In honor of our Big Questions issue, we asked our alumni the biggest question of them all: WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE? Here is what some of them had to say.

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Family, friends, and society with dance, art, and music are the meaning of life. Science, medicine, and history are the means of making life better.

To enjoy living . . . and to do so SUSTAINABLY so that future generations can enjoy it as well.

Life is the ebb and flow of energy and electrons. What is meaningful is to discover nature’s secrets of how energy and electron flow are regulated and controlled.

To love and serve God in this life, and to be happy with Him forever in the next.

Perhaps an answer lies in the question, “What is a life of meaning?”

I am certain it has something to do with both the Millikan pumpkin-drop flashes and the Ride.

Try and be nice to people, avoid eating fat, read a good book every now and then, get some walking in, and try and live together in peace and harmony with people of all creeds and nations.

—Monty Python’s The Meaning of Life

Chocolate, duh!

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