). I spent the fall discovering the joy of mountain biking and starting a job as the Executive Director of Documentary Songwriting, a non-profit that connects storytellers and musicians to transform everyday stories into songs. We are currently starting up a pilot program

documenting the stories of recently-arrived immigrants in Portland, ME.”

Lizzie LaCroix writes to say: “2022 was actually rather eventful for me: my wife Catherine and I FINALLY had our twice pandemic-postponed wedding reception and we moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan! Living the Midwest life for real for the first time since 2005.”

Back home in the midwest is **John Szymanski**, too: “I finished my PhD at Columbia on imaging the complete muscle activity of *Hydra vulgaris*, and then immediately buggered off to LA to begin building an amphibious motorcycle before being compelled by circumstance to return to my Chicago homeland to take over my dad’s property management business. I’m currently trying to replace myself there and see what comes next. Get in touch if you want to hang out in Chicago!”

Also living in central time is **Liz Huessy Porter**, more specifically in central Texas where she’s loving the sun and the great outdoors. “I had baby Georgia in October, but didn’t make it to the hospital in time, so I delivered her myself, which was an adventure.” [editor’s note: !!!!!] “I’m still librarianing up in Austin and fighting the good fight against book banning legislation, but also having fun letting kids build giant structures out of cardboard boxes in the library.”

In the mid-Atlantic, **Sol Thomas** writes that life is good in Philadelphia. “I am starting a new role where I get to help develop and manage educational opportunities for the hospitality industry. This new work still keeps me based out of Philadelphia and has me working remotely but occa-

sionally traveling around the country to partner with brands on this programming. Professional bartending is no longer my bread and butter but a craft that my work keeps me adjacent to. I am looking forward to helping this industry thrive and a little nervous/excited to start living an “adult” life with nights and weekends free.”

Eve Streicker is living in Virginia, “which is not a thing I ever expected to be true! I got married to a naval officer in October and now we are apparently nomads! Our next stop will be DC from January to April while he ramps up his nuclear reactor knowledge and then we will either be back in Virginia, out in San Diego, or in Japan where he will be the head of a reactor plant on an aircraft carrier. We will find out our location soon enough. Just to add a little chaos to the unplannable, we are expecting a baby boy in August. Yup. 6 months married and 5 months pregnant! I guess honeymoons in Bali really do work!” She’s celebrating her seventh year as a jeweler and gemologist.

Not far away in Silver Spring, Maryland is **Liz Cerny-Chipman**, who welcomed baby Fiona about a year ago, and is “still working on fisheries policy with a focus on climate adaptation for Ocean Conservancy. We get as much outside time and gardening in as we can, and we continue to feel fortunate to be so close to my sister in Baltimore. I’d love to see folks who are in or visiting the DC area and during some travels to Oregon this summer as well.”

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Spring '05

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Evan Pulvers and her husband Harrison welcomed a very small daughter, Ada Savannah Norman in January. Evan is still living in Flagstaff, AZ working in tribal health care services for the Navajo Nation. If you are traveling to the Grand Canyon or Sedona, please let her know.

Rachel Carlin (formerly Bowling) and her family moved to Washington State where she had her second baby girl, Leia, now 5 months old. They bought a beautiful house on 15 acres and hope this is the last of many, many moves. She loves her job as a general and stroke neurologist.



Leo Eisenstein is finally (blissfully) done with residency, and now works as a primary care and addiction doctor at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn. He recently was FaceTiming with Will Stein where they mostly talked about Will’s daughter Celeste’s cool PJs with leopards on them, and whether or not Will’s gonna keep his mustache (Leo said keep).

Maura Mathieu lives in Denver with her little dog Zora and teaches high school English as a second language. She is excited about going to Portugal

for her spring break this year.

Emily May is enjoying life in Vermont with her husband and two-year-old. She recently ripped out her front lawn and planted a pollinator meadow.

Matt Nielsen is teaching first grade at a peaceful little free school in Los Angeles. He has a beautiful young dog named Dottie, who is his constant companion, and he plans to take her to Alaska this summer to a remote lodge where he will work and fish and sleep and see a place he has always wondered about. Matt is loving and missing us all, and ever grateful for our semester together all these years gone by.

Sharayah Heidenhain (formerly Gilbert) is still working for the U.S. Department of State managing foreign assistance programs in the South Caucasus countries and is lately enjoying the spring weather with her family. She was overjoyed to see fellow TMS alum Annie Preis fo1 who was visiting D.C. in December as part of her career as an Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG). The two met up with another Exeter alum for drinks and loads of memory-sharing.



Jared Rubinstein moved back to Minneapolis last year and is the curator of the University of Minnesota’s plant conservatory.

I, **Niki**, am doing well, enjoying life in Manhattan with my husband and 2.5 year old

son and finding my job at a startup really interesting. I hope to host an informal reunion for Tristate area folks soon, because it's been far too long since I've caught up with many of you.

Spring '06

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Happy 2023! It sounds like this past year has been full of milestones, adventures, hobbies, and fun.

Abby Larner is still loving life in Atlanta. She recently started a new job, but that's the least exciting thing she has going on. Abby spends her time playing lots of tennis (she has made it to singles playoffs twice, and doubles city finals!), working in her yard and on her house, and recently selling her art at local art fairs. If you're in the ATL area or planning a trip, don't hesitate to reach out for a date to walk the beltline! **Laura Tate** serves as in-house counsel for a national bank and lives in Mississippi with her best pal, Penny the Airedale. Stop by for a cup of tea and a fudgy oat square any time you're passing through!

Stephen Beauchamp lives in Towson, MD with his wife, Kate Hubbard. The couple recently welcomed their first child, William Charles Beauchamp, in October 2022.



From nearby, **Laura (Uppham) Yowell** writes, "After eight straight days of working with tree planting crews, I remembered this update was due soon - I'm currently in the middle of a marathon planting season that will eventually end with just under half a million trees being planted in the state of Delaware. 482,756 to be exact, but I think half a million sounds cooler. That's about 365 acres of reforestation and 152 acres of brand-new forest! In non-work news, still happily divorced and living with my 2 dogs. Life is pretty good. I also started my own little fur sewing company. I primarily sell hats and mittens from animals I trapped, but also do some custom work for other local trappers."

Ali Meyers-Ohki writes, "I moved to Sacramento with my partner and two cats in September. I think back to the easy camaraderie at TMS often as I figure out how to make new friends in my 30s while working from home. I am working on a YA historical fiction novel and was recently accepted at Bennington's low residency MFA Writing program. Looking forward to visiting Vermont again. Please reach out if you have any advice about querying literary agents!" Dan Cohen and his wife Liz are still living in Oakland. They've enjoyed exploring the local food scene and settling into Oakland post-pandemic. It'd be great to catch up with any TMSers coming through the Bay Area! Also in California is **Jules (Juj) Goodman**. Juj writes, "I am living in Santa Monica with my 10-year-old dog Coco dealing with some medical issues but just trying to enjoy each day!"

Conor Myhrvold moved back to Seattle during the onset of COVID -- initially thinking it would just be a few weeks

-- after a nearly one-year stint in downtown Los Angeles and five prior years in San Francisco, trading balmy weather and sun-drenched cityscapes for the overcast and drizzly Pacific Northwest. Since then, he has left his stealth startup role after Uber's IPO, and has become an extended-stay tourist in the world of commercial real estate -- namely finding, purchasing and renovating a nearby warehouse for his dad's company's excess R&D equipment and science and technology memorabilia accumulated over the years. A fire in the building next door gave insight into lease renegotiation, insurance claims, and the realization that a lot of communication and technology advancements that we now take for granted have not made it to these fields yet. He looks forward to ultimately returning to the technology and startup space and would love to hear from other TMS people who also live in the area or are passing through the PNW.

From the other side of the country, **Colleen McCullough** writes, "I'm still doing IP litigation in Boston and living in Cambridge with my husband and two daughters, Miriam and Eliza. The two of them get me outside almost every day. I was fortunate to run into Alden in the airport this past summer and was reminded of what wonderful people taught and mentored us in the muddy spring of 2006." Also in Boston is **Elizabeth Lurie**, who works in marketing and business development at a law firm. She bought an apartment in 2022, and now has a tiny guest room for any visitors in the area. In February, she and **Clara (Rubin) Decerbo** took a trip to London, most of which was spent eating pastries and browsing bookstores. Clara writes, "I'm still living in Providence, RI with my husband

Paul and our three lovely hens (Chen, Val, and Pearl) and our tiny backyard city garden that still manages to produce an impressive amount of veggies every summer. I'm still working as Director of Providence Emergency Management Agency and thanks to COVID, blizzards, extreme heat and a couple tropical storms, we are keeping very busy. I was lucky enough to get away for a few days in London with E-Liz in February, and we had the most wonderful time trying to find the best afternoon teas and bookshops in London. I'll be back in the UK for a month this summer doing a program at Cambridge and hoping to get some hiking time in around the course work. If anyone is around Providence, please let me know, it would be great to see you all!"

Leah Hamilton French is teaching theater and directing the after-school drama club at Salem High School (home of the witches!) She is incredibly proud of her students' recent production of *Twelfth Night*, a jazz funk musical adaptation, and is really loving working with high schoolers. She is also in the "doing all the work while crying" portion of an MFA in Theatre Education and Applied Theatre at Emerson College, and would love the distraction of TMS visitors whenever they find themselves in Cambridge, MA. Rounding out the Boston contingent (for now, at least),

Ben Hellerstein writes, "In May, I'm wrapping up ten years working at the nonprofit, Environment Massachusetts, including eight or so years as the organization's director. It's been a great experience, and I'm proud of what we've accomplished, including helping to pass a big climate bill through the state legislature last summer. I'm excited to move on to new adventures.

My most likely next step is grad school, although things are still a little bit up in the air -- stay tuned for more details! In the meantime, I'm enjoying the start of spring in Boston, getting out on my bike as often as possible, training for a triathlon in June, learning how not to kill houseplants, and trying to keep up with my *New Yorker* subscription." Recently, Ben and Laura Dismore got to catch up in New York City when Ben was visiting family.

Laura Dismore has been in New York for the past several years practicing housing and consumer protection law. She spends her time biking, playing roller derby, and going on adventures -- recently she and her partner led a group of friends on a backpacking and camping trip in the Grand Canyon! Laura has felt very lucky to get to spend time with other S'06ers in NYC. **Matt Mandelkern** still teaches philosophy at NYU, living with two gorgeous cats and his partner Raphael. **Olivia Greene** lives in NYC with her soon-to-be husband. She recently switched jobs (still a lawyer), and has taken up pottery. She's grateful to get connect with the NYC TMSers and loves seeing folks when they visit! **Blase Provitola** is living in Brooklyn, teaching gender studies and French at Trinity College, working on their first book manuscript (about how race shapes sexual identity in francophone lesbian and queer literature) and plotting their move further north this summer (but they don't know where yet; TMSers, please advise!).

S'06ers Nate Glasser, Olivia Greene, Elsie Kenyon, and Matt Mandelkern celebrated at Elsie's wedding.



Nate Glasser continues work as a general internist, pediatrician, and health services researcher at the University of Chicago. He likes Hyde Park, wishes he knew more Mountain Schoolers in Chicagoland, and travels back home to NY regularly to see four generations of family who still live there (grandparents, nephews) and friends.

Kat Conway writes, "I have been living out in Northern Nevada with my husband Anthony for the past 2.5 years or so. There is still a (very legit) open invite to everyone here if anyone wants to hike/camp/ski/snowshoe/just generally toot around in the Lake Tahoe area. It's been a record-breaking year for snow - so any spring skiers should absolutely hit me up. In other incredibly major news, we just welcomed our first child 6 weeks ago - baby boy Wells who is very adorable but also very much still in his squirmy-glow-worm phase. Can't wait until this lil hashbrown chubs up to be EVEN CUTER! He is very grateful for the massive box of hand-me-down outfits sent by auntie **Sophie (Robinson) Saltonstall.**" Sophie writes that, when she isn't changing diapers of her two little kids, she's researching what flavors of organic fruit popsicles might be popular (raspberry basil anyone?), setting up a tour of their renovated barn venue, or doing backflips to change the sheets in the on-

site farm Air BnB.

Rebecca Maurer is in her second year of a four-year term on Cleveland City Council. She spends her time chasing down missing garbage bins, trying to preserve safe, affordable housing, and dreaming big for the city she loves. If you're in the area, stop by! **Lauren (Wiant) White** writes, "I'm still in Cleveland, still riding the commercial real estate roller coaster (hoping it doesn't get too crazy this year!), and still having a great time raising our now 2-year-old son, Bobby (3 in July) with my husband Matt. Man, the 2-going-on-3 stage is a wild one. It's so fun hearing about where you all are and what you are doing, the families you are growing, etc. I hope to have the chance to see some of you in person in the coming year or two!"

Katie Morison is still living in Harrisburg, PA and enjoying working in sustainability and responsible sourcing for Hershey. She and her husband Andrew recently welcomed their son, John "Jack" Geddes Forister, in March 2023. **Albert Childs** writes, "I'm now living near Meadville, PA on an awesome chunk of land with my wife Katie and our yellow lab Gus enjoying all the fishing opportunities among other things. I still work for CNH Industrial, now focused on managing software testing for our precision land management solutions to enhance efficiency and sustainability in farming operations that utilize our equipment. Anyone feel free to drop me a line if they are near Northwestern PA."

Thank you all for sharing such wonderful updates! The best part this year (as every year) is that everybody wants you to drop a line when you're in town -- so go for it!

Spring '07

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Katherine Corwin is still living in Denver with her fiancé, and they will get married in NYC this summer! She lost her beloved dog Pepe in January but they luckily adopted another dog this past spring, and she has filled them with joy. She moved companies over the summer but is still working in HR at a tech company. Hope everyone is well!



Shauna Linn is learning German at NYU's Deutsches Haus, which is challenging but rewarding. She has gotten back into dance with Bhangra and Horton (modern dance). At work, she is very interested in neuroradiology and strives to teach the next generation of nurses and PAs to read the imaging and advocate for patients.

Judy Amsalem is still living in San Francisco and is excited to tie the knot with her partner Jeanine in August. Fun fact, they met five years ago because Jeanine couldn't resist "swiping right" on a picture of Judy holding a baby lamb taken at the Mountain School 10-year reunion. Thanks, Mountain School! And Isabel/Gracie, one of whom took the picture, but we will never remember which.

Isabel Gregersen is contemplating next moves, potentially

back to urban life. Living in the woods is beautiful, but also isolating...maybe she is more suited to it for a few months in high school than for years in adulthood! The current top contender is Minneapolis, but she welcomes suggestions, especially as she sits here waiting for an April snowstorm to begin. She hopes some of you are wearing fewer sweaters than she is and frolicking in the sun somewhere!

The snow has been quite deep this winter in the Tetons, and **Max Shafer** isn't upset. He has had some great days skiing and can't wait for a long summer, hopefully, on full flowing rivers, thanks to all of the snow. Max joined the board of his local Trout Unlimited Chapter and has gotten involved with some other river focused non-profits. He is excited about helping conserve public waterways, ensuring they will be clean and cold for future generations like his daughter's, born in October 2022.

Caroline Dickens got engaged last April. She met her fiancé Zach in Boston in 2019 and the two now live happily in Hoboken NJ. They can't wait to be married on June 24.

Jen Wenz is embarking on a new vocational chapter through her new private practice, Jen Wenz Somatics, offering bodywork (Rolfing Structural Integration), ritual officiation (weddings! baby blessings!), and, starting next year, somatic coaching (Strozzi Institute/generative somatics). She's also learning what it means to be married - she and her wife Molly crossed the threshold last June. Northampton, MA continues to be a good place to build community in apocalypse times, even if she has to do more snow chasing to get to cross-country ski. Missing you all!



Meredith Allenick and her husband are doubling down on Brooklyn and buying their first home in the neighborhood they love (Cobble Hill!). They are also training their dog for therapy work so they can volunteer together in hospitals, schools, and senior homes. She sends love to her TMS fam!

Joe Harmon and his wife Nathalie had a son - Gus! Joe loves being a dad. They're in Portland, OR, so email joeharmonpdx@gmail.com if you're ever in town and want to meet up. Joe is looking forward to spring gardening and warmer, sunnier walks with the dog and baby.

Aaron Freedman is in Somerville MA watching his 1-year-old son Jordan read himself books upside down and shake with ecstasy every time he reaches the last page of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Dreaming of more intentional community, upgraded his Paw Patrol ukulele to a nicer one that takes him back to the octagon with Irene, Chloe and Willow, fond memories that are silently screaming at him to learn some Iron & Wine.

Irene Li is tending to her houseplants and training restaurant owners and workers to understand their finances. It's her dream job. Mei Mei opened its new dumpling factory in South Boston in January and Perfectly Good Food, co-authored with her sister, is set for publication in June.



Clare Vance is still living in upstate NY with the twins, and thanks to last year's notes, she discovered that Erin Jones lives about 10 minutes down the road! It has been lovely to reconnect and see their families grow together. Missing you all and sending so much love.

Erin Jones is a new mama. Baby Willow was born in December and she and her partner, Jared, are obsessed with being parents. She's got a full house with two wonderful rescue puppies and an adopted horse. She's still busy running her business with her partner. And she is spending lots of time with Clare Vance who lives just 11 minutes away!

Matt Bock continues to be a gem and is living life in New York City (written by Chloe Zelkha).

Will Stone is loving life in the Pacific Northwest. From his perch in Seattle, he's editing health and science stories, dipping his toes into cold water swimming and playing with his goofy doodle, Atlas.

lilybo shapiro is in love with the food justice and urban agriculture farmer training program that they're getting to participate in this year. They continue to be based in NYC and would love to see any / all of you <3



Ruth Lichtman is still hanging out in Brooklyn with her partner Al and their dog Ginger, and they're all very excited about the arrival of spring weather. She's been directing audiobooks for Penguin Random House and also has a couple fun film projects on the horizon that hopefully will involve some far-flung travel. She hopes to see more of you in the year to come!

Corina Chase is still designing costumes in New York City. She is learning to weave and to work with leather, but she misses the woods and good maple syrup.

Maggie Williams is living in Mill Valley CA with her partner Mark. Her dog Charlie is solidly middle aged now and still a very good girl. Maggie works at a creative ad agency in San Francisco, and her office is conveniently located next to the best dim sum in the city. She eats a lot of dim sum. Mark also works at a neighboring ad agency, so sometimes at lunchtime they meet up for dim sum and to complain about work. Life is good!

Faisal Kirdar is a bit exhausted coming off his night shift but so grateful for the exciting new changes over the past year. In a span of a few months he graduated medical school, moved from New Orleans to NYC, married his partner, Amanda, and started residency in internal medicine. He misses you all and would love to see you if you're in the area. He and Amanda live on the up-

per east side.

Griffin Hale is feeling extremely lucky. Both he and his amazing wife are working on a space-plane, while still finding time to adventure and play with their pup Beo. He still likes to jump off things and is excited to ski with his niece and nephews. He continues to push his side hustle along and has a spare bedroom for TMS folks that find themselves in Colorado.

Danny Smith is still in Brooklyn, running arts and culture programming for a nonprofit community center. He gets to work with artists a lot and help make strange and cool projects happen! He's working on some projects of his own too - out of his tiny sculpture studio! If anyone's in BK come by for a beer and a chat! He's got room for two chairs (and not much more...).

Lauren Bryant is continuing to enjoy her time in San Francisco with her husband and work toward being the best pelvic PT she can be. She recently competed in her first open water swim competition (and did not finish last!) and has taken up rowing in the San Francisco Bay! The goal for the year is to have more fun on the water!

What's up with **Mikaela Sacoccio**: it was a treat to catch up with folks at the 15 year (!) TMS reunion last summer. Someone has a pic! I think Judy? Maybe you already got it, though. Mikaela and her partner adopted a 12 year old cat named Millie and moved to Washington, DC. She wasn't a cat person before, but now she's building a cat highway on their walls and ceiling. She's putting her TMS woodworking skills to use :) It may be premature to share this, but she's thinking/hoping to take a

career break to figure out what makes her happy.

Mollie Bedick is enjoying being back in Providence! Working full time as a pelvic health PT. (Shout out to Lauren!)

Rebecca Hadad and her husband are still in NYC and just got an energetic pup named Perry who eats everything, lives for fetch and howls to sirens. Come by for a play date any time!

This past weekend while walking in the woods, **Casey Andersen** was lamenting the end of the xc ski season and feeling extra-grateful for TMS, which ignited her passion for xc skiing. Casey has such good memories of skiing with the S'07 xc activity group!

Anna Hager Loome and her husband Dave set out for a relaxing evening cross-country ski on the evening of March 21... little did they know they'd be welcoming baby #2, Josephine (Josie) Emily Loome, into the world a few short hours later! They live in Millinocket, ME, where Anna teaches English and Outdoor Education. Two-year-old Sam is thriving and exploring. Lots of love to TMS classmates and everyone at the Mountain School.

Joe Schottenfeld is still in Madison, for the amazing Leah's residency. They're getting married in August. The other big update: They and a group of friends skate skied the Birkie, the longest cross country ski race in North America. They were all thrilled just to finish...

Hazel Wood lives in many worlds. She spends time in Vermont and Oregon. Currently raising her daughter, Esme, adventuring with her best friend, and building soil to feed the growing roots of family and friendships everywhere.

Drop me a line if you wanna be a part of it.

Ali Andrews is still happy living up in the rainforest above Honolulu, now with her dog June. Her community solar business (which is now 3 years old!) is going well - they won their first utility contracts this year to build the first two community-owned solar projects in the state!

Chloe Zelkha is very pregnant and studying to be a rabbi in Philadelphia. Still singing, leading grief retreats, and enjoying bugging you for your notes. Come visit!

Spring '08

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Dana Lee will be completing their family medicine residency in Columbus, Ohio and transitioning back to the Ohio State University to continue their education in point-of-care ultrasound and faculty development. They continue to center their passions in health disparities and care of gender & sexual minorities. On a more fun note, their days were recently brightened by a catch-up with the relatively-nearby Jack Saul & Brian Huser!

Isaac Maze-Rothstein continues to have semi-regular calls with his TMS roommates, Jack Saul and Ben Chute. Recently Ben, Isaac, and his partner were able to meet for a day-long excursion in Oakland California. Outside of Mountain School connections, he's excited to be moving in with his partner in Boston, MA (Jamaica Plain). His current whimsical muse has been making up or finding an energy-related pun to share each week. Here's one: How do you know when you love your electric ve-

hicle? When sparks fly!

Sara (Davenport) Berdahl had a baby boy in early March 2023. She's putting beekeeping on hold this year after losing her hives to a mother bear and two cubs (RIP bees) but plans to reattempt next year.

Alexander Schults has been swallowed by his schedule for the past year but is otherwise doing well. He continues working part time on an in-patient psychiatric unit for kids and is in his second year (of three) at Lesley University's Mental Health Counseling graduate program. This year, he's added an internship to the mix, at a residential program for kids with mental and behavioral health challenges. Living in a perpetual time stress crunch has not been fun, but getting to really dig into the therapy sandbox and try things out has been fantastic. Hope to see many of you in June!

Sara Terashima and her wife, Hannah, welcomed their first baby in August of last year. His name is Yoshi, and they are both enjoying him so much. Sara continues to work as a nurse practitioner in Sacramento and tries to get up to Tahoe to go hiking, snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing as often as possible. She is eagerly awaiting Mariel Cohn's visit in just a few short weeks.



Jocie Fifield and her husband Tim welcomed their baby Leo to the world on June 25, 2022. His favorite activity is pulling clumps of hair out of his (very patient) dog sister's back. Parenthood has been a joy, but it's a lot harder to go to the bathroom in peace now. She can't wait to introduce some of you to Leo on Garden Hill this summer!

Jack Saul moved to Ohio in August to begin work as managing editor of *The Kenyon Review* at Kenyon College, where it has pleased him to see fellow college employee, Isabelle Rivers-McCue so9. Jack enjoyed a February weekend in Cleveland with Dana Lee, Brian Huser, and their partners. A March Seattle conference visit extended into a longer trip around the Pacific Northwest, which included a stop at **Isabel Newlin's** winery. Ben Chute, Isaac Maze-Rothstein, and Jack maintain our semi-regular calls. It saddens me that a wedding will cause him to miss the fifteenth reunion this summer.

Linus Ignatius has been between NYC and LA making films and directing commercials and non-profit content. His new series *Marque* and *Hector Turn Trash* into *Treasure* just premiered in NYC in collaboration with GLAAD, and is now streaming on YouTube!

Carey Favaloro is still living in Providence, Rhode Island, finishing up her third year of med school and trying to decide what medical specialty she'll apply into for residency (OB/GYN or Internal Medicine?!). It's been an exciting year, with lots of good learning and some adventures sprinkled in, too. Now that she lives in the Ocean State, she's learning to surf - a humbling but fun process. She's hoping to make it up to Vermont this summer

for the 15th reunion and is excited to reconnect with folks then!

Maddie (Loughridge) Welty and her husband, Asa, welcomed Charlie into the world in August. After spending the fall on parental leave and adjusting to life as a family of three, Maddie started a new job in January running the school bookstore at The Fessenden School. She spends the days wondering what the next trend with middle school boys will be.



Zoe Pehrson is still living in the Bay Area, teaching 4th grade. Last school year, she was both a teacher and a student and graduated with a degree in education leadership from UC Berkeley in July 2022. She is getting married this October to Will Bender outside of Portland, OR. She is hoping to visit Sara Tera and meet Yoshi soon!

Trevor Brown is working as an academic adviser for first- and second-year students at Penn State. This year he has made it his goal to discover all the best hikes within a couple hours of where he lives!

Adam Brudnick continues to live in San Francisco with his wife, Lindsay, and their 3-year-old dog, Oscar. They recently celebrated their full wedding party after having a smaller COVID-induced ceremony earlier and are settling into their home in NoPA. They both love playing music, she's

learning to love skiing, and Adam's fortunate to have a reliable source to annually import fresh, hand-collected Vermont maple syrup. They continue to bump into Niyati, Ben, and Olivia in the Bay Area and will definitely hang out soon.



Mariele Cohn is still living in Philly. They are working as a nurse in labor and delivery and still quite enamored with their job. This fall, they're restarting midwifery school (after a year or two long hiatus) with plans to do school extremely slowly and graduate in 2026. Some of the best parts of the last year were hanging with Sara's baby, Yoshi, and spending some good chunks of time with Emma. Be in touch if you're ever in Philly because they have a guest bedroom!

Spring '09

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Alix Wozniak shares: "I put down roots in the suburbs of Massachusetts with my husband and two labs. I am proud of the 50 house plants we (mostly) keep alive. In my desperation to get back on a farm, I spend my Saturdays volunteering at the local horse barn. My favorite new hobby is stained glass. And a great book I read recently that I recommend is *Lessons in Chemistry*. Ever need a place to stay outside of Boston, my door is always open!"

After finishing up her MPH in London, **Delphine Starr** moved on to sunnier and sandier pastures. She's currently living in Barcelona, enjoying tapas, learning Catalán, and working for an international human rights NGO. Two of her highlights last year were reconnecting with Julie Rodriguez in London and dancing with TMSers at **Mali'o Kodis** and **Leland Whitehouse's** beautiful wedding.

Emily Auran (now Emily Clarke!) is thrilled to be finishing up OB/GYN residency at NYU after a crazy 4 years of training. She will be starting fellowship in July at Mount Sinai/RMA of NY in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility -- aka, the final stage of training to become a fertility doctor. She is extra excited not only to help build families and bring more babies into the world, but also to be done with night shifts and 24 hour weekend calls forever, which hopefully makes more time for family and friends -- Spring 09ers in NYC, let's hang!

Evan Mullen is closing in on the end of his first year of residency in internal medicine and, having spent so much time in life learning things, continues to look forward to that luxurious feeling of actually knowing things. Living in California means he has become better acquainted with the sunscreen aisle and -- here again also more of a learner than a knower -- he is attempting to surf, play tennis, and longboard to work as much as possible. He has also acquired a laminated pamphlet of local plant and bird species since the leaves and bark and feathers here are all different. So far he's mastered identification of the California Live Oak, the Pacific Madrone, and the Steller's Jay.

Last year held a few very special moments for **Isabelle Rivers-McCue**. The highlight of her summer was undoubtedly watching **Mali'o Kodis** and **Leland Whitehouse** get married in verdant Vermont alongside a gaggle of fellow S'09ers – what a joy to be together celebrating love so close to where it all began! And on 11/22/22, she and her husband welcomed their son, Lowen, into the world. It's been a joy watching this tiny human discover the world around him. She continues to live outside of Columbus, OH with her husband, son, two dogs, and cat.

Julia Brimelow shares: "This Brooklyn girl has officially gone West! I've settled in San Francisco, discovering the joys of car ownership, roommates after 30 and bars that close before 1 AM. Drop me a line if you come through town! Perhaps Evan Mullen can put you up—I hear he has a spare room out in the 'burbs."

Leland Whitehouse and **Mali'o Kodis** got married July 2, 2022 just 20 miles from The Mountain School in Washington, VT. There were eight S'09 hooligans in attendance, and it was a joyous, brilliantly sunny celebration of love. **Yaakov (Jesse) Ginsberg-Schreck** was one of the officiants! L + M are living in Vermont, both working remotely, and looking at properties/houses to put down roots. They both paid a recent visit to the Mountain School in its new, yet ever still nostalgic, incarnation. Please reach out if you're up in the VT neighborhood, let's hang! (maliokodis@gmail.com). Pictured here in the wedding photo: Isabelle Rivers-McCue, Ella Vorenberg, Delphine Starr, Evan Mullen, Mali'o Kodis, Leland Whitehouse, Henry Cammack, and Yaakov Ginsberg-Schreck.



Meredith Sopher writes: "I still live in France and am still working as a freelance interpreter. I recently met up with **Diana Davis S'02**, as shown in the photo, when she was in France doing math research. We went for a walk in the woods and had a picnic lunch. Other TMS alums are welcome to come visit for the same!"



Yaakov (Jesse) Ginsberg-Schreck here, slowly plotting my way back to Vermont. So far, we've gotten as far as Boston, where I'm working with a small team to open a Jewish+friends meditation studio, and putting the "babi" in rabbinical student. Next time you're in Boston, lemme know! It was also a total trip and rafter-shaking joy to witness **Mali'o Kodis** and **Leland Whitehouse** tie the knot on a Vermont hill last summer, along with a handful of other S'09 love bugs. Due to the dancing, I may need to miss this week's wood crew.

Spring '10

Via Google doc

Ian Kernohan got a new job in something called "adhesives" and is still looking for the next big thing in his "career." He continues to foster community and travel the eastern US as a Magic: the Gathering Judge, and hopes that the summer will bring plenty of music, mountains, and most importantly, Miles. Outside of work, he continues to try to read every book, starting in fantasy, which is hard, because they keep making more of them. He and his partner Rachel regularly recite Nicole Kidman's AMC Pledge, and are currently on a quest to slay the mythical Economy that is preventing them from buying a house.

Shizue Roche Adachi is finishing up her first year in UCLA's film directing MFA program.

Lex Corwin recently got engaged to his partner, Harrison. He is still running his farm in Northern California and now spending half his time in NY where Harrison got a new job. His business, Stone Road, is growing steadily and now available in 4 states. He sends his love to all his classmates and is looking forward to the next reunion.

Megan Butterfield continues to live in Southern VT with her fiancé, George. She is no longer doing the drive up 91 to White River Junction but continues to work for the VA at the local outpatient clinics as a Mental Health Social Worker. She hopes to visit Vershire soon and would love to catch up with folks anytime you find yourself in the area!

Adrija Navarro has been working on her PhD for the past six years in Boston. She recently got engaged to her partner, Alex. She enjoys sailing, hiking, and skiing in her free time. Music continues

to be a part of her life, as she still practices and plays piano, guitar, and ukulele and enjoys attending live music concerts. She hopes to finish up her PhD soon and enter into industry after she graduates.

Nora Thompson continues to live and work in NYC, riding her bike around Brooklyn, collaging, walking dogs, and making RuPaul's Drag Race brackets. She also is writing about performances she sees, playing artistically with friends and collaborators, and starting a PhD in Performance Studies at NYU in the fall studying what she calls "impossible tasks." She admits that a PhD may be an impossible task itself. She still has dreams that she gets to do another semester of Mountain School.

Yomalis Rosario has two children now! She is a full-time caregiver for her toddler, Turiya, and baby Iyana, while also working part-time as an Assessment Writer & Editor for Newsela and putting together a collection of poems for a chapbook. This summer, she will be a Writing Teacher for TEAK's Summer Institute in NYC and is gearing up to start providing services as a death doula after completing her training last year.

She's living in Jersey City, NJ while her husband works in Newark as a wonderful EMT. She dreams of more sleep and moving to Los Angeles, and would also love to join Ian & Rachel's slaying of the Economy.

Maddy Scheer moved to Boulder this summer and recently got a new job as the Director of Experiential Education at a K12 school in town. She has been spending most of her time training for a series of bike races this summer, namely the Leadville 100 MTB race in August. While she and

her partner have traveled quite a bit over the last six months to bike and ski, they make an effort to host a weekly family dinner for all of their friends in Boulder. It's been a great practice in creating community and gathering the people they love around the dinner table. If you happen to be in Boulder on a Wednesday night, stop on by!

Nell Patterson (now Parker!) also moved to the Rocky Mountains this past summer and is now living in Denver with her husband Cam. Cam and Nell got married in October 2022 in Cleveland, giving Nell the chance to show off the city that she loves! They are loving living in Denver and enjoying the mountain. Nell works for Tortuga AgTech, a robotics startup focused on harvesting fruits and vegetables. She loves working at the intersection of agriculture and technology, traveling around the world to meet farmers, and working with a great team. She likes to think her passion for agriculture started in Vershire. She wishes everyone in spring '10 the best, and will definitely be hitting up Maddy for one of these dinners in Boulder.

Kyra Morris is living in Lambertville, NJ while she continues to work toward her PhD in English at Princeton. This time of year, Lambertville is awash in cherry blossoms and red buds, and it's hard not to want to just go out for a run or bike ride along the Delaware River canal. This semester Kyra has been teaching a course on Environmental Keywords that has given her a chance to revisit a favorite from Jack's Humanities class: Bill McKibben's "The End of Nature." This summer she'll be doing dissertation "research" in England and Northern Ireland that will involve going on long walks to try and uncover local histories. I guess you could say Kyra has

never left Frost's "Directive" behind. Kyra got married in August 2022 to Brendan Pel-sue! She's very lucky that he, too, loves going on adventures by foot, bike, or ski.

Becky Hamilton - This has been a year of changes for Becky - she transitioned to a new job in September of 2022 (still teaching elementary school), got married in November of 2022, and successfully defended her doctoral research in March of 2023. She still lives in Norwood, Massachusetts with her wife and their two cats. Becky is looking forward to spending the summer in her backyard garden and living a little more in the moment now that things are calming down.

David Parker is living in Chicago with his wife, Sarah. They got married in July 2022 and adopted a five-year-old Samoyed fluffball named Bear soon after. Bear is the only one not excited for a spring warm-up in Chicago. David is excited to graduate from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management this June with his MBA. After school, David will be joining J.P. Morgan Investment Banking in Chicago.

Rosii Floreak is living in San Francisco with her husband. They just celebrated one year of marriage exploring tide pools and hanging out with baby goats, which reminded her of sweet moments with friends at the Mountain School. Like the time a bunch of them held hands and touched the goat's electric fence for fun. She misses you all.

Spring '11

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Hello everyone, Marissa

here! Thanks to everyone who sent in class notes! I live in Portland, Oregon and this year I've been screenprinting a lot-teaching classes, printing band posters, printing t-shirts for my roommate's business, and printing party posters. I love it. I'm also in school, hosting neighborhood parties, and trying to swim at the pool. I just hosted a ping pong tournament behind my house and my mom got second place. **Dahee** visited me in Portland in the fall and it was so sweet to catch up! If you're coming through Portland, let me know!

Hailey Kennedy: I am still living in the Bay Area after ten years here and recently learned that Caleb lives 10 minutes away - I found this out when a mutual friend came to visit both of us in the same trip! I started working as a substitute in a K-8 school in East Palo Alto last year, and this year, got to create my own position and become the school's first garden teacher. Mountain School taught me that learning is more fun and impactful when you can be outside getting your hands dirty, so I've made it my goal this year to pass this wisdom on to my students.

Courtney Wipf is so excited to hopefully visit Vershire this fall as her brother Liam is joining Fall '23. She is staying busy practicing as a nurse midwife with a Brooklyn-based OB-GYN group. Wishing all the best for everyone from Spring '11!

Caleb Fujimori: I just had breakfast and a walk yesterday with Nat and Sam Yules. I recently joined a ping pong club. Competition is not as stiff as at the Mountain School, but it's still pretty fun.

Annabel Buckfire: I've been living in New York and working at a tech startup but am

moving to Philadelphia this Summer for an MBA at Wharton! Can't wait to explore a new city and be a student again. I've also taken up guitar and am okay at it.

Christiano Boria is living in NYC working in growth equity and venture, investing in tech companies. In summer 2021, he drove from Oregon to Massachusetts, taking time to explore national and state parks, falling in love with the Oregon Coast, Southern Idaho, and Western Montana over the course of a month. He got his scuba certification last April and is dreaming of moving to the West Coast so he can do more outdoor adventures with friends in his free time.

Phoebe Kranefuss moved to Madison, Wisconsin to get her MFA in creative writing. She's working on a novel, and it will hopefully be in the world soonish! She got to see Anna J in Seattle in March, which was a treat and a half, and really would love to see anyone else who happens to find themselves in Wisconsin. Also, she has a lot of free time, so call her any time and say hello.

Natalie Kingston is living in St. Louis with her two cats (Gary and Mookie) and her fiancé (Andy). She is in the midst of her clinical clerkships in medical school, and so far, has loved her Internal Medicine clerkship and is surviving her Surgery clerkship. She is excited to try out a new apple cake recipe this afternoon and is also excited to get married this fall in Vermont (what a great state!). She would love to catch up with any TMS folks if they happen to pass through St. Louis!

Spring '12

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Maya Delany continues to reside in the East Village in Manhattan, and is still doing marketing for Showtime. She loved seeing so many of you during the 10-year reunion last summer; it was surreal going back to campus for the first time, and getting to see her advisor, Sue, before she moved. She found it extremely emotional seeing how everyone both had and hadn't changed over the last decade and is hopeful to have more mini reunions with folks both in NYC and elsewhere in the coming years!

Anya Katz is living in Brooklyn with their dog, Babette, and is working as a therapist at both a clinic and a family therapy institute. Anya works primarily with queer and trans people as well as with families and support systems who are working to better support and understand their gender expansive loved ones. Anya recently joined a TGNCNB soccer team, and they are feeling very excited about that!

August Rosenthal got the one job he applied for—phew... it was looking bleak for a moment there—and is a civil rights lawyer/public defender for children in Brooklyn. He is still living in Boerum Hill in a cute apartment and bought a new red couch that is comfortable and large and could accommodate a visiting TMSer. For the fourth year in a row, he is seeking someone, anyone, to reach out about DnD because he lives thousands of miles away from his old gang. Also, does anyone know how to make rug?! If not, he would also accept responses for cutting a rug on a nearby dance floor.

Nelson Mugabo is in Rhode Island with family, with a part-time gig in Providence. He finally feels like the leg he broke last year is near 100%. He has

been working on an exciting project to help local refugee youth since last year—Refugee Youth Success and Empowerment (RYSE) Initiative! Nelson hopes to make a trip to NYC to see TMS classmates later this year.

Susanna Billings left her job at the White House last August and embarked on a 4-month road trip with her boyfriend all around the continental US. Following their trip, she and Drew moved to NYC, where they are excited about their next chapter. She looks forward to re-connecting with TMS alums in the area!

David Elitzer lives in Brooklyn with his partner Rhea and their dog Earl. He's still in rabbinical school and is enjoying settling back into life in the US after several years abroad.

Zoe Huber-Weiss is an English and drama teacher living in Brooklyn with her dog and a printer that doesn't work.

Max Sopher is working at a big architecture office in midtown Manhattan and sometimes he misses mucking out the chicken coop.

Kelly Tellez is looking forward to summer 2023 in NYC – hit her up for salsa dancing, strolls on the boardwalk and mezcalitas. She is mentally preparing for medical school, but she is leaning into the excitement of the unknown. Fingers crossed she'll finally learn how to drive this year.

Lauren Volpert is in her third year of medical school at NYU. She finished all her clerkships and is having trouble deciding which was her favorite between psychiatry, neurology, pediatrics, and emergency medicine. It's a big spread! When she's not busy at the hospital, you can catch her whip-

ping up new recipes, visiting friends, and hosting her weekly card game. Lauren sends her love to everyone at TMS!

By the time you read this, **Jonathan Adler** will (hopefully) have completed his master's degree in Middle Eastern studies at NYU, be gainfully employed, and living in Brooklyn. If not, give him a call and he'll issue an immediate refund.

Cooper Vincent is finally finishing up being a graduate student and hopefully will be graduating with his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry soon! He is currently interviewing for jobs and doesn't know where he will be living in a year, so check back for an update next year.

Kelan Nee lives in Houston, where he's pursuing a PhD in literature and creative writing.

Dan Schreck is in his first year of a Computer Science masters in San Francisco and is playing a lot of golf, chess, and jiu jitsu. Come hang out with him!

Mila Rostain is living in the Bay Area with her dog, Pesto and working for a union organizing gig workers. She misses everyone lots!

Zelda Wengrod has been working on some fun TV including DEAD RINGERS which is about to debut on Amazon. She was promoted to Director of TV Development at Annapurna. She also just moved in with her boyfriend Parker in Atwater Village in LA. She misses everyone a lot!

Hannah Celli has continued to pursue her art career and is now teaching through Studio in a School in NYC. She loves carving stone and using power tools in her industrial workspace, and also sharing the joys

of sculpture with young artists. She'd love to connect with other TMS alums working in the arts/education space!

Jasper Barbash-Taylor is living in Latin America for a research/photo-journalism project on the architectures and histories of queer spaces across the region. As of early April, he is based in Mexico City and will be between Guadalajara, Oaxaca, Argentina, and Brazil until September, at which point he will move to London for his boyfriend's veterinary school. If anyone has any contacts for places/people to stay with in Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, or Rio de Janeiro, please reach out (and come visit!)

Hayley Flug is studying abroad in Buenos Aires for her final semester of law school! She's thrilled to have dodged a New York City winter and is loving her time traveling around Latin America. She is not quite as thrilled to return to NYC to study for the Bar this summer. She sends her love to everyone and hopes all is well!

Colby Lewis is still in law school at Willamette University College of Law and is ready to be done. Chloe is still a goober.



Charlotte Edelstein is graduating law school this fall. She's excited to be staying in Philadelphia, where she'll work as an attorney in a local organization's energy unit, with the goal of increasing access to affordable home utilities.

Nathan Lobel is settling into life in DC after moving from Cambridge, MA in September. He's enjoying his new job at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission thinking about how we can build a fair and sustainable electricity system. He's sure there must be other TMS alums in the drab office building where he's writing this update... HMU if you're reading this. He thought of you all when he heard about the new Steve Buscemi Kith campaign.

Not too many updates from **Lizzy Marks**. She is still working in the middle school at U-32 in East Montpelier (teaching social studies and Spanish) and living in Winooski, VT. She will be traveling/living in luxury in the next few months by chaperoning kids on trips to Spain and Washington D.C. She holds on to fond memories from the 10-year reunion last June. Oh, Lizzy also had dimple creation surgery and is recovering well.

Lowry Bass is still writing grants and teaching at an elementary school. She has started fostering hounds – one named Maple went to Abby! Oh, she also recently had an umbilicoplasty and is recovering well. She sends everyone love!

Abby Bowling is happily doing Child Parent Relationship Therapy and child education. She recently added a new pup to the family by way of Lowry. Her name is Maple and she's the sweetest hound. Oh, Abby also elected to have a BBL and is recovering well.

Sarah Gross is living in San Francisco teaching 6th grade math. While out here, she has been able to see Katy and Dan which has been a delight! Her first year of teaching has been both incredible and challeng-

ing—she is learning a ton and excited to have the summer to recover! Oh, Sarah also got her nostrils enhanced and is recovering well.

Katy Lee had a baby on March 10th! His name is Simon and he enjoys screaming from 11:00PM to 2:00AM. Katy still works as an oncology nurse. She and her family are moving to Michigan in the early summer.

Erin Van Gessel moved to Durham, NC and started an accelerated graduate school program at Duke's nursing school. She's loving the area and getting involved with health policy projects. She also went on her first solo trip before starting school, backpacking around Europe for two months and working on a vegetable farm in the Haute-Savoie region of France. Between that and now being involved with the Duke Farm, she's channeling her TMS experience and thinking of everyone!

Beth Minahan is living in western Massachusetts and working on a farm. She's planning on starting social work school in the fall. She also got Lasik and is recovering well.

The biggest update in **Jane Jacoby's** life is that she has been swapping out eggs for oatmeal; is this a sign of old age? Otherwise, she's been busy in grad school becoming a forest lawyer. She's excited to be publishing a paper about prescribed fire, colonialism, and the National Environmental Policy Act in everyone's favorite legal journal, the Urban Lawyer. Jane will be spending the summer in North Carolina—s12 should come visit! Oh, Jane also got eyelash transplants and is recovering well.

Charlotte May is living outside of Concord, New Hamp-

shire with her two dogs and fiancé Ben! They spend weekends hiking and are going to try to bring their veggie patch back to life this spring. Ben is from New Zealand and since the last update Charlotte and Ben have traveled to New Zealand twice – including a 5-day white water rafting trip in December. Any travelers coming through central NH are welcome to stop by!

Joanna Lynch is living in Bellingham, WA and enjoying the beginnings of spring.

Andrew Gong is still in the Seattle area, enjoying the wonderful skiing season, and looking forward to a hopefully good hiking season.

Grace Stonecipher spent five months last year living out her dream of hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, and is at a loss for words about how to describe it other than 'the best'. After getting chased around by fires and seeing the general impacts of climate change across western landscapes, however, she's back working in conservation, this time as a geospatial analyst with the Conservation Biology Institute. She now lives in Bend, OR, and is looking forward to a summer of climbing and live music.

Isaac Schultz is still playing with the Houston Symphony and rock climbing. He plans to teach bassoon at Kinhaven, a music camp in Vermont, over the summer. He misses everyone terribly.

Ana Maria Trivino is still in NYC, but she has been traveling to Vermont a lot. She got to hang out with Mario recently and it was a great time. She hopes everyone is doing well!

Mario Sacca has a new lady in his life. Her name is Bobber and she's almost a year old.

Noah Goodman is moving to Vermont in May, will be working at Pitchfork Farm in Burlington. He will be doing more music & stuff like that too; if you wanna know more, google "Noah Matthew Goodman" music!! Send him a text or email or somethin' if you're in the area :)



Many things remain the same for **Nina Sayles**: she's still living in Boston, fencing, and gardening. This year, she has jumped in with both feet to the 9-5 working world! She recently started as the program coordinator for MIT Sloan's Food Supply Chain Analytics and Sensing Initiative, where she supports research on food systems optimization from an operations management perspective. As always, she is happy to connect with anyone in her field, and of course, drop a line if you're in Beantown!

Noah Mostow has had a big year of changes! He finished building out his camper van, is slowly adventuring around the western US in it, and has plans to travel east in the summer of 2023. Hopefully he will be able to see some TMS friends. He missed the reunion and was upset he couldn't join due to work obligations and a COVID scare, yet wants to reconnect. Noah recently started a new job as a business development manager for a small startup in the 3D printing industry, which he is working to help grow. He travels a lot with work and will look to connect with TMS friends when in their area!

James Rau recently got married in South Africa and had an opportunity to show his new family around Cape Town. He has settled in central Florida and welcomes any TMS'er to say hi if ever in the area.

Penelope Ganske doesn't have much to update – just still happy in Cleveland!

Spring '13

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Lauren Black writes: My life update is that I'm living now in Minneapolis and working at a couples therapy office. I'm not a therapist (I'm just doing office admin stuff), but I want to become one! And I'm gonna be starting a masters of social work grad program at University of Minnesota in the fall to start working toward that. Beyond work stuff (because why should that be my most important update anyway?) I wanna say that my enthusiasm for elaborate activity planning that started with the TMS Saturday night activity planning teams has stayed very strong! Two recent-ish elaborate party projects of mine include a day-long olympics themed party with competitions is various invented sports, and a six-week-long "queer dating game show" party series based around what happens in reality dating shows (group dates, challenges, 1-1 dates, etc.) (with actual dating, and two couples that came out of it!).

Eva Borgwardt is very happily living in Brooklyn with her dog, Yoshi. She is *still* organizing Jews for Palestinian rights, now at IfNotNow, and in her spare time she is reading books, taking dance classes and feeling grateful. She misses Vermont and TMS friends

immensely -- if you're in New York, please say hi!

Julia Carpenter Conway is doing very well adjusting to life as a new Mom - she and her husband Neil welcomed daughter Noa to the family in October 2022. She's enjoying the last few weeks of maternity leave before returning to work at Moderna. She can't believe it's been ten years since Mountain School and hopes everyone is doing well!



Hazel Edwards is excited to be living in the Boston area again (Somerville!) after several years in Maine and Western Mass. She has a fun new job working as a garden educator in public elementary schools in Cambridge and Boston—her students call her “Gardener Hazel.” She is currently doing serious research to figure out the best ice cream place in the city. Reach out if you find yourself in Boston!

Sophie Drazin-Nagy has been working for the Forest Service building hiking and mountain biking trails in Northern Arizona, but is currently procrastinating packing up her apartment before heading to the Tetons for a backcountry trail crew this summer. Through the Forest Service, Sophie has been focusing on wilderness based emergency medicine and teaching preventative safety measures that trail crews can add to their field preparation. Being able to work outside and get paid to go backpacking is still a wonderful way to spend time! An even

brighter spot under the desert sun is that she and Gabe Weisbuch (Spring '13) have been able to meet up for burritos and to search for anything more than a trickle of water in the creeks. Becoming an aunt to Max, the best baby I've ever met, thanks to my sister Rachel (Fall '07), has created the sweetest past seven months.

Madeline Frank is currently happily living in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and is on year 2 of a 3 years dual Masters in Social Work and Public Health at UNC. She still loves running and being outdoors in her spare time and hopes that all her TMS classmates are doing well!

Olivia Herrington writes: I am graduating from the Yale School of Medicine this May and am very excited to be starting my psychiatry residency at Montefiore in July, with plans to eventually train in child psychiatry. I hope you are all doing well and would love to see anyone who is in the New York area!

After four very sweet years in Baltimore, MD, **Eliza Thomas** is moving to San Diego, CA in June to begin her Masters in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. She will miss Baltimore and the amazing community she's formed in the Chesapeake Bay watershed -- including neighbors, colleagues, ceramics studio friends, and adventure pals -- but she's looking forward to this new chapter out west. If you find yourself in southern California, please drop by!

Anna Hitchcock is currently based in Rhode Island and has been working as an artist and woodworker for the last couple years. She is super excited to have a sculpture in a couple of gallery/museum shows coming

up this spring and summer. In the past year she has moved from Rhode Island to Vermont, North Carolina, Maine, New York, Florida and back to Rhode Island for different opportunities and is so grateful for the chance to experience so many places. Please reach out if you're ever in RI!

Richard Otis writes: I've gotten a new engineering job in the Pharmaceutical Industry. I'm now working for Novo Nordisk in New Hampshire. I also bought a house in White River Junction, VT last year. If anybody is traveling in the area, feel free to say hi.

Ally Tucker writes: I'm in Berlin, bouldering lots and still trying to learn German. I work on corporate sustainability reporting for the IFRS Foundation. Spargelzeit is just starting here (asparagus season) so I'm pickling some asparagus in my kitchen as an experiment. I plan on being at the reunion in June and hope to see many of you there!

Marie Vaine writes: I am teaching PreK-8th grade music and elementary school science at The Riverside School in Lyndonville, VT. I am milling lumber and getting ready to build a cabin in Kirby, VT. I spend my time biking, skiing, rock climbing, and playing outside with my dog.

Spring '14

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Fred Baker has settled in it at his new job selling single malt scotch for The Macallan here in New York. It's wild to think another year has flown by. Thankfully, Fred has kept in touch with many S14ers including his dear neighbors **Sarah**

Newberger, Charles Meyer, and **Sam Dewees** (and Meg) often meeting over home-cooked meals or takeout.

After 3 years working in finance, **Courtney Bowen** quit her job (finally) and decided to chase her longtime dream of becoming a doctor! In that vein, she is currently in her final months of her one-year premedical post baccalaureate program at Goucher College in Maryland. Up next, Courtney will be moving to Providence, RI and starting at Brown Medical School in August '23 as a member of the med class of 2027. Courtney would love to connect with any TMS'ers in the area, so if anyone finds themselves in or around Providence over the next four years, please let her know!!

Olivia Burke Tomaeno is pursuing her Master's in Learning Design and Technology. Like everyone else in the world, she has gone down a GPT rabbit hole and is currently working with Quizlet to build an AI tool that helps students study. In her free time, she likes to go on bike rides and play cards (stay tuned to see the cribbage board she's building—for class credit!). One the weekends, she enjoys eating meals and walking around San Francisco with **Julia Pike** and **Leo Stevenson**.

Violet Cole continues to live in Brooklyn with her cat Ollie. She spends lots of time knitting and living out her 2023 resolution to radiate positivity.

Ruby Edlin is still living in Brooklyn, working at the Brennan Center for Justice (and helping bargain for a fair contract!), and building her life around Eliza Klein and Violet Cole. She loves taking advantage of the best theater and best vegan desserts that the city has to offer.

Jaqui Gutman and **Robin Saidenberg** live together in Cambridge in a building with a red door and ivy! Jaqui works in communications in Boston and Robin is in graduate school. They love their local diner, S&S, and reminisce about the Mountain School there frequently.

In addition to his burgeoning career as a musician, **Theo Kandel** is currently on a journey to become a top-tier bowler, having recently scored a 242. (Regrettably, no one was present to witness this, as he was bowling alone.) When not on tour, he spends time in Los Angeles and New York, although he longs to once more feel the soft spring of Vermont loam under his feet.

Eliza Klein is still living in Brooklyn and hanging out nonstop with Ruby Edlin and Violet Cole, who live down the street. She started a new job in February on the policy team at WE ACT for Environmental Justice, where she is fighting for a just transition for affordable housing in NYC. In her free time, she organizes fellow Jews for Palestinian freedom and runs a viral antizionist Instagram account. She spent the fall as a primary caretaker for the 92-year-old legendary Jewish movement elder, Shatzi Weisberger ("The People's Bubbie"), while she was in hospice. She is now working with archivists at the Schlesinger library at Harvard who are acquiring Shatzi's papers so that the lessons Shatzi learned in her lifetime of political struggle can be passed on to future generations who pick up the torch!

Grant McCord is living in Bushwick. He just started a new job in marketing consulting. When he isn't working, he's biking around Brooklyn, playing music, doing improv and stand-up, and begging Ju-

lia Pike to move back to New York.

Julia Pike spent the past year teaching high school English in San Francisco, California. Next year, she plans to take the year off from teaching to finish the novel she is currently working on. She will also be tutoring, working with high school seniors to draft and edit college application essays. Anyone else looking for help writing applications (email her at juliacpike@gmail.com if you or anyone you know is looking for some tutoring or editing assistance!). She just had a short story published in Joyland Magazine. When Julia isn't teaching, tutoring, or writing Grant McCord's class note, she's walking around San Francisco with **Olivia Burke Tomaeno** or cooking dinner with **Leo Stevenson**.

Spring '15

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Francesca Farris lives and works in rural Sicily at a cooking school called Anna Tasca Lanza. She is learning to crochet with the elderly nonnas in town and advancing her cheesemaking skills with her neighbor Filippo, the shepherd. She loves spending time surrounded by sage elders, but would love to have youthful visitors. Please come achieve your White Lotus dreams and visit her in Sicily! Follow along on Instagram [@local_raisin_!!](https://www.instagram.com/local_raisin_!!)

Lindsay Cartmell graduated from the University of New Hampshire (finally) last year with Biology and Outdoor Education majors and has been enjoying post-grad life thoroughly! She enjoyed a summer as Assistant Manager at AMC's Three Mile Island Camp, then went to Greece and Turkey for

the first time in the fall. After that, she drove across the country and visited friends and national parks along the way. She even saw fellow Spring '15 alum Amir Mamdani! Eventually she made it to Gate School in Carpinteria, CA where she is filling in as a permanent substitute Algebra II teacher for the last trimester. She's looking forward to her first summer as Manager at Three Mile Island and hopes if any S15 alumni are on Lake Winnepesaukee, they'll stop by for a happy hour on her dock.

2022 was honestly a great year for **Gary Friedle!** He moved to a new spot in Beverlywood, he was promoted to Vice President at his firm, and he got engaged to a phenomenal woman who he is excited for everyone to meet (either at the next reunion or hopefully sooner!). He hopes we can all hang out again soon.

Sara Santiago is finishing up her first year of graduate school at NYU for clinical social work. She spends most of her other time knitting, sewing and exploring other fiber crafts. She's been living with her partner, Bennett, in NYC, though they try to get out of the city as much as possible. Most recently, they took a trip back up to Middlebury to visit some old professors. They got there just in time for a beautiful snowfall, which filled her up with lots of joy.

Livi Bokor finds herself at a new precipice, as she finishes up an MA and plans to begin a PhD in the philosophy of religion. She is (still) asking questions of self and other, truth and interpretation, love and intimacy—questions that, in many ways, took root during her time at TMS. Her time in Chicago has had ups and downs—intellectual fulfillment and new friendships on

the one hand, family illness and aloneness on the other—and she is looking forward to starting anew back on the East Coast, hopefully within closer proximity to many S15ers.

Zoe Grodsky is still in Portland, Maine! She's still working in the food justice world and loving time by the ocean and trees. If you find yourself in Maine, definitely come say hi!

Amir Mamdani lives in Denver, Colorado and is in his second season working in the front office for the Colorado Rockies Baseball Team. He has been lucky enough to see TMS'ers like Lindsay Cartmell and Jacob Kiely Song, recently, and hopes to see Sam Huston soon. It's been great for him to be in a place that reminds him of Vermont, and he has enjoyed skiing this past season. He hopes to see TMS'ers in Colorado sometime soon!

Spring '16

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Eva Petersen moved cross-country to Wyoming (with Molly Burnett as her fearless co-pilot) to work at a small museum in Cody. Highlights of life there include weekend hikes, the faith community, and the Shoshone River Farms CSA pickup. Eva also got engaged last October to a man she met in Cody, and will soon be relocating back east so her fiancé can start grad school at Yale. So if you live in/around New Haven, please hit her up!!!

Emma Glazer lives in Philadelphia with their partner and two cats. They are teaching fourth grade ELA & social studies and studying for their master's in education at UPenn.

Wassa Bagayoko is currently on the staff in Ernst & Young's consulting practice. After moving back to New York, she has turned her attention to her art, showing at various galleries, submitting to magazines, and selling her work online. In her free time, she is a junior board member of her alma mater Harlem Academy, a committee chair for Brown's Black Alumni Reunion, and a member of the American Heart Association HeartWalk 5k planning committee for EY. She looks forward to what the new year will bring, but especially reconnecting with her former classmates.

On a more personal note, she just wants to say that she loves hearing news from you all. It is a pleasure being your class agent <3

Edwin Magana has been working in Stanford's Heritage Services as part of their in-house archaeology team for 2 years now. He works on preserving the cultural and historical areas of Stanford's campus. In his free time, he is working on a cultural magazine called Pamoja Magazine with some friends that is focused on the history, culture, politics, and art of his community, East Palo Alto, California. They also host an annual art show in the summer full of only local artists and vendors, which is what he is most excited about this year. Along with the possibility of applying to grad school for Land/Watershed Management and Restoration or Forestry.

Jake Lefkowitz graduated from Dartmouth last June and spent the first half of his year interning for a federal judge on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He is now so excited to be back at the Mountain School, working as one of the Tobold dorm parents for the spring '23 term. He is loving his time being back in Vershire,

working outside with all the students before he moves back to New York City in the fall to begin his legal education at Columbia Law School.

Avery Voehl is currently in her first year of medical school in Des Moines, Iowa! This summer, she is excited to run a marathon and work on a research lab regarding nutrition.

Micah Wilson has spent the past year living in Essaouira, Morocco, where they teach English at a local university. They are re-learning how to rest and how to play. Recently, this looks like photo-making and napping. They still don't know how to write a class note without cringing.

Ellie Kharasch is currently in her last year of classes at Tufts Veterinary School and will be starting her clinical rotation in 2024! She's currently pursuing a doctorate in veterinary medicine alongside a master's in public health and is focusing on parasitic resistance in sheep and goats as her main public health research. She is also the sustainability officer for the campus, which helps her channel her love for TMS and sustainability! She's looking forward to putting all the things she is passionate about into her career.

Josephine Bourne is living in Oregon with her partner, enjoying the mountains and spending lots of time skiing and biking and playing ultimate frisbee. She's currently working on a remote sensing project looking at vegetation change from border wall construction in a national memorial in Arizona and will be spending the summer season working on trails in the Willamette National Forest.

Liv Kunins-Berkowitz currently lives in the Bay Area. They are growing aquatinted with cacti, reporting stories about food, and cooking shabbat dinners.

Anna Saviano reports that a lot has happened as of late! She graduated from Middlebury in February 2023 with a degree in environmental chemistry and political science and then moved to Paris where she'll be attending Sciences Po for a 2-year master's in international energy. She's also considering deferring admission and working in NYC for a year before heading to grad school. This summer, she'll be working with a company based in the Southwest, leading backpacking treks for high schoolers in New Mexico and Colorado. She misses you all! Xo

Abbott LaPrade is doing well, still living in Manhattan and working at a political consulting firm. He has enjoyed recent run-ins with Jake, Isabelle, Wassa, Keerti, Han, Anna and Elizabeth in NY and watching Rebecca and Andrew's live shows in the city. He also has recently been putting his wood crew skills to use (thank you, Jack and Kit) helping his dad clear land in CT, though has no clue how we were able to do wood crew twice a week for 2+ hours at TMS.



Rebecca McCartney is about two years into full throttle hardcore let's go doing music all the time. Which means she's also picked up about 100 side gigs to try to make the main gig happen. She practices a lot of patience and delusion. BUT her semester pals show up to all her gigs (rumor has it their eyes are locked on Andrew Javens' bass playing the whole time). Come join them sometime. She still loves raw veggies and thunderstorms.

Spring '17

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Zyla Pinger is back in New York City and couldn't be happier. She is working for a small real estate company and is surrounded by friends from childhood, high school, TMS, and college. She's having a blast!

Mackenzie Whitehead-Bust is graduating from college in May and moving to Minneapolis--primarily for the 10,000 lakes and because she is stubbornly resisting the urge to move to Brooklyn with all of her peers. Despite her resolve to go somewhere bikeable with cheaper rent, she will have approximately one friend in the Twin Cities and would love to reconnect with any and all Mountain Schoolers in the area. Please reach out and come stay in her guest room/studio/sunporch. Any and all are welcome.

Zeki Zai moved to London and has been there since September of 2021. He is currently doing a master's in Fintech & Business Analytics at the University of Westminster and is most likely going to be doing an LLM in Entertainment/Commercial Law in the coming year. He finally got to see Ronaldo play live in person a

bunch last year, so that was really a dream come true! He's still playing football (soccer) competitively and is excited to be continuing life across the pond.

Rosalee Bayer graduated from Colorado College in May and is now living on a Jewish community farm in beautiful sunny Berkeley, California. Every day she is relieved to not have homework. She is working at a preschool and finding that four-year-olds are her people. Starting this summer, she will be in charge of revamping the school's yard, including starting a garden! She is feeling very challenged and inspired by learning about early childhood education. She is also challenged by getting very sick with Snotty Preschooler Disease once a month. She's trying to spend more time crafting, solo hiking, and doing contact improv. Soon the goats on the farm will be giving birth and she is looking forward to learning how to milk goats and bottle feeding an animal for the first time since TMS. She so enjoyed having a couple days of Mountain School life this summer at the reunion and hopes to see more of you all soon!

Seth Eddy just graduated from University of Oregon with a landscape architecture degree. He is also the assistant gardener of Hendricks park's Rhododendron garden in Eugene, Oregon. He is taking some time to travel before jumping into being a professional landscape designer. When he's not gardening, he spends his time skiing, skateboarding and playing guitar.

Luke Frederickson has had an eventful year! He graduated from UVM last May, and then flew back to Seattle, promptly packed up his bike, and set off on an adventure across the

country. Over 94 days, he rode 4,300 miles across 15 states, from Seattle to DC (unfortunately, this caused him to miss the 5-year reunion). A highlight of the trip was his visit to Mackenzie's house in Denver, where he spent a wonderful evening catching up with her and the esteemed Maura Mathieu. After the trip, he moved back up to Burlington, VT, where he is now.

Ellie Pike has spent the year teaching English to elementary schoolers in Kinmen, Taiwan. She has mastered the art of laminating, and spends far too long at her desk trying to find gifts that will make fourth graders laugh. She has loved getting to know her students (all three hundred of them!) and will miss them next year. She has spent her weekends traveling around Taiwan and exploring the many lakes, mountains, temples, and night markets that fill the country. She is firmly addicted to bubble tea, and fears what will happen when she returns to New York next year. She misses everyone at TMS and often scrolls fondly through photos from last summer's five-year reunion. She hopes to see everyone again soon!

Spring '18

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Andrés Santana is not graduating from Middlebury yet—he has one semester of college left. He will spend the first six weeks of the summer in Denmark modeling neurodegeneration using CRISPR. Andrés joined a contemporary dance troupe in Middlebury that recently put on a show with styles ranging from Hip-Hop and Reggaeton to Ghanaian dance.

At the time of writing, **Beca Downes** was on a senior trip in San Diego before her graduation from Pomona College. After being at home in Massachusetts for the summer, she plans to work on a farm in France during the fall.

Blake Bent is finishing his final year of an electrical engineering degree at the Colorado School of Mines. This summer he will be taking more classes and cycling across the country with bike and build.

Clio Rose has one semester left in college next fall but is going through the motions of graduation anyway. For the past year, she spent lots of her time writing little jokes and spent less time writing long papers than she should have. This summer, she will be researching for her thesis in Dublin, after hopefully fully recovering from a concussion dealt by a flying elbow at a square dance. For the most part, things have been the status quo, but she looks forward to having more defined life plans for next year's update.

Chloe Schiff took a semester off from Colby College to work at a virology lab at the University of Vermont. She has enjoyed living in Burlington's Old North End and eagerly anticipates the legendary Lake Champlain summer, as well as our semester's five-year reunion!

Daniel Kim is trying to gain flexibility in his back and would love to know if there were any low pain methods for this. One recent obsession of his is this song in the K-Pop genre called "I Got Lucky." He is very much looking forward to achieving vitamin D sufficiency in the Bay Area sun over the summer months. That being said, he is not a fan of how quickly time is passing, and he would love to reconnect with others!

Vivien Qiao s18

By Kiran Park s23



Even before she came to the Mountain School in Spring 2018, Vivien Qiao knew that she wanted her career to be in biochemistry and medicine. Not only did she have an interest in learning about the human body and the most effective ways to treat it, but both of her parents were chemists, as well. Now, as a double major in Engineering and Biochemistry and a Goldwater Scholar at Smith College, Vivien has been working in lab to perform biochemical research. During her time at the Mountain School, she learned the importance of thoughtful, intentional decision making; with this value, she was able to choose the path that best fit her goals for her future.

The Mountain School was a novel experience for Vivien. She grew up in suburban Massachusetts, a far cry from the sparsely populated farmland of rural Vermont and didn't consider herself to be very outdoorsy. The hands-on, nature-focused curriculum of the school was a change from her sending school. The idea of calling teachers by their first names was foreign to her. But gradually, the TMS culture of trust and intimacy, unfailingly

apparent in each semester, came about, allowing Vivien to feel comfortable to push herself out of her comfort zone and try new things. She recalled the feeling of existing in such a healthy and supportive environment, saying it "...helped me grow as a person and be aware and reflective of my experiences." The Environmental Studies program played an especially important role in this: not only was she taught to look past the surface of something and learn its deeper story, but she discovered that learning didn't have to take place inside a classroom. This alternative style of schooling was, in a way, one of Vivien's biggest takeaways from TMS, helping her to realize that learning didn't have to be traditional. She remarked on the "specific, linear MD path" that most undergraduates follow, and how she didn't want to pursue a postgraduate degree in the same fashion. Instead, Vivien balanced her time between academic pursuits and other, more recreational interests. "Knowing you can deviate from that traditional path and still reach the same goal is comforting," she said.

Vivien is currently a part of the Moore Lab at Smith, researching protein engineering. Her work focuses on making slight changes to the genetic sequencing of proteins to enable their attachment to drugs or imaging agents that are meant to be delivered to cancer cells. The goal is for the packages carried by the proteins to be internalized into those cells, allowing for more targeted cancer treatment. Vivien plans to take two gap years after college to continue doing research, then pursue an MD/PhD. Further in the future, her dream is to be employed at a teaching hospital, working with medical students and passing down the idea that there are a million different ways to learn, and a million different ways to achieve a goal.

Eliza Schiff is nearing the end of her time at Vassar College, where she lives with fellow Mountain School alumna **Mackenzie Whitehead-Bust** (they have a very lovely porch couch). This summer, Eliza will be in New York City chasing, running, sprinting after her dreams of being a Brooklyn-based comedian. She misses her spring '18 friends dearly

and would love to break bread with them if ever the opportunity arises!

Esteban Lomeli reports that he currently lives by the motto, "keep moving forward." He is working at the Home Depot while earning his degree in mechanical engineering, and he looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

To his great chagrin, **Forrest LaPrade** cannot come to the five-year reunion because he will be in Jordan, where he will be spending the summer consuming many eggplant dishes, hiking in many wadis, and also working at an NGO. He writes, "if you're in Amman, hit me up! XOXO."

Lucas Sheridan welcomed Spencer into his home (well, technically, a friend's home) on Christmas Eve to watch *Wreck-It Ralph 2: Ralph Breaks the Internet* with Lucas' adorable, slightly ill younger cousin. Lucas' spokesperson did not reply to a request for comment on this newsletter, but Spencer can share what he knows: Lucas will be in New York City for at least part of the summer, he will return to Bowdoin to complete his mathematics degree in the fall, and Cancún is much farther from Mexico City than either of them anticipated.

Sarah Hatchett and **Anna McNulty** are currently dining at a café in London drinking high tea. They just received a reminder that this is the last day to send an update, but lucky for them, they can send one together. Sarah just finished studying abroad in Scotland, and Anna is currently studying in Madrid. They write, "we miss you all. Can't believe it's been five years already."

Spencer Adler feels rather guilty for having procrastinated collecting the semester notes until such a late date, and he hopes that those not included in the newsletter accept his sincerest apologies (those who did send in their updates on such short notice can expect an ice cream or dessert of their choice!). Spencer looks forward to making his concerto debut this summer with the National Repertory Orchestra in Breckenridge, Colorado! More importantly, he can offer a couch to any weary traveler passing through Colorado and wishing to rest their legs. And he invites them to join him on a hike—or perhaps even an orienteering expedition?

Little has been heard from **William R. Bugg** other than a terse text sent at 10:39 PM on May 7, 2023: "living in a renovated ice cream truck. On the road—currently in Alberta, Canada. One semester away from completing my degree at the University of Phoenix."

Zachary Katz paid Spencer a recent visit in New Haven, where they went hiking in the city's storied West Rock State Park. Upon discovering that they both hoped to visit Taiwan after graduation, they planned a trip to Taipei together for the first week of June. In the fall, Zachary will enroll in a geophysics Ph.D. program at the Colorado School of Mines.

Spring '19

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Ellington Davis has been shredding knar, playing music, trying to keep outdoor plants as indoor bonsai and enjoying environmental philosophy classes at Wesleyan. Shown here with his two buddies, Jack and Owen, at Jay Peak over Winter Break.



Louisa Lindsley is having a great spring semester at St Andrews in Scotland. She really enjoyed studying abroad in Hong Kong in the fall, wandering the city and devouring dim sum after a night out. She is hungry for book recommendations -- please DM!

Julia Sussman returned from a great semester abroad in Copenhagen and is now finishing her junior year at

Wesleyan. She is majoring in American Studies and Psychology and minoring in African-American Studies! She plans to be in NYC this summer and hopes to see some of you :)

Bai Hart is studying and swimming in the Berkshires and Williams College. She is majoring in Sociology and concentrating in Environmental Studies but is also having a major crisis and might switch to an English major any day now. She is going to spend the summer in Northern Ontario guiding canoe trips for youth, and then will be at the University of Edinburgh for her senior fall! She misses TMS as a place but more the people that made it what it was.

Emily Li is a month away from finishing her third year at Stony Brook University-- still studying Chemistry and still trying to walk to places in Long Island that can only be reasonably reached by car. However, she recently got her driver's license and is looking forward to all the adventures she will have. She will be spending the summer in NYC and is super excited to be close to her friends and family.

Kyung Ju Lee has recently been living in Hawai'i, where she was raised. She has enjoyed getting to know her community better in a multitude of ways, but most of all treasures the opportunity to witness community advocates fighting for everything from childcare expansion to LGBTQ+ rights, Hawaiian sovereignty, Hawaiian language revitalization, and more. She invites the TMS community to seize every opportunity to learn about the rich, dynamic conversations developing in Hawai'i, - and especially encourages those planning a future visit to consider volunteering with one of many impressive local organizations.

Olivia Bush has been taking the saying "rocks for jocks" very seriously. She is currently exploring the geology of central Pennsylvania while waking up at 5:30 AM every day for field hockey practice. She will be in the Boston area this summer for an internship and would love to catch up with Mountain School friends!

Olivia was deeply saddened to hear about Marc/Marcella/Moose Borgenicht's passing this May and remembers Moose as always being so friendly and enthusiastic around everyone. She remembers their creativity in all aspects of their life. Sending thoughts and prayers to Moose's family.



Sally Huston is still in Vermont studying the creatures and the fishes and most loving her ornithology class right now. She recently was in Utah with her dog Moose and together they crossed muddy rivers and chased cows and jack-rabbits and big-horned sheep. She's pretty dang excited for summer because there will be raspberries and sailing and tide-pooling and wildflowers and probably more chocolate cake than there is right now.

Luke Creamer is on a NOLS course in Uttarakhand, India for a couple of months. He has been whitewater rafting and is about to go backpacking for six weeks in the Himalayas.

Willa Frank is looking forward to spring in New England before spending several months in New Zealand next semester, where she will be

hiking and doing environmental research. While she is home in May and June, she hopes to eat a lot of strawberries and go on long walks!

Spring '20

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Matthew O'Rourke is having a great time in Boston. He's been working at an aerospace startup and will be working as a lifeguard again this summer. He's also run into a few classmates this year, including meeting Thomas for lunch and a surprise meet-up with Lillian in Puerto Rico!

Noah Glasgow is also enjoying some time abroad, spending the spring in Paris studying French and astronomy. He's excited about moving to Chicago for good this summer and hopes that any wayward classmate who finds themselves in the Midwest stops by and says hello.

Paris seems to be a popular place for Spring '20 alumni, since both **Samia Segal** and **Paige Woodard** will be there next fall! Right now, Sami is keeping public radio alive at Wesleyan's radio station, WESU, where she works as a DJ. She's terrified of the fact that finishing sophomore year means that she'll be halfway through university, probably because it means we're slowly but surely getting old. Paige is grappling with the fact that her recent 20th birthday means that she's no longer a teenager, and wonders if it means that she needs to start watching TV that's actually made for adults. She's been working at the Botanic Garden of Smith College as a student educator, spending too much time in the theater, and is trying to decide

whether it's worth it to double major.

Speaking of majors, **Jackson Lake** is majoring in physics at Colby College, where he also plays in the symphony orchestra. This past winter, he spent his time skiing on Sugarloaf Mountain with his friends. **Foster Waxman** also did a lot of skiing this past winter, which makes sense considering he transferred to UVM this past fall. He's enjoying being back in Vermont and is excited to live off campus next year. He'll be cooking quite a bit soon, since he'll be working at his dad's restaurant in NYC this summer and at Hen of The Wood once he's back in Burlington.

Serena McGrane will also be in NYC this summer, where she'll be helping with a documentary film and enjoying the many parks. Right now, she's a sophomore at Bates College, working her way through a Rhetoric, Film and Screen studies major. She's almost as confused as to what "rhetoric" is as her parents are. She's excited to say that she truly feels like she's adjusted to Maine, proven by the fact that she's wearing shorts in the balmy, fifty-degree weather. She is also channeling her Mountain School spirit by working at Nezinscot Farm, trying to perfect her jam recipe, and somewhat unsuccessfully attempting latte art.

Cricket Cannell has recently discovered she may like mustard, and that is probably the most significant update to her life in the past year. Her sophomore year consisted of engineering classes, joining a sorority, and a lot of snowboarding. Though she spent last summer teaching five-year-olds about nature in Fire Island, she'll be staying on campus this summer. She spent New Year's with Meredith, Serena, and a bunch of other spring '20

alumni. Hopefully, she'll spend this coming fall doing a marine biology field study!

Charlotte Chapman and **Arlo Winokur** are both spending much of their time making art of various kinds. Charlotte recently designed and sewed a piece for the Cornell Fashion Collective's annual fashion show, choreographed a piece for a showcase with Pandora Dance Troupe, and is in the process of working on another dance show with Base Productions. She's taking the next year off from school so that she can work at Walt Disney World, and then she plans to go abroad for a fashion or business internship! Arlo's been writing for Emerson College's radio station, working on graphic design, and is acting in a short film called "Daffodils". He's excited to really become involved in his school community and wants to spend some time with other TMS alumni during this coming summer.

Everyone misses the rest of the spring '20 alumni and hopes to see each other in the near future. Hopefully this summer will be full of impromptu reunions, reconnection, and even more great memories!

Spring '21

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Sadie Nelson is currently taking a gap year before heading to Colorado College next year. So far, she's lived in Indonesia with host families for 3 months, ski bummed and worked out in the mountains, traveled up and down the east coast (getting to see her roomies **Noa** and **Vi!**), "interned" at a brain therapy clinic and plans to do more! She misses and loves you all <3

Eve Hammerman is finishing up her second semester at Williams College and is loving it so far! She's made great friends and is super excited about all of her classes. She recently got certified as an EMT and is eager to start working around the northern Berkshire area. She also has a job as an outdoor educator leading elementary school field trips in a nearby forest. She says, "We just finished three weeks of maple sugaring field trips with first graders so lots of S21 memories!" She also went to the Vershire Snow-Shoe-A-Thon with **Maxine George** and **Emily Wang** a few weeks ago which was super fun! She's eagerly anticipating having **Maxine, Tahlia**, and **Lily** with her at Williams next fall!!

Beckett LaPrade is loving Bowdoin; he's joined crew (coming to a regatta near you this spring), will be a tour guide next fall, and is excited to watch Lars Sorom tear up the track at upcoming meets. His family recently moved from Des Moines to Connecticut, leading him amidst an identity crisis. Luckily, he has also recently discovered a love for kiwi, a fruit that previously induced fear, which is helping him through this time.

Sam Bronstein is studying mechanical engineering at Tufts. In his free time, he has been skiing and working out. This summer, he is working at a sleep-away camp in Vermont.

Tahlia Gerger says "Oburoni te s n? Mepaaky me hoy paaa!" She's currently studying and staying with a family in Accra, Ghana. The small piece of language is Asante Twi, the most common of more than 80 local languages. In addition to her Twi knowledge, her tongue has also gained an appreciation (addiction?) for Ghanaian spice. She's concerned for my

re-entry into the USA and asks for any advice on smuggling peppers through customs, it would be "greatly appreciated." Y b hiya m'adamfo!

Daniel Suarez is finishing up his first year at Berkeley and getting ready to intern for TE Connectivity this summer in North Carolina to work with hands on manufacturing technology. He says, "to the East coast I go again, and I'm excited for that change in environment!"

Mariam Elwady has been living it up at Princeton!!! (not really...Mariam has in fact been very stressed). Besides struggling through the hell that is general chemistry, she is involved in Princeton's Arab society as social media chair (and encourages everyone to go follow @princetonarabsociety:)). Mariam also has a job as a student representative in the office of sustainability (yay!!) and is planning on going to Kenya this summer for a hospital internship (more yay!!). She's made amazing friends who she loves dearly but she still misses her semester a ton and encourages anyone in the NYC/ NJ area to text to meet up! She says, "much love, miss you all <3"

Daniel Chian has been enjoying a wonderful first year at Oberlin College, where he is hoping to study politics but not sell his soul. He has been picking up a lot of skills, including jewelry making and a level 1 ETA solar installer certification! Most importantly he has been bathing in beautiful Ohioan nature and preparing the Oberlin campus for Mayim Richman's arrival in the fall. He is going to Japan on a study trip for two weeks in late May and early June but will return to New York for the summer, where he expects to see as many of you as possible. He sends so much love!

Zoë Heard is finishing out her second semester at UNC and already excited for the third one. Next fall she will be attending the Highlands Field Site in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to get some hands-on experiential learning for the Environmental Studies major. For now, though, she's preparing for finals week, volunteering with a birds of prey rescue, and getting outside whenever possible as she gets to know NC's mountains, rivers, and wild-life.

Noa Brown is a happy camper. She is finishing up her first year at college, and while chemistry has now kicked her ass two semesters in a row, she has already made what she knows will be lifelong friends. She loved her visit from Sadie earlier in the winter, though they missed their third roomie, Violet, tremendously and edited her into every photo they took. Now that the school year is ending, Noa will head home to take a summer EMT course and be a general nuisance to her family and (somehow STILL alive??) 14-year-old dog, Cleo.



Lars Sorom is having an amazing time at Bowdoin College! He's enjoyed running track and playing trumpet on top of his academics and he is planning on majoring in biochemistry or chemistry with a minor in philosophy or computer science. This summer, he'll be working in a USDA tree fruit research lab at home in Washington.

Maxine George is writing

from near Chiusdino, Italy where she's a month into an internship on a regenerative farm. She writes, "it is lovely and very commune-like (reminds me of the Mountain School)." She is spending a lot of time finding creative ways to use up leeks and kale, pruning vineyards, and stumbling through Italian. Her highlights include eating probably the best orange of her life, finding laughter in a day spent clearing junk out of several (mouse-filled) sheds, and bottling the interns' weekly ration of wine - 39 bottles. She spent the fall semester living with a host family in Cuenca, Ecuador and over the summer was back in Vershire working on farm crew! She has thoroughly enjoyed her gap year so far, and says, "if anyone happens to stop by Baltimore this summer, I would love to see you :) If not, I'm hoping to see some fellow NESCAC people in the fall!! Much love to everyone!"

Mayim Richman has been traveling all over South America and Asia during her well-deserved gap year. Her favorite places so far have been Japan, Vietnam, and Peru. She is excited to settle down next year in small town Ohio, although running away to the French countryside during exams will always be on her mind.

After a joyous fall semester spent WWOOFing in Europe, **Violet Gordon** has returned to Vermont this past February to begin her next four years at Middlebury College. She's happy to be back in the green mountains and on same continent as most of her friends, and is excited to report that mud season is (almost) over. She has found herself enjoying her current geography class in particular, and would like to thank TMS for the many afternoons spent on the inner loop--as well as the wise words of Tom Wessels--in inspiring

this new affinity for maps and landscapes.

In the past week, **Noah Galkin** has reconsidered writing and literature as his major. He writes, "I'm currently taking a poetry class which has shown me what my future would be like if I were to take up that path. It seems to include a lot of intellectual discourse for an art form so simply emotional. In the past month, I've grown much more passionate about photography in the sense that it can do much more than just be nice to look at; it can be sad-denying, frustrating, disgusting even." He also visited Ithaca, New York over spring break to see his girlfriend's life before college began and a part of the country I never stopped to observe. In the past year, he graduated from Edward R. Murrow High School in Brooklyn, New York in late June and went off to Bard College in early August. In reflection, he writes, "I barely left home the first half of the year and barely went home the second; both halves were spent wondering if I should be comfortable. In the past two years, or since I graduated from the Mountain School, I haven't stopped changing. When I left the hills of Vershire, I felt an immediate push to do more, explore my options in life and question my current standing. I've never felt more complete."

Owen Purinton is doing great at St. Lawrence! He is thriving in the North country and enjoying all four seasons! He did a whole lot of snowboarding this winter and is playing on the Club Rugby team this spring. Along with this he is being studious and is on track for a business administration and economics major. In his free time, he enjoys playing Fortnite and felling trees in the local forest.

Kavya Krishnamurthy is at UChicago studying philosophy

and literature. In her free time, she goes for walks, watercolors, and writes poems!

Sarah Loose is currently living in Chelsea studying fashion design at FIT. This summer she'll be working with little kids teaching them to sew. She is reading a lot, particularly political theory and whatnot, which she enjoys and also just started *One Piece* which she is hyped about.

Paget Chung just started her third quarter at Dartmouth and is loving the arrival of warm spring weather! At Dartmouth, she has been working in a plant biology lab and joined an a cappella group. She has loved returning to the woods of the Northeast and swimming and canoeing in the Connecticut river! This summer she will be back home in San Francisco working at a genetics lab and hopefully doing some camping and exploring in California!

After another summer teaching kayaking at her summer camp down the road from TMS, **Lily Muhlbaum** headed south to the Chilean side of Patagonia to spend her fall sea kayaking and mountaineering! Then she worked at the Appalachian Mountain Club lodge on Mt. Cardigan in New Hampshire — cooking (using all she learned in the TMS kitchen!), doing oh so many dishes, and even defrosting a "poopsicle" from a composting toilet. As she writes this, Lily is with Sadie who's keeping her on task as she attempts procrastination. Soon Lily's off to work on a blueberry and chestnut farm in the south of France!



Peter Berganross is loving Carleton College and survived the bone-chilling winter with tips from Sadie. He enjoyed the end of high school but was very ready to leave CT and has since met wonderful people (including many other TMS alums!) and taken great classes. Many of the activities and classes are reminiscent of the Mountain School, and he thinks of it frequently. He is not sure what exactly he will study yet - and has taken a wide range of courses to try to figure that out - but is leaning toward environmental sciences and chemistry. Along with schoolwork, he busies himself with frisbee, club soccer, guitar lessons, working on arb crew (maintenance on Carleton's arboretum), and general antics. Last summer he stayed home and worked before taking a backpacking trip with his family. This coming summer he is planning on working at a sleep-away camp in Vermont and is planning on studying abroad in the fall. He misses you all and hopes to catch ya on the flip side.

Isabella Schauble has been doing well as she has been adjusting to college life. Since moving to the east coast, she's been back to Vermont and loved that she was still able to identify a large number of the trees. She has taken a wide variety of classes in hopes that one will become her major and has developed an interest in psychology. She still loves to spend time in nature and has begun running along the river every day as spring is beginning. Though she's sad there hasn't been a reunion for the Spring '21 class, she hopes to see everyone again soon!

Alexis Ramirez-Hardy says hello to all! She's spent her first year at Yale singing in a jazz a cappella group, getting involved with the outdoors club, and figuring out how to balance pre-med requirements

with a love for the humanities. She hopes everyone is well!

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Avery Landwehr: "Not too much is going on at the moment. I'm going to college in the fall to study sustainable development with a track in corporate sustainability. I got a cat with separation anxiety that I named Odin. Other than that, I've been hanging out with friends, and spending time at my cabin."

Tess Lawlor: "When reflecting on my life recently, three words that come to mind are "relieved", "happy", and "impatient". Relieved the college process is over; happy I'll be closer to my Mountain School buds on the east coast and impatient for high school to be over with! I am making just enough appearances at school to ensure I graduate between my travels and adventures. From exploring the museums of DC, visiting family and friends in Boston, to seeing my TMS buddies in Vermont. Most recently, it involved scaling the red rocks in Utah, squeezing through flooded slot canyons, but making sure to enjoy some sun in Arizona also. Now it's grind time as the end of senior year is in sight, and I couldn't be more excited. Looking forward to seeing all my dear friends again soon! Just know, you are always welcome to visit me in Montana!"

Sydney Mann: "Since TMS, I have kept the world building up and will be creating a small encyclopedia for my senior project! I will be attending Dartmouth in the fall and am planning on majoring in E-sci and English. Though I can no longer ID trees, I've become an adept flower identifier - I very

much miss my daily bread and tea - hope everyone has been well!"

Jacob Madden: "It was so nice to see everybody at the one-year reunion, and I already can't wait for the next one. As for me, lacrosse season has started and we've been balling out. Lax has also made senioritis about a hundred times worse. Athlete-student not student-athlete amirite? Anyways til next time, -jake (maddog)."

Karina Lomeli: "After graduation I will be attending the University of California, Davis as a Human Development major. I'm nervous to transition from a small charter school to a big university but know that I am not alone on this new chapter of our lives."

Coby Mulliken: "Senior spring is kicking into gear, so I've been enjoying my extra time going for runs and drives and other sentimental outings. I had a great time seeing (almost) everyone at reunion, as well as hosting S'22's one and only, Stellan Min,—who, to my chagrin, is currently off the grid in French Polynesia! Hoping all is well with everyone, and looking forward to seeing some of you at Snowshoe-athon next year."

Charlotte Effron: "I miss everyone so much!! I've been loving senior spring and am getting ready to graduate soon. I just went on a hike with my school's venturing club— New York trails, doesn't compare to the outer loop, but it was passable! Also, I got to see the woman, the myth, the legend, Daisy Bleu Triggs earlier this month. We had so much fun and tested our fire extinguishing skills in a minor hiccup that was definitely not our fault. Hope the lambs are loving the farm!!!"

Rosie Harris: "Though unfortunately I have no lambs to hang out with, I have been spending loads of time with my dog Freddie. When I'm not in the park with my dog, I am enjoying the last couple weeks of high school by spending lots of time with friends before I head off to Williams College next year!"

Wendy Hernandez: "I've been pretty good! I'm trying to finish senior year off strong but senioritis is pretty rough. I'm super excited for the end of the year; in May, I'm going on a trip to Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Georgia to learn more about the civil rights movement. In June, I'm hoping to go to rolling loud in Miami with one of my closest friends. I'm still deciding on where to go next year, but I can't wait to hear all about the new adventures S22 will go on!"

Addie Ehrbar: "Miss you all. I'm wishing each of you peace 'n love in all aspects of life. I've been spending a lot of time with my family and friends thinking about what's to come in the future. Of course, I've been on my music grind, making beats and stuff when I have a chance. See you all as soon as possible!"

Ellarose King: "I'm going to CU Boulder next year, so please come visit if you want to ski, hike, or catch up! Got a new pair of glasses after my little catastrophe at the reunion, and I made sure to get a backup pair this time. I'm planning on getting my 2nd Dan black belt this summer, and I've been doing a lot of reading, writing, and hanging with friends as the school year ends!"

Abby Lowe: "Hi everyone! It was so nice to see you all at the reunion, spend time in the sugarhouse, and remember Underwood's unique scent.

For senior spring, I plan on helping with upkeep at a local garden near me which also happens to be headquarters of the American Horticultural Society. Hopefully I can put my TMS skills to good use. On another note, I've recently joined my school's softball team and would probably hit many home runs if my coach would only take me off of the bench. Congrats to everyone for being so close to graduating!"

Subby Wolff-Urzua: "I'm trying to enjoy and absorb my last few high school months before going to a big scary college. I'm still playing lots of guitar, and I'm trying to teach myself piano, drums, and bass on the side. I'm trying to get as much fun in as I can during spring break because right after I graduate, I'm interning at an orthopedic operating room at the Kaiser Oakland Medical Center. I still hang out with Jaiden whenever we get the chance, and I'm trying my best to stay in touch with everyone whos far from me. Please text me if you ever want to talk!!!!"

Mica Ruthfield is missing the East Coast more than ever and is counting down the days until the rain stops. Her daily highlights include journaling (thank you, TMS English curriculum), singing in the car, and long phone calls with S22 friends (family). She is greatly enjoying that the sun is setting later, and she hopes to see many of you this summer!

Jake Glasgow: "Over the past few weeks, baseball season has started! I haven't gotten to play in a long time, since I was away for my Junior season, and it feels great to be back on the Diamond. Also, my parents and I are visiting my brother in Paris. He is doing a semester abroad there, and I am so excited to see him."

Gabriel Johnson: "This past

year has been rough, the usual senior year struggles mixed with the culture shock of returning to the DMV. The stark contrast between the laid back and beautiful environment of Vershire, Vermont, and the bustling, high intensity landscape of Bethesda, Maryland hit me like a freight train. However, I wouldn't trade my four months up in the woods for the world. I'm always so excited and proud to talk about my experience, the places, and lovely people I got to live with. (It became a running joke within my friend group for me to start sentences with "well, when I was up in Vermont....")

This year hasn't been all bad though. The prestige of finally reaching senior year never really washed off, especially as I finally joined the "Ten Year Club" at my school Landon. Looking forward, I'm excited to say that I'll be staying in my home state at the University of Maryland College Park. (Go Terps!) I'll be in the Aerospace Engineering program and Honors College. Excited to talk to you all soon, especially spring 2022."

Ben Jerris: "I've been running a couple events for my school's track team, and I just finished playing tuba at my school's band concert. ("Tank!" by the SEATBELTS is such a great song to play.) Otherwise, once I survive class for a few more weeks, I'll be spending time working on my senior project (designing a first aid curriculum). Everything said and done, senior year is winding down for me, but I've still got a lot to look forward to."

Stellan Min has been loving life. He recently returned from a school ecology trip to French Polynesia, where he learned to identify fish, a process that reminded him of TMS tree quizzes, but less cold. Over the summer, he looks forward

to hiking and traveling with friends. Stellan hopes to join an a capella group in college, instantly solidifying his status as the coolest kid on campus.

Cam O'Rourke has been a busy bee since returning from TMS! He still makes time for playing his guitar, adventuring outside, and hanging out with his friends. He recently started dancing and playing Ultimate Frisbee. He has spent some time with TMS friends throughout the year, and he can't wait to see more of you all this summer!

Eleanor Keohane: "This spring, I'm enjoying freer time and warmer weather. I've been electric Citi biking through Central Park and learning how to (try and) drive in New York City's streets. I had so much fun at the March reunion and can't wait to see more people soon."

Jaiden-Sage Reyes-Yanogacio: "At the time of writing this, I'm playing Roblox with my now 4-year-old brother, Otis. I just recently wrapped up my high school career in wrestling and have embraced the free time I've earned from its conclusion. With my free time I've re-dedicated myself to learning how to do the splits and a handstand."

Miranda Ye: "I've been chilling in Providence, Rhode Island with my family and cats, Gio and Moby. Lately I've just been studying, working and sleeping, but this summer I want to get into making some music, making clothes and doing some crafting! My Mountain School hoodie is still my favorite piece of clothing."

Sofia Vargas: "Life since the Mountain School has been a whirlwind! I've slowly readjusted to the fast pace of the city, replacing the inner loops morning runs with Central

Park cross-country practice. Luckily, I've been able to keep visiting my TMS people, and some friends even came to see me as Cosmo Brown in my first musical, *Singin' In The Rain!* This summer I hope to reconnect with the outdoors before heading off the UPenn in the fall! New York has started to get some of those beautiful spring sunsets which I can't help but compare to the Vershire ones, and I miss the long evenings spent at Pine Top- but for now the city view will do!"

Daisy Triggs: "Life in SoCal is a rollercoaster. Time can be sluggish. Time can be consuming. I'm just here for the ride. My most recent significant endeavor is Senior Show: the culminating comedy show that my fellow senior conservatory members and I write, direct, produce, and perform. Although Senior Show is a huge commitment, I carve out time to venture on personal journeys: sunrise hikes, coffee runs, late night songwriting sessions, and so on. Furthermore, I was lucky enough to see my best friend in the whole world, Charlotte Effron. As always, our time together is memorable (hotel roof fires, weddings, hearty laughs, etc.). I look forward to seeing my other Mountain School friends, in the near future! Warm wishes to you all," DB.

Andres Martinez: "I'm missing the familiar smell of my old E-sci classroom as I had spent my nights curled up with the Birch Room floor during our recent reunion. I felt so much joy connecting and reconnecting with all of you, I miss you all! As for an update, I'm studying at Brown next year and looking forward to similar long-lasting friendships like those at TMS."

Angie Ochoa: "I've been super focused on pushing through my final year of high

school, as well as improving on both my mental and physical health. Do not let senioritis defeat you! We're almost there! In addition to academics and health, I have been dedicating a good amount of my time to music production. Writing lyrics is just as fun as making the beats to lay them on! I know that Oliver Katz was wondering when I'd finally drop, and to be completely honest, I am wondering the same thing to this day. The biggest news that I have to share, as of now, is my commitment to NYU! I am beyond excited to spend the next four years in the city where I will be much closer to my TMS babes (y'all know who you are). I also just got my first tattoo! It's a sternum piece, and I am so in love that I kind of want more already. Lastly, I know that a lot of exciting things are currently happening in our lives. All of which include committing to universities, going to senior prom, and graduating from high school. Some of you might be a little overwhelmed with these huge life changes that are approaching much quicker than ever before, but I just want to say that I am so proud of each and every one of you, and I trust that you all will live your lives to the absolute fullest. To the TMS spring '22 semester, and the next chapter of our lives, I wish you roses."

Abby Glynn: "I am excited to be finishing senior year and looking forward to summer. It was really nice to see everyone at reunion and hope to see more people soon! Looking forward to working on a farm once more for my senior project and finishing being a stage manager for my high school play. Hope everyone is doing well :)"

Gabi Gomez has been having the best senior year. School has been wonky, but friends have made her last year of high school incredible. Hang outs

and late-night drives, combined with blasting the radio with them, have been complete lifesavers. She has entered her Frank Ocean obsessed era once again, and is recycling her old music tastes. A couple of her current favs are the blonde-TV girl, this strange effect-the kinks, and of course nights & end- Frank Ocean. She has had a great time playing soccer for her school & cheering on its volleyball team at matches. Gabi has missed her spring '22 pals and looks forward to seeing a few of them at the TMS reunion in late April <3

Oliver Katz: "I'm in the midst of a very exciting spring break full of Ted Lasso binge watching and basketball playing. Recently I've been job searching and think I will be a tennis instructor this Summer, even though I don't play tennis!"

Alec Borer: "Recently, I have been running track and trying out some new events like the 400m and the 800m. I also went skiing with my family for winter break. I have been enjoying my senior year and am looking forward to college."

Ruth Jaiyeola: "I've had a fairly fun-filled couple of weeks. I was allowed to miss two days of school for the sugaring reunion and got to see my people as well as some of fall '21. I had an amazing time being back on campus. Some weeks later, I attended an open campus called THRIVE at Wellesley College! The campus was gorgeous, and I had the pleasure of spending the entire weekend with Abby Glynn and her family. I truly am looking forward to being back on the East Coast this summer!! Y'all make sure to stay safe and healthy," Ruth ~(:-D))

Hadley Ward: "All in all, I have had a great year. I have been working on a senior the-

sis investigating how Tyson's poultry industry affects waterways here in Northwest Arkansas. I am excited to be wrapping up my senior year with a road trip to Colorado and preparing to attend Bates next fall. It was great to see everyone from the S22 and F21 semesters at the Sugaring Reunion this year. I hope everyone else is having a great year too."

Susan Leibovitz: "Recently I've been working at a school in the city, learning how to drive, riding a lot :) , and I actually just learned how to crochet! My school allows us to kind of plan out our own spring and do projects, internships, jobs, etc.! So I've had a lot of free time, which has been super nice and relaxing. I'm so excited for spring and for all the trees to bloom, but wish I could be in Vermont to experience a Vermont spring! Anyways, that's it. I love you all and miss you so much. Sending so much love!"

Lucy Baker has been loving her senior spring, and the growing length of days as summer approaches! She has been very busy crafting, climbing mountains, and missing TMS bread almost as much as she misses her S22 family. She looks forward to savoring the end of high school by spending time outside with her friends, and she hopes to catch up with you all soon!

Ryan Oh: "Lately I have been extremely busy as the college applications kicked in, but after I submitted all of them, I started to focus more on myself, such as trying new things like debate, athletics and others. I finally made to be the captain of my soccer team, and there I learned another lesson, to never give up. I got into UC Berkeley, which I committed to the day after I was admitted. My life went through a drastic change after TMS, and I am happy at last, finally do-

ing something I have wanted to do."

Chris Blake has faced and conquered the evil college process and will gleefully attend Lehigh in the fall. Over winter break, he ended 2022 and started the new year with Derby roomies and close S22 friends. Unfortunately, he was only at the one-year reunion for 10 minutes through a FaceTime experience. Currently craving a TMS bread bar bread, honey, and compote concoction, since June '22 and forevermore, Chris shares TMS love and exploration everywhere; from Maine's coast at a summer with Chewonki to desert treks with HMI.

Jasper Kra-Caskey has been very happy! Recently, his acting class did a trip up to Tahoe, which he really enjoyed. Although Tahoe has received a record snow year this winter, he hasn't been able to spend much time up there, which is a bummer. He's also been pretty terrible at keeping in touch with people, so if you're seeing this, and you haven't talked in a while, he'd love to hear from you! This summer, he's very excited to explore Europe, a trip which he hasn't really planned at all. Jasper would also be interested in hosting a S22 reunion sometime in the summer (his parents installed a pool when he was at TMS!) and would love to know if people were interested.

Miles Pahl: "What a year it has been. Recently I have been gearing up for the end of my Senior year and heading off to college. I will be attending the University of Vermont next fall, and I am so excited! I also was able to compete at the state Mock Trial competition, where our team earned third in the state, which was such a joy. I was so happy to see so many familiar faces at our Sugaring Reunion, as well as get to

know so many more amazing people! I miss my semester every day, and I can't wait to see what the next chapters of our lives hold. With love to the entire Mountain School community," Miles

Rachel Walker: "This year is going swimmingly for me. I've been devising new ways to romp about, learning sooo very much from podcasts, and of course, eating bell peppers. This summer, I hope to run around barefoot, ask some big questions, and laugh a lot before heading to Wesleyan in the fall! Lately, I have been noticing signs of spring (peepers!) and wishing I could announce them at morning meeting to you lovely, silly, wonderful people!"

Elwyn Mitchell: "At this point, it feels like we're all just watching the countdown until we graduate and go off to college, well at least that's what I've been doing. Recently my family and I have been getting increasingly into gardening, so it's looking like I'm becoming a plant father. Besides that, there hasn't really been much else that has happened to me in my life other than keeping up with my cooking (Which I hope you all miss :P) and just trying to pick up some more hobbies. So far, I've learned how to ride a bike rather quickly, so if y'all have any skills/hobbies/etc. that you think I'd enjoy, don't forget to hit me up on IG, 'cause I don't respond to messages quick at all . Anyhow, I hope I can manage to catch up with some of y'all in person over the summer, but until then, take care."

Anna Kim: "I've recently been spending lots of time w/ friends and family; my oldest brother is back home for a bit, and it was nice seeing him after being apart for two years. I haven't been up to much other than baking the occasional ba-

nana bread or shadowing my mom at the hospital. Overall, I've been very grateful that I was able to see TMS folks several times over the past year! It was so nice seeing everybody at reunion, as well. I miss you all and hope to see some faces soon!"

Sadie Hastings: "Right now, I've been loving hikes in the woods as the very cold (but not Vershire-level) winter fades and lots of flowers and spring peepers start emerging. It was so good to see so many of you at our F'21 + S'22 reunion. I hope you all are well and to everyone I know from TMS, I miss you!!! Lots and lots of love," Sadie

Nadia Derryck: "Since leaving TMS, I've been super busy spending time reconnecting with my friends and powering through senioritis. In the fall, I went on my fair share of college tours on the East Coast and I got to practice all of my New England Tree Identification skills (still got 20/20 right). I've been spending lots of time chatting about TMS with my mom who went fall of '89 and exchanging all sorts of stories. I'm beyond excited to head off to college in the fall, reunite with my lovely roommate and friend Ruth, and return to New England."



Remembering Marcella Fellus Borgenicht S19

By Sadie Southall S19

The Mountain School community was deeply saddened to learn of the May 6th passing of Marcella Fellus Borgenicht, a spring 2019 graduate. When Marcella, or Moose/Marc/Ella as many people knew them, was 17, they were diagnosed with a rare version of an already extremely rare brain cancer called Diffuse Leptomeningeal Glioneuronal Tumor. Throughout the past three years, they experienced many forms of treatment and spent countless weeks in various hospitals. Despite this, Marc stayed brave, positive, and kind, traits I noticed from the first time I met them.

Marc and I were roommates in Underwood dorm. They arrived before me on the first day and willingly chose to take the top bunk. I walked into our room before meeting them and noticed this thoughtful action right away. I immediately knew that someone who willingly chose the top bunk would be an incredible, caring friend, and they definitely proved to be one. Marc loved and looked out for everyone; they brought this energy wherever they went with their silly laugh, big hugs, and carefully thought-out words.

Marc was extremely passionate and dedicated; they spent countless hours working as an EMT before their diagnosis, they were an incredible martial arts artist, and even a fire dancer, something we all got to see live during our semester. Even after their diagnosis, Marc embraced their creativity by making incredible earrings.

We are all lucky to have known Marc; their compassion for the world and other people will always be an inspiration to those who knew them and even those who just met them. They were the bravest person I have ever met, and their appreciation for life was contagious. Though I would like to say so much more, for now I'll say this: "Moose, I will always think of you when I'm in the forest wondering where the Chaga is hiding in the trees. You will always come to mind when I think about the true meaning of joy; thank you for sharing your love, curiosity, and gratitude with everyone; the Mountain School community is forever grateful."



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