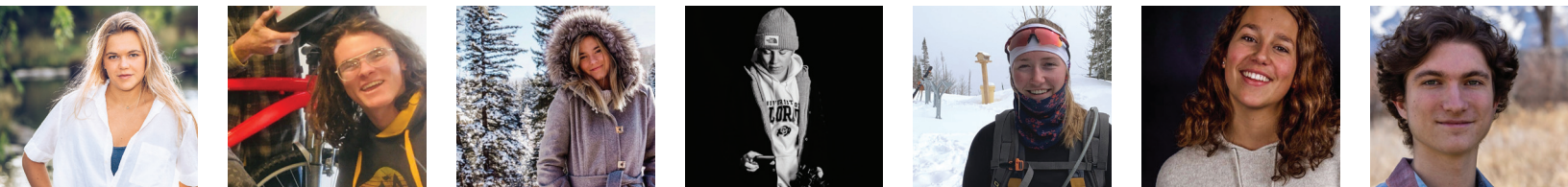


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CLASS OF 2020

Letter from the HEAD OF SCHOOL



Jeff Leahy, Head of School hosted a graduation like none before it.

In a springtime characterized by profound uncertainty, I am confident that many school leaders are introducing their most recent newsletters with comments on how COVID-19 has changed the landscape of education and specifically how it has impacted their schools. In Colorado and elsewhere, all schools transitioned to distance learning to limit the impact of the virus on the general health and well-being of our communities. This temporary measure meant that for the first time since 1953, Colorado Rocky Mountain School would not finish off the school year together.

Throughout my tenure, I have frequently returned to different chapters in John and Anne's "sourcebook," and recently found inspiration in the ninth chapter titled "Commitment." In it, they describe their entrance into independent school education, their various jobs, and responsibilities, and eventually their desire to take out west a vision that was not only about "solid academic fare" but also "things that were desperately needed by many young people in the country." It is notable that such a positive and enthusiastic vision came from two people who had experienced both the Great Depression and a world war in their adult lives, and I do not doubt that these historical events influenced their educational philosophy. For John and Anne, CRMS was intended as a curative – a solution that provided "things" that young people "desperately needed." It was not just for the "young people," however, as John and Anne imagined a school whose impact would be multigenerational and would have "unique and valuable experiences to offer [both] teachers and students."

When I think about the experiences they were imagining, I immediately consider the old and new traditions that have become so prevalent within the CRMS calendar: Wilderness Orientation, Spring Trip, Oystermeister competitions, Coffee House, formal dinners, Senior Symposium, the annual plant sale, and graduation on the lawn out in front of the historic barn with Mount Sopris in the background. While this list briefly captures examples of what we were not able to complete in person this year, we have managed to continue to gather together virtually in weekly All-School meetings, advisory groups, and dorms. Faculty have figured out how to use the remote learning model advantageously to bring experts and outside perspectives into the classroom. The graduation committee was able to design closing ceremonies that allowed for a global viewership and virtual participation in senior symposiums and a delightful and fun graduation ceremony. In short, these enhancements remind us that every situation provides us with opportunities we may not have known were there before.

The list above captures so much of what we certainly do at CRMS, and yet it is not, I believe, what John and Anne intended by the "things that were desperately needed." Going on outdoor adventures and exploring the west, playing music, and celebrating achievements are important ways for the community to come together. However, they are, in the end, just the vehicles through which we achieve the ends we are seeking.

What young adults "desperately need" was – and still is – a belief that they matter and that the work that they are doing contributes to their personal growth and benefits the larger community. In uncertain times such as these, we have had our sense of community tested. The notion of how we can contribute and how to do it has had to be reimaged. John and Anne could not have envisioned a program that would directly prepare students for a pandemic. Yet, they did design a school and program that intended to prepare students for whatever would come their way, to use the resources available to them – right down to the leather used for the diplomas and its potential to be used to fix a hole in a shoe during hard times.

John and Anne modeled for all of us optimism and resilience in the face of tremendous uncertainty and challenge. Founding a school in the west was a much more challenging proposition than they had initially imagined. They overcame difficulties in finding the right location to support their program, as well as tremendous financial hurdles, and they didn't do it all alone. Instead, they relied on the support and engagement of many people. What carried them through and attracted so many to their initial call to action was a belief in themselves, a strong sense of purpose, and an unwavering commitment to their original vision. They knew what they were building had value, and if anything, this school is needed now more than ever before. As our students worked remotely for their final months of the school year, it has been my observation that they did not take on this new challenge alone. We have always believed that the school-parent partnership is essential to creating a valuable experience for each of our students. Distance learning, perhaps paradoxically, has been no exception.

I couldn't be more proud of how everyone in the community has responded to the new mode of teaching and learning we currently face. Our trustees, as well as our administrative team, have been actively engaged in ensuring the fiduciary and strategic health of the school. Our students and their families continued to remain engaged and connected, and our students continued to lead in ways that would come as no surprise to anyone who has graduated from CRMS. Our faculty effectively transitioned to and delivered within a new learning modality and did so in an incredibly short amount of time. We have regularly heard from alumni who have proactively reached out with encouragement and generosity. The support, engagement, and understanding from every constituency give me confidence that we will see this through, and CRMS will continue to thrive. With the official closure to the year and graduation of our senior class of 2020, we now turn our attention to a virtual version of Alumni Weekend, the return of our underclassmen and new students, and the beginning of the school year next fall.

My best,
Jeff

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FINISHING STRONG: HOW TEACHING MOVED ONLINE THIS YEAR

- BY ALLISON JOHNSON



For a school that prides itself on community, academic engagement, time in the outdoors, and a vibrant active program, a stranger might be forgiven for wondering how CRMS faired in the realm of online distance learning when COVID-19 came to town this spring. The answer is surprisingly positive, and the word you hear most often from faculty and administrators is “proud.” They are proud of the nimble way CRMS responded, proud of the way faculty stepped up to adjust how they taught and ensured that students were getting what they needed, and proud of their students, who rose to the challenge of distance learning and continued to build community in these adverse times.

To be sure, all of CRMS is heartbroken about the necessary changes this spring, but together they have found ways to continue the strong academic program, maintain old traditions and even forge some new ones. In the process, both students and faculty learned important lessons about

education and themselves that they’ll carry forward into the future.

The switch to distance learning was a fast one. When students left for spring break, teachers got to work redesigning their entire curriculum for a distance-learning format.

“We were given two weeks, and we only missed one day of school,” said Academic Dean Nancy Draina. “I’m glad we made that call to dive back in. People have been so gracious about working with us as we figure this out as best we can. They recognize that we got thrown into this and are all learning together.”

Modern Language Department Chair Dan Pittz attributes some of the swiftness of the transition to structures and technology already in place. “We had a robust learning management system in Canvas that we started several years ago,” he said. “Having that in place poised us to make this transition more easily.”

The school quickly chose Zoom as the online video tool to deliver synchronous online classroom learning from 10 am-3 pm daily. “Students were chomping at the bit and wanted to see their classmates and teachers and be involved in dialogue together,” said Draina.

Modifying the curriculum to fit the new medium began by asking faculty to reflect on a teacher’s purpose and what mattered most to them. “When you’re thrown into a distance learning format, it’s quite easy to get sucked into the technology and the process and forget about why you’re doing it. You need to work backward,” said Draina. “When we looked at our school’s mission, and what was most important to us, the piece we knew we couldn’t lose was the community relationships piece. The second piece we didn’t want to lose was providing engaging learning.”

As a result, faculty were asked to look for ways to streamline their curriculum and base it more on

projects and processes than on the nuts and bolts that students would otherwise have received in a typical classroom. That choice reflected the realities of online learning.

“In a distance learning format, it takes a lot more time to get through your content,” said Draina, “and if you try to plow through it, you’re not effective because you’re just trying to get through versus actually teaching it. In distance learning, you need to teach the students, not the curriculum.”

At a time when many schools gave up grading, CRMS also kept that framework in place. The decision was rooted in the close relationships between students and staff, which would allow faculty to help students individually. “We were committed to doing this and doing it well and not giving ourselves an out,” said Draina.

“We knew we could help them through the challenges they’re facing in an empathetic way.”

Maintaining a grading structure also helped with student motivation and may be an important factor down the road with college admissions implications. The choice also elicited positive feedback from students, one of whom wrote on a survey, “I’m thankful CRMS didn’t give up and that they’re teaching us.”

When students returned online after spring break, the faculty found new and different ways to engage students. World Geography teacher Tracy Wilson used the pandemic as an opportunity to study the ethics of community and public health through the lens of COVID-19. Students zoomed with the mayor of Glenwood Springs and Garfield County public health officials as well as read real-time primary source documents like the CDC’s document on ethical considerations for pandemics. English and literacy teachers also connected literature to the current crises. Science teacher Kayo Ogilby filmed the geology field trips he would have taken with students had they returned to school and brought in scientists to speak with students on Zoom. Music Department Chair George Weber got an instrument into the hands of all his students and learned that giving students more independence enabled them to process the learning more, leading to even greater learning outcomes. The power of independent learning was one of the great academic takeaways of this time.

“Once you realize that you can’t deliver your entire curriculum by speaking to students as you would in a classroom environment, you need to come up with different ways for students to own the process of teaching themselves,” said Draina. “Then you move from a position of

being the person who delivers the information to the facilitator. And that’s a really different and good role to be in as a teacher. Students have to take ownership of their learning in a way where they can construct their own knowledge with the structure the teacher provides. It’s a big pedagogical flip.”

The art program had to pivot as well. Ceramics and silversmithing and other hands-on classes found new creative outlets like stop-motion animation, found-object environmental sculptures, and public art projects.

“We worked to get students away from computers and making things,” said Draina, who also teaches ceramics. “We knew that we needed to keep kids engaged creatively and producing things, which is no small feat.”

Some universal truths about online learning quickly revealed themselves. After several surveys, it became clear that Zoom fatigue was unavoidable. In hindsight, Draina wishes they had moved towards a more asynchronous schedule that allowed for more independent student work.

Pittz learned to hone his curriculum down to the essentials and also discovered how to balance his specific class learning objectives with allowing students to drive more of their own learning. Some students, for instance, used agricultural products native to the Americas to cook meals for their families and then presented on those products in Spanish. Others visited virtual museums and archaeological sites. “Anything that required a little research and was thematic but driven by personal interests seemed



**Samantha
Berman '23
works on an
environmental
art project.**

to work best,” he said.

Mathematics and Science faculty member Jeremy Wolf found that the most successful learning happened when students could work independently as well.

“It was pretty obvious after a week or two what was working and what was not,” he said. “Many classes have transitioned to more open-ended class projects and more independent work. That’s something we’ve done really well. That’s when I hear teachers talk about success.”

In Wolf’s robotics class, students no longer had access to physical robots, but Wolf found an online game where students had to program autonomous robots to compete against each other. They spent class time talking strategy and ended the unit with a tournament between the computer programming and robotics classes. In physics, students built spaghetti bridges at home, creating make-shift measuring

apparatuses using milk jugs to test the strength of their structures.

The abridged schedule provided some unexpected positive consequences beyond a new appreciation for independent work. The extra time in their days now allowed students to work at their own pace and even pursue their passions when they were done. Faculty were able to spend more time working directly with students one-on-one as well. Instead of the typical once a week student meeting block, students now had four times per week to meet with faculty. Teachers checked in with students nonstop across a variety of mediums as well.

“I can sign on for 15 minutes and give them some tips, and then they can go back to work,” said Wolf. “That felt really successful.”

Learning specialist Heather Froelicher and CRMS counselor Ashley Smith were still equally accessible and meeting with students

on Zoom daily. Weekly advisee meetings still occurred to check in with students, as did dorm meetings. The traditional spring underclassmen student-led conferences took a slightly different format this year. Seniors typically participate in these conferences, weighing in with advice for their younger peers. This year family members were invited to join the Zoom meetings.

“It was a lovely thing,” said Dean of Students Jennifer Ogilby. “We haven’t had parents involved in the spring before. The Zoom piece shows that it’s so easy to connect in this format that maybe we want to continue to add them in the future. It was a nice addition and byproduct of this time.”

STAYING ACTIVE

When students left campus, the Active Program in its traditional sense ground to a halt, but faculty continued to seek opportunities to engage students outside of the Zoom classroom. CRMS created a folder of workouts that students could

access for ideas about remaining fit, and advisors encouraged students to set active and athletic goals for themselves and get outside in nature each day. Hackl observed that her advisee students developed a new appreciation for the active lifestyle that CRMS promotes. “They started to recognize that exercise was an important piece of their lives. In many senses, that’s a great gift to realize for oneself.”

The bike team has been especially successful at reaching out to and motivating students. In addition to providing weekly workout suggestions, coaches Jeremy Wolf and Megan Detering rallied the team members onto the online app STRAVA.

“They really responded to STRAVA,” said Wolf. “Students are sharing rides, commenting on their rides, challenging each other to do new rides. It’s provided a place for them to engage with each other.”

Perhaps the most significant addition to the Active Program was the new Project Day, which encouraged students to design their own learning expeditions around the time they would have left on Spring Trip.

“All of us missed Spring Trip in a big way, but we thought hey, at least let’s honor the fact that we take an opportunity mid-quarter to pump the breaks and shift to a different kind of learning,” said Hackl.

Students spent over a day delving into something they were curious or passionate about. Projects ranged from building furniture to 100-mile bike tours to learning new instruments and languages to art projects and cooking. Students

then created videos to capture their learning and shared them out with the community.

“There was a wonderful spectrum of projects,” said Hackl. “They really enjoyed the different kind of learning experience and the chance to get off Zoom and go do something else.”

COMMUNITY-BUILDING AT A DISTANCE

Alongside its commitment to academic engagement and staying active, CRMS also worked hard to maintain some of the community bonding opportunities that have been hallmarks of the CRMS experience. Community meetings were held every week with students tuning in from all over the world.

“All-School Meeting still feels like a wonderful recharge each week of seeing the community,” said Ogilby. “It’s what we’ve been able to preserve the most in terms of community building.”

The Braj, a community recognition award that is passed to a new community member each week continued as well. Recently it reached a boarding student in China as he was getting off the bus to see his home and family for the first time since January.

Four weeks into the quarter, CRMS held a modified online Oystermeister with silly but challenging competitions and costumes. By that point, students were ready for something different and enjoyed the opportunity to step outside the classroom and engage with each other socially.

Other events that migrated online included the Senior Recital and

Coffee House. Maintaining these traditional events has provided an opportunity to reflect on the intent behind the celebrations while also finding new ways to keep the symbolism and spirit behind them alive for the distance format.

Even though a deep sadness for students and the school permeates any conversation about the fourth quarter, there’s also a sense of pride about what the school was able to accomplish.

“I don’t think we missed a beat,” said Pittz. “Across the board. This is one of the prouder moments I’ve had of being a part of this faculty and this place. We handled it amazingly well.”

Faculty and staff are already looking ahead toward the fall. They are considering lessons learned and how to improve and incorporate new ideas moving forward.

“It’s been great to know that you can pivot and change,” said Ogilby. “The action of the quarter has been to be nimble, aware, and awake and to seize opportunities. We’ve been able to do that through community life.”

Although they’ve literally had to learn as they go, Draina sees the positive side of this time as well.

“There are some gifts in all this, and there’s a lot we’re getting out of this time that we want to keep, like more one-on-one time with students,” she said. “I’ve never been more impressed by our faculty and just watching them persevere through this time. I wouldn’t want to work anywhere else.”

KALE SALAD & CLIMBING GYM

Students share what they miss—and what they’re looking forward to—
returning to CRMS next year

For generations, the CRMS campus has been a second home for both boarding and day students. When students left for Spring Break this year, however, they had no opportunity to return to campus to see friends and faculty again, or to enjoy the beautiful aspects of their home away from home.

We asked freshman, sophomore, and junior returning students to share with us what they miss the most about CRMS, and what they’re looking forward to next fall.

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PART OF CAMPUS – THE PART YOU MISS THE MOST?



“My favorite part of campus is the **climbing gym**, because I love climbing and I miss Tuesday Night Bouldering.”

Makai Yllanes ‘23



“I miss **my room** with Trung (Le). I miss it most because I miss Trung. He’s truly a great man.”

Owen McLernon ‘22



“I miss **the walk from the Crystal dorm to the rest of campus** by the river. The sounds, the view of Mt. Sopris, I love all of it.”

Merritt Baldwin ‘22



“My favorite building is **Base Camp** because every time I walk into the building I imagine all the adventures that started there.”

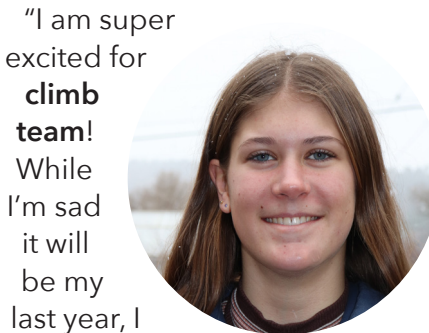
Luke Baetz ‘23



“My favorite part of campus is where my advisory meets during the winter quarter, **Jeremy (Wolf)’s porch**. We get to bake and make lattes and it is really fun and relaxing.”

Sydney Pfeifer-Picard ‘21

WHAT ACTIVITY YOU’RE EXCITED ABOUT NEXT FALL?



“I am super excited for **climb team!** While I’m sad it will be my last year, I look forward to continuing to push myself and work with such a supportive and dedicated community.”

Alice Amdur ‘21



“Being with everyone in **All-School Meeting**, sitting outside at lunch, & bike team!!”

Ellie Urfrig ‘22



“I’m really excited for **cross country**. It’ll be great to see Bobby (Rosati) again and also just to be able to run with everyone on the team.”

Molly Wright ‘21

WHAT BAR FORK MEAL DO YOU MISS THE MOST?

“I miss **yum bowls** because they are so yummy and hard to recreate.”

Morgan Karow ‘22

“I miss those **Korean taco things**. I don’t know what they’re called, but I like them!”

Zack Furer ‘21

“My favorite meal is the **kale salad**. It is so delicious.”

Gretta Gavette ‘21

“I never got to try **Rocky Mountain Oysters**, which doesn’t really count as a meal that I miss, but I was sort of very excited/scared to try it.”

Angelika Minoli ‘22

NAME A FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER YOU ARE EXCITED TO SEE NEXT FALL.

“I’m excited to see **Nancy Draina** because she’s been there for me this year and helped me better myself and my grades.”

Dylan Hart ‘22

“I am excited to see **William Brown** because he always makes me laugh in Advisory but still teaches me great lessons.”

Quinn Rooney ‘23

“**Dan Pittz!!** He is the best teacher I have ever had; he is understanding, enthusiastic, and humorous, which makes the learning environment super fun. His class mixes lots of different learning mediums, which allows me to figure out how I learn best. I am sad I won’t have him as a teacher next year, but I am so grateful for his class.”

Stella Guy Warren ‘22

“**Kayo Ogilby**. He is very funny, kind, and generous and being with him always makes days more fun.”

Aden Berry ‘22

“**Mere Reitemeir**, because it was so nice having her in the dorm and she’s understanding, warm and easy to talk to.”

Gelek Tshering ‘23

“I’m excited to see **Jim Gaw** because he always greets me with a smile and asks how my day was. He brightened up my days.”

Ida Cachucha ‘21

A COMMENCEMENT LIKE NO OTHER

On Saturday, June 6th, 2020, the CRMS community welcomed its newest members of the alumni community in a unique way: online. While many of our graduating seniors wore floral crowns, suits, and the other traditional elements of our beautiful spring ceremony, they did so in their front yards and living rooms without Mt Sopris in the background. The Class of 2020 could not have known four years ago that their graduation would look, unlike any other class that preceded it. However, it still touched all of our hearts to see them with their families, to celebrate their memories and achievements, and to look forward with them past the computer monitors into a future that remains full of hope and promise. Featuring musical performances by seniors Mayan Davis, Sarah Teague, and Lexi White, the program included wonderful speeches by senior speakers Elliot Ochsner and Luke Penton, as well as faculty speeches by William Brown and Marlin Rhodes. Darryl Fuller presented the Charge to the Class of 2020, just before Jeff Leahy “handed out” our traditional leather diplomas online. In so many ways, it’s a graduation ceremony we’ll never forget! **To watch the ceremony visit: <https://bit.ly/30CK3XI>**



“So, go on Class of 2020, move forward and keep making all of us proud, keep spreading your love, closeness, determination and hard work ethic. Impact the world in a beautiful positive way as I know all of you have done and will continue to do. Proudly that is what I can say is part of our school’s emphasis in teaching our students. This is clearly being demonstrated by you the class of 2020. You will make a difference for the better.”
– Faculty Speech by Marlin Rhodes



“Class of 2020, you are not burdened with the task of solving the world’s problems. Society is not a Rubik’s Cube, waiting for a more clever generation with the right algorithm to spin all the boxes into correct alignment. Your personhood is not defined by your ingenuity in addressing technical problems. Your personhood is defined by your God-given right to participate in public relationships with the citizens around you. Listen to each other’s stories. Join a community institution. Get organized. Go and do the spade work to reclaim your political birthright.”

– Faculty Speech by William Brown



“While there is truth and wisdom in the saying, ‘Nothing ventured, nothing gained,’ I am not suggesting you heedlessly huck yourself into the unknown. But ask you to recognize that while risk can be defined as the ability to lose something of value, importantly it also includes the ability to gain something of value. So, while there is global uncertainty right now, I charge you to get outside and seek adventure, and in so doing try to stretch time and space back into some semblance of a new normal. Whatever challenges come next I encourage you to recall the lessons you have learned on your many outdoor trips and experiences while here. Remember you can accomplish far more than you think you can. If you become lost, lonely, or overwhelmed, or simply need some perspective get outdoors and walk, or ride, climb or paddle and connect.”

– Charge to the Class of 2020 by Darryl Fuller



INTERIM

Interim week takes place in mid-February when students and faculty alike are itching for a break from the long 3rd quarter. This year, there were 16 offerings – some long-standing traditional options as well as a few new opportunities.

The offerings this year included:

- Backcountry Skiing /Avalanche Level 1 Certification
- Blacksmithing & Design
- Building a Retro Arcade Cabinet
- Civil Rights History and Refugee Activism: A Tour of Georgia and Alabama
- CSI: CRMS--Forensic Chemistry & Crime Scene Investigations
- Grand Canyon Photography
- Immigration at the Southern Border
- Marine Ecology in The Bahamas
- My Cool Bike, Your Cool Bike: Repairing, Refurbishing, and Recycling Bikes
- Navajo Silversmithing
- Outdoor Leadership/Wilderness First Aid
- Printmaking
- Raku: Ceramics on Fire
- Santa Fe Culture and Cooking
- Spanish Language, Service and Culture in Alajuela, Costa Rica
- Ski Design & Building



PROJECT DAY A LEARNING EXPEDITION

During a typical spring, CRMS embarks on a “learning expedition,” usually called Spring Trip. This year, since students and faculty were unable to take this adventure together during the COVID-19 pandemic, the school chose to step outside the daily distance-learning routine and step into Project Day--an opportunity for students to stretch themselves and try something new, and put the qualities of curiosity, compassion, perseverance, and self-discovery into action. Many alumni will remember that in the past, CRMS offered Project Weeks in which students could pursue their interests or passions in ways that were self-created to honor the notion of choice and self-direction. Like then,

Project Day 2020 was an opportunity for students to create and pursue an individual project of their choice.

Students engaged in an amazing array of projects ranging from mural painting to baking bread, from biking expeditions to sewing projects, from watercolor compositions to volunteering within the community. As their final assignment, they presented short videos to faculty and peers about their project and what they learned from the experience. The results were impressive and a true testament to our creative, caring and adventurous student community.

WINTER TEAM SPORTS

This year, the climbing, nordic, and alpine ski teams all finished their seasons by competing at the state championships, with strong showings across the board.



Both the varsity boys and varsity girls **Climbing Teams** earned 1st-place state titles, and the junior varsity girls took 2nd place in the state. Of note, Sonja Kainulainen '20 placed 3rd in the state for varsity girls, while Mac Muir-Jeffryes '21 placed 5th, and Jackson Turner '22 placed 6th for varsity boys.

The **Nordic Ski Team** concluded the race season at the Nordic State Championships in Minturn, Colorado. Of note were Lola Villafranco's '22 two second-place finishes in the skate and classic races, and Bryn Peterson's '21 15th place finish in the classic race. Cassidy Meyer '21, Tristan Trantow '23, and Ellie Urfrig '22 also represented the school well with excellent performances. The team was also bolstered by the support of Mandy Lei '22, who chose to attend as a team photographer after her first season on the Nordic Team.

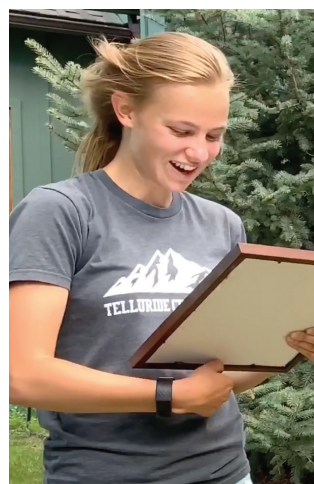
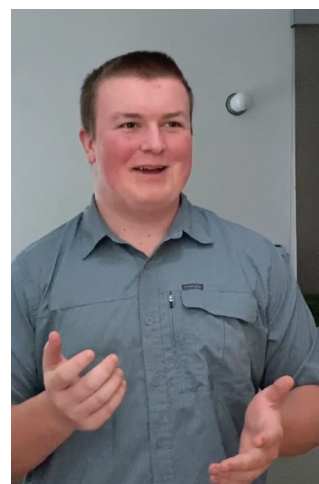


Finally, the **Alpine Ski Team** wrapped up a strong season at the Colorado High School Alpine Ski State Championships in Beaver Creek. Fiona Ritchie '20, Sonja Kainulainen '20, Lexi White '20, Langdon Dresser '21, Ramon Torva '20, and Gavin Bohadik '23 competed in slalom and giant slalom events. The following honorable mention athletes deserve recognition for their consistent efforts throughout the season: Tatym Levine '20, Angelika Minoli '22, and Tanner Rubinstein '23.



AWARD WINNERS

The **CRMS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD** is conferred on a student whose academic performance during the year demonstrates remarkable consistency at the highest level of achievement. The intent of the award is to reward those who have rewarded us in our classes - both students and faculty – who achieve a level of excellence matched by the values of scholarship we all hold dear, and who study with intensity, motivate themselves and others, and genuinely celebrate learning in all aspects to its fullest. This year's Academic Award Winners are: Tessa Munro '20, Cassidy Meyer '21, Willa Schendler '22, and Makai Yllanes '23



The **CRMS COMMUNITY AWARD** is the highest recognition the school community can bestow on a student. Those who receive the award embody the enduring values that have been at the core of the school since its beginning - respect, responsibility, and excellence. The award recognizes individuals for their responsibility beyond themselves, for their willingness to work for the benefit of all, and for the legacy, through example, that endures in the memories of everyone. This year's Community Award Winners are: Christi Ashenden '20, Seamus Garvin '21, Morgan Karow '22, and Gelek Tshering '23

[HS]² ADJUSTS TO COVID-19 REALITY

Together with the CRMS Board of Trustees, the High School High Scholar [HS]² program made the decision to transition to a remote learning model for Summer 2020. While this necessity challenges our program delivery, we are convinced that the success of [HS]²'s current scholars will be linked to the college preparation and STEM education the program provides this summer.

"While running a remote program will not replace the experience of gathering in Carbondale in person, we do feel the emotional and academic support our remote program is designed to provide is essential during these unprecedented times," said Annie Oppenheim, Director of [HS]². "Research shows that during the Covid-19 pandemic and in the era of remote learning, students with access to fewer resources are likely to fall even further behind their higher SES peers, making our work at [HS]² more vital now than ever before."

When asked about remote programming for summer 2020, Veronique Bijouy, a third-year scholar from Fort Worth reflected on the central program goal of academic enrichment. "I am grateful that even though I won't go to Carbondale this summer, I am still given the privilege to learn online. I am also happy that [HS]² thought about our health and moved everything online, giving us the opportunity to still be prepared for our classes next year. Remote learning is way better than canceling everything all together."

Founded in 2007, the [HS]² Program at CRMS is a rigorous STEM-based summer enrichment program that strives to transform the lives of promising high school students. Since the program's founding in 2007, [HS]² has excelled at one of its primary goals: a 100% college acceptance rate among students who complete the program. With so much energy and passion in the country around social justice and the state of our national culture, CRMS is committed to ensuring the scholars of [HS]² are prepared to excel as individuals, contribute to their communities, and thoughtfully participate in the world we all share.

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NEW TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHTS



SEAN BIERLE

What inspired you to join the CRMS Board of Trustees?

I believe in nontraditional education that approaches students with challenges and opportunities. I would love for more teenagers to have high school careers like those that CRMS students have, and joining CRMS's Board of Trustees is my way of volunteering to help those teenagers find and access the experience.

What do you value most about CRMS?

I value CRMS's history of being a leader in getting students into the outdoors. It really utilizes its location in a phenomenal way.

What are you most excited about as you embark on your new role as a Trustee?

I am enthusiastic about working with the Active Curriculum team, the Safety Committee, and faculty/staff who lead trips and expeditions. CRMS has a great history of providing programming in the outdoors and I hope to be a part in helping that legacy continue for years to come. I also know that serving on the CRMS Board of Trustees is a wonderful chance for me to learn, and I can't wait to work with talented and experienced trustees, staff members, and alumni.



PEGGY CORCILLO

What inspired you to join the CRMS Board of Trustees?

I have seen the power of a CRMS education and experience as it has enabled our three sons to flourish and grow in ways that can only truly be appreciated by watching it unfold. I wish that I could have gone to a school this powerful, and wish that every high schooler could have an experience like this. I welcome the opportunity to give back to a community and cause that I believe so strongly in.

What do you value most about CRMS?

It is hard to pick one thing I value the most about CRMS! Is it cheating to say everything? I guess if pushed, I would have to say the incredible connections – between faculty and students, amongst the students themselves, and the connections that students make to nature, the greater community beyond CRMS, and to their own purpose and path!

What are you most excited about as you embark on your new role as a Trustee?

I am most excited about serving a community that I cherish with a group of talented and committed trustees and faculty and staff.



BRIAN DAVIES

What inspired you to join the CRMS Board of Trustees?

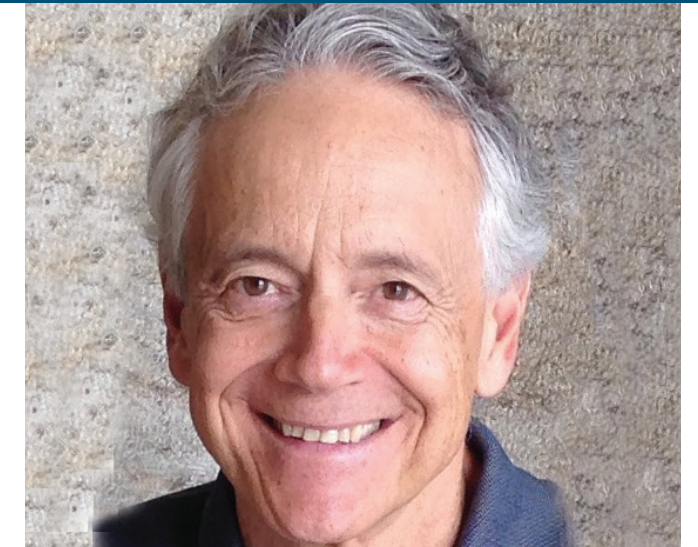
Having attended and worked in private schools, as well as having both my children attend them, I believe very strongly in the value these schools, CRMS in particular, provide. Our children are growing up in a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world; facing challenges that we never had to encounter when we were their age. CRMS is a special place where students become incredibly prepared and ready to be leaders in this world, which I believe is the best education.

What do you value most about CRMS?

The preparedness of the students, but the other thing I value tremendously about CRMS is the community support of each other and inclusiveness amongst its members. When I talk to other parents about the school, I always mention that everyone finds their place at CRMS and is comfortable and supported. No one is left without someone else being part of their tribe.

What are you most excited about as you embark on your new role as a Trustee?

Learning about the community more and the support the board provides. I think the creativity and diversity of the board are exciting to be a part of and applying their positive intent to enhance the school for generations to come.



PETE LOURAS

What inspired you to join the CRMS Board of Trustees?

Our son and daughter-in-law are both graduates of CRMS, Class of 2000. Having our son complete his high school education at CRMS was a very important and successful decision on our part. We have now lived in the Roaring Fork Valley for 15 years and I have always been motivated to volunteer to help CRMS. I'm a corporate financial person, so my focus is always on the business aspects of CRMS. It is my hope that we can continue to have CRMS excel, and that many other young students can get the same experiences that our son did.

What do you value most about CRMS?

I think the full-time boarding student experience is the most valuable thing CRMS offers its students. Everything from the classroom, work crews, outdoor experiences and free-time add up to an exceptional learning experience for high school students.

What are you most excited about as you embark on your new role as a Trustee?

I previously served on the CRMS Board of Trustees for 9 years. After a 5-year break, I'm returning to continue my efforts to help CRMS. My corporate experience tells me that great organizations are always challenged to find new and better ways to excel. I look forward to the strategic planning work, fundraising, and helping with the garden program, a personal interest of mine.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

FIFTY3 reasons TO LOVE CRMS

Last fall, Former Trustee Lee Ann Eustis shared in the 53 Reasons to Love CRMS video that she loves CRMS because, “my heart is part of the place.”

With new headwinds facing us all, your generosity during the 53 Reasons to Love CRMS Annual Fund campaign means so much more. You told us that you love CRMS faculty and staff. You love the Active Program and the learning that comes from service crews and caring for the community. You love the arts, blacksmithing, and glassblowing. You love the glow from Mount Sopris at sunset, and hiking up Red Hill and Tick Ridge.

Like Lee Ann, you told us that your heart is part of the place, and we could not be more thankful!

Your gift to the Annual Fund supports a wide range of needs each year, but as we look to the summer and fall, the need will be significant. Every gift, from one dollar to ten thousand, will help ensure that students and faculty continue to experience a healthy, safe, and caring environment despite all the changes and challenges that we’re experiencing. If you’d like to make your gift to the Annual Fund by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020), please visit crms.org and click on Donate Now at the bottom of the page. Thank you!

Leadership-Level Annual Fund Gifts

Each year we invite parents, alumni and supporters who have the financial capacity to consider making a leadership gift. The success of the CRMS community is founded on the principle of many contributing to the cause, and we are incredibly grateful to you who can give in a leadership capacity with a gift of \$5,000 and above. The following CRMS community members made a leadership-level gift to this year’s Annual Fund, and we want to recognize and thank you for your generosity. Now more than ever, a leadership-level gift will directly impact CRMS students and faculty in preparing to face the challenges ahead.

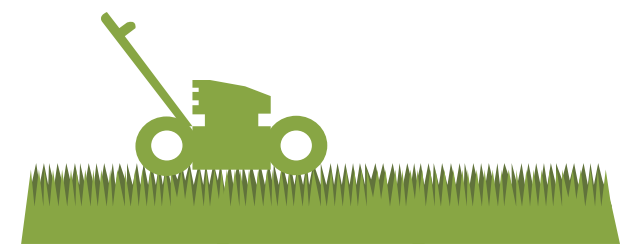
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Alumni participation in the Annual Fund is critical to the school’s overall health and shows a strong belief in CRMS and its mission. Thanks to the talent of our resident blacksmith, Olivia Pevec, we were able to gift six hand-forged CRMS-stamped keychains in the shape of a beautiful aspen leaf to alumni who gave during the challenge (May 4-16). Thank you to the 37 alumni who made gifts during this challenge, and congratulations to our winners: Carter Hofmeister ’85, Brian LaHaye ’72, Bill Parzybok ’61, Elizabeth Smith ’00, Lynda Walters ’80, and James Welch ’69.



SCHOLARSHIP WORK DAY 2020NE

(postponed until next year)

Like so many things this spring, our annual Scholarship Work Day was canceled due to the impacts of COVID-19. CRMS plans to host Scholarship Work Day next year, and is exploring ideas for next fall and spring that will empower students to make a positive contribution to the Carbondale and Roaring Fork Valley, while still raising funds to support much-needed scholarships.

We want to extend a special thank you to our Scholarship Work Day sponsors and supporters whose generosity went above and beyond the call of duty, agreeing to support the program this year despite its postponement:



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CLASS NOTES

Class Notes are edited for space, clarity, and style. Share details and photos of special occasions and professional achievements in your life by going to www.crms.org/alumni/staying-in-touch/update-your-information/

1957 Jane Temple

I was most interested in your posting [last year] regarding the article in Time Magazine. That is the article my parents found when they were looking for a boarding school for me. At that time in my life I was not doing well in school and my parents feared I would end up married to a horse. After seeing the article, my father immediately called John Holden and arranged a trip to CRMS. I remembered being very excited because I was told I could rent a horse. At that time they only had three girls and I think around 17 boys. I always said they would have taken me if I had two heads. It is hard to believe that such an article could have had such an impact on my life. I will always be indebted to the Holdens and their decision to move a boarding school.

1958 Bonnie Holden Carter

I play the flute in a woodwind quintet that is practicing a piece called “Roaring Fork” by Eric Ewazen. I had to explain to the other members of the group what the Roaring Fork is!

1959 Alison Clayson

Watched the class of 2020 graduation on YouTube while still locked down in Paris, where we have lived for 45 years. It was great! Loved seeing the Valley again, watching the photo montage and listening to students, staff and faculty. Good lessons, good values, the skills and resilience needed to thrive in an uncertain world. Congratulations to all!

1960 Jim Amos

Been reading the May 2020 Atlantic magazine about “The Anxious Child” which concludes that children that are allowed to make mistakes are, later on, less anxious. That reminds me of our time at CRMS. When I arrived in September, 1956 all the school rules were typed on one sheet of paper! I had just come out of three years of military boarding school where there were lots of rules, mostly not written down. Rules at CRMS seemed to be added only as they appeared to be necessary. Remember the New England-style town meetings? For example, there had been no rule about bicycle riding. Somebody blocked traffic on a county road, so a rule was added that we could not ride three or four abreast. I think the rules were up to four pages by the time we graduated. There was so much freedom! We had jobs to do and real world consequences, such as if I did not go over to the classroom building before breakfast and shovel coal into the furnace, there was no heat in the classrooms and I would certainly hear about it! We rode in the back of pickup trucks! Riding in the back of the green truck to Glenwood Springs for our “prom”! We had unscheduled time! It was great preparation for college

and life in general. Because many teachers lived on campus and were involved in many activities outside of the classroom, we saw that teachers were real people and that they, and we, mattered.

John Chase

Writing is an opportunity to keep the juices flowing. Hope you’re in the pink. Obviously I’m not busy enough to attend to correspondence promptly. The demands of three elderly felines, each with their own medical regimen, occupies a significant portion of time and thought each day. Having lost my wife to cancer in February, the cats are a constant while navigating a housebound solo existence and reading too much news. Green is shooting up in the garden, and there’s hope that some level of physical communication and commerce can return safely. I fear we shall be keeping our distance for more than another year. Zoom is a remarkable tool--just had my first meeting yesterday. I lost one cat (16 yrs old) to kidney ailments, but the elder citizen, 18 yrs, is finally putting on a few ounces of weight. She’s also turned over a new leaf in the past three days and become affectionate after ten years of standoffish rejection. Go figure. The third cat is acting like a five-year old under her thyroid medication, and the vet must be planning a very comfortable early retirement.

Dick Durrance

Much of the year was spent editing the 100,000 photographs I should have been culling through all of these years of shooting. A couple of months ago I was asked to give a talk at the annual fundraising event for the Community Action Committee in Skagit County, WA (north of Seattle). They asked me to explore the Spirit of Hope, a topic that seems particularly relevant as we

battle this miserable little bug. As we move forward into 2020, I hope to pull the pictures that have emerged from the many wonderful assignments I have been so lucky to have been asked to undertake into a book.

Cathy de Schulthess Galitzine

We are fine as is my LA family and my Boston family. I am a grandmother (of Theodore) as of nearly eight months ago. Luckily we saw my son and family in Arlington at Christmas as their July visit won’t happen. Don’t even know for Christmas... We cancelled our trip to Japan and probably our Iceland adventure in August will be cancelled. Being locked down has given me time to do many things I never have time for and also just time to think and put events, people, and my life in perspective. It is a shame we need an event such as this to take time out. Our last trip in the fall was to the volcanic islands of Cap Vert and the Bijagos archipelago (just off the coast of Guinea-Bissau). My mother will be 102 in July living at home with 24-hour care. She is in excellent physical health with more and more memory loss.

Ursula Goodenough

I couldn’t really have it better: living on Martha’s Vineyard, surrounded by thousands of acres of conserved wetlands and the open Atlantic. Lynn Leopold and her sister (Kat Bradley Bennett ’67) came to visit me here last summer and we had such a wonderful day. My daughter Jessica and her family (boys six and three) live in the guest house on my property and daughter Mathea and her family live a mile down the road--they do the grocery shopping, so I’m totally tended to and embedded in family love. I’m engrossed writing scientific papers

about lichens, which are amazing critters. My son Thomas came upon my copy of TR-squared, the LP that was made of Tommy Russell and Ted Rickard, and is recording the tunes with his cell phone. Should any of you want a blast from the past, I’m happy to send you songs by email -- goodenough@wustl.edu

Andy Gould

It is coming up on the 60th anniversary of our graduation and my heart aches to be back in Carbondale to celebrate. Unfortunately it is very unlikely that I can get there. I have lost my right peripheral vision due to a stroke which makes it unsafe (and illegal) for me to drive. I am doing visual therapy which might get me to a point where I could learn to use special prism glasses to drive. I had hoped I would be at that point by now, but with the COVID shut down everything is changing. My partner Rita, my driver, has never acquired my fondness for Colorado mountains. We are postponing our summer migration from our winter home in Patagonia, AZ up to Flagstaff to June. Aside from missing Colorado my life is pretty good right now. We are fortunate to live in high desert grasslands. We have few neighbors, beautiful views, and lots of places to hike when it isn’t too hot. Our little county is one of the safest places in Arizona. Change is the only constant and it is happening big time. May our CRMS values help shape the new world we have the opportunity to create together.

Mary Graves

My husband of 52 years, Nick died in early April upending my life. Nick died of complications of lymphoma. We had enjoyed 2019 much like the many years before it. In February we went on a tour of Cuba seeing the country

on the ground from Guantanamo to Havana. With our Spanish language skill we enjoyed talking with locals, musicians, tour guides, and others we met. We also went to Ireland. We hiked the Dingle peninsula, toured national parks, tasted beer, and toured in Dublin. By summer, Nick wasn’t feeling well. In mid-September he was diagnosed with lymphoma and began chemotherapy. He never recovered from chemo and had a peaceful death. I am getting used to my new status as a widow. Covid19 and shelter in place is very much a part of life here in San Francisco. The normal paths of grieving and honoring a life have been put on hold. My daughter Eleanor is living with me now and she is a great comfort. I will be home in San Francisco or our Napa home for the foreseeable future. I visit with my grandkids on Facetime and do yoga and webinars on zoom. How our lives have changed. Stay well classmates. It is a very interesting time in our lives.

Lynn Bradley Leopold

Last year I visited my friends in Ireland, then took a jaunt from there to Vienna, Austria to visit my brother, Daniel Bradley (CRMS ’63). We hadn’t seen each other for almost 20 years! I took my son, Eben Grace (CRMS ’89) on a trip through Dinosaur on a geology-themed float trip. It was pretty exciting, due to the very high, cold water. My life continues to be engaged and rewarding here in Ithaca. I am still involved in the Finger Lakes ReUse and the Floating Classroom organizations. My family, though scattered, is all doing well, though the strains are clearly there. All this sequestering is getting to us. Cabin Fever reigns! I wish all the best to my dear classmates and hope some of us can make the 60th class reunion this August, either in person or via Zoom.

Michelle Rosenbaum Lesser

I'm glad to say that in spite of Covid, it's been a good year. We are mostly still sheltering at home, although a few restaurants are opening. No hotels open or travel yet. I am swimming everyday, so I cut my long hair all off. Since I have curly hair, I don't have to do anything. Don't need a salon for the first time in my life - such freedom! Jake [dog] and I are totally bonded. For the last three months, I have been bathing and grooming him myself. It's a major job, but he looks well-groomed and clean. The brushing takes all afternoon. My neck needs fusing and my back needs repair, but I'm not having any more surgery until I can't walk. Therefore the swimming, which I do love. It's hot here now...110+, but I have new air conditioning and am comfortable. So far my garden is doing nicely, and my plumerias are blooming. I have cleaned and cleaned and taken care of many repairs that were needed around the house. Happily, I manage nicely for the most part. I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mary Grave's husband.

Bill Moore

Lorna and I are happily still in our home of 31 years, I long retired and Lorna is considering the possibility. Last April we decided to take one last ski day at our long-ago favorite, Aspen Mountain, and I managed to break my leg. The bones have healed but other problems persist so my ski hut trips, downhill skiing, and hiking have been curtailed. I am hopeful that some surgery (new knee?) may allow me back on the trail some day. In the meantime, we are enjoying our three grandkids, blessed with having them and their parents all within a 15-minute drive, and undertake the

occasional foreign travel as viruses allow. The class of 1960 pretty much blew off its 50th reunion, though Andy Gould and I did show up on campus later that summer. Is there any interest among us to have a class presence at our 60th in August? Best to all.

Robin Rymer

Marilyn and I went skiing on December 14th and ended up in quarantine until today, April 23. No plans to return to Kansas City until the clouds lift. Since the mountain closed March 14th we have been beating the trails (Gore Creek) daily for our exercise and sanity. Many Zoom meetings with grandchildren in the Bronx and Anchorage. Several cancelled trips for next year but maybe we will complete them someday. We are happy to have travelled as much as we have as it may be more dangerous in the future. I have retired from my ophthalmology practice but Marilyn continues on as a valued consultant to the University Of Kansas Health System in Neuroscience. Hope you are all well, socially distanced and prepared for whatever the future offers.

1962

Helen Muller

Still working on the memoir book about my parents. My father, the nobel laureate in genetics, lectured in CRMS in 1961. I plan to donate a few of his papers and books to the CRMS science library. I have enjoyed the get togethers with Mike and Jane Flax - he is a 1963 CRMS alumnus and is now on the board.

1965

Barbara Buchanan

Loving retirement in Chico. Just

beginning to get to know the Mt. Lassen Wilderness, 1 1/2 hrs from home. Volunteering with environmental, political local organizations.

Terry Frost Graedon

My grandson Simon is now 2 years old.

1966

Jenny Anderson

Stuck at home or close because of Covid. Raising a vegetable garden in lieu of travel. Will not see my daughter's graduation from the University of Arizona in ten days because Covid has spiked and she has had enough people die under her care. She doesn't want her mom to be one. Then she and her wife will move to Spokane, where she has a job in an emergency room. Travels in the last year were to Africa, here to New York for a wedding and cemetery visiting on Long Island, the usual Canada and Alaska in the fall, Antarctica in December, Oregon and Arizona to visit kids, and finally, a trip to a lek in eastern Colorado to photograph Greater Prairie Chickens. I am a very lucky girl to see the lights, breaching whales and endangered birds. Between the car wreck 20 years ago and old age, the body is not wearing well. Still, I try to do what I can.

Tamim Ansary

Last year I published The Invention of Yesterday, a book I'd been working on for seven years. Then I did a tumultuous book tour; then the pandemic struck. I used to teach small memoir-writing workshops at home. And I still do: by Zoom. My kids live in Brooklyn with their partners in tiny cramped apartments. Debby and I brunch with them once a week, by Zoom. The planet is going through

some momentous global shift—and it's about time. I'm hopeful by day. Nights, I often wake up in a cold sweat. And so it goes. And goes.

Wendy Stagg Blake

As my daughter-in-law says, I've been training for this my whole life. I am more than happy at home, disconcerted that my age easily qualifies me as high risk. We are living in a condo near Taos that I bought last fall feeling totally over living at 9,300 feet up a steep hill and hoping to wedge Chris out of the ski valley a bit. It worked, if not quite as planned. The far, far away kid and family are in New Zealand, which is a comfort. Our son and family are in Boulder. Both families now single earner, the female. All well, we are indeed lucky. We've been keeping on quite happily, not much change beyond increased joint pain and, delightfully, a new grandson in New Zealand last July.

Bart Chapin

Surprisingly, my life hasn't changed as much as it might have. I still have lots of work I can do here. Our daughter has been kind enough to supply us with a good bit of our food. We can supplement what she brings by emailing the local bakery and health food stores and pick the food up later outside. We live next to a couple of protected uninhabited islands and walk and bike there daily. We do worry about our NP daughter who is on the front lines taking care of elderly patients at a nearby hospital. Our son and family are also living away from crowds in Vermont. He works at home as a stone sculptor and his wife is able to do her work at home as well. The grandchildren have been video calling us daily and seem to be handling the isolation well. It is hard to totally shut out the lunatic asylum in Washington,

but we have been taking it in in small doses. Support your local newspaper. It may be the only way to stop the juggernaut of totalitarianism. We are lucky in having a good governor and a responsible legislature. On a brighter note we sold our 1964 yawl and bought a 1984 sloop. We hold out hope that we can see many of you this winter if a road trip becomes possible.

Michael Kitchens

When this is over we rent a villa, chalet, or lanai that is someplace where we can love the outdoors and afford a cook so that Bretta doesn't have to worry. Maybe some place where we can take our dogs. Okay, and a fast boat. Maybe drugs. A cruise director, zip lining and submersion tanks for Emily. A full casino, three sailboats, a dessert chef. Manicures and pedicures for the ladies. and a caramel on the pillow. I wish I had a condo. I could spend 8hrs. a day cleaning my house, garage and two cars. I want a one room shack on a small hill in New Mexico. A porch to sit on with a dog or two. And a wide Vista of different mountain ranges. There would be large doors and windows on every side. When it got really windy you would just open everything wide and let the wind blow it clean. Did I say anything about 'gender reassignment'? Or the 'Doctor Dolittle's phenomenon' I experienced? I am just going to come right out and say it's "I can talk to animals." They refuse to talk back - they have no idea that I can read their tiny brains. Jokes on them.

Steve Leary

Woodworking, gardening, and cooking have been my salvation. All safe here in Dallas; Nan, daughter Callie, son Peter and wife, Maggie, with Hattie (6) and Wyatt (almost 4). We do have a place 100 miles northeast with

a house, lake and woods, so we can escape to peace, quiet, fishing, birds, wildlife, wildflowers. Here at the house - onions, spinach, eggplant, swiss chard, sweet peppers, basil, thyme, oregano, and mint. Also a community garden plot - tomatoes, more eggplant, zucchini, cucumbers, collard greens, kale, more peppers, bush beans and okra. No volunteering with Habitat for Humanity for now.

Wick Moses

The last 3 1/2 years have been way busy with doing extensive home remodeling, continuing my 27-year quest to recreate all the amazing musicians who inhabit my 2,800 albums come to life with my stereo (I finally succeeded, just in time) and having my Cat Catering business grow from a few cats occasionally to a real serious part-time job! That all ceased AND I realized that I am actually retired. Aside from my cancer installed "empathy meter," I have a life that flows well and really works for me. Carbondale remains a very special place and I value my friends, the CRMS experience with you all, and the town more than ever!

Ilsa Perse

Life in semi-rural Oregon has been less tumultuous than in other places. The state shut down early and is now beginning to open up, whatever that means. This year there's time to garden and grow my own indigo plants. My art gallery is slowly opening up. After 12 years of fighting the largest garbage company in the U.S., our senior citizens brigade beat them in the Oregon Supreme Court, but now Waste Mgt. Inc is trying for dump expansion again. All that's needed for grass-roots organizations to beat giant corporations is lots of energy and money for lawyers. It's been

exhausting. Spring has been beautiful here. This is a gorgeous place in which to stay put, while thinking about our privilege and the horrific events roiling around us.

Wendy Pieh

You have all brought me out of my frustration with running for state rep and not being able to talk to people, thank you all for sharing such a variety of inspiring communications. Michael too, of course.

Merlyn Ruddell

I was about to retire from managing commercial real estate in CA just when the CV tsunami arrived on the shores of the US economy and I found myself back in the saddle, or carrying it. I am reminded of Ken Hause’s work crew, when I’d whine about picking up rocks, and he’d say: “Oh, Marty, no problem, we’ll just call the limo from Candy Ass Prep to come pick you up.” I am happy to be stuck at home, wedged between Secret Beach and the Pu’ukumu waterfall, nightly watching ridiculous sunsets over the ocean and taking in the oracle of the cloud formations and colors that wrap me up in hope. I am fantasizing about my episode of Chef’s Table, the haute couture of health-giving foods made from my gardens of coconuts, avocado, turmeric and ginger etc. My grandkids are the worms in “The Love Nest” and the hundreds of toddler plants in my garden, the bonfire biochar bubbling in compost tea. Sending fondest aloha from Kauai.

Priscilla Wearin Wagener

With no job, no gym and no four-legged hiking companion life is pretty quiet. Luckily the twelve or so households on our road have become quite social in lockdown. Any afternoon someone is strolling up and down so we spread

out across the road and analyze world affairs. My younger son and family in NZ are gradually coming out of lockdown and hoping the coming winter does not cause a recurrence. Older son in central PA works at home as an objects conservator so not a lot of public exposure and when he goes out as a fireman he has face shield and air tanks. Normally I would have been to NZ for three weeks and England for two by now. Instead Skype and FaceTime on a regular basis suffice for now. The airlines talk about social distancing by leaving center seats empty, what does that give you, less than an arm length of wiggle room? The yarn shop where I have worked part time for 23 years (how did that happen?) closed March 24, not because of the virus. The owners did not want to sign another five-yr lease. Snowstorms and lockdown cut the closeout sales in half so a diminished staff spent all of April emptying the space into three storage garages. It is ironic to hear myself referred to as the at-risk population when I have just spent five hours moving heavy goods from spot A to spot B.

1967

Brad Ansley

Kathy and I are well. Our families for the most part are nearby. My nephew Elisha, wife Emma and two boys Louis and Paul all caught and recovered from C-19 in their home in Islington, London UK. Our son just sent his last email as his submarine USS Maine is headed under sea for parts unknown out of Bangor, WA. Daughter and 7th grade teacher Danielle is teaching via computer to her students at their homes and eldest Kate is furloughed on partial pay from her job as an events coordinator at the Knoxville Convention Center. My sister, Fran,

Putney class of ‘64 and I have been doing a weekly supper exchange keeping our social distance. It’s wonderful to be in proximity and just chat.

The day John Prine passed from the virus was early on in our staying at home life and it was a difficult time. I wrote this lyric/poem that evening. I think it was Friday. We live downtown in little normally bustling Maryville, TN, with the police and fire two blocks away and the hospital less than a mile away. It seemed like during those first days the sirens were particularly frequent. The tune in my head while writing it was Lily of the west like the Chieftans and Mark Knopfler did it some years back.

Lonesome House

I dreamed last night I was up on B’dway
Elbows on the bar
Pretty girl singing on the stage
Playin blues on an old guitar
The avenue was full of happy folk
Couples hand in hand
Makin’ the crawl from pub to pub
To hear their favorite band
A mug of pale ale in my hand
Friends close on either side
It felt just like yesterday
Before John Prine had died
Aye it felt just like yesterday
Before John Prine had died
Tho the dogwoods still are blossoming
And birdsong fills the air
We just rattle around this lonesome house
While outside sirens blare
Aye we rattle around this lonesome house
While outside sirens blare
Keep safe old friends...

Steve Barru

I am healthy and well in Vietnam, where I have been living since January,

2016. After four years in Da Nang with its million plus people, I have moved recently to much smaller, quieter Hoi An, one of Vietnam’s major tourist attractions (though not this year). Hoi An has lots of history, beautiful beaches and scenery, and great food – an ideal place to enjoy life with my partner of the last year and a half, a Vietnamese guy named Minh. When travel opens up again, feel free to put Vietnam and Hoi An on your itinerary!

Kat Bradley Bennett

I tried retiring but failed at it... miserably! I am now the head TESL instructor at Front Range Community College, training aspiring ESL teachers. Birding, gardening, and nature photography fill out the rest of my time.

Bernie Brown

To begin with, we are still absolutely loving our now three years here in southern Arizona. I worried that I’d miss the snow only to be grateful that my shoveling days appear to be over. Emily tagged me that we were out in the “boonies” here at Hereford, which is pretty appropriate. But my four little acres complete with a swimming pool and a new metal shop keep this ole curmudgeon quite happy. Berlyn still works at the hospital about 20 miles away, and I seem to be busier than I probably should be. Retirement didn’t taste right for me so I’ve started a little cottage business of buying and refurbishing old cast iron wood cook stoves and parlor pot belly stoves. They are really beautiful pieces of Americana, and to see one transform from a rust bucket into a bright and shiny functional piece of art is really rewarding. Kids are all seemingly doing well, mostly still in Colorado with one renegade who moved to Pennsylvania. (She’s planning on

moving back to Colorado). Grandkids are numbering 8 and a half, with a new granddaughter arriving next month. This pandemic didn’t change much for this stay-at-home guy. I guess 30+ years ranching made home my choice. However, it did get me to take care of some shelved projects like a major facelift of our old faithful motorhome. It’s so nice now we may actually start using it.

Harry Van Camp

Am I fortunate? Let me count the ways! (Thank you Wells! Hopefully, I got the idea if not the entire quote.) Susan and I have basically been at home and away from all others since early March. Fortunately, we can both continue to work from home. Instead of traveling, we are “Zooming” or “Skyping” to meetings and hearings. We don’t have any trials scheduled in the near future. I’m not sure how that would happen if we did.

A niece’s wedding in California for later this month was cancelled. As a result, we cancelled a related three-week road trip through many of the country’s great national parks on a round trip from Wisconsin to California. With luck, we will plan that trip again in the future. Like the road trip, we planned many things over the winter, pre-COVID-19. We ordered a new pier (after 40 years) and purchased a slightly larger sailboat. As Spring, the pier and sailboat arrived, so did the virus. Without the typical help of a son, a son-in-law, and friends these winter plans have become more of a challenge.

I have basically resorted to manual labor as an outlet from quarantine. Luckily, Susan is a capable and willing partner in almost all of it. Together, we have rebuilt a retaining wall in the

garden, put in the heavy steel boat track from the boathouse into the lake, put in a boat lift for the sailboat, built steel racks for winter storage of the pier and track, built a bench for the pier and maintained the perennial gardens. Over the years I have accumulated nearly the equivalent of a hardware store and a lumber yard in the basement. As a result, we have managed all these projects from lumber, steel and hardware on hand. So, no trips to either the hardware store or lumber yard. As each project ends, it seems at least two more become evident. It looks like I will be rescued by manual labor here at home for quite some time.

The past year has been good in other ways. I have managed to lose about 35 pounds (long overdue). My diet has improved and I’ve been taken off about half my diabetic medications. In addition to the manual labor, both Susan and I have been working out, biking and walking. Susan is also doing yoga daily. I’m still thinking about that one.

Now that warmer weather is arriving, it is easier to see the kids and grandkids from a safe distance. We can sit on the screened porch and chat while they sit at a safe distance away in the garden. We can also sit on the boathouse balcony and talk while they sit or play 15 feet or so away on the pier. You can probably tell, we live on a hill. The lake is about 40 steps below the house with the boathouse in the middle. The steps provide a lot of exercise and many levels by which social distance can be maintained. All in all, we feel very fortunate to live here during this pandemic. I can get away fishing, kayaking and sailing right from the house. How lucky is that?

Do I love thee? Yes to all of you! Be well, we need to dance together again!

Sarah Cooper-Ellis

Change is a constant in my life. Leaving Vermont at 15 to attend CRMS was perhaps a beginning of embracing the unknown. The known world grew larger. Big transition time again. My partner of eight years died a month ago after a short decline with ALS. The life we made together, though brief, was worth every tear I'm shedding now, and facing for years to come. I am fortunate to have family close by and on some dry and warmish days we walk together. I don't wish bereavement in the time of Covid on anyone, but I have all the necessities and much more, including Baltimore orioles and red-bellied woodpeckers coming to my feeder of orange halves. I wrote a book recently (actually the writing is a few years past, but the publication was December.) It's a semi-autobiographical novel available here: <https://www.levelpress.com/product/landing/>. Author page with blog are here: <https://scooperellis.com/>

Nancy Eliot

I don't think I have been out of my house more than 8-10 times since March 11 when I stopped going in to work. I have worked at the local Home Depot the past 4 years and my Dr. thought it would be better if I stayed away for the time being. I spent 5 days in the hospital with pneumonia in Jan, and they also determined I have the beginnings of COPD (yes, after 60 years of happily smoking I quit a year ago and BAM, it got me. Oh well.) But I guess I am considered high risk. So far we have only had a few cases here on the island and they were all brought by folks from out of state. We are scrambling to find ways

to protect ourselves while also maybe slowly reopening. I live in Bar Harbor, ME on Mount Desert Island, home of Acadia National Park. Tourism is our yearly lifesaver income wise, but as of now we have no plans to reopen anything until June, or maybe not even then. All the cruise ships (up to 120+ a season) have been cancelled. This is pretty devastating for a huge chunk of our local population that depend on the tourist trade. I have worked for five years for friends who have two summer rentals. I do the cleaning one-two times a week and it is good money, pays my property taxes. So no Home Depot, no cleaning. Not good. But probably 90% of us are in the same boat. I think I am glad I am closer to the end of my life than at the beginning.

I try to imagine what it will be like for my grandkids of which I have two. My son, Eliot who stayed in St Louis has Amelia (11) and Eli (9). My daughter-in-law has her own accounting business that she runs from home so they are pretty secure for the moment. My younger son Teddy, who will be 40 next month(!) lives in LA with his partner. Teddy is a script writer but there is like zero work at the moment. Luckily, Christian works for Google, which he can do from home.

I often wonder if things would have been different if I had graduated from CRMS, rather than getting kicked out. Yup, I took off one day and made it to Grand Junction where the cops picked me up and John came and picked me up and we drove back, in his Porsche and he had me on a plane home the next day! After that is a whole book in itself.

Tracy Fitz

What a time we live in - I guess we are alive. Just remortgaged my house. Guess I am staying here. I think it would be good if we could get a rainbow skin color vaccine so we could change colors every year. And one to change genus and family or family and genus, I forget the order of events every year. To keep up with the universe. And a vaccine so we can change sex, like fish, every year if we want. Love to all.

Kathy Lovett Moritz

I spent a month in Southern Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia a few months before their world changed so drastically, and it is so hard to think of the difficulties such a wonderful group of people are going through. Since I do all of my alternative health over the phone, and since I tend to be mostly a homebody, this Covid situation hasn't had much of a negative impact on me. It has mostly been a great excuse to not feel guilty about preferring to stay home. I live in a place that is a bit out of town next to an open space, so there is plenty of room for all of the neighbors to still walk and hike together and chat as we pass on the roads and trails. Work has been very busy during this time, treating people who want to prevent catching the virus, and treating others who have contracted it. I am so fortunate to not be on the front lines, but still be helping people stay out of the hospitals, which are such a frightening and lonely place to be right now. I had planned to go back to India next year, but I doubt that will be happening, so my hope is that there will be someplace safe to travel to? If anyone is in the Boulder area, please be in touch. It is always wonderful to catch up with everyone, and Les Andrews has done a wonderful job of getting our little Denver/Boulder

group together when he comes to town. I hope everyone has a great summer!

Peter Mullen

A too busy retired life just means my meditations haven't caught up with me yet. I retired from 30 years financial planning, here in SE Pennsylvania. Such a beautiful state. 3 boys, Tim who couldn't really make it to the 2nd floor due to the cognitive deficits left by Lyme disease over 23 years, living with us after his employer's company shut down, will go back to school to program milling cutters and lathes, at age 38! And a first grandchild from Simon/Katie whom we used to babysit 7 months ago and cannot even hug anymore. He reaches out to us over facetime to be picked up, and we can do nothing. Youngest son Jeffrey cannot do his luxurious massage practice for God doesn't even know how long. Such a beautiful world. We want to explore. It is wonderful having you all.

David Nutt

It has been a hard year. Judy passed away last July having lived an amazing and wonderful life interspersed with times of crippling depression. We were together for 51 years and we really had a good and fortunate life together. Our four children and I did all we could to help Judy during these last few years but none of us either individually or collectively were able to reach her and help her find her way forward again. I have blamed myself. I have played the coulda-woulda-shoulda game from front to back and back to front. My children have struggled too. But in the end she died of one more horrible disease, mental illness. She could have died of any number of cancers, a stroke, heart disease, or even an accident. For those diseases we could

not have done anything at all to help except to be there for her. In the end that too is all we could do - be there for her during the final stages of her mental illness. And now it is up to us to carry on. I am doing well. My children and I are in constant touch although we cannot really see one another as we travel in different circles of exposure. I am still carrying on my boat building and repair business although this is my final year. I am doing a lot of gardening pushing the northern New England limits by starting the early vegetables in a hoop tent that survived 5" of snow and multiple frosts into the upper 20's. I was fantasizing about a road trip down south and out west this fall but that ain't going to happen this year. I guess it is the year to spend the fall exploring some parts of Maine that I have yet to discover.

Emily Rosenberg Pollock

My boys are doing well. Philip took the biggest hit with Broadway shutting down. Before the world shut down, Bretta, Kitchens, and I road tripped from Phoenix to Carbondale for the 50th reunion of the class of '69. We are evermore thankful for that trip now. The end of September I travelled with Philip and his husband, Isaac, Noah and his wife, Jaqueline, to southern Italy for two weeks. We cooked most of our meals as a group which made the trip that much more fun. In December I met Bretta and Deirdre in Seattle for the premier of Mrs. Doubtfire...a pre-Broadway run. Bretta walked our butts off and Deirdre made us do all the touristy things. Lots of laughter, always. I thank everyone for writing in. I love that we are still connected. I look forward to this time of year when I can harass all of you and so many of you reply. Be safe...be well...and VOTE!!!!

Sharon Sprague

1. I am sitting in our too-many-room house on a small hill in New Mexico. Bob is distancing down in Elephant Butte with his dad while his stepmom recovers from open heart surgery!

2. I am accompanied by three dogs. Pestilence and Vermin, the Twin Dachshunds of the Apocalypse. And Pearl the Squirrel, the Bull Terrorist. We have several porches from which we can see mountains between us and Albuquerque, mountains south to Socorro and mountains north to Santa Fe. No smog, no fires currently.

3. I made "chile beans" for my dinner last night. Hot red chile sauce over pintos with ground beef, cheese, and onions on top. Good food when you are social distancing.

4. Kitchens is welcome to come clean the house and the various old cars that litter this place. I am touched when I pass through the garage with our 1951 Jaguar Mark 1 saloon car and my 2002 Porsche 911 resting quietly in quarantine. I can't shift one and I can't get in the other because I need a second new hip ten years after they replaced the first one. My mental health is good...considering, as long as I don't run out of chile or wine. Love to all you CRuMS.

Chris Thomson

Yesterday I forged fire tools until late at night (alone). I've put off forging big sculptures until the shows Susan and I were planning to truck them to can be rescheduled and my employees can return. My normally isolated lifestyle within the triangle between the shop, the conservation easements I manage in the wild Pecos River canyon below, and our house is much the same if greatly intensified. Last August I was

driving up to work after sleeping by the river. My cell phone rang and said “unknown caller.” I never answer such calls but for some reason I answered this one. It was the Grand Canyon river permits office saying they had a last-minute launch date cancellation available to the first person who claimed it I didn’t even let the ranger finish her sentence before I said “I’ll take it.” I had another glorious 280-mile 15-day solo kayaking and flute improvisation adventure in the Roger Paris river boat I built summer of ’66. Life is good!

Jo Valens

I live with my husband in the southwestern corner of Massachusetts, comfortable as one can be in the time of Covid, uncomfortable as one can be in the face of deep, systemic injustice. I retired two years ago from teaching young children in Waldorf Education. Feeling rested and turning seventy, I wonder what is next. I am a Board member of BerkShares, a local currency with roots in the Schumacher Society; I play the piano, garden and walk with friends. I look forward to being able to travel West to see family. Make Peace contagious!

Brian Watwood

A warm shout-out from where we are ensconced, albeit sequestered, in Roseville, Northern CA. Here, we press on regardless in the face of advancing older age, increasing infirmities and the sad and frightening ubiquitous ramifications of this Damndemic. Robin has accepted her forced retirement from the severe risk of infection by not returning to her dental practice. I work remotely, here in our very comfortable Sun City home, missing my admin, cursing my level of computer illiteracy and continuing my now decades-long battle to enhance

the lives of the millions of manual wheelchair dependent persons worldwide. My newest patent garnered for The WIJIT Company (TWC) is on the HemiDrive-M which will service the vastly underserved mobility needs of Hemiplegic Stroke victims--there are over 1M annually in the US. TWC, while growing stateside, has some very exciting international developments coming together. I sincerely hope that some of my Rocky Mtn. family will be curious enough- or socially conscious to the point that you and they will visit our website: www.wijit.com, to see what this disabled CRMS alumnus is doing; we could certainly benefit from some of all the productive energy that many former and current CRMSers possess. I would be pleased to hear from any and all at: b.watwood@wijit.com // (916) 439-2731.

1971 Raym Geis

I retired from clinical radiology practice and pivoted to radiology AI, mostly writing on the ethics of AI in medicine. Zooming on it is less fun than going to speak. Best thing is our first grandchild, born this year, in our social bubble here in Fort Collins. Hoping this surreal Covid situation quiets down enough to celebrate our 50th(!) reunion in person next summer.

Catherine Wyler Hayden

A nurse practitioner daughter and a social work son. Them in oakland. Me in Mill Valley. I have trained in expressive arts, shamanism, creativity and truth telling. The arts and communication. The many languages of expression.

Jim Ostrem

I retired three years ago and have been working as a consultant part time since then, really enjoying the freedom. Working from our house in Rico, Colorado during the summer and Tucson during the winter on next-gen sequencing diagnostics, primarily cancer indications. Just got a garden in, really looking forward to some fresh Colorado produce this summer. Jonathan Siegel

Happily and busily continuing to practice architecture here in New Mexico. I’m making wonderful camembert and chevre cheeses on the side, and fly-fishing + mushroom hunting at high elevations when possible. Life has many smiles as of now, but “there’s nothing you can hold for very long..”

1972 Mary Wilmer Mills

Greetings! My husband Peter and I had a fun dinner in Steamboat Springs in mid-February catching up with Nat Cooper on the past almost 48 years. Yikes! Happy to say we’re all still skiing, etc. He’s still the very sweet guy I remember, but with three amazing kids and a very storied career on the river. Loved hearing about Nat’s visits with Jackie and the late Roger Paris. Amazing people, amazing times.

1973 Ely White

I am still living in Florida near my dad who turned 90 in April. I love my work as the editor for a vitamin and supplement company. I’m so glad CRMS is thriving. Hello to all my dear friends and comrades on trips. It was good to grow up together. I think of you.



Nat Cooper ‘73 and
Mary Wilmer Mills ‘72

1974 Jeff Platt

Life continues to intrigue and amaze me.

1975 Harry Heafer

After one of our colder and longer lasting winters in a long time, Nebraska gets hit by a major storm in March 2019 which I’m sure most read about in the news. Terrible loss of several lives, property, farm ground, and livestock. Fortunately our county was spared. I’ve reached the 25 year milestone with the Lincoln-Lancaster Co Health Department still doing environmental health code enforcement and on our ER/HAZMAT team. My bad knees have caught up so I had one replaced in January, 2019 and fortunately the cortisone shot works pretty well on the other. I’ll likely have it replaced in November. Karen retired three years ago and I longingly look at retirement even more now! About three to go if the economy holds together. Our

children and their spouses are in Lincoln, which is nice. No grandkids yet, but now we have three Bichon and one chocolate Lab granddogs. Best to all and safe travels.

1976 Doug Carman

Still in Manhattan Beach (LA area), working as a pediatrician at Kaiser.

1978 Peter McWhinney

Retired from NYC Parks Department on March 1st. 20 yrs. 31 yrs AA.

1979 Brett Hall Jones

I continue on as Executive Director of the Community of Writers at Squaw Valley, a 50-year old writers conference. I am married to novelist Louis B. Jones and we live outside a

small town in California called Nevada City on an old farm property. We have two grown sons, both who are living with us during the pandemic. I wish I could have sent them to CRMS!

1982 Rebecca Arndt

Still enjoying life in Durango. Last summer my father Nick Arndt passed away after a heroic battle with cancer. He was one of the kindest people I’ve ever known. He was a graduate of CRMS in one of the first years of the school. He spoke of sleeping in Shepard’s tents his first year while students worked to build the “old boys dorm”. He loved CRMS. He’s sorely missed!

Elizabeth Kiggen (Liz)

Modeling in NYC



1976 - Heidi Estin Wade with daughters 2004 - Ali Wade Cottle & 2001 - Kelly Wade Nemirow

Ali married Dodge Cottle last summer and is living and working in Carbondale. Ali and husband Jordan Nemirow live in Aspen with their daughters, Violet and Olivia.

1983

David Edwards

Living the dream on the panhandle of Florida fishing and selling real estate.

Michelle Peterson

I am still a fleet equipment welder for the City of Seattle - in my 27th year there, 30 years of welding in total. I've been preparing for retirement by building a yoga teaching practice weeknights and weekends the past 8 years. My husband and I became "empty nesters" this year and are looking forward to traveling, with a trip to Colorado high on my priority list. I very much appreciate staying in touch with other Oyster alums over Facebook, and would love to show my husband the CRMS campus.

1985

Tiare Pitts Flora

Still living in Durango, and working as a realtor with Wells Group on team North Star. Business is good! My husband Eric and I are developing

residential lots at Edgemont Highlands in Durango. My stepdaughter Monique works as a realtor on my team, stepdaughter Jessica married partner Stevonna last Summer, and my son Zach is graduating from CSU this year. Life is happy and well with two beautiful dogs and a fat cat. :) Oh, and I see Devon Daney and Michael McAllister often!

1992

Cory Hardie Ritchie

My daughter, Fiona, graduated from CRMS this year!



1993

Josh Lange

My partner and I are having a baby boy any day now, we are excited for all the adventures ahead to be shared with him! (Shared in June, 2019)

Ute Terheggen

Hi! After almost 28 years I finally made it back to Colorado last March, luckily just 10 days before the lockdown. Beth, the alumni director, gave us a tour on campus, and I even met two former teachers of mine - Mark and Jim. This visit definitely brought back some special moments of my life at CRMS. That year left a deep impression and I appreciate all the opportunities that I was given by CRMS.



2000 - Kate Forbes and Peter Louras with Lola and James



2003 - Morgan Williams and Nick Harris '06 both received PhDs (Morgan in Geography, Nick in Cell Biology) from UC Berkeley in May, 2019.

2006

Nick Harris

Received his PhD in Cell Biology from UC Berkeley on May 20th, 2019. His thesis examined Biosynthesis of Isonitrile Lipopeptides by Conserved Nonribosomal Peptide Synthetase Gene Clusters in Actinobacteria.



2000 - Caleb Gaw with Marriaine, Hunter and Skyler

2019

Ruth Oppenheimer

My first year at UVM studying Philosophy and Geology was cool! I'm currently working in a lab with my Geology professor on his research concerning investigation of geochemical responses to environmental disturbances (lead levels in the local soil and the implications of that). Within this study

I get to spearhead a project simulating some solutions with saturation of glass beads. What's cool about that is I got XRF certified and get to scan soil with an XRF gun! I've also been serving as one of the Recreational Climbing Team coaches this semester and next year I will be the primary coach.

Class notes in this issue were received by June 15, 2020.



1999 - Hannah Clark Hutchison **2005 - Nina Clark**
Clockwise from left: Hannah Clark Hutchison, Alden Hutchison, Nina Clark Lex, Thea Hutchison, Andy Lex, Jeanie Clark and Adam Hutchison

IN MEMORIAM

This list represents members of our community who have passed since Summer 2019. In order to celebrate everyone's life to the fullest, a complete listing of available obituaries can be found at www.crms.org/alumni/memorial.

Nicholas Arndt '56

Jennifer Boland '81

Lewis P. Cabot '57

Charles Leake '87

Raymond Muindi '64

Edward Rowland, Former Faculty 1957-1958

Sharon Rudd, Former Faculty

Chris Schumacher '07

Barbara Snobble, Former Faculty 1955-1969

Mary Stecklein, Former Faculty





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1960, 1970, 1995, 2010, 2015

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