

REFLECTIONS

Spring '85

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Greetings!! The notes this Spring made me think about how this last year has brought about change and constancy simultaneously. I have witnessed people making huge shifts in their lives as they re-center, reorient, make changes. I have witnessed people relish in a return to routines, habits, and greater depth in their present lives. I have also witnessed a surge in the need for help - whether it's in the realm of mental health, life guidance, affordable housing, social justice, or a new job. We are all doing our best in the after-shock of the epidemic, supporting ourselves, our children, our parents, our friends and our communities. I will continue teaching English and Social Studies at Hillbrook for stability and because I love the people with whom I work. In the last 9 months, my youngest daughter finished elementary school and got to go to Science Camp (!). My older daughter spent her 7th grade year in a distance learning program as she attended to issues of a genetic disorder and extreme anxiety, but found strength in piano and lacrosse. A month on the east coast in MA and DC to see family and old friends is what's in store this summer. I am hopeful that everyone in our Spring 85 semester is doing okay or thriving. Sometimes, when things are hard, I like to think back to our time at TMS and fill my heart with those memories. It helps when I get

to read notes from our friends. Read on!

From **Karen Guttentag**: being a dean of students at a boarding school as a single parent during a pandemic is not for the faint of heart. After three years at the Putney School, I'll be leaving in June and moving our family--my twelve-year-old daughter Syd, our three-legged dog Jack, and our tiny monster Daisy, who does not know that she is supposed to be house-trained--to Newton, MA to spend some time with my mom until we can figure out next steps. I'm looking forward to hanging out with the great Kate LaPine as we navigate our mid(ish)-life transitions together. All career advice welcomed!

From **Michele Baker**: This past year I had both of my kids in college. In my freer time I've continued to work as a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in private practice, and play ice hockey.

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Our time in Vershire was especially on my mind this year, as my daughter, Mary Louisa, was a member of the Fall 2021 semester. I heard from her a lot in the first few weeks and got to live vicariously through her detailed news, but the communication trailed off precipitously in late September as she became fully absorbed in life at the school and the happy

distractions of the Tobold common room. She had an amazing time, and I was so grateful that she was able to be there during the final year for so many treasured faculty, including Jack and Sue.

This year brought news from both the west and east coasts. From Oregon, **Gus Janeway** reported that he and Julia "do bicycles and art, respectively, while Theo (17) attempts to re-enact "Fast & Furious" behind the wheel and Jo (14) can crochet an entire wardrobe in a weekend." They went to Baja over Christmas where they swam with sea lions, caught fish, and did some sea kayaking. This summer they will be off to France "to reconnect with old friends and put my legs and lungs to the test cycling over a collection of passes in the French and Italian Alps. I'll let you know if I make it."

Keith McAfee wrote from his home in San Francisco. His kids, Sam and Zeze, are now 10 and 12, and last fall he and his wife had the opportunity to visit the TMS campus where they "had a lovely visit including lunch with the staff outside. We talked with a few students and were impressed with the diversity and character of the whole group. We hope to visit again soon, but next time to bring the whole family." Back east, **Vannesa Houghtlin** is still enjoying life in the Adirondacks, where she is a baby teacher, caring for a class of infants and toddlers in a Continuity of Care classroom. She is with them from their first day of care until they are three years old. Vannesa wrote that "there are certainly a lot

of obstacles in our society to providing excellent quality care, and COVID has made it even more difficult, but we keep trying and there are of course a lot of joys in it. It is lovely to try to create our own little world of goodness in the midst of so much madness." Vannesa's husband, Walt, retired this year from the Adirondack Park Agency and just finished cleaning out the tubing from his maple sugaring operation. They are hoping to go on a hut-to-hut trek in the Italian Dolomites this summer. Vannesa's oldest daughter, Elodie, graduated from Skidmore last May and is working at a local museum in their Youth Climate Program as well as teaching dance as she continues to recover from a concussion she got over a year ago. Her other daughter, Sylvie, is finishing up her third semester at Middlebury and will spend the summer leading canoe trips for adolescents in Ontario. Her son Daven is in ninth grade and he is planning to train for Nordic skiing this summer as well as go on a three-week canoe trip. Vannesa and Walt continue to work on their home and she keeps adding more perennials to her garden.

From Amherst, MA, **Meg Robertson** expressed a relief that I'm sure we all share that "this past year has been so much more "normal" on so many fronts." Meg has shifted back to her pre-pandemic roles with her union - primarily recruiting and training - and she is really enjoying it. She wrote that "our members (and our union as a whole) are still in recovery mode but moving out of hardship relief and into

organizing mode feels hopeful! The kids are both doing well - so much happier now that they can have broader social networks and more typical range of activities in college and high school. Sheila is as busy as ever - with teaching, research, and part-time role as a Faculty Equity and Inclusion staffer. We are celebrating her promotion to full professor! Wishing you all health and happiness."

As for me, my family is still enjoying life in DC, and my kids have been so happy to return to school this year after a full year and a quarter of sitting at home doing school on a screen. Sadly, DCPS, similar to many other school districts around the country, has lost a lot of teachers in the last two years, so there is still a fair amount of discontinuity. Mary Louisa is finishing up her junior year of high school and we are slowly wading into the college search and application process. It is so much different than what we experienced 35 years ago! With Andrew starting high school, and ML finishing high school, next year promises to be both busy and exciting.

Best wishes to you all for a healthy and fulfilling year ahead. If you are ever in DC, please reach out!

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Zanthe Taylor writes: "Alida, our youngest, had a wonderful semester at TMS F'21. Matthew & I went up three times—for drop-off in August, fall break pick-up, and closing ceremonies in December. I couldn't help spending some time that first visit tearfully wandering

campus on my own, taking photos and texting **Lisa Healy Lacey**. There is something truly uncanny about a place so haunted by your 15-year-old self; I wanted to tell that girl all the things she should cherish, as well as everything that would get easier and better. Alida had very much her own set of experiences with a group of students from a rich set of backgrounds--cultural, geographic and educational. She fed chickens, did wood crew, got through solo far more effortlessly than I did, and engaged in the kinds of conversations about social justice, racial equity and gender that were not such a part of our teenage repertoire in 1987. By the time we returned in December, it felt very much like her place, too. Many more tears were shed that day, as we gathered to witness the time capsule ritual, but this time it was tears for the end of their semester rather than nostalgia for my own. Also bittersweet was knowing that **Alden, Missy, Sue** and **Jack** (among others) were embarking on their final semester; they have all given an extraordinary amount to make TMS what it is, and we owe them so much gratitude for not just tending the flame but making it brighter and more beautiful. I'm intensely grateful that Alida was given the opportunity to be there, and I hope that it goes from strength to strength in the future, whatever changes take place. And it has made me think even more about all of you; I hope we can continue reconnecting, maybe even in person in VT! Other news—my oldest is finishing her first year at Oberlin, pitching for the Yeowomen and studying everything from philosophy to global health to German travel literature. Ah, college! My life is facing a major re-alignment

after being a full-time parent for a long time now; taking all suggestions for my so-called "next chapter."

Elizabeth Redwine's "oldest is down to the wire deciding between some very TMS-like small rural work colleges that make me wish I could go back to school; we also have a sophomore and two eighth graders so, you know, just getting through life with four teenagers. I'm wrapping up my semester of teaching English at Seton Hall University. Right now I have a ton of papers to grade."

For **Angela Delvecchio**, "Life has been pretty much the same as last year. Lots of work at the clinic with Covid and trying to catch up with all the 2 years of folks avoiding coming in. I realized I had not changed my oil in my car for two years, so I get it! I have a daughter, Eliza graduating in Public Health from University of South Florida in Tampa and a high school senior heading from his class of 100 at Mount Desert Island HS to one of the largest colleges in the country at Univ of Central Florida (80,000?) (we paid into the Florida Pre-paid program so Florida is a really good deal despite the Governor). Crazy-two kids graduating! Spring is here (well kind of) and I have started the garden, my favorite time. I always have hope before the weeds take over. I hope all of you are well and your loved ones are all safe after these strange and historic times.

Lisa Healy Lacey is "still living in Vermont and loving it. Recently got to see **Tim Reilly** on his way to visit his son at UVM (!), and it was incredible to hear from TMS roommate **Zanthe Taylor** and see photos as she dropped her daughter off at TMS in the fall! I remember how hard it was to leave, and

to be back in the "real world" - specifically remember getting in trouble at Winsor for going barefoot! Other things that will always remind me of TMS: Boraxo powdered soap, good granola, seeing examples of TANSTAAFL POA, and doing dishes to Van Morrison. Luckily, we have managed to recreate TMS as much as possible in our life here in the Mad River Valley (well, minus the Boraxo). My 13 year old boys just helped us build raised garden beds, and we are looking forward to putting the companion planting I learned from **Eliot Coleman** into play this spring. For anyone living in challenging climates, I highly recommend Eliot's book *The Four-Season Harvest* - super helpful with ideas like planting next to stone walls and using old windows over your raised beds to keep things going into winter. I continue to freelance write for some great clients, and had a wonderful winter skiing on a new right knee! Got to ski at Alta for the first time, which was a season highlight for sure. In another TMS throwback, got my ear double pierced with my niece this Christmas, and it hurt a lot less than it did when **Nicole Hoffman** did it with an icicle and a sharp earring in the Tobold common room! Alas, I don't think it makes me look 17 again. Visit if you're in Vermont!

Ruth Jansyn Henning is enjoying the peace of New England. "Nothing new around here. Still in Concord, still painting and gardening. Every time I take out the trash, I remember Jack Kruse teaching me to tie trash bags shut on our first day of chores..."

Laura Shear says, "Things are as well as can be expected considering covid, war, climate crisis, etc. My husband Robert and I have been navigating

life in the Bay Area with two teens and are grateful for every drama-free day. Our son Owen is heading off to Montana State Univ in the fall. MSU ticked the most important boxes for Owen: amazing fly fishing, wildlife ecology major and a decent football team. Our daughter Nell is a freshman at Berkeley High, pretty much the polar opposite of TMS, but having a great year despite the challenges that come with a huge, underfunded CA public high school. For the last 3 years I've been working for a tech company, directing communications for their corporate social impact and sustainability initiatives. When I'm not working, I'm usually out in our local regional park trying to tire out our second and newest dog, Arthur, who turned out to be a lot more siberian husky and a lot less terrier than the rescue shelter would have us believe. Sending love to you all and please get in touch if you come to Northern California."

Caleb Kenna writes, "All's well here in Middlebury, Vermont. My wife and I are enjoying raising our eight year old son. I'm happy to announce that my book of Vermont drone photographs "Art from Above: Vermont" is now on pre-order for August from Schiffer Publishing. <https://schifferbooks.com/products/art-from-above-vermont>. My photo essay A River Runs Through It was just published by the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine <https://archive.dartmouthalumnimagazine.com/article/2022/5/1/a-river-runs-through-it> And my second The World Through a Lens photo essay was published by the New York Times in March. <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/07/travel/vermont-from-above-in-show.html>

For **Melissa Davidson**, "My life is pretty quiet and simple in Virginia. I think spring is here, but since it can hit 90 and snow in the same week, who knows? I am enjoying having our electric VW ID.4, especially with the current gas prices. I am also testing out what it is like to be retired this year, so hope to do more traveling." During the pandemic, **Anne Barthel** and her husband moved to St. Louis, Missouri, "where we can both do our jobs remotely. Much of my family is from here (though I feel constantly compelled to point out that I'm a native New Yorker) so we have relatives and family friends nearby, and we love the diverse, beautiful city neighborhood we're living in. As I'm writing this at the end of April, all the flowering trees are in bloom!"

Benton Jones writes, "I reflect on my Mountain School days as the most transformative for me and am so grateful to have been able to go there and spend time in the woods with you all. I remember going on a field trip to UMass and hearing about climate change for the first time. This issue has played a central role in my artwork and has unfortunately become an ominous reality our kids and planet will endure. My wife Jana, our son Elliot (16 yrs and loosely named after **Eliot Colman**) and I just returned from Prague (where Jana's family is from) and then Paris. This was our first trip in 2+ years. It was eye opening to see the buses of Ukrainian refugees coming into the Czech Republic, and heartening to witness their solidarity with Ukraine. I am going on my 3rd year as the Director of Art at the Cape Cod Museum of Art. After spending 20 years, mostly alone working on my own art in my studio, this role has been a dramatic change for me. We are a regionally focused

museum, but if any of you have an exhibition proposal, I would love to hear them. You can see our website at www.ccmoa.org" Come visit any time!

Cammy Dubie says "It has been so nice to hear about what everyone is doing, and remembering our days at the Mountain School. I, too, have such wonderful memories and so many of the lessons I learned at TMS are still so relevant for me today. For the past 12 years, I've been living in Indianapolis with my husband, Sven and our two boys, Peter (18) and Miles (13) (yes, spelled just like the dorm!). While I never imagined living here as all our family is now East, it has been a good place to raise our boys. We head East often as Sven's family has a family home on Lake Fairlee in Vermont (just down the hill from TMS), and my parents live on the coast of Maine. We cherish our time in both places. Both Sven and I are teachers at the independent school that both our boys attend. Covid has certainly made teaching interesting and exhausting, but we remain grateful for the opportunities we've all continued to have. Our boys are avid baseball players, and I spend more time at baseball fields (that were once cornfields) than I ever could have imagined! And we are super excited as our oldest, Peter heads to Brown University next fall and will be a pitcher for their baseball team. This will allow us to get out East even more now! I get back to Cleveland often and see **Kate Malarney** and her family whenever I can. As she wrote last time, she and her family have been on quite a journey. I continue to be inspired and truly in awe of both what Kate and her husband John do each and every day, but also how her three daughters continue to persevere through all that has been thrown at them. Of course,

if any of you head through the cornfields of Indiana on your way to somewhere else, please look me up!

Louis Moravec and his daughter Amelia (14) ran the Broad Street Run, a 10 miler through the city of Philadelphia.



Pamela Green is pictured on a sled dogging adventure in Norway with her children.



Spring '88

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Hello Spring '88ers, I write to you in spring, what should be a time for rebirth and hope and all things greening for the season, but I find myself in a funk, under the cloud of mass shootings and still COVID stuff dammit, and feeling like an old sponge that has been squeezed and fluffed and high on soap yet finding I still have an amazing capacity

to retain water!

Read on for truth, and not necessarily uplift - but truth if shared, makes us feel more real. And memories of you guys and the windswept hikes and journaling on Garden Hill, those are the realest moments to me that I cherish. Communing with you even if by newsletter, keeps me in touch with that realness, and in that I find JOY in the midst of these times.

As I did not beat the bushes for submissions as I have in the past, I received only one direct submission, but it is a good one!

Zark Strasburger writes "This year was eventful. I unexpectedly bought the house I've been renting in Concord, MA. My strategy for startups consulting business has taken off. I'm launching my third prison gardening program. And I've been bitten with a dahlia growing obsession. Katy Kehoe and I recently broke our COVID no socializing bubbles with a lovely brunch at her amazingly redesigned childhood home. She'd love to connect with anyone else in the TMS family doing prison horticulture work and/or with experience with geothermal heat pumps:) Love to all you fabulous people! Say hi if you swing through the Boston Area or Rhode Island."

And I give a shout out to my old roomie who continues doing voiceovers and parenting her dear Dillon in London.

Check out **Jenn Woodward's** podcast The Room in the Room! <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-room-in-the-room/id1547085286#episodeGid=Buzzsprout-8422697>

I'm still in Fairfax, VA so anybody coming through the DC area, just ring me up, truly,

it won't be awkward as I am so at home with awkward and so it is my normal. I am turning an old garage into a dance studio / guest cottage for anyone to stay in. Hopefully many a middle-aged prom will be hosted there, also am planning on murphy beds to keep the space clear for dancing but my 10-year-old thinks it is totally sus as one of her Sims died by Murphy Bed in one of her games. The law firm my husband and I run together has survived the 5-year mark and I continue to take care of my parents in a way that is more intimate than I ever desired. Aging and disease sucks! But human nature being what it is, they are not enough of a cautionary tale to make me live a 100% healthy lifestyle because there is also the 'treat yo'self' mentality to help me get through the week. One thing that aging and hanging around bars and having the occasional cig and screaming at my children have gotten me is a gruffer lower register singing voice that enables me to sing with this band songs by the Foo Fighters, Nirvana, Radiohead, Weezer, the Clash, Joan Jett, and other angsty, wanting-to-be punk kind of songs. I am still auditioning for the local theatre scene, and recently got the role of Humpty Dumpty in this summer's production of Shrek, so there's that. I hope we can remain optimistic and stupid and silly and curious about the next day, whilst the news pummels us every day with an apocalyptic cadence. I wish that, and all things joyful for you my Spring '88ers. - Sharon

Spring '89

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Updates and memories of Jack and Sue:

"When I think of Jack, I think of journaling, how he taught me to properly mop a floor (figure 8 patterns), the words 'my heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky', of him leading a game show band for evening activity, about the importance of varying sentence structure in persuasive writing, and of him teaching my then five-year-old son at a reunion how to wield an axe. Jack, you were constantly smart, funny, and caring. And as an aside, I just wanted to report that after almost 20 years at Stanford, I saw my first Mountain School sweatshirt today -- at a student walk-out demonstration in support of Roe. It was a bright (dark green) sign of life in a sea of despair." — **Michael Romano**

"Our Covid puppy, Ozzy Osbourne, is an 80-pound golden retriever who takes me on regular hikes in Rock Creek Park. We've just enrolled our middle son, Isaiah, in the Mountain School for Spring '23. Our daughter Elka started college this year at Williams. Our son Silas is in 8th grade. Tulips are blooming in my flower bed. Playing guitar is my medicine." — **Molly Rauch**

"For the first time in my life, after relentless lobbying from my kids, I have a dog, and I love him... he makes me feel like I'm 10 again. And this Cold War Part Deux, with ...Russia invading Ukraine... China threatening Taiwan... Iran splitting atoms...gas at \$4.50/gal...inflation is 7.87%... also makes me feel 10 again. I teach residents cataract surgery. I am about to begin an important clinical trial as a PI. My phenomenal children are teens...guess I'm 50 after all." — **George Markakis**

"Despite everything that is going on in the world today, I feel lucky. I love my job. I work hard. I go to my office in NYC four days a week and wfh Fridays. I love my family. I want to experience seeing the world with my sons while they're young enough to want to do it with us. I look at where we've been and where we are now and am determined not to lose any more time. My husband is turning 49 this week, and I'm starting to absorb the shock of having hit 50. I still feel 30, so that's good." — **Meredith Berman-Lovejoy**

"Like the small steps I've taken to re-engage with the world as the pandemic recedes (or simply lies in wait before slamming us with the next variant), my news is modest. I continue to toil at developing design work inspired by plants and their stories. I'm in training with the New York Parks Department to become a Tree Care Captain (a lofty title for a volunteer who helps care for neighborhood trees). I'm leading my co-op building's effort to get solar panels for our roof.

"My biggest news is that my daughter, Paloma, will attend the Mountain School this fall. Paloma's experience on Garden Hill will be both different from and similar to ours. The school is evolving to become more inclusive and attuned to the present day. At the same time, based on conversations with the school's current leadership, my understanding is that TMS remains committed to instilling a deep sense of environmental responsibility and community engagement in its students. I believe that the changes the school is making are in keeping with its fundamental values. The key piece is how the changes are put in place. That process has already been under way

for some time. Being present for, and a participant in, that evolution will no doubt be an important chapter in Paloma's broader education. I hope she leaves TMS better equipped to address the tangle of social and environmental challenges that we face today. I'm deeply grateful to Molly and Alyssa who, as parents of recent TMS alums, provided advice and feedback around the decision to enroll Paloma. My one regret is that Paloma won't overlap with Molly's son who will attend in the spring.

Given that this is Jack's last year at TMS, I want to say that the most powerful gift he gave to me was the practice of keeping a journal. Over thirty years after TMS, I still write in a journal with some frequency. Writing helps me sort through my thoughts and emotions. One of the hardest things about leaving TMS was weening myself off of Jack's responses. I had come to depend on his comments which were always thought-provoking and usually humorous. I see a parallel between our class' email threads and journaling with Jack. We share what's on our minds, and Eric responds (always with pith and humor). That's part of Jack's legacy too, and it means so much to me."
— **Alexis Audette**

"Lots of Jack memories. There was the time that Jack asked me to plan the perfect murder of Wayne, whom you may recall was the reticent, old-school Vermonter, groundskeeper of sorts. Killing method, body disposal, etc. – the whole nine yards. How to do without getting caught? That was the thought experiment... at least, I took it that way. Challenging stuff, you know? My brain churned on that one for quite some time. On and off, over the years, in fact. The creative and logistical demands alone were overwhelming. I'm not sure

what Jack was hoping to do with any nuggets that I might come up with (didn't really come up with any – not anything good, anyhow). Whatever happened to Wayne... anyone? Anyone?"
— **Jeremy Cohen**

"I liked Jack and Sue. I remember thinking that they were very much in love with each other. They seemed happy and genuine. They were probably the "coolest" adults I knew. Jack's intellect and passion for teaching was inspiring."
— **Rebecca Schwager Guest**

"I was sorry not to have had any academic contact with Jack. I have three distinct memories. The first was the day we arrived, and I remember seeing Jack without a jacket on, even though it was pretty damn cold. I realize now he had probably layered up, but still, it was an appropriate introduction to dealing with it when winter was still winter in Vermont (I can also look back and reassure myself that I was definitely not dressed for the weather all semester). The second was a brunch cooking session where I saw Jack make croissants - this was at a time when my only exposure to croissants, and espresso drinks for that matter, was the Au Bon Pain in Harvard Square - so seeing Jack conjure them out of butter and flour was kind of otherworldly, and also, in the dance between delicacy and brute force required to mash butter into the many subtle pastry layers, entrancing. Finally, a memory I am sure others share was Jack splitting with a maul. It was both powerful and graceful, and with the sheer leverage brought to bear, almost superhuman to a spindly teenager who had yet to grow into his body."
— **Roger S. Levine**

"Roger, the longer I am a

cook, the more I marvel at Jack's ability to hand laminate dough for enough croissants to feed the entire school. Hand laminating croissant is astonishingly difficult, especially at volume. 'Brute force,' indeed. I think about it every time I hand laminate a dough. Which is far less often than Jack. Which is remarkable. It is an epitome of craft and technique. I deeply admire the effort spent on that one meal, and the practice that went into being able to make it, and the care that it implies. How something is done matters a great deal. And while there may be many ways to do things that need doing, some ways work better than others. Realizing that and being open to the possibility that there might be better ways out there than your ways, and that you can also learn them, counts for quite a bit. So, we are lucky if someone takes the time to show us a specific way that something is done. To me, it matters.

"I learned how to use a mop at the Mountain school. From Jack. Mike, glad you mentioned that. I use the figure-8 technique on an almost daily basis in my restaurant. I just recently had to explain it to one one of my young cooks. I doubt I did it with the patience or humor that Jack often showed. My restaurant in Chicago, Superkhana International, is open for dining. We require vax cards, don't require masks, and receive zero coherent thought — much less guidance — from any of our governments. I reflect pretty regularly on the idea of community as I read worm-brained instagram posts from self-absorbed adults who behave like selfish squalling infants.

"I am a child in many ways, immature to a fault, but my sense of the idea of community was first informed by my

time with all of you, and I dare to think it's a little more considered than what passes for ideas of community in our country these days. To me, Sue Kruse taking the time to sit in a two-seater couch in Miles, talking to us idiot boys like we had something worthwhile to say (possible, but unlikely) was an act of community. As was making it clear to us when we were, in fact, being idiots. ... Jeremy, I for one appreciate your memories as they reflect my own and these days, that helps quite a bit. Regarding Sue — so well put: Sue ROCKED."
— **Kazuyoshi Yamada**

"It being spring of junior year, a bunch of us piled into the van to take the SAT in a neighboring town. When we got to the local high school they asked for identification; for those of us who didn't have an ID card they would accept a description of the student on school letterhead. So, Jack pulls out a bunch of paper, looks at me for half a heartbeat, and then writes, 'Martha's generally a good kid and a good writer, but at times lacks self-confidence,' hands it to the guy, and motions me to head inside. A trifecta of lessons in that moment: 1. Be specific about what you need. 2. Consider alternative perspectives in your responses. 3. Humor makes every experience richer."
— **Martha Nason**

"Just today three different businesses notified me that they were raising their prices after holding the line for two years. It felt like the whole world just finally threw up it's hands and collectively said, 'after two years of this I am exhausted, and I can't keep absorbing the costs of this world.' Or it's possible I'm projecting. Either way, I'm pretty good in a crisis. At this point in my life I've

spent 25 years having to deal with professional crisis after professional crisis, so the muscle memory is pretty good. I'm definitely not in the same league of you folks who are first responders or medical professionals, but if you have a set of servers shit the bed and you're losing several million dollars a second... well, that shit I know how to do. But this new phase? Are we done? Is this the new normal? F_ _ _ _ if I know. When I was a kid, I read a book that explained the term "breaking strain." The amount of weight a rope can support is not just a factor of its thickness, but of its length as well. So, a rope then can support your weight to lower you down a five-foot-tall tower may well snap if you make the rope 30 feet. I think we're all discovering breaking strain firsthand. But let's look at it from another angle: to increase the strength of a rope you braid the stands together. So, I guess we braid up with our people and see if we can bear the weight a little longer." — **Charlotte Henkle**

"Okay here is my update, written while my husband navigates traffic in Miami (we are on our first trip without kids in 15 years, headed for the Keys). I'm turning 50 this year and don't appear likely to escape the clichés. The last couple of years have been hard. Lately I have been surfing the web for workaholic recovery programs and otherwise trying to take stock. I treasure this group and would love to reunite." — **Julia Hobson Haggerty**

"Thank God, I have gotten to the bottom of this page. I am pretty sure that I caught about 80 percent of the typos but that means I only got about 50 percent of them. If I wasn't editing on an iPad, I think I could go back and

do a better job but already these notes are late and also the typos make everyone's excellent entries seem more authentic. Or else they make it seem that I am authentically bad at my chosen profession, which requires me to make zero typos. Unfortunately, I still make many of them – one of the bizarre side effects of fracturing my skull many years ago is that every once in a while my brain and my fingers get out of sync and I think I am conjugating a verb one way but my fingers are conjugating it another way. So sometimes I think I am writing in the past tense while my fingers are off the reservation, writing in the future tense. It is pretty strange. There is some kind of greater truth or metaphor here, but this is not the place or the time to figure it all out. I remain eternally grateful to David and Jack and Carey for creating the Mountain School, and for the opportunity to send mass emails to all of Spring '89 whenever I feel like it on whatever topic comes to mind. Like Roger, I regret not having any academic contact with Jack, and if there was some way to have taken English with both Jack and Charlie simultaneously, I would have done it in a heartbeat. My most vivid memory of Jack took place down by Sam, the furnace. I was sitting down there enjoying an illicit tobacco substance when Jack suddenly materialized in the room. I had no time to react and was busted. I looked at Jack with a mixture of fear and defiance that came so naturally to me back then. He just looked back at me and said, "Oh, I see you are enjoying a private moment down here, excuse me." And then he left. As a boarding school kid who was conditioned to dread being busted by faculty, that was a revelation of sorts. At 17, every interaction with an adult

matters and some stick with you more than others, for reasons at once unknown and profoundly mysterious." — **Eric Morrissey**

Spring '90

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Hello Spring '90! Rebecca Here, filling in at short notice this spring. As I put these notes together, it occurred to me that my oldest kid is the age that we were when we met. I hope that his memories of his junior year thirty years from now will be as happy as mine are, though his will feature more boba and burritos than granola and fudgy oat squares.

Here's the news from our classmates:

Helena Taylor writes, "My 'seaweed' is that I am hobbling around after ACL reconstruction--an injury that seems to be nearly universal for out-of-shape-middle-aged-mothers who try to keep up with their children on the slopes. But the 'pearl' is that I tore it at the Dartmouth Skiway in Lyme, NH just across the CT river border from the Mountain School, and where we spend as much time as we can these days. Over the summer we rediscovered Thetford Falls, where I have such fond memories of swimming with all of you, and now watch my boys careening down the stone waterfalls. If any of you find yourself Vershire bound, let me know and we can reconvene at the Falls."

From **Justin Ruben**: "The experience of remembering to reply before the deadline is so foreign to me that I'm having a bit of an out-of-body

experience. What I can say for sure is: I'm profoundly grateful for the experiences I've shared and the relationships I have with y'all, and just thinking of your faces fills my heart with joy. I live in Brooklyn. For the past 8 years I've been co-leading a new & growing national parents' organization -- that's challenging and also great and I will hand off leadership this year. On the personal front, the last few years have been pretty difficult, as I think they have for many of us. I'm on a steep learning curve, and without the support of my friends -- I'm looking at you here, people -- I don't know where I'd be. So - sending y'all lots of love and a whiff of hot maple syrup."

Alison Yager, perhaps for the first time ever, sent in this update: Alison Yager and her family moved to Miami four years ago from Brooklyn. She is the executive director of Florida Health Justice Project, which advocates for access to health care for the state's most marginalized residents. If you're ever in town, please reach out!

And from Abdi, copy-pasted as required: **Abdi Soltani** reports that he sees Rebecca Whitney from time to time in Berkeley, but not nearly enough. Abdi required me to "submit this as is or nothing at all: Rebecca is cooler than ever, and that's saying a lot, she has always been very cool."

Aw, shucks! Thanks, Abdi!

Spring '91

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Dear Spring '91ers.
I come to you with a rapidly

approaching/receding deadline, an unreliable memory of all the sweet details some of you emailed in, and a promise to do better next time.

The limited updates I can currently offer include:

*One of the young(er than us, by a lot) humans in Josh Davis and Tara Kini's family was recently accepted to the Mountain School.

***Ben Robbins** and I got to be part of **Lee Fearnside's** most recent and (go Lee!) award-winning book, *Death Never Dies*.

*Also, I got beautiful New Year's cards from a handful of you. Thank you, I love those.

Sending you all possibly annoying emails to get you to send me news is a genuine treat each spring. But the hazy frenzy of upper-latitude spring, has been extra hazy and extra frenzied this year. So, I have not gathered abundant details or relevant photos to share here. My bad.

Instead, I offer you this photo of an elderly bull moose visiting my family's home in suburban Anchorage, Alaska. Enjoy! And, if this antlered gentleman inspires you, please send me an email/text/even call and tell me about the things you get to see on your sidewalks, lawns, forest paths, or wherever you feel most at home.

I've been thinking about home and familiarity and the Mountain School lately as my family prepares for a move from our home of 12 years (see photo, behind moose). I remember returning to the Mountain School a year after our semester, walking into a dark hallway off the mailbox area and, without having to think or look, knowing exactly where the light switch was made me feel connected

and safe in a way that was disproportionately large for the moment —I turned on a light switch!— but undeniably real. I think about that every time I've moved. Our bodies remember the details of places we've loved. Thank you again to that place and you all.

Our move this summer takes us just a few miles away, to five acres we will share with horses and other moose families. Please visit. We have farm chores for you.

Love,
Regan

PS I look forward to (attempting to) connect with more of you this year, and I am hoping to wow you with our 2023 Pearls and Seaweed column. Get ready and take care, sweet classmates of Spring 1991.



Spring '92

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Greeting Spring of '92! It was great to hear from many of you. I hope everyone that didn't have a chance to share news is doing well. Things remain constant here in Cleveland. Hawken continues to treat me well as I'm developing and overseeing all of our non-academic day programs. I recently went to Miami for my son Paddy's graduation from University of Miami Florida. My daughter Lily finished her sophomore year at Miami as well. On a personal note, I continue to

enjoy the adventure that is online dating (yikes!).

It was great to get a report from **Liz Angell** that brought news of classmates. She and Jess Yager remain extremely close and wonder if there will ever come a day when they run out of things to talk about. It hasn't happened yet, 30 years later. Liz was also able to catch up with Rosie Kerr on her and her wife's farm. Life with her husband Vic and two kids, Henry (12) and Daphne (10) is busy, especially as she thrives as the editor of *Romper*, a parenting magazine.

Speaking of **Jess Yeager**, she shared that she remains in



Brooklyn with her husband Bobby and two kids, Amelia (9) and Ollie (7). Jess's kids have interests in music and basketball. When not being a fabulous mother, Jess is working as an infectious doctor at SUNY. Thank you Jess for your commitment to individuals with or at high risk of HIV infection.

Drew Wheelan and his wife celebrated five years of marital bliss this spring. They are raising their two-year-old daughter Ertha Grace. Interestingly, Drew and his family split time between

mainland Rhode Island and Block Island. When on the mainland, Drew is running his mother's upholstery shop, now for the tenth year. Then when the season changes, he heads off the mainland to Block Island to run his wife's and sister's B&B. This is keeping him young and fresh.

Another report came in of a TMS '92 get together. **Lucy Mayo** shared that she and **Lorna Campbell**, and **Liz Lynch** were able to spend a wonderful weekend together. When not visiting with friends, Lucy worked as the Deputy Executive Director of the Sierra Club. Now she is taking time to parent a 13-year-old boy and plot her next steps.



Neesham Spitzberg was kind enough to drop a quick hello to everyone and wish them well. She has nothing earth shattering to report this year. I often take no news as good news.

As I shared last spring, motherhood really seems to suit **Katrine Lofberg**. She sent an amazing picture of her and her son Viggo (2). While they remain in Portland currently, Katrine is contemplating a move to Copenhagen to be closer to family and potential help develop a pediatric surgery department at a new children's hospital.



Holly Dalton sends a greeting to everyone in the class.

The report from Orange County California was positive.

Susie Yim Yeh shared that her husband of thirteen years brought her there after they met doing medical training. Susie is now a mother of two girls (9 and 11). Ironically her kids go to the same school as Christina Hallenbeck. In addition to being a caring mother, Susie works as a pulmonary, critical care and sleep physician.

Lisa Graustein reports that not much has changed except for the fact that she is now the parent of a teenager. She is finding fulfillment as a potter and working with a friend on a music/potter project. Please check it out. <https://nuyoni.com/>

Katie Dropick is living in NYC, working as a creative director at a marketing firm. As with many others in the semester, her work is directly trying to promote the health and strength of kids, as her most recent project was focused on childhood literacy.

On a hill farm not far from TMS, resides **Rosi Kerr** and her "happy little unit" consisting of her wife, 3 girls, and an assortment of animals. With her youngest in kindergarten and her oldest in college, Rosi reflected that she and her wife may not have had the best planning. Even so, she is enjoying life on the farm and working as the Sustainability Director at Dartmouth. She too shared what an amazing visit she had with **Liz Angell** and her kids.



Not having left Washington D.C., **Bill Mann** reports that his two kids (2nd and 5th grades) are happily back to in-person schooling. Sounds like a win for everyone involved.

Anne Allison, her husband, and two boys will be going on an adventure in Florence. Anne will be taking a year-long sabbatical to do research at Museo Galileo's special collections library while there. Fortunately, her husband will be able to work remotely and her two boys will attend international school. The challenge of learning to speak Italian has been an enjoyable "brain Stretch".

Lorna Campbell is living outside of Boston with her husband, 13-year-old daughter, and a cat that may or may not have a weight problem. Work as a Program Director of Social Work and Community Health services at a women's hospital has been challenging and rewarding. Thank you Lorna for your work with women.

That is all spring of '92 has to report. Even if you missed the deadline to share for this issue, please reach out. I'd love to hear from more of you. If somehow you sent something to me, and I missed it, I apologize. I get way too many emails. Sending everyone much love and grace. Don't TILT (a pinball peace salutation),
Mark

Spring '93

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Greetings Spring '93! Updates from our classmates were a little light this time... but great to hear from a few of you!

Sarah (Johnson) Morath relocated to Winston-Salem, North Carolina in fall 2020, where she joined the faculty at Wake Forest University School of Law. During the pandemic, Sarah finished and published her second book, *Our Plastic Problem and How to Solve It* (Cambridge University Press 2022). She has also written several op-eds on plastic pollution for The Hill, Grist, and Bloomberg. Her daughters are now both teenagers (13 and 17).

Tim Whitney reports from Brattleboro, VT that sugaring season was crap! Only making 8 gallons this year. While some may say it's due to climate change, Tim suspects it might be due to the increase in "stupid super-hero movies." He also admits he is turning into a grumpy old man.

Justin Cox is living in Peterborough, NH with his wife and 3 kids (ages 9, 11, and 13). They have been volunteering as puppy raisers for future service dogs via an organization called Canine Companions, which provides service dogs to people with physical disabilities. Taking a break from his work as a wind energy analyst, Justin has been teaching in various capacities at his kids' school, an independent K-8 called Mountain Shadows in Dublin, NH. His favorite subjects to teach in class are map skills and math games. As a family, they are involved in skiing, biking, soccer, dancing, and ski jumping.

Ari Blum is still living in the Bay Area digging out of the COVID challenge and figuring out what's next. He swam in the Bay recently for the first time in a while (awesome!) and is hoping to get into the mountains this summer. His kids are getting older - in a few years, they will be out of the

house!

Spring '94

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John Nesbitt: "Our son Hunter (16) is carrying on the semester-program tradition as a student at the Alzar School this spring. He spent eight weeks in Patagonia, Chile and returned to their Idaho campus. Other than that, I'm planting a bed of asparagus, which will be exciting in spring 2024 when I can start eating it."

Jared Liu: "In year two of the pandemic, I'm ever thankful to go through life with three beautiful, kind children. They're so resilient and keep me focused on what's important. Aside from having dinner as a family daily (and extended family weekly!), we've also navigated things like how to keep our 9th grade daughter safe while she performs in the school's production of Les Mis, ensure that our 7th grade son can enunciate and project even with a mask while reciting at a poetry competition, and how I don't need an excuse to kick around the soccer ball with my 4th grade daughter anytime. Speaking of outdoors, we'll be taking a road trip this summer and would love to connect with anyone along the route from NY to UT (probably I-80 one way and I-64 or I-70 coming back), and thanks Every Kid Outdoors for the free National Parks pass!"

Brian Frutig: "Life in Colorado continues to be an enjoyable mixture of time outdoors and trying to help families manage estate planning and end-of-life issues with the added complexities of a pandemic.

Enjoying the outdoors is even more fun with our ever expanding stable of nieces and nephews (now up to 8, welcome Daphne!). We look forward to catching up with Jared and his family when they drive through Colorado. If anyone else finds their way to Colorful Colorado, we'd love to catch up!"

Thanks,
Brian

Spring '95

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Our Spring '95 extended family is still pining for our lost 25th anniversary celebration and have determined to either throw one at **Josh Viertel's** farm or to simply occupy TMS and pack in our own fudgy oat squares and chubby babies. **Paul Hubbard** and **Gwyn Welles** only promise to come if **Emily (Bockian) Landsberg** realizes her (literal) dream and brings BTS as entertainment.

Josh Viertel is still working on developing a TMS for adults at Harlem Valley Homestead. He shares that "one of the highlights of this last year was meeting up with so many spring '95 friends to see Nick Kroll at Carnegie Hall, and hearing hawkers saying, 'I got 2 here for the **Nick Kroll** show!' At the afterparty I saw a guy I could have sworn was from the Mountain School as well, but I couldn't place him. Maybe a teacher? Sam explained that it was actually Fred Armisen. The biggest highlights though, were meeting Blaise (of Sam Janis and Liza) and Leo (of Nick and Lily). They are going to fix it."

Rachel Bobruff hopes that "by the time these notes come out [that] everyone in my house is potty trained. Life is wild here." She had heard that Hannah Ries had recently ran the Boston Marathon, which Rachel insists is as at least as interesting as her potty-training exploits.

Meadow Linn welcomed Clara Celeste Linn to the fold last July to join brother James. Not one to rest on her laurels, Meadow is now packing and moving with a newborn and toddler underfoot but is excited to share that she purchased her first home! She has settled in Sacramento and is "sending heaps of love to all."

Not far from Meadow, **Omayra Ortega** is also reveling in home ownership in Sonoma County and enjoying the new challenges of various projects for her recently purchased older home. Her mother sadly passed away last fall, which weighs heavily on her, but she is taking it one day at a time. She begins a new position in the fall at Sonoma State as the Assistant Dean of Research and Internships. She "won't ever stop teaching" and "fighting the good fight using mathematics for social good" and her student research group continues to win awards. Efforts and accomplishments that would make any parent proud.

Nellie Carter has been "struggling with how to send tributes to all the amazing teachers we had at TMS." She has additionally, and more immediately, been struggling to sleep train her "adorable chubby baby number 2 (Virginia Beatrice). Baby number one (Robert Forrest) isn't a baby anymore (4 going on 14) and has strong opinions about how to plant peas and arugula."

She remains hard at work, "channeling Jonathan Papelbon, because really there's a lot of clean-up pitching in psychiatry." She misses us Spring 95er's so much and hopes for some visits in Philadelphia.

B Chatfield has joined the ranks of recent homeowners and has upped her raised bed game. She "marveled at the fecundity of [her] one zucchini plant" while others of us marvel at her vocabulary. She is looking forward to more harvesting this summer and hopes to see anyone who's coming to Boston.

Perhaps B can see **Amy Shopkorn** who shares that "Our big news is that we moved to Cape Cod this winter. We've been wanting to get back to New England for a while - DC was only supposed to be 2 years but turned into 21 - and COVID made it possible as both of our jobs transitioned to 100% remote." She has enjoyed getting to know a new community (Boston sports fans notwithstanding) and spending lots of time near the "conservation land right behind our house." She is "two miles from the beach which means lots of time on the trails and running with the dogs down by the water, even when it's freezing. It will be nice to be closer geographically to Vershire which will make it much easier to get to the next reunion!"

Tasha Segool has survived 6 months of her new "3-kid-life of chaos," and her new daughter (Ruby Maas-Segool) looks stylish in her new TMS onesie sent by her fellow S95er's. She can't wait to spend more time outside with her brood this summer.

Christina Nagler also received a wonderful care package from auntie Rachel Bobruff

for Alden Carter Nagler, who is a hair over 6 months" and who gave some lewks in his TMS onesie. "Big sister Hanna turned 5 today. Everyone here is busy and well and excited for summer."

Nick Kroll rounds out the trio of new parents from last year and he shared pictures of his son Leo who rocked his TMS onesie after teaching a blood orange a lesson.

Jessica Powers shares that she is "in Brooklyn, enjoying the spring flowers, waking up to a cup of coffee and Brian Lehrer, and expanse of day to coach leaders (I especially love coaching groups of women leaders for Chief), and reading fiction in the afternoon. I am glad about social gatherings, spontaneity, and live performances of any kind."

Speaking of performances, **Rob Debanne**, surprising no one, made us all proud by serenading departing TMS teachers with his video version of "Les Poissons" from A Little Mermaid. And you are wrong Rob. It is JUST as cute coming from a 44-year-old dad.

Emily Bockian Landsberg is "just about to round out two-years out of the work force in favor of keeping the home front a sane(ish) place, and still loving it." She moved from her center city row home to different part of the city where "we have a legit yard, and I'm growing a persimmon tree." While it's not doing well, she insists that she is trying.

Digger Weiss has emerged from some trying times and has made a conscious choice to "get lighter." He has been living in Vermont and is restoring a "magical" space with his girlfriend. His kids love it there, and it has "history, beauty, and good bones." "Being in

Vermont in the springtime, I can't help but think of you all and that amazing place we lived together for a semester."

Ben Pomeroy also spent some time in Vermont and hiked a stretch of the Long Trail with his partner Ariel. He says that his "progress was modest but we enjoyed some sparkling days in the canopy of the Greens, a vibe that sent me right back to our wanderings around Vershire." He also spent time "out West this winter [where] the mountain theme continued with a couple of backcountry ski trips with **Sam Janis**, who wins the most adventurous father-farmer award. Sam helped them break a trail for 7 hours in Montana in April." He has loved seeing all the baby pics and sends his congrats to all the new parents.

John McCrow is moving to Charlotte, NC and still working remotely for Mastercard fighting financial crimes. He plans on putting on some good BBQ weight and I, for one, plan to support him in his efforts by putting on sympathy weight.

Working in indigent criminal defense during a global pandemic has certainly kept me (**Matt Cuthbertson**) on my toes. Never a dull moment, but I wouldn't dream of doing anything else. I am looking forward to as many S95 zoom calls or impromptu reunions as I can squeeze in. And I still violently reject all maple syrup not made in Vermont.

Spring '96

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Everyone wanted to pay tribute to so many of our teachers moving on from the Mountain

School: Jack, Sue, Doug, Kathy, and Pat. We still think of you!

Jessica (Biskind) Silverman welcomed identical twin girls on November 4th, named Auraleah and Gabrielah. "One embryo, two humans, endless miracles." Their big brother Eliot adores them but also sometimes says "babies, babies everywhere all the time." She had just read a great article about how motherhood is a hero's journey so "I think I'm going to make a bumper sticker that reads 'Parents Are The Real Superheroes'."

Laurel Thayer is still living in the Bay Area, riding out the pandemic with her wife, children, and dogs. Her oldest child just turned 23 and is graduating from college this year "so we plan on doing some serious celebrating." She's still working with immigrant youth in the Oakland Public School District, a job that continues to be inspiring and rewarding. She spends her free time hanging out with friends and family and exploring the East Bay parks and hiking trails.

Walker Hall was invited to show a couple paintings in a group exhibition at the Washington State's Maryhill Museum so will make a weekend out of seeing friends in Portland then attend the opening. His son (3) has discovered the joy of digging big holes. They planted a plum tree and a weeping cherry together "which he then tried to chop down with his shovel."

Kristian Gratton caught up with **Brooke Brewer** last summer while home in New Hampshire visiting his mom, who now lives just a quarter mile from Brooke's dad. Unfortunately, he tested positive for Covid Delta in July and his lungs have been slow to rebound which has

put a damper on his 100-mile race training. "Long Covid be damned." Then he spent months rehabbing a cervical fusion procedure to regain some weakness in his left hand and arm suddenly in September "likely a result of crashing mountain bikes and dropping cliffs on skis in my 20's." But he still has the Cocodona 250-mile race in his sights for next year. He still lives in Birmingham, AL, with his wife, Skye, practicing emergency medicine in the same group since 2008. Olive (9) was just cast as Marta von Trapp in a city theater production of Sound of Music. Finn (8) is thriving as a competitive gymnast. Reed (2) is content making messes and tormenting his dog Bodie (1).

Peter Sheridan and family went on their first vacation from San Francisco in 2.5 years, to Puerto Vallarta. His son is finishing up 1st grade and has enjoyed playing soccer and baseball. "He's becoming a real fan of sports. He now has us watching premier league soccer and Mexican leagues. He has jerseys for teams I've never heard of!" His wife Joanna's private practice as a criminal defense attorney has been busy working on federal cases. His remodeling business, Hearth Construction, is booming doing multiple large commercial and residential projects. "It's funny to think my interest in building started with the chicken coop at TMS." They finally bought a home last June for which he's been working with an architect to expand and slowly working weekends to remodel it.

Peter also led a major renovation for **David Jacoby**. They used the time to travel, including 10 weeks in Costa Rica over the summer. "A beautiful country with wildlife everywhere. You can't trip and

fall without hitting a monkey, toucan, sloth, or iguana. I would regularly get distracted during work meetings with some animal outside my window causing a ruckus!" His company Hostfully is still going strong helping vacation rental companies run their business. They have over 50 employees all over the world, including Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Argentina, and all over Europe. His kids Maxwell (10) and Olivia (9) both play baseball. He's coaching Max's team and Olivia is on an all-girls team in a league of all-boys teams. "It's fun watching them whoop up on the boys!" They're going to spend two weeks in Puerto Rico and then hope to be at Burning Man and want to know if any other TMS'ers will be there!

Becky Nyce is living in Newton, MA with her husband and two daughters. She left her full-time job last February and is now consulting part-time while enjoying additional time with her girls, ages 2 and 6. Her consulting work focuses on leadership coaching, strategic planning, and building healthy organizational cultures in nonprofit organizations.

Marina Michahelles is in her 17th season running Shoving Leopard Farm growing flowers in the Hudson Valley. For the first time, her annual seedling sale also included water lilies bred by our very own **Morgen Peck!** Morgan recently travelled to Brazil to learn all about the rhizomous plants and has been breeding them in her bathtub to see which will survive our Northeastern winters. She plans to take rooftop gardening in Manhattan to a new level with her first successful variety called Nymphaea Joel.

As for me, **Ned Friend**, I'm still in Seattle with my wife,

Sara, and daughters, Hannah (12) and Naomi (10). I coach Naomi's soccer team, and I designed a custom Bat Mitzvah-in-name-only curriculum for Hannah that will culminate in September. It includes a social justice project of her own design which has been an honor to be a part of. I've "celebrated" 20 years at Microsoft where I'm now building a new kind of digital assistant. I'm continuing to work from home to create the possibility of moving somewhere sunnier. In exchange for my daily bike commute, I got a Peloton, where I'd love to connect: My handle is TaxWealth.

Spring '97

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Friends, for this year's notes we are going to travel roughly east to west.

We'll start with **Ann Kelly** on the other side of the Atlantic who writes, "on my end, things are well. Oskar (10) and Imanol (6) are hard at work unravelling our time/space continuum and disciplining us into parenthood. I am the Head of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at King's College London, but desperately looking forward to my coming sabbatical year, which hopefully will allow more far flung engagements, and some slow time with old friends."

Ian Cheney shares, "Amanda and I are still living in Maine with our two boys, though I'm back to wandering around the world making odd and hopefully not completely unwatchable documentaries. In Vienna not long ago, I saw

the great Thomas Whitney and was bowled over by his impeccable German. Curt Ellis and I gather quarterly for New England construction projects and coffee.

Izzy Lowell "moved to Portland, Maine last summer and would love visitors anytime. Queermed is growing and thriving despite the political landscape."

Beth Sigman "(back to just Sigman now) is still loving living in rural southern NH. Some big life changes are in the works, but as with the forced changes and the expedited evolution we've all been through over the last couple of years, there is a great deal to be learned and positive things to be carried into the future. I'm excited for our 25th reunion in August and hope to see ALL of you there!"

Sara Wasserman is "still at Wellesley College, teaching in the Neuroscience Dept. and running my research lab! I'll be working at UCLA for the summer."

Nia Jacobs writes "My wife, Sarah, and our son August (9) are happily living life outside of Boston. Last summer, I became the inaugural Director of Equity, Belonging, and Community Life at Charles River School, a PreK-8 independent school in Dover, MA. If we had a high school, I'd certainly be telling kids to apply to TMS. Every winter, I think of our time in Vershire because I am still wearing the exact same pair of L.L. Bean boots that my parents got me before departing, if you can believe it." I can believe it. I still have my Carhartts and an absurdly oversized pair of mucking boots.

Molly Venter says, "Greetings from Molly who had twins

during the pandemic. Oops! Enough said. See you at reunion!"

Reif Larsen offered, "I run the Future of Small Cities Institute in Troy, NY and just opened the FOCUS Lab, which is an exhibition space and urban room about sustainable design. The first exhibit is on Hudson waterfronts. Come by and visit! I also wrote a children's book called UMA WIMPLE CHARTS HER HOUSE, which is about nuclear disarmament and botulism."

On to the ongoing New Yorkers. In one of my notes reminders, I asked my classmates what was bringing them joy. Justin Beeber asked "what about anxiety? fear? doubt?!" I told him I welcome updates on all emotions. Perhaps he'll share more in the next Pearls and Seaweed.

Cassie Marlantes Rahm shared, "here's a picture of me, George, Alexis, and Sarah at a dinner date last fall. We still meet up as often as we can, which makes me so happy (as you can see from my smile in this photo!). In other news, much is the same with me—the kids are in kindergarten and third grade now; time is relentless. My small excitement is that I'm taking a three-month sabbatical this summer, and very much looking forward to traveling with the family (we'll be mostly in the U.K.). Sending big hugs to spring 97!"



George Cullman is "participating in the Environmental Leadership Program Eastern Regional Network fellowship this year, to hone my leadership skills and gain skills and a network to advance diversity equity and inclusion within the environmental movement. In other news **Katherine Messer** and I took a workshop and sewed a skirt together! My girls are 5 and 9 and generally happy and healthy, thank goodness."

Katherine Messer continues "to live in Brooklyn, and had a pandemic baby, who is now a pandemic toddler who enjoys saying "no" to anyone who makes eye contact. For some reason, this brings me lots of joy, as does any time I get to see **George** or **Alexis**. Because it's been a while since I had my Pearls and Seaweed act together, I can say that I got to catch up a bit with Jim and Story maybe five-ish years ago in Santa Fe, and Kelsey and Molly are adults. Whoa."

I, **Catherine Gowl**, live in Pittsburgh, PA where I help run the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine's Standardized/Simulated Patient/Person program which teaches and hones skills of empathy and communication. I am grateful to be in a city that supports working and parenting artists – and I perform whenever I can. I just closed a production of Murder on the Orient Express at the Pittsburgh Public Theatre yesterday. My husband, Greg, organizes creative litter pickup throughout the city and creates and teaches civic ceremony. Our son, Kipka, is newly 4 and very excited to welcome two new humans to the family – we are expecting identical twin boys around October. While we are still comparatively mobile, our family of 3 is planning some travel this summer to upstate NY, to Door County, WI, to France, and to our 25th reunion.

Matt Fisk writes, "I'm finding it hard to believe that I'm reporting from Canada, but it's actually true! We moved to the Georgian Bay of Ontario for Nicole's work this past fall, where I've been working at a ski resort and starting a new job at a ropes course. As if life couldn't get more exciting, we're also welcoming our second child in May. Milo really wants to name his brother Otis, but we'll see if it fits..."

Gordon Christopher says "My family and I are still living in Lubbock, Texas where I am a professor in engineering and my wife is a professor at the law school. My oldest (son) turns 14 in August and is currently playing Ryan in High School Musical the Musical at his middle school. My middle (daughter) is about to finish 5th grade and wants to be a lawyer when she grows up, and the youngest (daughter) turns 5 this summer and claims she will be a scientist like me! We won't be able to make the reunion but wish we could."

Alex Kaufman shares, "Lots of things are new. I am happily married to my wife of nearly 5 years, Damola, and we live with our daughters in Alameda, CA. I lead data science and analytics at Divvy Homes, which is a startup that helps people who can't afford a down payment become homeowners. I like my job, and I love being a dad. It's been really nice to see friends again after these years of isolation. The world is a scary place, but I'm just trying to live in it one day at a time, and mostly succeeding."



Nick Singer reports, "My son's about to graduate from middle school and my daughter is going into seventh grade. After postponing for two years, my wife Courtney and I will finally have our wedding this summer. My pandemic working from home gave me plenty of practice smoking meat, chopping wood, and playing music. I play mandolin and guitar and sing and I'm getting pretty good."

And now, friends, I leave you with this missive from

Josh Onion: "I pretty much drove as far west as you can get on the road system of the Americas, and for these past 18 years I have been crafting a lovely life outside of Homer, Alaska. I live off-grid, off-road, surrounded by wilderness, in a home I built of clay and straw and timber and all manner of everything.... and I have gained enough wisdom to accept it will probably never be done. I am a mason, doing stone work, tile, natural building and most everything else, with my company Great Land Masonry. It is an intensive lifestyle, but it is full of the dramas of real things in the real world, all suffused with such beauty, that it has proven addictive. I don't recommend anyone visiting, lest you get hooked too! Ruinous."

But my favorite ass-kicking to date has been being the father of Odin, now 8, and Rosemary Runa, age 5. Actually, they are such awesome people, at such a sweet age range, that I have gotten to revel in more of the fun and games of late; which is much appreciated. Not that I don't envy you parents of tiny bittys, when a single sound sleep cycle becomes the finest elixir. Why do things have to get in short supply before we can truly appreciate them?

I sure appreciate knowing that all you fine people are out there making our world a more awesome place... and if you

ever come near Homer, please, please be in touch. I miss reuniting with everyone; though I am with you in spirit. It would be way more fun to be in body as well, but it's been hard for me to make it to Vermont. ps. About the photo: It has been so fun tapping our birch trees. I highly recommend everyone tries to tap next spring, even if you just have access to one maple or birch tree. It is such a delicious pleasure to do it with your children, and raise 'em as sapsuckers!"



Spring '98

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Alexa Engelman: We doubled down on pandemic parenting and had our second kiddo Olivia in August who joins older sis Mara. We're having fun with the kid chaos and sometimes get to see **Chris Van Dyke** and his two kiddos (almost exact same ages) down at our local playground or during the afternoon witching hour when everyone needs a walk around the block. As a TMS alum, I'm very proud that Mara's favorite part of preschool is "Dirt Mountain," where she gets covered with dirt/mud and digs giant dirt holes to play in.



Thea Johnson: I am now living in New Jersey. As a life-long New Yorker, I confess that I really love New Jersey (for shame!). I'm a professor at Rutgers Law School. I got to catch up with Spring '98's own, **Becca Kelly Slaughter**, when she recently came to the law school to give a super fascinating talk on her work as a Federal Trade Commissioner. I'm planning a trip out to San Fran soon and hope to meet Chris Van Dyke's new baby! My own kids, Leo and Max, are now 5 and 2. The most important news is that I convinced my cousin to apply to the Mountain School. She's attending next spring, and I can't wait to live vicariously through her!

Matt Johnson: I'm happy to share that my partner Emily and I had our second son, Morris, last month. Now I need to commission Max to make a heady marble to commemorate the occasion. Aside from that, I am living the suburban dream.

Joanna Cohen: I'm good! Still living in London with my husband and two kids. Can't believe it's been 12 years. And my kids have English accents. I continue to love being an occupational therapist, recently moved from working in brain injury rehab to working with people with Long COVID. It's such a privilege supporting people to live well alongside this new and complex condition.

Noah McIntyre: I am now the founder of The Discover Gratitude Movement and the leader of The Discover Gratitude Journey at DiscoverGratitude.org, the home of The Discover Gratitude Institute after completing my Masters in Arts and Social Science at Antioch University. I am using my background as a health and life coach to build The Discover Gratitude Movement as a way to serve and support people in learning to be grateful for themselves, their families, friendships, organizations and our world. I am happily partnered to Adrian Jones, who is a singer and works in Philanthropy in Boston, Massachusetts. Being a G-uncle of two nieces and two nephews ages 1 to 22 brings me the greatest joy!

Coe Will: While I still try to think of myself as a New Yorker, I'm back in my hometown of Hartford after living in Brooklyn for 17 years. I recently left my NYC architectural marketing job and joined a tech firm based out of San Francisco that focuses on knowledge management for architecture firms. My husband Craig and I work remotely and spend our limited free time fixing up our 115-year-old house and chasing after our three sons, Owen Calder (6), Luca Sinclair (4) and Eliot Wilder (1). Please reach out if you're ever passing through Hartford, we have plenty of room for guests!



Kit Maloney: A few years ago, my husband, pup, and I moved from Denver, CO to an old farmhouse in Maine. We're in a small town just 20 minutes north of Portland, and we're now expecting our first child at the end of the month. I'm running a women's health company, Kitaralove.com, focused on supporting uterine and menstrual care by offering beautiful and expertly handcrafted seats and products for safe and easy in-home yoni steaming.

Would love to meet up with any TMSers in Maine and lots of love to S'98!

Dan Chiorean: My wife Amanda and I continue to live in New Orleans with our 2 dogs, Lula and Wilder. We just finished construction on a new house which has been an entirely different level of hassle and work (felt like a second full time job!) and we are so glad to finally be done and moved in. I'm headed up to NYC for a dinner the weekend of June 24th and will see Tomas Baez and his wife, whom I am very much looking forward to meet. If anyone is planning to be in New Orleans any time soon, please reach out! We have a wonderful, comfortable guest room with its own bath, and would love to host any of you!

Spring '99

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After last year's truly incredible class update, we either had to start subsidizing the TMS paper budget or send less this year. The environmental choice was clearly the latter. This class agent likes to prompt the group, and this year I asked everyone to share the hardest/bravest thing they

did, as well as, the best thing for pure enjoyment since the last update.

Beth Mitchell is still in Oakland working for a homeless services org, still having a ton of fun with Arlo, who is now 3 and hopefully will be down for all the camping trips planned for the family this summer. They did a trial overnight and at 3 am he stood up and yelled "mommy, it's funner outside of the tent!" on repeat for a solid 10 minutes before conking back out. (Class agent's note: Maybe try a snow cave next time?)

Theodora Tolkin is a postdoctoral fellow in the department of cell biology at NYU school of medicine, studying the cellular architecture of niche-stem cell interactions. "I live in Brooklyn with my husband Anton and our brand-new son (born on 4/19) Ilya and our dog, Oona. This just happens to have been an exceedingly eventful year. I did three of the hardest/bravest things I've done in a long time, two of which were for pure enjoyment. One: Last July, Anton and I went on a 10-day backcountry trip in the Brooks Range in Alaska. It was grueling and breathtaking and terrifying AND an opportunity to use all those orienteering skills from TMS. Two: being pregnant and giving birth was AWESOME and (duh) life-changing and really quite hard (especially the birth part). Three: I published a big chunk of my research. That was not as enjoyable as either of the other two things! I'm sure at least a few of you know that getting anything across the finish line for publication is a giant slog, but you feel so proud when it's done (well, it's almost published. We've finished all the revisions, but it's still not released at the journal. Hopefully it will be by the next update!)"

Charlie Munford is in New Orleans, working for an open-source voting machine company called VotingWorks. "I travel a good bit locally and stay out at our farm in Mississippi for relaxing meditative times in the woods. I have a daughter that I co-parent with her mom who lives a few blocks away in Gentilly. Her name is Eva, and she is a real pistol. We do a lot of dance parties and outdoor dramatic scenarios when I pick her up from school every afternoon, and I have a trampoline inside my apartment that's just her size. I ride a unicycle on the levee and run-juggle for exercise, and am very into fasting. My real work is a piece of theoretical biology that I published in 2021 in Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence called Epistolution. It's a conjecture about how organisms produce general intelligence, and it's also a source of a philosophical point of view I call "Deep Optimism." Miss you wonderful people. Keep being real out there."

Colin Kippen and his wife Kirsten continue to raise two daughters Eliza (6) and Matilda (3) in North Portland, OR. "I have finally moved back into the classroom to teach sculpture and drawing classes after two years fully online. I continue to make my own artwork for various opportunities and recently completed Portland's GLEAN residency, a program that gives 6 months access to the metro area transfer station so artists can make work from materials from the waste stream."

Diasuke Yasutake is in Cambridge, working for the same company which was recently acquired. He also writes, "things are good, and please do let me know if any of you end up in the Boston/

Cambridge area."

Melissa Lago recently spent 6 months in a Contemplative Residency program at Upaya Institute and Zen Monastery in Santa Fe, New Mexico. "I appreciated being immersed in meditation, study, and community life as well as being off the computer, after working remotely for two years for Drala Mountain Center (formerly Shambhala Mountain Center) in Colorado. The thing I am most excited about is teaching. I will be teaching yoga at Drala Mountain Center later this month and for some upcoming online programming in the fall. Also, I am really looking forward to joining the faculty for the B.A. in Yoga Studies program at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado in August."

Jamie Huling Delaye sent us this update: "On the family front, we are thrilled to be expecting a little girl at the end of July. On the home front, the hardest and bravest thing I've done is start a complete remodel of an old San Francisco 1908 Edwardian home--after years of Covid delays, we finally got our permit and broke ground in January, and we are bravely (stupidly?) pressing forward even though the scope and complexity of the project is much larger than we could have imagined when we started down this road. On the work front, after 13 years of being a litigator, and six years as a deputy city attorney for San Francisco, I finally had my first cases go to trial this year and am doing two trials in under a year--and they're both huge. We won the first--a jury trial seeking \$171 million--and I did the opening statement, which seemed both hard and brave. I'm in the middle of the second one, which is going to last through my due date, against opioid manufacturers,

distributors, and pharmacies for causing the opioid crisis in SF. It's a bellwether for the national opioid litigation, so we are hoping we get a good result not just for the people of SF, but also so that our case can help force a good result nationwide. All that is to say that I am pretty swamped these days, but I am trying to carve out time to connect with people, and I am very much looking forward to 7 months of maternity leave that are waiting for me around the corner, and slowing way down."

Anthony DiCicco is going on year four in Park City, Utah. "We live in a cabin up a dirt road on a mountain outside of town overlooking the Wasatch Back and have enjoyed exploring our latest science site. The elk herd migrates through our backyard and it snowed again this week. If you come to town to mountain bike, ski or just passing through on 80, let me know. I'll be spending my summer trying to understand Charlie's paper."

Magda Miller lives in St. Louis with husband Daniel and daughters Cassidy (13) and Georgia (6). "I'm an anesthesiologist. I spend most of my time at work, driving kids to/from field hockey or school, eating and sleeping. It's pretty boring but makes me happy. [We did] buy a Winnebago RV. We have had it one month and used it exactly once. But it was glorious! And school ends soon so we are looking forward to getting out there more this summer."

And I, **Caleb Masland**, am a bit of a broken record. I am still coaching and running full-time and keeping the house afloat for my wife, Lindsay, and kids Camden (almost 13) and Adalyn (almost 9). Camden is all about survival

camping right now and Adalyn is becoming a lover of being onstage like her mom. Over the last year, I have basically doubled my business by adding corporate training programs which has kept me and my 2 coaching partners busy. We're also really close to releasing a beta version of a new startup in the endurance training space that will combine several aspects of training that have never been linked together in a single service before. I never thought my little coaching side hustle would someday morph into a tech startup, but here we are! In terms of hard/brave things, this new startup has definitely been it. So far, I've put just my own money into it and soon we're going to start looking for venture funding. In between other stuff, I'm trying to teach myself how to play a little Martin guitar and I read a bunch of science history books.

Spring 'oo

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Another year come and gone -- at this rate it will be our 25th reunion before we know it! Here is where 2022 finds us.

Aarav Sundaresh writes: "I had the honor of working with students and faculty last spring as the Mountain School incorporated all-gender housing options for students in 2021-22. Returning to the Mountain School after 20 years brought a palpable sense of relief and nostalgia. I feel exceptionally proud of the school for its commitment to listening and growing, and to supporting students. How affirming it was to see the self-reflection and critical thinking TMS facilitates with students turned on itself as an

institution. Kudos to student leaders, and to faculty and staff for your dedication to equity."

David Vitale-Wolff is happy to return to teaching 5th grade in person outside of Boston. He is thrilled to be a dad to two wonderful sons. "After the whole family recovered from a challenging case of COVID, we instantly became very popular. Everyone wanted to be around a family with our boosted immunity. The first family who we had a dinner date with during the pandemic was **Emily Lowenberg's** family."

Chelsea DesAutels writes: "In another strange year, a small glimmer of hope was the publication of *A Dangerous Place*, my first poetry collection. We're still in Minneapolis, and June is now a wild and happy first grader. I miss you all!"

From **Rachel Ryan**: "We moved to Ithaca about a year ago and should begin construction soon on a passive house in a small forested graveyard behind the Big Lots. Come visit us!"

Still in Truckee, CA, **Katie Baker** is a senior features writer at the sports and culture website *The Ringer*, where recent stories have included interviews of Tony Hawk, Adrien Brody, and Susie Essman. "My sons are 6 and 4, and I am so eager to bring them to Vershire someday! I hope everyone out there is as well as can be and look forward to our someday reunion."

Josephine Ferorelli and her husband, Chris, are back in Chicago, about to be aunt and uncle for the first time. "I'm still shepherding my organization, *Conceivable Future*, but doing some more illustration work this year, which is a joy." She sends her love to all.

Becca Link spent a lot of time flying back and forth to the East Coast this past year. Her father passed away in July 2021, after being diagnosed with metastatic cancer January 2021. Becca took off all of January 2022, for a chance to pause and reflect and then move forward. "I spent my time off at our home in Idaho, near Jackson Hole, and got to see many of my favorite people. Adam and I are still happily married and working on improving our little corner of the world. I've started a hugelkultur garden, which I encourage everyone to Google. It's a cool and very TMS concept. Our dog Flo is coming up on 15 and still trucking. I hope folks come visit us in Washington and/or Idaho!"

David Eisenstadter is keeping busy with daughter Amelia (2) and son Sebastian (5), who is on his way to graduating preschool. "We're excited that the pandemic has eased enough that we feel comfortable signing him up for T-ball and a music camp this summer. Kitty and I just went to our first in-person Passover Seder in 3 years (leaving our kids with their Grammie) and it was really nice to be around a big table with other loved ones, though of course we were paranoid for the week afterward that we had caught COVID (thankfully, we didn't!). For the past two years I've been a web editor for NPR-affiliate station WSHU covering coastal Connecticut and Long Island, but next month I start a new job with MassLive in Springfield, Mass., as a managing editor. After two years of fully remote work, I'll be back in a newsroom, helping direct coverage, managing reporters and doing some writing. I'm looking forward to it, though nervous about being away from the kids after being home so long. We're still

living in Northampton, hoping someday to buy a house, but any of you who has looked at Zillow or Realtor.com in the last 2 years, probably knows how that's going."

And thanks to Dave E. for emailing the link to the Russian-language recording of *The General*, which brought all the nostalgia, a bit of hope and some cathartic tears to the group.

As for me, **Laurén Rauch**, I am still in Connecticut with my family, figuring out a Metro North commute to NYC a couple days a week. Whereas our daughter Rylan (4.5) loved watching dump trucks and construction elevators as an NYC toddler, our son Mason (1) is enamored with the birds of suburbia. We are embracing the change, enjoying soccer games and gymnastic feats for Ry, and proud first steps for Mason.

Spring 2000 sends our thanks and very best wishes to the departing faculty, and we look forward to crossing paths again! Sending love and hope that this next year is the beginning of a better normal for us all!

Spring '01

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Abdel Reid lives in Los Angeles with his wife (Jessica) and son (Abdel James aka "AJ"). He runs a real estate private equity firm. Abdel has enjoyed a reopening of the world with more travel and family trips. On long weekends he spends time with his family and friends in Joshua tree. He welcomes anyone passing through the LA / Mojave Desert area to give him a ring.



Lisa Dunlop welcomed a daughter, Josephine (goes by Josie) in September. She is enjoying the perk of a yearlong maternity leave (thanks, Canada!) and is enjoying being a mom. Lisa still lives in Toronto and will return to working at Instacart in the fall.

Micah Resnick lives in Cincinnati with his wife and 3 kids. Life is good.

In September, **Nate Warren** moved to Oslo, Norway with his partner, Gabrielle. He is working at the Norwegian Business School and enjoying spending as much time as possible outside.

Olivia Petersen is living in the Bay Area with her husband, daughter and dog named Bird. She recently bought an old house in wine country and is trying to fix it up. It's become quite the project and labor of love. Visitors welcome if she ever gets it finished...

Thyra Heder is still buzzing from watching her sister Sian f93 win at the Oscars! And since she storyboarded and worked in the art department on CODA, she feels like part of the Best Picture Oscar is hers, maybe his pinky toenail. ;) Little known fact, all of Thyra's portraits from Jack Kruse's art class hung on the

set in the high school, and she is an extra wearing the sweater her sister knit at the Mountain School. Thyra's next picture book *Sal Boat: A Boat By Sal* hits stores Aug 30th!



Robbie Whelan just marked 12 years working as a reporter for the Wall Street Journal. In January, he started a job writing about the Walt Disney Co. and the business of Hollywood. Robbie recently interviewed Sian Heder, director of this year's Best Picture-winning CODA, and Thyra's older sister, for a story. On May 1, Robbie's family -- wife Allegra, son Levi (4) and daughter Nava (1) -- relocated to Los Angeles, their first time ever living on the West Coast. Everyone is super excited for the new adventure, and they welcome any TMSers who happen to pass that way.



Ben Grant has been in NYC for 13 years - looks like it's permanent! He's living in Morningside Heights (where he bumped into Sofia Binioris last fall outside of her family's pastry shop) with his wife Sarah and their two boys, Emerson and Miles. He's been having fun building customer service teams in early-stage software companies for a while

now - currently doing so in a Seattle-based startup that helps big companies manage their customer data.



Spring '02

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Haley Sammen started a new job at Caring for Denver Foundation, still doing evaluation. But the move allows her to be more deeply connected to community organizations that are doing amazing work on behavioral health across the city - often in very unconventional ways that emphasize meeting people where they are. They are also building a new evaluation system in philanthropy that is grounded in equitable evaluation and centering the communities' ways of knowing and being experts of their experiences. Beyond work life, much is still the same with the urban farm and her family (kids are now 6 and 10).

In July of 2021, **Diana Davis** got married! "Margo Angelopoulos and I married each other on a granite ledge on the ocean in Deer Isle, ME, surrounded by our friends and family in small boats. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Margo and I sailed away on a tiny sailboat, which was the most beautiful thing."

Diana and Margo moved into their first house, which is at Phillips Exeter Academy, attached to a small dorm of 11 girls. Her wife is an architect. Diana says, "Being married is awesome. We are both very happy."



Victoria Goulart and her husband, Christopher, and son, Maximilian, are excited, because they are currently in the design phase of building their new home. Builders will break ground in a field on their farm after Labor Day this year! They are looking forward to another summer by the sea in Little Compton.

David Greenhouse is still working in tech in Berlin. During the past year, he didn't get out of the Berlin area (due to COVID related caution), but he and Emily had a lovely staycation last September, driving out to a different lake every day with their stand up paddleboard while the kids were busy in preschool. David and family recently came back from their first real vacation in 2 years. They managed to get away to Portugal where they met up with family. David says, "The war in Ukraine has changed our lives, as we had a Ukrainian family staying with us for a month and a half, and we have been busy working to support a number of other refugee families in our community as well." In addition, David's kids are doing well. They are looking forward to having Wilbur (5) start school soon - he's really interested in science of all kinds and wants to build robots when he grows up. Lelou (3) is growing up into a confident,

independent young woman. Unfortunately, David and family won't be able to make it to the reunion this year, but they invite you to visit in Berlin!

All is well in Virginia for **Ali Neubauer Miller**. Owen (6) is loving Kindergarten. He is an explorer by nature and loves asking questions. Evie (3) loves preschool and going on imaginary adventures. Ali continues to work at Capital One and has recently joined city government as a Commissioner for Urban Forestry - which she loves! Unfortunately, she and her family won't make it to the reunion this summer, but she hopes to visit TMS before the next reunion!

Meredith Denning has been having a busy year. Her second son arrived in August 2021, he's named Hector. Since his last name is Paris, it's to be hoped that he studies classics or something. Adapting to life with two children has been a challenge, but everyone is now sleeping again. To prepare for the new baby, Meredith got an electric cargo bike called an Urban Arrow, which can accommodate two children and an infant car seat. So the whole family gets around on two wheels and parking is easy. She is currently applying for postdocs and jobs, working on a history book in her moments of free time.

Freddy Deknatel and his wife Emily welcomed their first child, Shea Fiona McGoldrick Deknatel, last summer. Shea was born in Sharon, CT on August 1, 2021. She's a very sweet country baby!



The fox family under **Lindsay Young's** neighbors' shed is her current source of entertainment. The kits romp around in the street, chasing their own tails and pouncing on their siblings. Things are fine with Lindsay, and she wishes us well.

Matt Sinclair is transitioning into a new role as he returns to Accenture, consulting in operations and strategy. He is holding down the fort in Cleveland with his son, Luke (6), who is looking forward to a summer on the water learning how to sail.

George Beane will be leaving Peru in mid-May when he wraps up the project he has been working on since early 2020. After that, he will be moving to Amsterdam, Netherlands, which is where his wife is from. He will be taking a new role working on climate change adaptation in Europe. He is sorry to miss this year's anniversary, but he hopes everyone's doing well. George says to "shout out" if we should find ourselves in Amsterdam!

Amy Strieter writes to us from deep in Final Paper Territory. She moved last summer to Athens, OH to begin a doctoral program in English, Creative Writing. She is really happy to be back in Ohio after seven years in Oregon. She's looking forward to our reunion in August!

Sophie Eisner recently moved to Northfield, Minnesota to be a Visiting Assistant Professor at St. Olaf College, where she teaches sculpture and drawing. One of her favorite things is seeing a shift in students a third or halfway through the semester. They start to move through the studios with confidence, a sense of knowing and belonging. Sophie looks

forward to seeing people at the reunion!

Spring '03

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I'm calling this one - the baby edition! Hello from Nantucket Island where I am currently on vacation and writing these notes much later than I promised to do so...my life updates are that I am still in Boston, took a new job recently and got a puppy in the fall named Banker - he is a rascal but loves to go hiking, so we are big on adventuring in the woods together! Here are the updates I received - if you didn't send one, do it next year please!!!!

Back to the theme, we have some new family members! **Sydney Glassman** is an Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Plant Pathology at UC Riverside, and she's still living in Riverside, CA. But the big news is she got married on October 16, 2021 in Temecula, CA. She and her husband Justin took a fabulous 3-week honeymoon through Italy and the Maldives. The most exciting news is they are overjoyed to be welcoming a baby girl into their family in July 2022 :) Doggies Porcini, Ollie, and Chanty are all looking forward to meeting their little sister.



Talia Cooper is still working as a full-time coach, supporting people with life visioning, career planning and body image/intuitive eating. She is still living in Oakland, CA and is expecting her first child this August. She continues to write songs when she can, kick it with friends when the Covid surges are down, and hang outside. She is also now volunteering for the organization Seed the Vote and is hoping to help coordinate a midterm elections phonebank with them (holler at her if you wanna join!).

Another big update comes from **Bryce Goodman** - he and his wife welcomed twins (Felix and Cassius) on December 1.



Coogan Brennan and his partner Kathleen, and their daughter Poppy left Austin in December after four years to move to Durham, NC. It was a hard goodbye to Texas, but they're grateful to be closer to family and back in the lush climate of North Carolina. Make sure to give him a holler if you're coming through! He's continuing to teach people to build cool stuff online and doing as much online prison yoga project work as he can. He is missing all of you so much.

Miles Turner is enjoying working for NOLS on field expeditions and continuing his love of going into the wilderness with groups that was sparked at the Mountain School. He has recently moved to Lander, Wyoming with his partner Martha. These small touch points have felt more important than ever in the past couple years - please be in touch with one another.

Sending love,
Cordy

Spring '04

via Google Doc

Sol Thomas is happy, single and living in Philadelphia and working in hospitality as a bartender. He regularly competes in national and international cocktail competitions and is active in his local chapter of the United States Bartending Guild. He'll never forget his time with his Miles boys and wishes you all have days as happy as the day we got to meet and pet Oliver, the orphan lamb.

Ben Hartman is living in San Francisco, working in the grocery world, and going for a hat trick of adult-ish things: getting married, becoming a parent, and buying a house, all in the same few months' stretch. He and his partner, Kels, are expecting their first child in June.

Caroline Rex-Waller recently welcomed her second child, Mabel Taylor Rexhausen, to the world. She is loving finding time to hang out with Corinne Almquist, and her daughter, Isla, in scenic spots around Oregon before Caroline migrates north to live in the mountains of eastern Washington.

Jane Ridgeway is about to move with her girlfriend from the Bay Area back to her hometown of Seattle, so get in touch if you're in the Pacific Northwest! She's working as a writer and editor and learning/tinkering with new art skills & projects: sewing, miniatures, cyanotypes, welding, video

game scripts, etc. Jane is a doting parent to one spoiled cat, Daniel Theodora Jackson.

Hannah Pitt and her partner Eric are about to get married - in fact, they will be once this newsletter is out! They're excited to kick off their life together by celebrating in the woods of Northern California, a place they love to spend time. Otherwise Hannah is doing research on climate policy and technology and is now a full-on west coaster after her 4th year living in Oakland (but still dreams of retiring in the Green Mountains).

Ruthie Schwab is happily settled in the Bay Area, working in grocery tech. She and her partner Alex are trying to prepare their cat, Ari Gato, for a less furry brother this fall.

Mary French recently started a new job as a book conservator in Special Collections at the Boston Public Library and is thoroughly enjoying working with some newly-acquired incunabula at the moment. She also loves getting to walk to work after 6 years of commuting by car and eating lunch in the BPL's Italianate courtyard.

Ezra Hagerty is enjoying life on the coast of Massachusetts spending his free time mountain biking, fishing and gardening. He just started a new role leading a greenhouse cannabis cultivation where they are hyper focused on sustainability. He's happily married and loves being an uncle to a bunch of nieces and nephews.

Liz Huessy Porter, her husband, and two-year-old continue to enjoy exploring the amazing things Central Texas has to offer. They have been gardening up a storm this spring and are raising

the state's youngest native plant expert. Liz works as an elementary school librarian in Austin and is starting research to write her first children's book.

Logan Vincent is (finally) finishing her medical training in Seattle this summer and will be staying in the Pacific Northwest but relocating with her husband and son to Portland, OR. After spending her days performing minimally invasive heart valve replacements, she spends evenings soaking up every moment with her busy one-year-old. She's having a blast re-discovering the world through his eyes. She invites anyone out west to come explore Portland with them next fall!

Eve Streicker recently moved to Norfolk, VA with her two-year-old Black Labrador and her partner, who recently became the Captain of a US Navy ship. Eve is happily still working as a gemologist and jeweler and is in her 6th year running her company, Original Eve Designs. She will be traveling for Trunk Shows to Nantucket, Boston, San Diego, Philadelphia, and D.C. in the coming months, so please be in touch if she will be in your city!

Liz Cerny-Chipman is living in the DC area and still working in fisheries policy. She and her husband Dustin are expecting their first child any day now. She is enjoying spending time gardening in her backyard, cooking, and spoiling her dog Willie.

Corinne Almquist got married at the confluence of the Salmon and Snake Rivers on a 6-day river trip in 2020, with Caroline Rex-Waller debuting a long-coveted flower girl role. Corinne is still working as a midwife in Astoria, OR, and finally gave birth to a baby of her own in December 2021.

Baby Isla went on 10 multi day rafting trips in utero and will get out on her first river trip outside of the womb next month!

Emma Loo is still living and playing in NH with her best friend, Mike, and awesome kids, Woods (5) and Alden (2). She is growing food, sewing quilts, getting to know the local homeschool community, and leading an outdoor, multi-age, homeschool class called "Wild School". Emma is feeling devoted to giving her children, and others, space to explore, feel curious, and take care of each other. Come visit us this fall for apple picking at Apple Annie!

Jamie Phinney is living in Washington, DC working in defense policy. Jamie and his wife Ale spent too much of the pandemic playing Settlers of Catan online against each other, sitting next to each other, on the couch. Also new dog named Cuauh!

Casey Freedman is still living in Cambridge MA, working at Boston Children's Hospital as a Spanish interpreter, and is about to embark on the journey of single motherhood by choice. Her nephew Jordan was born to Aaron Freedman 07 in late January and lives only a 10-minute walk away in Somerville.

Jena (Gordon) Talbot is living in Newton, MA with her husband, Pearce, and truck-obsessed 2.5-year-old, Owen. Jena is desperately trying to finish up the last 2 months of her psychology internship working in community mental health with underserved populations in order to complete her PhD in counseling psychology. Baby #2 is set to arrive sometime in May, delaying conferral of her degree until the fall.

Nate Mazonson moved with his wife Carolyn to Westport, Connecticut to be closer to her family. He is figuring out how to make friends again. His latest venture is a healthcare company working to minimize the cancer-causing radiation associated with medical imaging. Nate's daughter Brooke is now 18-months-old and, while tiny, is not short on opinions. He's also wondering how to pronounce Jamie Phinney's dog's name. Please let me know if you find yourself in CT!

Dan Glaser returned to Connecticut with his wife Emma and two young daughters Madeline and Cecilia, to finally start his career as a pediatric rheumatologist. He also bought a house and is busy putting up fence posts for his new garden. And he has a lovely cat... but if anyone wants a cat, they should email him.

Liz (Chinloy) DalBon is living in Avon CT (not terribly far from you Nate!) with her husband Curtis and two kids and works as an interest rate strategist in the investment management world. She tries her very best to keep up with her daughter Sophia (3) and son Henry (1) and is currently accepting any and all tips on how to (finally) start that backyard garden. She would love to reconnect with any fellow TMS'ers in CT!

Mai Ann Healy is still living in Northern California and recently became (somewhat) of an adult and bought a house located between Tahoe and Sacramento with her partner, soooooo come visit! She has begun to focus professionally on carbon trading and regenerative agriculture which is an exciting endeavor and comes full circle back to TMS.

Zak Stone has been putting his life back together with

support after a devastating fire in early May ripped through the apartment building where he lived, as it sat above a restaurant in Chinatown in NYC. He lost everything, but he and his cat escaped and there is more explained and ways to help to be found on the semester email thread.

Spring '05

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Another difficult year has passed but S'05 seems to be thriving. Many of us have tied the knot, welcomed children, graduated from advanced degree programs, or tackled new jobs in 2022.

Abby Reed got married. After postponing the original date due to the omicron surge, she married her wonderful husband Donovan just outside Cape Town, South Africa, in March. She is wrapping up a master's at Harvard Graduate School of Education and is looking forward to getting back in the field.



Mark Davenport is now an ICU nurse working at the University of Utah Hospital, and is in fierce competition with his dog to see whose hairs

go gray faster.

Ray (Rachel) Zelinsky is living just outside of Providence RI with her dog, wife, and 3-year-old, who has been wearing our semester shirt as a night shirt recently, making Ray very happy. Please let her know if you're in the area.



Hallie Morris (Coffin-Gould) and her husband Drew were overjoyed to welcome their first child in November. She is enjoying spring in Massachusetts and the flexibility of working from home.



Jared Rubinstein is doing pretty well with his husband and dog. They're moving back to Minneapolis after several good years in the Northeast. He's trying to write a book about the plants of outer Cape Cod.

Leo Eisenstein finishes his residency this summer and will start working as a primary care doctor at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY.

Tim Wall is living in Vermont and investing in Vermont based companies with the Fund At Hula (<https://www.hulalakeside.com/>). His son Otis turns two in August and his wife has one more year of residency. He encourages

everyone to visit them in Burlington, VT!

Richard Smith continues to live in Atlanta, GA and is loving putting down some Southern roots. He is one year into an exciting new job in commercial real estate. Anyone is welcome anytime they find themselves flying through Atlanta.

Maddy Glennon, along with her husband and dog, just moved to Philadelphia to start a new job as the postdoctoral research fellow at the Barnes Foundation, studying the collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. Perhaps even more importantly, she got to see Dana, Lizzie, Maya, and Megan in Arizona for Evan's beautiful wedding.

Evan Pulvers is married with a dog. She has been changing jobs and lives in Flagstaff, AZ and welcomes anyone going to the Grand Canyon to come visit.

Sharayah Heidenhain (Gilbert) and family welcomed baby boy Emil Kai in January and is adjusting to life as a family of four! She visited Colorado in December where she and Maura did a little hiking! Sharayah is looking forward to taking some more parental leave from her job at the State Department to spend some time in the mountains and coast of Andalusia this summer.



Maura Mathieu lives and teaches in southwest Denver. This has been a very challenging school year, but she was finally able to take a ceramics class again after wanting to for many years, which has been fun and soothing. If anyone would like a small bowl, vase or mug, she has around 50, and they're pretty well centered. Her Little Zora (babydog) will be 7 years old in June and is still cute, energetic and awesome.

Fiona Brown is a field instructor and program supervisor for the NOLS River Base in Vernal, Utah. It's been a wild ride welcoming students and instructors for in-person wilderness education this year. She left ski patrol this winter and prioritized ski touring in the Teton Valley and quality time with friends.

Rachel Carlin (Bowling) is leaving Cedars-Sinai in LA to practice Neurology in Olympia, Washington, where she and her family will move into their first home (and hopefully never move again!)

GT (George Turner) launched a construction company this year in the SF Bay Area.

Matt Nielsen lives in Los Angeles where he recently converted a garage into an apartment and is teaching kindergarten at a little free school. He is looking forward to the eternal promise of summer vacation.

Will Stein still lives in London where he just celebrated his daughter's second birthday. He and his partner are expecting another baby this summer. He's developing new buildings for work and renovating a 160-year-old terraced house for fun.

Erin Harrison (Sargent) is living in Chicago, IL and managing a group of very motivated physical therapists. Her dog, Zoey, is turning 12 this year and she is looking forward to throwing her annual dog birthday party.

Allegra Thompson is the new host of Pig in a Pen, a Bluegrass radio show on KPFA in her hometown of Berkeley California. Catch her every other Sunday afternoon from 3-5 Pacific!

Hannah Broadley is a scientist with the USDA on Cape Cod, MA working on invasive forest insects. She's getting out as much as possible to enjoy the last bit of the shoulder season before the start of the summer when it gets too crowded. That said, if you are a summer visitor to the Cape, she'd love to see you.

Emily May is still working on bee conservation. She's enjoyed contributing to a pollinator pathway through Addison County, VT, where she lives with her husband and one-year-old son.



George Warner is still living in Berkeley with his partner and two weirdo cats. He's working at Legal Aid at Work, a nonprofit law firm, litigating cases where low wage workers have been forced to work or have been denied basic protections. He loves much of living in California, including the perks of being two blocks from Berkeley Bowl and the abundance of fresh produce it contains. But he's also looking forward to heading back to New England this August or September for an extended stay as there is something really special about the changing of the seasons there that he still misses.

Ngoc-Tran Vu is in Boston these days navigating as a socially engaged artist and organizer. She is finishing up the semester adjunct teaching Asian American studies at UMass Boston and consulting with Mass Cultural Council.

Greg Chase teaches American Literature at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. He lives in Rhode Island. He and his wife had their first kid last year, and she is very cool.

Rebecca Sigel mostly lives in a geodesic dome by a creek in the Eastern Catskills and travels widely as a consultant and producer in the performing arts. She shares the dome with her very good dog Ollie "Smalldog" Sigel who is 12 years young and still a great adventure and nap buddy.

I am still living in NYC with my husband and 1.5-year-old son and in the fall began a new job working for a startup.

I am grateful for the increased time the pandemic allowed me to spend with my family and hope for the possibility of more gatherings with friends soon.

Spring '06

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This year brings news of several additions to our extended So6 family. **Marietta (Glass) Fieger** writes, "My husband, Matt, and I welcomed our second daughter, Lila this November. Lila has been a very sweet addition to the family and is extremely patient as her older sister, Anna, hugs/kisses/shoves toys in her face. We're happily settled in Bryn Mawr and welcome any guests in the Philly area!" **Gaea Campe** and her long-time partner Peter had a baby. Their son, James Michael Qualtere, was born in February. She is loving motherhood and also continues her work in early childhood education in Portland, Oregon. This year her preschool, Giving Tree, will be expanding to a second location, Little Tree, for younger children. And **Sophie (Robinson) Saltonstall** lives on her family farm on the Seacoast of NH with her husband and daughter, and she is expecting a baby boy this summer. She is starting a non-profit called the Robinwood Center dedicated to racial and climate justice and an organic fruit farm.

Sophie's Conard roommate **Kat Conway** writes, "For the past year and a half or so I have been living out in Nevada near Lake Tahoe with my husband. If anyone wants to do some adventuring out here, feel free to hit me up - we have a comfy guest bedroom with your name on it. I have been spending a lot of time trying to get better at skiing and succeeding, and a lot of time trying to learn how to play tennis and failing. I am also in the midst of taking a

course on UX/UI web layout, flow, and design.... is anyone's company hiring?? :)" Also out west is **Daniel Cohen**, who is still living in Oakland. Danny writes, "Last year I married my wife Liz in Lake Tahoe and was very thankful to finally see family and friends. I had the good fortune of running into **Allie Stroud** at a brewery recently - it was great to see her!

As for the East Coast-based crew, **Blase Provitola** is the sole updater from our NYC contingent: "I continue to live in Brooklyn, NY, with my parrot and sister while contemplating moving to a less urban setting. Starting next fall, my contingent faculty position at Trinity College will fortunately become a tenure-track position in French and Gender Studies. If anyone has any advice on the best places to live between NYC and Hartford, I'm currently planning my next move, and I'm always delighted to hear from TMS people!" **Clara (Rubin) Decerbo**, busy as ever, is "still in Providence, RI, still working as Director of Providence Emergency Management Agency and enjoying time preparing my garden for the growing season and hanging out with my husband (Paul) and our three lovely hens (Pearl, Val, and Chen). In my free time (LOL!!!) I am working on getting my paramedic license, volunteering on a local ambulance service, and looking forward to a vacation in Argentina with Paul this summer!" From across the Connecticut border, **Ben Chilson-Parks** writes, "I'm still teaching geology classes at UConn. Glad to be back in-person with students, seeing them channel their inner Wessels and read landscapes much in the way that we did. Holler at me if you ever find

yourself in northeastern CT!" **Leah Hamilton French** just wrapped up an MA in Theatre Education and Applied Theatre at Emerson in Boston and is teaching middle and high school drama in her hometown of Cambridge, MA. As is typical, she is trying to do all the things at once but would love to make time to catch up with TMSers.

A thread running through this year's updates: if you're out and about in the world and find yourself near a semester-mate, drop a line! And then, of course, send in an update. With love until we are reunited again!

Spring '07

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Katherine Corwin and her boyfriend just moved into a new house in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Denver. They just adopted another dog, so the house is mostly run by dogs at this point. They will head to Portugal this summer for a week and look forward to traveling again!

Joe Schottenfeld moved to Madison, WI last year, where his partner started the first year of her very long vascular surgery residency. She's awesome and inspiring. He's still working as a lawyer for the NAACP; it's mostly remote, with some trips to the southeast (and GA/SC in particular) for his cases. There's lots to do, and he thinks about the Mountain School's deep notions of community often.

Isabel Gregersen survived her first year in the northwoods of Wisconsin! She and her husband Tom are still working

on the thriving part....she thought they had it down last summer, exploring the Apostle Islands and crystal clear Lake Superior every weekend, but now after five months of winter and counting, she's not so sure. Funnily enough, Isabel just started a remote job in her old city; she is doing telehealth as a therapist with a Chicago-based group practice - a new phase of her career. Happily, her dog Una is living her very best life.

Shauna Linn is on the Upper East Side, usually seeking rush opera tickets, budget flights to Europe, yoga studio time, and visits with her sister in Brooklyn. She is approaching six (!) years as a PA and loves caring for patients and precepting students and new grads in the neuro ICUs at Cornell and Mount Sinai.

Judy Amsalem is excited to share that she is engaged to her amazing partner Jeanine! They will both be at the 15-year reunion, and hope to see many of you there. Other than that, they are still living in San Francisco with their dog Scout (who sadly will not be at the reunion, but would undoubtedly be in heaven running around and befriending all of the sheep)

Claire LaFave is living in... Vermont! Burlington, specifically. Did she say this last year? No one can remember. She learned how to backcountry ski this winter, and it's a real game changer.

Max Shafer has been thinking about water a lot these days. It was an unusually dry winter in the west and he worries he won't be doing much fly fishing this summer. He continues to brew beer in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and there is always a cold pint waiting for any of his TMS classmates. Max remains heavily involved in the

raw material side of brewing, mainly when it comes to hops. He sits as a voting member on the USDA board for Public Hop Breeding, a member of the Hop Quality Group, the American Malting Barley Association and most recently a member of the New Zealand Hop Bracht Brewing Programme. He enjoys spending the summer and fall months in the hop and barley fields of the Western United States, talking with growers and reminiscing about chasing Borris and Natasha around Garden Hill.

After 9 years in Boston, **Caroline Dickens** moved back to the NYC area last fall and now lives in Hoboken, NJ with her fiancé Zach.

Jen Wenz just finished her training as a bodyworker in Rolf Structural Integration and will be opening up a practice weaving trauma healing, somatic coaching, and ritual leadership later this summer... after getting married (!) to her incredible partner, Molly, in June. They're very sad to be missing reunion (because wedding), but are putting roots down in western Massachusetts and happily welcome visitors and travelers-through.

Gracie Ogilby lives in Cambridge and works in Boston as a management consultant. She makes frequent trips to the nearby family farm, which has recently added a flock of sheep and makes her think of the Mountain School. She thinks of you all often and sends hugs!

Meredith Allenick is still happily in Brooklyn with her husband and dog. They love taking long walks on the weekend and exploring new coffee shops in the neighborhood. If you find yourself in the area, please let

her know, and she'll treat you to a pastry and cup of coffee.

Joe Harmon is growing roots in Portland, OR – if you're ever in town he'd love to meet up. He's spending even more time in the garden this year – it may or may not be an obsession. Send help?

Aaron Freedman and his wife Elana welcomed their son Jordan Zee in January, and Aaron has been enjoying spending what little of his energy is left working with James Beard Award Winner (!!!) Irene Li at her startup Prepshift, which involves treating people like humans, among other things.



Irene Li is sad to miss reunion -- she will be in Chicago accepting a leadership award from the James Beard Foundation after six years of being a semi-finalist! She is working on a new tech company and had the chance to collaborate with **Aaron Freedman** and meet his baby over Zoom.

Clare Vance is so bummed to be missing our 15-year reunion this year. She is currently living on a farm in upstate New York with baby twin boys, a cat, a dog, a husband, a herd of cows, and several woodchucks that won't leave them alone. All visitors and passersby are welcome! Sending lots of love to everyone, she misses you all and thinks of you often.

Matthew Bock, still in BK, has become a big runner and is

prepping for a half marathon this weekend. He's on the committee of a queer running group in the city and started his own independent strategy consulting business, working with non-profit brands like the ADL and for-profit brands like Spotify.

Will Stone is doing his thing in Seattle, where he's lucky enough to wake up with a view of the Puget Sound and the Olympics every morning. He recently celebrated the one year birthday of his pandemic puppy Atlas. In his free time, he's learning how to kite surf.

lily bo shapiro is beyond looking forward to returning to TMS in June ~ to smell all the smells, visit with the land, and hopefully hug some of you ()

Ruth Lichtman is living in Brooklyn with her partner Alex and their dog Ginger. She's directing audiobooks for Penguin Random House and making puppet animations. Hoping to see many SO7 faces in the coming months.

Joe Bonasera is living in Rutland, Vermont, and started a new job as a program director with the Rutland Recreation & Parks Department last September and hopes to close on a house soon! These days you can find him canvassing local neighborhoods with Leslie Knope, Tom Haverford, and April Ludgate. He misses working with Rob and Bruce from maintenance.

Corina Chase is in New York, designing costumes for operas and plays. She loves walking around the city, but misses walking around the woods.

Ki Rieffel is still in Brooklyn in a nice little one bedroom. He loves the city, but is a little resentful of how many of his bicycles it has consumed (5?).

He stopped at a sugar shack in VT recently and was amazed by the vivid and only good memories. Don't forget to help with the dishes when you're a guest .

In January **Willa Capobianco** and her husband Nick welcomed baby Chet into the world. At three months old he already owns three pairs of Carhartts.



Emily Ausubel has been enjoying living in Bangkok, Thailand for the last year and is now moving on to a new position in Nigeria, still with the UN Migration Agency. She recently learned how to play the ukelele and bought a guitar, and she is often reminded of how she first learned to play at the Mountain School and sang a very shaky first performance at one of the huddles. Emily is still relishing in being an aunt and has absolutely loved watching her niece grow and learn and develop a silly and inquisitive personality over the last year and a half. She's sad not to make it to reunion this year and hopes to connect with TMS friends in Boston when she's in town.

Maggie Williams is living in Marin (just north of San Francisco) with her partner Mark and dog Charlie. She works as an Account Director at a creative ad agency, and she's enjoying hiking the trails in Muir Woods and exploring northern California on the weekends. Would love

to connect with any Bay Area based TMS folks!

Faisal Kirdar looks forward to an exciting and busy month ahead. In a span of a few weeks, he will marry his fiancée, Amanda, graduate from med school at Tulane, and move to NYC to start his residency in internal medicine at Montefiore. He is so sad to not be able to make it to the reunion this year. He misses you all dearly and hopes being back north will bring him closer to old friends.

Griffin Hale returned from a 20-day rafting expedition down the Grand Canyon just in time to get his notes in. A new favorite memory is a 20-mile side hike and laying under a 4,000+ year old pictograph of a species of Elk that is now extinct. He also managed to ride an inflatable unicorn down a few large rapids. He will try to pull off the 15-year reunion and spend time with all the amazing people he met when he was a teenager. Work and testing on the space plane is ramping up. Fingers crossed the Dream Chaser will launch sometime next year. He also has embraced the role of Fun-Uncle and has both a fresh nephew and niece. He can't wait to teach them to bike, ski, climb, and raft... His side hustle is still alive, and he has been volunteering at an accessibility festival setting up interactive displays where participants can feel the music. He and his amazing wife Ali still find time to walk/run the pup and sneak in a few adventures.

Danny Smith is back in New York, done with his PhD (!) and running arts programming for a brand new community center in Brooklyn. He has to miss the reunion this year, but if folks want to do a mini reunion in NY this summer, he'd love to see folks!

Willow Wickham is still in Atlanta where she is making occasional art and centering pleasure and healing in these end times <3

Erin Jones is pregnant with a baby girl, got married to her best friend and moved to upstate New York. She is growing her business around Human Design and is just loving waking up to trees. Come say hi if you're ever upstate.

Lauren Bryant has been working away as a PT specializing in pelvic health but also seeing everything else to keep it interesting. She has finally crested a wave and is feeling more confident in her ability to help people with incontinence, pain, and other pelvic dysfunctions. Oh yeah, she got married! By the beach in Monterey, and it was awesome.



Ali Andrews moved back to Hawai'i last year where she loves her work partnering with community groups on developing community-owned solar projects. She has a charming guest room if anyone wants to come visit!!

Mikaela Saccoccio and her partner Scott have been loving living in Stowe, VT. The snow here in late April reminds her of the snow on solo! Mikaela's still working to fight factory farming at Farmed Animal

Funders and is psyched to see you all at the reunion!

Chloe Zelkha is moving to Philadelphia in June! Are you near? She's hoping this is the last stop on a move-every-6-months adventure she's been on the last 3 years, including a stint in Jerusalem this spring. Goals for summer & fall: work less, go slower, enjoy. Hold her to it!

Spring '08

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Ben Kramer is working as a writer in Los Angeles. He just moved to Santa Monica with his cat Sputnik. Also, Nick Bailey came and stayed with him for a week in November, which was a blast. They caught the Rams-Patriots game in LA!

Jocie Fifield is still working as a researcher on various maternal and reproductive health projects at Harvard and running a handmade clothing business out of her basement. She and her husband, Tim, have loved dog parenthood so much that they decided to add a human to the mix. Baby Fifield (Tim took Jocie's last name - yay matriarchy!) arrives in June!

Jack Saul still lives in Alabama and works for The University of Alabama Press. Last summer, he visited Massachusetts for the first time since the emerald ash borer found his family's white ash trees and started telling them a long goodbye. In March, he stayed with Mariel Cohn and their partner in Philadelphia for a conference, where he happened to run into Arya Samuelson. In December, in New England again, he spotted Sara Berdahl and her

husband, harbor seals, and several snowy owls, but not the famous Steller's sea eagle. He continues to enjoy occasional video meetings with his old roommates, Isaac Maze-Rothstein and Ben Chute.

Isaac Maze-Rothstein is living in Cambridge, MA, though working for a company in San Francisco and taking some grad school courses in NYC: the joys of remote school and work. Outside of that, he's enjoyed keeping in touch with his Miles roommates, Jack and Ben. He still regularly gets made fun of for how much he eats. He was recently reminded of his Mountain School superlative: most likely to stop exercising and immediately become obese.

Mariel Cohn is still in West Philly, working as a nurse in labor and delivery and perhaps going to finish midwifery school in a couple years. They're resurfacing the patio, learning how to plaster, and trying to keep squirrels out of the herbs. Life is good! Jack Saul recently came through town and can vouch for the accommodations in the guest room - hit them up if you're ever in the area!

Micha Thompson and her longtime partner, Tim Delaney, were (finally!) married this past summer in Beacon, New York. They will stay on in New York City as Micha starts her year as chief resident in pediatrics.

Linus Ignatius is living in Brooklyn acting, making films, and developing an indie comedy series called Marque and Hector Turn Trash into Treasure. Join the jamboree at marqueandhector.com.

Maddie Welty continues to teach first grade at The Park School in Brookline, MA. She and her co-teacher have been updating the Social Justice

curriculum, which has been fun and challenging. Maddie and her husband, Asa, are excited to welcome Tiny Welty in mid-August!

Trevor Brown is an academic adviser at Pennsylvania State University. Every day he gets to help students explore majors, learn study skills, and succeed in higher education. During his free time, he has been exploring different hiking trails and spends a lot of time at his community garden plot.

Brian Huser is finishing up his third year teaching at Hawken School. Next year, he looks forward to chairing the math department, developing a film studies course, and bringing back his history of number elective. In their spare time, he and his partner are eating their way through Cleveland's best restaurants and haunting the local cinematheque.

Sara Berdahl continues to enjoy life in Maine and is looking forward to starting beekeeping this spring.

Isabel Newlin lives in Corvallis, Oregon and has her own wine label, Dacha Wines. Feel free to order wine at dachawines.com, and/or get in touch if you are in the area.

Eliot Knudsen, his wife, Michelle, and son, Joshua, just celebrated the first birthday of his daughter, Leila. Eliot is rediscovering his childhood haunts through trips to the natural history museum, the Bronx zoo and Central park playgrounds (with his kids). When they're not in the city, you can find Eliot and co. picking apples and berries at a local farm in the Catskills. Eliot works at Databricks in his spare time, where he leads finance solutions.

Emma Thomas is wrapping up her first year at Harvard Divinity School, where she's studying transformative gatherings and the spiritual foundations of reparations and cultural reckoning. She misses Colorado dearly and would love to play in the wilds of the east coast with anyone nearby, along with her new Goldendoodle pup, who comes home May 12th.

Dana Lee is barreling through their second year of family medicine residency in Columbus, Ohio, where they continue to reside with their spouse, dog, and two cats. They continue to focus on their interests in health disparities, care of gender and sexual minorities & point-of-care ultrasound, with an evolving interest in geriatric & palliative medicine.

And finally, a fun wedding photo with Sara Terashima in the middle, Jack Saul on the left and Mariel Cohn on the right.



Spring '09

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Emily Auran writes: "I'm still loving my residency in OB/GYN at NYU and excited to be a chief resident in only a few short weeks. My other exciting life update is that I finally got married to Mike Clarke on 9/18/21, after a 2-year engagement and COVID postponement. It was a perfect

sunny day on Shelter Island, NY, and I was joined by BFF **Lily Adler** as one of my lovely bridesmaids (see pic!). Sending



so much love to Spring '09!"

Evan Mullen has been luxuriating in a vernal renewal of Mountain School friendships, from sharing a Brooklyn guest bedroom with Tipitina (Mali'o Kodis and Leland Whitehouse's sprightly pooch) to celebrating Ella Vorenberg's 30th in bucolic Connecticut alongside both Julia Juster and Julia Brimelow to chewing on Moby Dick's biblical blasphemy in a book club with Yaakov Ginsberg-Schreck and Leland to dodging oncoming traffic on a British road trip through the Cotswolds with Julia B and her friend Annie. He's also happy to announce that at long last he's been authorized to wear a long white doctor's coat and will be starting his residency in internal medicine at Stanford this summer. He will miss having a need for snow tires.

Isabelle Rivers-McCue continues to live outside Columbus, OH with her husband, two dogs, and cat and works for Kenyon College. After spending the last decade in major metropolitan areas, she's enjoying the pace of life in a more rural community. She and her husband are continuing to slowly renovate their 1850s house in their free time (see ya, wallpaper!). Let her know if you're ever passing through the area. Sending love

to the S'09 crew, as always!

Julia Brimelow writes: "Hello, S09! I ran into Julia Juster this past fall in Cambridge, where we reconnected over drinks and fell victim to reminiscence (I imagine no semester has us beat on Julie/Julia complexity). I was lucky enough to celebrate multiple 30th birthdays in March with familiar faces: Ella Vorenberg's fabulous Connecticut retreat and a joint Brooklyn bash for Evan Mullen/Leland Whitehouse, where I was characteristically late and got a hug in from Mali'o Kodis for good measure. Met up with Evan again in the Cotswolds in April while on vacation with a friend.

I highly recommend staring down a midlife crisis with an infusion of energy from the S09 crew. I'll be ringing in own milestone bday this July in Brooklyn, where I've been since graduation, working for various ad agencies as a brand strategist. Let me know if you move through town!"



Meredith Sopher is still living in the Paris area and working as an interpreter and translator. By the time you read this, she may have finished her 4th and 5th 200km cycling events. She recently met up with Diana Davis (S'02) and Diana's wife when they were visiting Paris. Meredith would be happy to get in touch with anyone else coming to Paris for work, study or vacation.

Leland Whitehouse and **Mali'o Kodis** are getting married this summer in Washington, VT! Combining TMS Spring

'09 forces forever more. He proposed on Garden Hill!

They are also leaving Brooklyn, for what they hope is the last time, after a few previous attempts. The plan is to move to Vermont, then start a garden and a family (and a commune? any takers?).

Mali'o loves her job on the Climate Corps team at EDF, and Leland is on to a new set of projects after winding down a Brooklyn-based food company. Please holler if you're in the Green Mountain neighborhood! Love to all!

Spring '10

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Rafi Bildner writes from the south of Italy, where he has been traveling for the last two months on a journey to find new skills, technique and inspiration to take to his pizza business (and life) back in the States. He embarked on a bike tour from Napoli, all over the south of Italy – affectionally called “pedaling for pizza” visiting farmers, chefs, pizzaiolos, and food producers all over the region to learn and hear their stories. After an apprenticeship at a family's trattoria in the rural hills of Campania, he is getting ready to head back to the states to start thinking about the next steps for his pizza business, and hopefully planting some roots in the form of a brick + mortar restaurant/farm somewhere in New England. He hopes to have everyone for a pizza in the near future.

Megan Butterfield is living in Guilford, VT with her boyfriend George and their two cats, Bee and Duck. She finished

her master's at Smith College School for Social Work in August and is now working as a mental health social worker at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in WRJ. Would love to see anyone that might find themselves in Vermont again!

Rebecca Celli is in Fort Greene, Brooklyn and still happily working at Chicken & Egg pictures, a documentary film nonprofit. She just found her humanities textbook (the one with the donut assembly line cover) from her childhood bedroom and it feels like a lost treasure.

Lex Corwin is still living in California enjoying life by the beach and working on his farm near Lake Tahoe. He has been busy expanding his company Stone Road to the East Coast and is happy to report that they just launched in Massachusetts!

Charlotte Denoyer is enjoying living in New York and is excited to start building a cafe with her sister. She looks forward to a spending time with TMS friends this summer and recently got engaged in Italy!

Rosii Floreak is launching her Saturn return in style. She got married at San Francisco City Hall to her wonderful partner and celebrated with local friends, including fellow S'10ers **Phoebe, Shizue and Zoe RA!** Late last year she took a position at Vote Rev, an organization that designs new ways to get out the vote for the progressive movement. This year has brought many changes and she feels lucky to have the strength of her community through it all. She's always down to hang with more Mountain Schoolers - hit her up if you're in the Bay!

Becky Hamilton is living in the Boston area with her fiancée and two cats. She still teaches behavioral students and is continuing to work on her doctorate. This spring, she built a large garden in her backyard and is extremely excited to eat home-grown vegetables over the summer. Let her know if you're ever passing through the area and need a place to crash for the night!

Ian Kernohan refuses to believe that another year has already gone by since the last of these. Regardless, he's proud to say that he's moved in with his partner in Beverly, MA, and has continued getting deeper into fantasy booking and tabletop gaming. His partner would like you all to know that she tends to win more. Ideally, he'll be on the road with some Magic tournaments soon, so he'd love to visit y'all if possible!

About a year ago, **Taylor Lightman** moved back to Pennsylvania. He got engaged to his partner Melyat in August and travels to Sweden often to spend time with her. They are waiting for her fiancé visa to come to the US -- how exciting, and expect this to happen in the late part of the year! Taylor is working for a neighborhood revitalization non-profit and is loving the opportunity to bring climate change adaptation to the rural areas he grew up in and loves. He also teaches as an adjunct at the Bucknell University Environmental Studies Department which gives him a new appreciation for the work of educators!

Jacob Merson finished up his PhD in mechanical engineering at RPI working on high performance computing and modeling of biological tissues. He is currently working as a postdoc continuing work on biological tissue modeling and coupling of fusion power

reactor codes. He is trying to figure out what comes next.

Sam Powell is still living in New York, still working for WeWork (still haven't watched any of the TV shows) and half-way done with his MBA at NYU part-time. Sam has some travel planned for this summer for the first time in a while, including Mt. Shasta in May, and will be going to Europe to visit Copenhagen this summer for a NYU sustainability program. He was able to help with some sugaring this past winter and really missed our winter together in Vershire!

Danielle Regis is finishing up her MBA at Harvard Business School and returning to Washington, D.C. after graduation. If anyone is in the D.C. area, please let her know!

After having a very pandemic-era "what do I really want to do with my life?" moment, **Shizue Roche Adachi** and the fam are actually moving to LA this summer so Shizue can pursue an MFA in Directing at UCLA. Shizue writes: "hit me up if you're local (shizue.roche.adachi@gmail)—I'm looking for friends and film connects to help make this alien landscape home."

After teaching middle school history in various contexts (international, charter, public district, private) and struggling with the demands of teaching for 5.5 years, **Yomalis Rosario** is shifting into starting her own business (called root & remember) as a tarot reader, teacher of the tarot, and death doula. Yomalis is also working on completing her first chapbook, and trying to use all of the skills she has to provide for her family as best as she can as a full-time stay-at-home mom. Yomalis is currently living in Jersey City, NJ with her husband, Bennett

Rebecca Hamilton s10

By Miles Pahl s22



Rebecca (Becky) Hamilton, Spring 2010, is a prime example of how the values and the mission of the school and its students and faculty extend far beyond its borders. Becky has been an educator for seven years in the area of behavioral special education. She graduated high school from Fieldston in New York City, after which she received her bachelor's degree from Wellesley College and then received her master's as a Reading Specialist. She is currently working on her doctorate degree at Northeastern University.

Becky currently specializes in behavioral special education. She works with children that have been deemed "unfit" for the public school system because of trauma based behavioral issues. Within this field, she is particularly interested in reading instruction and reimagining the ways in which reading is taught in school. She explains that most schools utilize a system in which students spend the majority of class reading independently, with limited direct instruction in phonics and other foundational reading skills. However, new research is showing that this is, in fact, not the most effective way to teach reading, especially for children with learning or behavioral differences. The way in which she has approached teaching reading at her school involves direct, systematic phonics instruction and goes more in depth with the teaching of new material, especially in the early stages of reading development. She also explicitly teaches new vocabulary and provides multiple opportunities for cross-curricular instruction, as context and background knowledge are critical for understanding a text. This new approach employed by her and others in her field is revolutionizing the way in which reading is taught.

Becky first realized that she wanted to teach here at the Mountain School, but always loved working with children and was passionate about equity within our society. On top of this she has always been grateful and aware of the privilege that she has possessed throughout her life. As a child and throughout her youth she explains she knew that not everyone had access to the same level of education she was fortunate to have. At and since leaving TMS she has become more and more aware of the inequities that exist within the public education system that our society functions within today. With this awareness and passion that she was able to find during her time here she now works towards trying to better the greater community with her groundbreaking work.

She says wants current and future TMS students to cherish their time in the truly special place because this is a truly unique experience. Hamilton is living proof that the ideas and impact of the Mountain School have effects that reach far beyond its borders. She truly demonstrates what it means to not only be part of the Mountain School community within her work, but also what it means to fight for the betterment of your own community.

(an amazing EMT, writer, and musician) and 1-year-old, Turiya (who enjoys music, eating, and laughing). She is carrying their new baby, who will be arriving in November.

Maddy Scheer spent the last year living in the Roaring Fork Valley of Colorado teaching AP Environmental Science and Biology at the Colorado Rocky Mountain School. While there, she coached sports and led trips with students including mountain biking, trail running, and Nordic skiing. She is planning on moving to Boulder, CO with her partner this June and would love to connect with any Mountain School alums in the area!

This past year, **Steph Soussloff** has been having fun & learning a TON riding the ups & downs of the school of life. She is currently based in the Hudson Valley, allowing her vision for a healing & creative arts center to expand -- when she's not working on her leadership coaching & consulting business, she is volunteering and training horses at the local horse rescue, working in the garden & playing tennis.

Nora Thompson is still happily living in Brooklyn, NY. She is finishing a Master's degree in Performance Studies at NYU while also walking a lot of dogs around the neighborhood.

Spring '11

Agent TBD

Spring '12

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Lizzy Marks is still living in Burlington, VT and teaching social studies and Spanish at the 7-12 grades school in East Montpelier. This year she has been teaching 7th graders, her youngest group of students yet. It turns out that the life of a 12/13-year-old is filled with high drama, and Lizzy is looking forward to telling you all about it at the 10-year reunion in June. Starting in late March, masks became optional at school, and Lizzy was shocked to discover what the bottom half of her students' faces looked like. She is hoping COVID stays away and allows us to see each other in person in Vershire soon.

Jasper Barbash-Taylor will be living in Philadelphia for the foreseeable future after graduating from Haverford College this spring. He is working for a start-up, but dreams of being a ~successful artist~ and never wants to have a "real" job. If anyone has advice on how to make ends meet by making somewhat contentious and very unattractive sculptures, he'd love to hear it. JBT is playing rec soccer, listening to a lot of Nilüfer Yanya, passionately debating his roommates (virtue ethics vs. utilitarianism, anyone?), and eating plenty of pistachio ice cream. He's working on a cross-cultural, multi-generational gay fashion brand, designing an alternative social media/project collaboration platform, and striving, (but failing), to cut onions into the right size depending on the dish he's cooking. JBT will be at the 10-year reunion this summer and anxiously awaits the

awkwardness that will (almost) certainly ensue.

Hannah Celli is still living and working in Brooklyn. She recently had the first solo show of her sculptural work at a gallery called Duplex on the Lower East Side. Hannah has continued teaching elementary school students which brings her a lot of joy and inspiration. Hannah sends all her love to the TMS community.

Lowry Bass is writing grants and teaching at an elementary school. She sends everyone love!

Zoe Huber-Weiss is an English and drama teacher living in Brooklyn with her dog, who is much cuter than she is.

Ana Maria Trivino is currently in NYC and enjoys spending time with her puppy Mojo!



Mila Rostain is living in San Francisco with her dog, still working for a union. She hopes to see everyone at our 10-year reunion!

Colby Lewis is now at Willamette Law School in Salem, Oregon. She loves it and is very tired. Her dog, Chloe, is still a very good girl.

Nathan Lobel is finishing his last semester of law school and is happily dreaming of May in Boston. In September, he's moving to DC with his girlfriend to work at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, hopefully

helping to decarbonize the electricity sector. He knows nothing about DC, really, and is eager for recs -- please send them along/hit him up if you're there! He looks forward to learning whether Beth's empty chocolate milk bottle has exploded inside the time capsule.

Beth Minahan is excited to see you all at the reunion and crossing her fingers the almost empty milk bottle she put in the time capsule hasn't exploded.

Cooper Vincent is still living in Dallas, TX and is pursuing his Ph.D. in organic chemistry. Hopefully this time next year he will be graduating!

Max Sopher has finally finished his M.Arch degree at Pratt and is looking forward to working in the city if someone will hire him. He is looking forward to seeing everyone and the weird things we put in our time capsules.

Nina Sayles is finishing up her Master's degrees in Urban Planning and Public Health at Harvard and now, more than ever, is hoping to stick around Boston when she's done—she was just assigned a plot at the Fenway Victory Garden, after being on the waiting list for 3 years! She welcomes anybody visiting the area for tea in her garden, but may put you to work weeding, as there is much to be done! She is still actively competing in fencing, and will have competed in her first senior national championships by the time these notes are published. Nina is looking forward to the upcoming reunion and is happy to give a ride to anybody who is traveling through Boston!

Jane Jacoby is still in grad school at Yale, studying tree law. She's also still spending her mornings cooking eggs

and running with her dog. She can't wait to see folks at the reunion.

Hayley Flug is finishing up her second year of law school (and is very eager to be done with finals). She's looking forward to moving into a new apartment with her sister this summer and to starting her job focused on the legal tech space. She hopes everyone is doing well and sends her love!

Charlotte Edelstein is entering her third year in law school and is excited to spend the summer working to expand public benefits access.

August Rosenthal just moved back to New York City (Boerum Hill--come say hi) after finishing law school in Austin. As of writing this, he is unemployed, but only applied for one job that he is patiently waiting for--Legal Aid's Juvenile Rights Practice, where hopefully he will be advocating for children in juvenile delinquency and child welfare cases. Ten years passed so quickly, and he is immensely grateful for the impact you all had on him in such a short period of time. Join him virtually for games like Dominion or DnD or in real life for anything, like walking, talking, drinking, painting, glass blowing (teach me), dancing, running, or knockout.

Jonathan Adler is still in NYC, wrapping up the first year of a graduate program in Middle East Studies at NYU. You can most likely find him riding on two wheels around Central and/or Prospect Park.

Dan Schreck is starting at Stanford in a couple of months and is super excited to nerd out on computer science for the next few years. Come visit!

Joanna Lynch is still in Bellingham, WA. They returned to

school this fall for their bachelor's, focusing on disability justice and political care work, and are eating a lot of frozen peas.

Anya Katz is still living in Brooklyn and in two weeks will be graduating with their Masters in Social Work. They recently finished their thesis, but are hoping to continue the research they started in graduate school, working to better understand the early and continuous relational failures that trans people are met with and, as a response, generate psychodynamic practices and interventions that mediate such experiences and offer congruent mirroring opportunities. Anya will soon begin a two-year fellowship at a private practice in NYC.

After 5 years out of the country, **David Elitzer** is finally moving back to the US to continue rabbinical school. If you're in Brooklyn, let him know!

Lauren Volpert is in her second year of Medical School at NYU, currently on her Neurology Rotation (spoiler alert: she loves it!). She still lives in the West Village, and in her free time, you can usually find her cooking or baking. She's still on the hunt for the perfect chocolate chip cookie recipe, so please send any you LOVE her way. She also hosts a weekly card game at her apartment and would be happy to teach anyone who is interested; the game is called Tractor!

Kelly Tellez is in NYC working on immigration advocacy and doing clinical research in cardiology. She is taking salsa classes and rollerblading for fun these days.

Abby Bowling is enjoying being a ranch hand and working towards her LPC! She is now the mom of a Watusi

calf who had to be rescued and put into a cast immediately post birth due to her mom stepping on her back leg. She is doing amazingly now and Abby is so grateful to have Chrysanthemum in her life! :))

After an amazing year in Portland, ME (and some good hangs with **Kenny**), **Sarah Gross** made her way out west to Oakland, CA via a cross-country road trip. She's now settled in and looking for Bay Area buds. She recently had a fun lunch with Katy and is excited for more time together!

Katy Lee is now living in California in the South Bay working as a nurse on an oncology unit. She made it through the first year of marriage and has a dog and two cats.

Penelope Ganske just bought her first house with her husband and hopes to live the millennial dream of giving her dog a backyard!

Charlotte May can't wait to see everyone in June! Since last year, Charlotte has officially become a home owner in the great state of New Hampshire. Charlotte, her boyfriend, Ben, and two dogs, Bean and Ivan, are moving to the Granite State at the end of May - just in time to meet in Vershire. Same job, new title, looking forward to planting an herb garden while "working from home."

Nelson Mugabo is back home in RI convalescent, and taking care of family. He has been spending lots of time with his nieces and nephews and helping organize his cousin's wedding in the fall. He is looking forward to the 10-year reunion and seeing old faces.

Zelda Wengrod has been working on some exciting TV shows at her job including The

Staircase on HBO Max where she got her first credit on a show! Aside from work, she spends the majority of her time with her niece and nephew who are a hoot. She misses all her S12 peeps, as usual!

Maya Delaney still lives down in the East Village in Manhattan, and continues to work in digital marketing (currently working with Showtime)! In her spare time, she's caught the travel bug and has a goal to see 30 US/CA cities before 30. Her favorite so far has been Nashville (just barely beating out NOLA), and Denver is next in June. She hopes to see folks at reunion this summer, if she can find her way up there!

Susanna Billings is still the President's Trip Manager at the White House. Highlights have included flying on Air Force One, Olympians visiting the WH, foreign travel, being the baby Easter bunny, and her parents recently meeting POTUS for the first time.

Upon writing this, **Erin Van Gessel** is still in DC. But between living in a tent for five weeks on Lake Dunmore this summer (long story) and being a bridesmaid in Phoebe Lewis' (f09) wedding in Middlebury this July, she looks forward to getting lots of good VT time in soon! Sadly, she will just miss the TMS 10-year reunion, but she sends her best and looks forward to reading everyone's updates here.

Noah Goodman is actually moving to Vermont in May, so that's something we can all relate to - amiright?? Anyway, that's to go to *Grad School* to study... farming! Ok actually j.k. - it's not really grad school, but it is really farming (thru UVM). Good times. Noah's music still exists on the internet and you can still listen if you have not done so or listen

more if you have - type "Noah Matthew Goodman" into the search bar wherever you go for internet music (other than Bandcamp...). See you soon :)

Isaac Schultz is busy playing bassoon in the Houston symphony and spending his free time rock climbing. He misses his TMS classmates dearly and wishes everyone well.

Noah Mostow is still living in Colorado and has moved back to the Front Range, where he lives in Golden. It is a cute small town right where the Rockies reach into the skies. His company was acquired by ASTM International, a standards development organization in 2021. In his role, he continues to write about additive manufacturing, also known as 3D printing, for industry magazines and is a principal author for the state of the industry report. More importantly, outside of work he is mountain biking, snowboarding, fly fishing, and hiking. He is using the knowledge he learned from Wessels to try and read the history of the CO forests. Historic logging roads still appear to look the same in the forests, yet all the trees are very different. Noah is starting a project working to build out a Ford Transit van to be able to work on the road and travel to see people. He looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion this year!



Mario Sacca has been busy sugaring, working, and creating. Check out the latest on his Instagram – @batsboomsworkshop.

Andrew Gong has been doing well in Seattle. He's been doing a lot of work, but got the chance to backpack the Grand Canyon for the first time last fall and highly recommends it. Andrew has work travel planned in June, so most likely will be unable to make it to the reunion, but he misses all of you and hopes to have the chance to somehow make it work.

James Rau relocated his family to Florida's coast to pursue his career in aviation manufacturing. The family takes any opportunity possible to get outdoors to adventure, including recent trips to Sedona and the Smoky Mountains.

Grace Stonecipher is super excited to be attempting a Pacific Crest Trail thru-hike this summer, starting at the Mexican border and going on a very long walk to Canada. She's sad to miss the reunion and seeing you all, but she hopes the teachings of Wessels also apply to the West Coast so that she can bring a little TMS with her. Let her know if you're anywhere near the trail!

Kenny Shapiro is looking forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Spring '13

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Marie Vaine writes, "I am finishing up my first year teaching PreK-8th grade music and K-5 science at The Riverside

School in Lyndonville. I live in East Burke with a sweet new puppy and spend my free time mountain biking, skiing, and making music.

Come visit if you're nearby! There's a great ice cream place here."

Ally Tucker writes, "I'm still in Berlin for the foreseeable future. Come visit if you're ever near! I have been spending the last few months learning about subsidies that incentivize plastic and petrochemicals production. My thesis is on sustainable community-led economic development alternatives in the anti-plastic movement.

I'm looking to prototype a lava lamp chandelier, savory chocolate brownies, and a bluetooth waterproof external keyboard to type in aquatic environments. If anyone is interested in working on these projects, reach out ;)"

Carly Pace writes, "I just finished the Boston Marathon with my dad!"



Kalaina Thorne writes, " Last year I went on a solo trip to Denver which was amazing! I enjoyed waking up to the Rocky Mountains and look forward to heading back. I also worked at the Nature Conservancy as a sustainability science intern, where I got some hands on practice with conservation work. To this day I still think back on the first time I heard the word climate change, in Bruce's Environmental Science class. This past fall I started my PhD at Northeastern

University in the Environmental/Marine Science program, where I am researching the relationship between people and the natural environment. I can't believe it's been 4 years since the last reunion, definitely looking forward to next year's reunion! 10 years has really flown by."

Eliza Thomas writes, "Things I've learned in 2022 thus far:

- 1) Never get another haircut that's long in the front and short in the back
- 2) Spying on your dog via the doggy daycare live stream is always a good use of time
- 3) Chill your cookie dough overnight

Here's a photo of Eliza and Ally on a Lake Tahoe adventure in August, 2021"



Brandi Reano writes, "I'm currently studying at the University of Washington and working towards a Master's of Public Health degree with a focus in Health Systems and Population Health. I enjoy my work with the Urban Indian Health Institute gathering important data about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. I'm also a proud dog mom to a 3-year-old pup named Pilot."



Richard Otis writes, “I’ve been busy working full time in the Upper Valley during the pandemic. I’ve even been baking occasionally with Marilyn Covey in her retirement from TMS. More recently, I got a new job in Vergennes, VT, but now am working remotely and back in the Upper Valley. Aside from that, I’ve been able to interact with a few other classmates from our semester in the past two years. At one point, Kevin Soraci s13 and I worked across the CT river from one another in Hanover, NH and Norwich, VT. It was fun to hang out and discuss life. I was able to meet up with Eliza Thomas s13 in Hanover, which was a pleasant surprise. I almost got to see Olivia Herrington s13 by happenstance at TMS too; we visited a couple days apart sadly. Lastly, I even received a wonderful set of handcrafted wooden serving utensils from Anna Hitchcock s13, for my birthday this year. You should all check out her Etsy store! It’s awesome.”

Madeline Frank has been in graduate school in Chapel Hill, North Carolina since August after returning from a year abroad. She hopes everyone is doing well and is already looking forward to our 10 (!) year reunion!

I, (**Hazel**), am continuing to find ways to play outside with kids (sometimes goat kid and, more often, human kids) as my job. I’m at Chewonki for the spring season, in Midcoast Maine, teaching visiting middle school groups about ecology, farming, and outdoor living skills including cooking over a fire and processing firewood! Come visit if you’re nearby! There’s a great ice cream place here.



Spring '14

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Baird Acheson has been living in sunny Los Angeles, playing shows and recording songs. He doesn’t spend enough time in the ocean. But, on the bright side, he may be in love.

Fred Baker has enjoyed yet another year living in Williamsburg with neighbors - also S14ers - Sam Dewees, Charles Meyer, and Sarah Newberger. The four get together every now and then and enjoy home cooked meals together; recent highlights include Tuna Tataki and Lamb Barbacoa. With the return of live events in New York, Fred also enjoyed seeing three concerts of fellow spring '14 alumni - Baird, Theo, and Charles. Just last month, Fred got his first tattoo - an illustration of the moose antler he found on Solo eight years ago! Over the coming months, Fred looks forward to reading on his roof and breaking out his rollerblades as the weather improves. Overall, he’s really thankful that he’s stayed in touch with many classmates and looks forward to seeing them again soon.

After bikepacking from Canada to Mexico last summer, **Anna Blaustein** worked as a science writer at NASA for the fall and has been freelancing since

then. She writes about energy and technology for Scientific American and is working on a couple health equity projects, too. She misses S14 and hopes everyone is well!

For the past 8 months, **Olivia Burke-Tomaeno** has been happily residing in San Francisco with her former TMS roommate, Julia Pike. She started a tutoring business during the pandemic, and spends her days hanging out with high schoolers on Zoom. Her current hobbies include dipping a single toe in the ocean and crocheting. She is currently gearing up for a cold SF summer before heading down to Stanford to get a Masters in Education next fall.

Violet Cole continues to live in Brooklyn with her cat Ollie. In 2021 she fulfilled her life’s purpose and became an aunt. In Brooklyn she plants expired seeds, paints, and spends copious amounts of time with neighbors Ruby and Eliza. Starting in September, catch Violet back on the West Coast.

Sam Dewees lives in Brooklyn and loves making music and fancy cocktails.

Ruby Edlin enjoys living in Brooklyn and spends her time hanging out with Eliza Klein and Violet Cole, writing a newsletter about Olivia Rodrigo and Joshua Bassett, and seeing Hadestown on Broadway. She works at the Brennan Center for Justice on election reform and misinformation issues.

Sophie Frank has been teaching high school English in Los Angeles since August, but she’s leaving at the end of the school year to move to Providence, RI. If anyone has job ideas, send them her way (she would love to do something that involves reading/writing or working

with her hands). She had a lovely lunch with Katie M-G in Brooklyn in April!



Theo Kandel has been living out in Los Angeles, catching rays, eating tacos, and playing music. He hangs out a bunch with Sam Konsker and Ariana McGinn, who also live in LA. Theo is going on tour this summer - maybe he’ll see some TMS alums on the way!

Eliza Klein is still living in Brooklyn, spending all her time with Ruby Edlin and Violet Cole, and fighting for housing and climate justice. Highlights of the year have included visiting Julia Pike and Olivia-Burke Tomaeno in San Francisco, going to the Olivia Rodrigo concert, and spending more days at Prospect Park and Riis Beach than she can count.



When asked for his class note, **Grant McCord** replied, “you’ll never get a word outta me.”

Ariana McGinn is currently living in Los Angeles and just wrapped up her first official TV writing job at Netflix. Because of remote working, she’s been able to complete this job from

Mexico City, Lake Tahoe, and New York City. Lately, she has been reflecting on how the Mountain School prepared her to seek adventure wherever she goes, and she feels lucky to have been a part of such an amazing community.

Julia Pike lives in San Francisco with her Tobold roommate Olivia, where she writes, cooks, and rock climbs. In the fall, she'll be teaching high school English at a school for kids with learning differences and hanging out with West Coast transplant Violet.

Clare Steinman is living in NYC and working at a renewable energy fund. She had almost accepted Sarah Newberger's suggestion to train for the marathon together... but immediately tore her ACL instead.

Leo Stevenson is doing his best to avert the apocalypse, trying to build state level power for climate action and a just, multiracial democracy. After a geographically unmoored couple of covid years, he is moving to New Haven this summer with his partner and cat.

Spring '15

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Spring '16

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After a summer of play working as an educator at the Please Touch Children's Museum, Emma Glazer has jumped right

into early childhood education as a longterm substitute first grade teacher in West Philadelphia. In their free time they organize with the local Communist Party (CPUSA) Chapter, hearts on a wire (a trans & non-binary inside-outside prison art collective), and sing in a local chorus.

Kai Victor spent the summer studying birds, chasing trout, and in turn being chased by cows in the Wyoming wilderness. His fall was spent training and hunting with Astrid, his falconry American Kestrel. He's now graduated from Cornell and is going to try and figure out how to save every bird on earth.

After graduating last May, **Avery Voehl** moved to Chicago to work for a non-profit called DarezTri which works with para-athletes and visually impaired individuals in their quest to compete in triathlons! After that internship ended in August, she moved to NYC to be a medical assistant in a fertility clinic. This August she plans to attend the University of Des Moines Medical School.

Wassa Bagayoko recently graduated from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations. She is currently completing an English Teaching Fulbright Fellowship in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire where she facilitates a pen pal exchange with her students and Chapin Upper School French students. Following the Fulbright, Wassa will join EY as a Business Transformation Consultant. In her newfound free time, she enjoys making art and exercising.

Keerti Gopal is in Taiwan learning about action, resilience, and youth activism in the face of climate change as a Fulbright-National Geographic Storytelling Fellow. She's

writing, filming, photographing, and learning a lot about climate and agriculture intersections - which makes her miss her TMS pals very much! There's a lot of sad and scary in the world right now, but she's finding hope in the stories of the very cool people who are fighting for justice and a better future! In her free time, she's biking around Taipei eating yummy food, going on lots of lovely hikes, and listening to her favorite EP: "How You Feel" by Rebecca McCartney.

Rebecca McCartney is back in New York working as a musician, (everyone is surprised). Writing songs, playing shows, managing the business side of the career. Feeling sad about how much time she's supposed to spend on social media. Luckily, her band is incredible!!!! Featuring the ever groovy Andrew Javens s16 on the bass guitar. Plus, the TMS crew always comes out in force to every show. If you're in NYC, PLEASE I BEG come join at a show soon — or listen on Spotify if you're farther away. Rebecca is grateful to be back to almost sharing a wall with Elizabeth Kolling s16, who is famous for texting Rebecca's mom more frequently than Rebecca.



This past year **Maddie Miller** has continued to work at the MA State House as a legislative aide! One year down and loving it! Over the past year at work, she has helped approximately 450 people resolve unemployment issues and other constituent cases. She is still living with Darrell Pona and has enjoyed

sharing time together playing Mario kart, picnics in Boston Commons, and partying it up at local Boston clubs. Maddie hopes to continue to grow at work and maintain the path she is on!

Julia Gourary graduated college in December and is planning to attend NYU Law School this coming fall. In the meantime, she's working on writing, tutoring for the LSAT, and attempting to learn how to cook. She also joined a food co-op, which reminds her a lot of TMS. Please let her know if you're in NYC, as she would love to see TMS people!

Since **Anna Saviano** took a semester off during Covid-19, she's now a Feb at Middlebury College, which means she's graduating next winter! She's taking Intro to Italian in the fall, hoping to pick up a new language, and is planning on going to Paris in the spring to work with an environmental NGO. Then in the fall, who knows!!! yeet xoxo

Spring '17

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Jeremy Ornstein never drinks enough water. Sometimes he hangs out with kids and just passes around poems. He learned a song called "Jazz on the Autobahn" that he recommends. He does peer counseling, loses elections, wins friends, writes his own poems, befriends strangers, appreciates coffee, appreciates blossoms, sees the sky, invites you to visit him, dreads the energy transition, sits glumly about world hunger and existential risk, dreams that humans endure grimy

challenge and rise to meet the day, dreams that he can do it too - sometimes he meets new pals. Also, he can do a HANDSTAND now.

Matt Hikida is preparing to move on from Maine by nannying for a Bowdoin family on a remote Canadian research island over the summer and then working on a farm in Rockport through the fall.

Zyla Pinger is finishing up her senior year at Dartmouth College. She has had the best experience at Dartmouth and is in denial about graduating. She hopes to move to New York City this summer and continue to explore different passions and meet new people. She doesn't know yet what she wants to do professionally but she is graduating with a degree in Government Modified with Economics. She misses TMS and her S'17 family.

Luke Frederickson is graduating from UVM this spring, then setting out on a solo cross-country bike tour, riding 6,000 miles from Seattle, WA to Bar Harbor, ME. Regrettably, Luke will be missing the reunion in June because he'll be about one week into the tour at that point.

After graduating in December, **Maya Egan** has been enjoying the thrills of fun-employment this spring. They have been filling their time with printmaking, guitar-playing, and coming up with fun recipes from their freezer of preserved veggies from last summer and fall. They will be moving out to a glorious farmhouse in Chesterfield, MA in May- come visit anytime! Maybe there will even be sheep!

Seth Eddy started working as the Assistant Gardener at the Hendricks Park Rhododendron garden in Eugene, OR. He

has been learning a lot about caring for rhodies and Oregon natives. He is also simultaneously studying landscape architecture at UO and is about to start his final comprehensive project. Otherwise, he can be found at the local skatepark or playing guitar with friends.

After graduating from Skidmore College this May, **Heidi Birch** is excited to move to Brooklyn, NY where she will be starting a job in interior design.

Noa Schumann is headed to Granada in the fall and Buenos Aires next spring for her senior year. She hopes to babysit for local families, and finally become fluent in Spanish—fulfilling her lifelong dream fueled by Comfort's Spanish class in the spring of 2017. This summer, she will return to Vermont for a Spanish language immersion program at Middlebury, where she has signed a strict contract not to speak English under any circumstances.

Ellie Pike wrote a one-woman show this fall and will be performing it at fringe festivals this summer. If you are in Denver in late June or DC in mid-July, come see it! She plays eight different characters and by the end of it, feels like she might pass out. Ellie graduates this May and is moving to Taiwan in August to teach English to elementary schoolers. She can't wait to see everyone at the reunion in June!

Maggie Sharpe is going to graduate from Colby College this spring with a major in economics and minor in art. She has been very busy on campus conducting research with her urban economics professor and teaching spin classes twice a week. She is going to miss living in Maine and having the ability to go

skiing so easily; however, she is excited to move to New York City this summer. Maggie will work for Wells Fargo as a Commercial Real Estate Analyst. In addition, she is excited to announce that she will be running the New York Marathon on November 6th for the Lee Pesky Learning Center!

Tim Kim is taking classes and purposely keeping his weekends free to try and sprinkle in some outdoor fun. He's really enjoying his slower paced lifestyle but is excited to devote himself towards being a full-time student in the near future.

Mackenzie Whitehead-Bust is a rising senior at Vassar. After spending last summer in Barnet, Vermont working at Too Little Farm, she is returning to the VT this summer as an Anne Saxelby Legacy Fund fellow. She'll be farming/cheesemaking/bartending at Von Trapp Farmstead in the Mad River Valley this summer before returning to Poughkeepsie to live with Eliza Schiff (spring 18) in the fall. She's still climbing, writing, and involved with wealth redistribution organizing work.

Anna Koppelman is weeks away from graduating from Pitzer College. She's getting a degree in English and Philosophy and plans to continue writing and traveling post grad. This semester she got to take a senior English seminar with Aya Burton from Spring '17. They had a lot of fun reminiscing over their days in Vershire and seeing how much they both have changed between seventeen and twenty two. Weirdly, Anna joined a comedy writing group where she met Ben Singer and Katie Coyle, two Mountain School alumni from semesters prior who have now become close

friends. Anna plans to spend the next few weeks basking in the Claremont sun, soaking up time with friends and finishing her senior capstone project. She thinks of you all often and is looking forward to seeing some of you at the reunion. If you have any book or travel recommendations, she'd love to hear from you!

Erick Miron is excited to be done with school (for now). He is bummed to have missed out on his 5-year reunion, as he was unable to attend due to the fact that conflicted with his graduation weekend. He misses all of his Spring '17 peers and sends his best wishes to each of them. This Summer, Erick will be working at Union College as the Head Tutor for the Academic Opportunity Program's Summer intensive. He plans on moving back to The Bronx once the Summer is over and looks forward to living in NYC again.

During a semester of online classes, **Clay Wackerman** spent the spring of 2021 working at a small farm in Scarborough, Maine, planting onion seeds, shoveling compost, and trying to calm a particularly belligerent rooster named Zebra. Over the summer, he worked at the Telling Room, a non-profit publishing house and education center, where he copyedited upcoming manuscripts and led weekly writing camps for Portland youth. Upon returning to Bowdoin, Clay has tried to make the most of his senior year. When he's not performing on stage in his improv comedy troupe or facilitating meetings for the campus literary magazine, you can find Clay playing classical guitar, admiring the pine trees, and discovering new ways to procrastinate on his English thesis paper. Soon after graduation, Clay will be

off to Thailand on a Fulbright scholarship, where he will spend the year teaching middle school English, enjoying the warm weather, and hopefully raising his spice tolerance.

Spring '18

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Anna McNulty is loving the California lifestyle, which she spends attempting to surf in Santa Cruz, attempting to climb in Pinnacles National Park, camping in Point Reyes (shoutout Annika), and following Adrienne Lenker whenever she has a show in the Bay Area. Anna is great at attempting many things but is still working on mastering them — this includes photography. But, hey, isn't that what college is about? She misses her TMS friends oh so much and wants everyone to know that if anyone is in the Tahoe area this summer, they should visit her at Stanford Sierra Camp, where she will be working as the camp naturalist.

Audrey Lin moved to Washington, DC in September to plot Joe Manchin's demise. She still works full time for the Sunrise Movement but recently took a mini sabbatical to travel and farm in Chilean Patagonia. She misses Spring '18 dearly and wants anyone to visit her (her couch is always open).

Becca Downes has enjoyed getting back to working at the farm at Pomona this year and meeting fellow TMS alums volunteering there! COVID has definitely made this year strange still, but she is excited to be in New York this

summer and hopefully catch up with TMS people who will be there!

Blake Bent is finishing his third year in electrical engineering at Colorado School of Mines. This semester he has been studying embedded systems and signal processing. He continues to ski, bike and play drums in his spare time.

Daniel Kim is listening to "No Such Thing" by John Mayer while trying to stay cool, calm and collected as he steps into the post-college "real world"; he would greatly appreciate any book and song recommendations to fill in the oodles of free time he will have, working part-time at an urgent care hospital clinic. He is also excited to catch up with his little sister (S'22) and be reminded of all the little things he forgot he appreciated at TMS. He misses everyone and hopes to reconnect with anyone in/visiting the Bay Area!

Forrest LaPrade will be studying abroad in Morocco this summer and somewhere else (maybe Jordan) in the fall. He is now an aspiring back-sleeper (rather than side-sleeper)—please contact him with advice on how to complete this major life transition.

Isabel Wallgren writes: "Rudy, the black lab I was training for the Guide Dog Foundation had a 'career change' and is now in the final stage of training to become an explosives detection dog! After seeing him off, I got my own black lab named Willow, who I am training to be my medical alert dog! This summer I am doing biomedical research at the Columbia School of Engineering, so Willow and I are taking on NYC until mid-August! Next spring, I will be graduating with a BS in

Material Science Engineering and a BA in Chemistry, after which I hope to pursue a PhD in biomedical engineering!"

Lucas Sheridan is currently studying abroad at Trinity College Dublin in Ireland while taking full advantage of Ryanair's 15-dollar flights. He is approaching a year without a haircut.

Lucia Rosenast is attending Bennington College, currently in her junior year, studying sculpture and environmental science. She's making work that studies human interference with ecosystems.

Maia King would like to say hello to S'18—she sends lots of love and wishes everyone the best! She has been learning and growing a lot over the past few years.

Spencer Adler has made several dubious decisions over the past year. The first was declaring the chemistry major, which has eaten up all of his free time. The second was deciding he wants to be a professional musician, despite having no time to practice due to the demands of the chemistry major. If you want to see him this summer, he'll be making music in Cleveland and Aspen, Colorado. The third was attempting to collect and write up S'18's notes for the newsletter during his final exams week. Attending the Mountain School was definitely not a dubious decision. **Clio Rose** didn't send him an update, but that's ok, because he knows she's too busy being the funniest writer for the Yale Record (the world's oldest humor magazine). In December, he had a lovely visit with **Zachary Katz**, who was less excited than him about trying fried calamari pizza.

It has been a long while since **Tema Zeldes-Roth** has seen anyone from S'18, which she would very much like to rectify. But, she gets to live with the fabulous Napali Raymundo (F'17) in an environmental co-op at Brown, where she can be found dyeing fabric with black beans, soy milk, and soil in her shower.

William Bugg will be starting a new job at the Mountain School in the fall, teaching multivariable calculus. When pressed for details, he provided no further comment.

Spring '19

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Emily Li is finishing up her second year studying chemistry at Stony Brook University. When she is not in class, she has been exploring Long Island with her friends, trying to walk everywhere even though there are few sidewalks. This summer, she is excited to study Spanish in Granada, Spain and spend time doing research on Long Island. She is crossing her fingers and toes that she will get to see some TMS buds this summer!

Gabriel Flouret has sought aerospace-related opportunities and, wanting to make the most of his time studying in Scotland, has taken up reeling (traditional Scottish dancing).

Julia Sussman is finishing her second year at Wesleyan University and just declared a psychology and American studies double major with a minor in African American studies. She is looking forward to finishing up the semester and is excited to spend the summer in New York City as

an intern! A few weeks ago, she ran into Helen s19 in her dining hall and was reminded of all the incredible people she spent a semester with, as they caught up over coffee. She hopes to see more of those lovely faces soon, and perhaps take a road trip to TMS.

Willa Frank is coming to the end of her first year at Pomona College in southern California, where the local ecology could not be more different than Vershire! She has found some Mountain Schoolers around campus and has enjoyed swapping stories with Jonna Sobeloff-Gittes f18. Willa is spending most of the summer in France wrangling some small children on a farm (where else?), but hopes to see some TMS folks when she is at home.

After finishing her gap year in Japan, **Annika Gottfrid** started college at Emory this fall. She's had COVID 4 times despite being vaccinated, but still remains healthy and excited to visit with TMS friends this summer!

Sally Huston is at UVM this spring and is doing school? She's also skiing and ice climbing and running and biking and missing her dog and hanging out with Sadie Southall s19 and eating lots of ice cream. She has knit 12 hats this winter and has also planted basil in her window which is smelling good. She sends big hugs to her buddies and faculty from her time at TMS!

Marc Borgenicht is in NJ getting cancer treatment but is looking forward to the summer where they will be working on a wilderness specialist team at Hippy Jewish Farm Camp (Eden village). Marc has also been on their Make-a-Wish trip to Hawaii where they

toured around in a submarine, jet skis, snorkeled with turtles, hiked, and indulged in tropical fruits. When Marc is not in active treatment, they like to take classes at the local college, taking public transit to a splatter of friends in the Northeast, and hiking to forage mushrooms.

Spring '20

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Noah Glasgow was thrilled to spend spring break in Miami Beach with **Serena, Meredith,** and **Cricket**, a much-needed reprieve from the cold (and natureless) Chicago winter. He's excited that **Thomas Gao** is hopefully returning to the Glasgow house this summer to reenact the early days of quarantine, with, one hopes, a little more socializing.

Nina Wilson has been really enjoying the University of Vermont these past two semesters and is planning to work another summer this year as a sailing counselor at a sleep away camp!

After a year at the University of Glasgow where she found the lack of COVID measures a bit concerning and the continued remote learning frustrating, **Abby Jarcho** is transferring to Wellesley College next fall, after what she hopes will be a nice long summer!

Matt O'Rourke lifeguarded on Martha's Vineyard last summer and loved spending time with Noah and Serena. He also started at Northeastern in the fall (love being in the city, lots to do) and went skiing a lot this winter and liked meeting up with Noah and Max Meyers

for a few days.

Baxter Van West spent the last year or so trying to scientifically test whether an amp with a volume knob that goes to 12 is objectively louder than an amp that goes to only 10. Results, thus far, are inconclusive.

Lulu Gaither has spent the year far away from her mentor, soul sister, dear friend Lizzie Ross. It's been hard on the two of them, but they manage. Both now playing on equally competitive water polo teams and hope to teach young and naive boy, **Will Schnall**, some tips and tricks. Bethany is still missing. On the night of the full moon, Lizzie and Lulu find themselves howling to one another from across the country. They feel each other inside.

Nila Dudley enjoyed her summer in New Hampshire as a cheesemaker. Her barista-employed fall was okay, her dog Sunshine got sick, but she's much better now. She is really enjoying her classes at Middlebury, especially Greek and Roman Comedy and New Testament Narrative Art. Her summer plans are a bit up in the air, but whatever happens she knows she'll have fun!

Matthew Gaw spent his past summer backpacking the lost coast, road-tripping through six states and catching waves along the California coast. He's now gradually starting to enjoy life at Penn, although the simultaneous lack of Vermont snow and lack of California sunshine makes him dread being in Philadelphia sometimes.

Jackson Lake took a gap year and used it to go to France and improve his spoken French. For the month of October 2021, he was in Pays Basque, France near the Spanish border on a small organic produce farm.

Everyone he worked with on the farm only spoke French, so he managed true immersion. He will return to France in May, this time to a sheep farm north of Marseille.

Paige Woodard has spent the last year at Smith College, where she's enjoying the open curriculum before she has to declare her major. This spring, she played a fairy in the Smith Shakes outdoor production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and tried very hard not to freeze. She'll be working at Catalina Sea Camp this summer and would love to get some letters, so text her if you want the address!

Arlo Winokur has spent the last eight months at Emerson College in Boston. He loves living in the city, even one as unique as Boston, and can't wait to go back in the fall. This summer he'll be doing some traveling, visiting family in Savannah and Nashville. In addition to that he will be working at his summer camp for a second year and is mostly looking forward to the nice weather! He misses everyone and hopes he'll be able to see some TMS friends in the coming months!

Cricket Cannell and **Meredith (dith) Thomas** have been making their marks on the upper valley, traversing the white and green mountains with the DOC and taking up snowboarding at the Dartmouth skiway (minor casualties included a broken tailbone, a mild concussion, and a few trips to Dartmouth Medical Center... but who's counting...). Dith will be globetrotting across Europe this summer during her study abroad in Rome and Cricket might have to tag along to pursue her barista passions. They were blessed with the presence of fellow spring '20

grads **Noah Glasgow** and **Serena McGrane** over spring break in Florida and can't wait to reunite with the rest of their classmates as soon as possible!

Samia Segal is excited about a costume shop apprenticeship in London. She has been keeping herself busy this school year by DJing for Wesleyan's radio station and watching lots of movies. She wishes it would be warmer so that she could lay with the dandelions in the grass all day, but CT weather has a different plan. She is eager to see some of her favorite bands live, happy at the prospect of a music-filled summer.

Matthew Mills spent his summer and fall waiting tables at Dumpling Time, where he made many wonderful friends. He's now more or less enjoying Middlebury, though today's late-April snow has him questioning why exactly it is one would choose to live in Vermont...

Sierra Cameron started at Middlebury College this February after taking a gap semester to travel, work, and spend time with family. She is so happy to be back in Vermont among some of her TMS classmates. This summer, she will hike the Long Trail with her mom and then work at a restaurant in Lake Tahoe.

Will Schnall and **Elka Longstreth** have enjoyed their first year of college at Williams. Surprisingly, despite their fights about who owes who what on their thru-hike of the John Muir Trail last summer, they've managed to stay friends - kind of. At Williams they work together at the Hopkins Memorial forest, maintaining trails, tapping sugar maples, and slacking off. They still lead separate lives, however. Will spends most of his time

walking around Williamstown with his friends, visiting all of its attractions: Dunkin' Donuts, Cumberland Farms, and Dollar General. Sometimes on full moons, he steps out and feels Lulu and Lizzie inside. He will be working at Overland Camp this summer. Elka is busy learning new things, like how to play the harp. She has been enjoying her field botany class, where she was shocked to learn that there were more than a dozen trees. If you're in Williamstown, let them know.

Charlotte Chapman spent her summer days working at Noon Design Shop as a barista and Sales Associate and at night she changed into her tap shoes and performed in Spring Lake Theater's production of Anything Goes. Now she's enjoying her first year at Cornell as a Fashion Design and Management student while continuing to dance and sing in her dance and acapella groups.

Henry Egan is a freshman at Brown University, where there are nine Mountain School alums in his grade! He plays ultimate frisbee for Brown and is planning on concentrating in economics, but really has no clue. Over the summer, he is doing research through the University of Chicago, and hopes to reunite with some of his classmates.

Audrey Park spent her summer working on farm crew at TMS and has been having lots of fun at Middlebury, where she's gotten to be a part of the soccer and cycling clubs and has met lots of new people! She'll be working at Crossroad Farm in Fairlee, VT all summer, so go say hi if you find yourself in the Vershire area:)

Cole Rinehart took a gap year between high school and college. He spent his summer

on a canoe trip in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, Canada, and his winter living in Guatemala. He is now back in the US working as a painter and preparing to attend CU Boulder in the fall.

After spending 3 months working as a tempura cook in Puerto Rico, **Foster Waxman** is transferring from Colby and working on the line at Barbuto in NYC. He wants everyone to know that they are welcome to stop by for some gnocchi or chicken anytime.

Spring '21

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Alexis Ramirez Hardy: Alexis has been enjoying senior spring, spending her time training to be an EMT, working as a hostess, and rereading the Percy Jackson books. She watched Twilight for the first time, attended an awesome Lorde concert with Michael Margulies, and hopes everybody is doing well :)

Beckett LaPrade: Beckett has been enjoying an eventful year of Iowa weather and eating a lot of dark chocolate. He is very excited to be going to Latvia this summer to study Russian, and to Bowdoin in the fall. He is also hoping to finish knitting a scarf somewhere in between those things. Meanwhile, he is very excited to hear about everyone else's plans!

Daniel Chian: Daniel has been surviving a post-TMS life with the power of Solange and baked goods. He will be attending Oberlin in the fall and is excited to finally live in Toni Morrison's Ohio. But, before he gets ahead of himself, he will be spending this summer

wrangling middle school theater kids, searching for another job (employ him), and stomping through the streets of New York city with friends. He hopes to see everyone from S21 soon somehow and expects letters and texts (even though he refuses to send them himself). He also can't wait to go to prom with Noa Brown.

Daniel Suarez: Daniel is barely making it through his senior year of high school. He plans to pursue higher education at UC Berkeley. Daniel is currently enjoying playing spike ball with friends and eating lots of food! He also loves listening to music and his favorite song at the moment is "Me & U" by Cassie.

Daphne Hwang: Daphne has been doing well; she has been spending her free time hanging out with her friends and sisters, working in her school's garden, and playing soccer and volleyball. After a lot of college visits, she has decided to attend Wellesley, and is excited for what the future holds!

Eve Hammerman: "With just three more weeks of high school, I'm getting pretty nostalgic but I'm also super excited for the future and for college next year (probably at Williams). I'm currently enjoying the warm spring weather and getting into biking again. In the next few weeks I'll be road tripping with Maxine to Exeter to visit Emily W., Emily L., and Lila! I'm also super excited to be wwoofing (world wide work on organic farms) this summer in Italy, which feels pretty mountain school-esque :) oh, also, I'm bringing Michael to my school's prom!"

Noah Galkin: Noah has been wrapping up his adolescence,

improving on his writing skills and listening to lots of new music. He writes in his schools' newspaper, contributing articles and videos. Spending most of his time either working or spending time with friends, he's getting in as much quality time as he can before heading to Bard college in the summer.

Lars Sorom: Lars is enjoying his senior spring back in Washington. He skied in Junior Nationals for cross-country skiing in January and now is enjoying his track season. This summer, he's going backpacking and volunteering in Peru. Next fall, he's headed to Bowdoin College.

Mariam Elawady: Mariam has been fighting through the torturous affliction of senioritis this past year. In her free time, she's been painting, watching true crime with her sisters, annoying Gabe, and napping...lots of napping. Mariam is planning on taking a trip back to Egypt in the summer to see her family. She's also excited to continue her education in molecular biology with a minor in something humanities based (undecided as of writing this) at Princeton University. She misses being out in nature, bread, tea in funny mugs, and everyone from spring '21 and is looking forward to seeing more TMS people soon!

Noa Brown: Noa is, all things considered, pretty happy. Now that she is 18 and no longer needs parental consent, she is determined to get her ears pierced many times this summer. She is still regularly sporting pigtail braids and has loved meeting up with her S'21 friends throughout the year. She is sad to report that her mom forced her to throw out the sneakers she wore while at TMS, but, on the bright side, her 13-year-old dog is,

against all odds and following the removal of her spleen and a lipoma the size of a large spaghetti squash, still alive.

Nina Zimmerman: Nina is now a legal adult and officially finished with high school classes! Graduating in June, Nina is continuing to work at a cafe in her town and starting her senior project for the month of May. She is also busy preparing for all things college—figuring out what she wants to study, looking into room decor, etc.—and finding a summer job. While excited for new beginnings, there exists still a bittersweet feeling that comes with the end of high school. But, it's not exactly the end yet and life goes on, and she is excited for everything to come!

Owen Purinton: Owen's doing great! He is finishing up the year and has an exciting summer ahead of him working at an all-boys summer camp. He is going to St. Lawrence University in the fall and is super excited!! He has been spending most of his time playing lacrosse, going out with friends, and being a good student. He misses his Mountain School homies and hopes to see them all soon!!

Peter Berganross: Peter is doing well! He had a rough bout with the college process but is poised (and excited) to land at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. As school has relaxed a bit, Peter has enjoyed spending time with friends, and as the weather has warmed up, hosting more campfires. He and his family have begun planting in their garden, and his cats, dog, chickens, and bees are all excited for the spring! Peter is excited to spend the last three weeks of school at a local farm doing an internship with several of his friends. He is excited

for the summer, when he'll spend some time managing an industrial workshop and subbing as a camp counselor and some time traveling. He misses you all and is interested in exploring the possibility of hosting a reunion for S21 sometime in the summer. He sends hugs!

Sam Bronstein: After being badly beaten by some freshman in the mile, he is now working harder than ever not to let that happen again. He is also preparing for the impending APs and senior assassin, for which he built a homemade watergun! Not much else is happening in the life of Sam, he's just having a fun and relaxing end of year.

Sebastian Karlson: Sebastian has been having a fantastic senior year! He's been trying really hard to keep in contact with as many TMS people as possible and has been miserably failing, yet, has been making sure to give as many people the #galkarlson experience as possible. Sebastian has also had the opportunity to do lots of stand-up around the city, binged all of Seinfeld in a matter of days, has been hotly anticipating the new King Gizzard album, and on top of all that, had the opportunity to act in and direct 6 plays this year.

Isabel Seward: Isabel's year was highlighted by seeing her first concert in over a year (shout-out Lucy Dacus), getting her first "professional" tattoo (in typewriter font in honor of spring '21), and getting to see some TMS friends here and there. Lows included mistakenly cutting her own bangs and missing TMS dearly. This summer she will continue to work at a restaurant and restart summer work at a farm in Atlanta. In July, she is WWOOFing in Spain, and then spending time

with her family in Vermont before heading off to New York City for college.

Sadie Nelson: Sadie is psyched to be taking a gap year next year, then heading to Colorado College!! Over the summer, she hopes to travel around the States to visit friends and family, then spend September-December in Indonesia! After that, the gap has yet to be planned... if you are taking a gap year too, txt her!! Other than that, she is gearing up to lead a school trip to the Boundary Waters and graduate shortly after that! P.S. Sweet Martha's Cookies will be at the MN state fair Aug 25-Sep 5th, so if you want to experience heaven on earth, come visit ur fav Minnesotan!

Sarah Loose: Sarah is graduating to continue her education at the Fashion Institute of Technology with a major in fashion design. In the meantime, she is working on a video documentary and ignoring the rest of her responsibilities.

Zoe Heard: "Senior Spring has just started at Milton Academy and Zoë will be spending the next few weeks drawing her friends as part of an art seminar. This summer she'll be in Maine for a camp job with Chewonki, and next year she's going south to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For now though, she's enjoying the spring weather and new sports as she learns the basics of softball by crashing JV practices."

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