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Jeff Leahy

Jeff Leahy, his son Finn, and Yangang Chen & Li Zheng (Stephen Chen's '16 parents) during a recent visit to Beijing.

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Over the course of the winter our students have been engaged in activities inside and outside the classroom that required that a level of confidence and a willingness to expose oneself to appropriate levels of intellectual and physical challenge. Their drive, resilience, and work ethic resulted in some impressive outcomes. Outdoors we had competitive showings from our downhill and Nordic athletes, our Telemark team went to Utah and won their final big mountain competition, and boys and girls climbing teams finished first in the state championships. Indoors plenty of exciting work has been happening, and while space is limited,

I wanted to take an opportunity to share a few examples: our Freshmen in Jennifer Ogilby's and Lori Gavette's Spanish 1 and 2 classes are required to be actively engaged in language learning through speaking, listening, and action versus traditional reading and writing methods; Dave Meyer's sophomores continue work on their "leap into action" projects as part of their history curriculum; our entire 11th grade has been deep into their research papers; meanwhile, Tracy Wilson ("Social Justice") and Lindsay Jones ("Art and Social Change") are taking their seniors out into the community with local service projects and teaching in the public schools.

As a school that strives to be its best and to serve its students to the best of its capacity, we also have to have enough confidence in our program to embrace the risks associated with challenging ourselves to get better, just like our students have done this winter. Last year we welcomed a group of educators from the Association of Colorado Independent Schools to evaluate our program, policies, and practices, and subsequently they provided us with feedback on how we could grow and improve.

This spring we submitted our First Response to the accreditation team's visit. This report is submitted a year after the accreditation team's visit (November 2015). The work requires that the school respond to each recommendation made by the visiting team after their four-day campus visit. In general this amounts to about a handful of recommendations in each area of the school and additionally a set of major recommendations, the latter of which need to be addressed in some form within one calendar year. All of this accreditation work is done in the name of school improvement and to ensure our independence as a private school. When the visiting team came on to campus last fall, we asked them to help us "raise the bar" – to help us see our blind spots and to guide us along the path that we have been headed for these past fifteen years. A year later, we have significantly benefitted from the visiting team's insights into the program and have a greater clarity and

alignment as to the work we need to do to continually improve the school.

CRMS has always had a packed schedule, and if you were to compare what we do now with what we have done in past decades, you would probably notice that much has been added and little has been taken off the student's plate. It is no surprise how we got to this place; with so many great opportunities that are available to our students we tend to want to do it all. The challenge has been giving students and faculty the time to do it well.

The visiting team observed that in order to fulfill our core academic programming we were going to have to add more minutes to classes each day so that students would have the time to properly engage in their classes, particularly in art and science. More minutes in the classroom comes across as another add, but the we were able to do so without significantly extending our school day. What we gain with this is more time for in person instruction on a daily basis that enables us to better support and track student performance.

Additionally, we reevaluated our calendar and found areas where we able to add more days to our academic program, and provide advanced classes more time to cover the material. I don't think we will ever truly be done tweaking the schedule, as needs will shift and the program will continue to evolve, however for now we have found a relatively nice balance that supports a significant amount of our programming without compromising much of what we already view as programmatic strengths. In the end we are always seeking a quality experience of just quantity of minutes in an experience,

and we are always working on improvements that support the student experience.

One of the hallmarks of the CRMS experience has always been the ownership the students have embraced while on campus; they have been active in the construction of the buildings, the general upkeep of the campus, and some of our unique features that include the glassware and ceramics in the Bar Fork and the ironwork throughout the campus. Another change that has come out of the accreditation visit is in the area of student leadership. We saw an opportunity within our household job program to give the responsibilities and oversight over to our seniors. While the transition would best be characterized as uneven, it is fair to say that the experiment has been a success and we have no plans on moving in a different direction. The discipline committee was another opportunity for us to give more ownership to the students, who now make up the entire committee. We have been incredibly impressed with the performance of the students who sit on this committee and the results of their work. These students have been thoughtful in their deliberations, effective in their interviews, and true leaders of their peers. The success of these two student led programs has given us the confidence to continue to seek other opportunities. This May students will be participating in student-led conferences with their advisors, as a way for all of them to take greater ownership for assessing their own learning.

The board of trustees used the visiting team report to frame strategic planning work that resulted in four specific goals: academic excellence, transference (unifying

the programmatic experience), the preservation and enhancement of campus resources, and financial sustainability. The intention – as with any strategic plan – is to make this an active document. The board and administrative team will review progress on this plan twice annually and make adjustments to the plan accordingly.

One of the things that I have always appreciated about Colorado Rocky Mountain School is its willingness to change and adapt, while holding on to what amounts to its core purpose and philosophy. We want to be a school that has programming that is relevant to today's young adults as we educate and prepare them for their future (not necessarily the world of today). Our computer programming, robotics and 3D game design courses are examples of how the school's curriculum has changed since it originated in 1953; these classes teach collaboration, communication, creativity, and tech-skills and complement the type of work that has happened for quite some time within our art and science programs. Over the last decade we have seen a tremendous amount of physical change to our infrastructure, but these changes have only served to bring the facility in line with what has always been a powerful core programming. It is our hope that this programming prepares our students to have the confidence, knowledge and skills to be successful, and in addition the resilience to adapt to whatever circumstances they are faced with in the future. In considering our recent accreditation process, it is our hope that CRMS continues to be a model in this area – willing to challenge itself and to push itself for continuous improvement.

STATE CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

Dave Meyer

The CRMS Climbing Team had a very successful season. This success could be measured in the enthusiasm and positive energy of the students. It could also be measured by the respect the students showed their peers and other teams as well as in their sportsmanship, support, and kindness. Measuring a season this way means that results are secondary to approaching life and the sport in the right manner. While those words may sound like platitudes to compensate for poor achievements, this team delivered the hardware also.

From the beginning of the season captains Tashi Brundige and Michael Yoshimura set a high bar. They emphasized that living well and climbing right were more important than podiums. This approach that stressed the love

of the sport permeated the whole season. It carried the team from our first competition on November 7 to the State Championships in Denver. Along the way the team competed in Montrose, Colorado Springs, Glenwood, Gunnison, and Grand Junction. Both individually, and as a team, there were consistently strong performances. Regular season competitions drew between 75 and 140 high school climbers from all over the Western Slope. Emma Cooley '16, Callie Rominger '17, and Colin Daniels '17 all won individual regular season competitions.

As the season progressed, the team grew stronger and even more committed to climbing well. Western Slope Regional Championships drew more than 110 qualifiers. The girls dominated this competition, taking home the

top four spots, including Emma Cooley's Regional Championship. They also secured the girls' team victory. The boys also climbed very well, but could not match the dominance of the girls. Nevertheless, the boys brought home the Regional Championship also. With high hopes these teams traveled to State Championships in Denver at the end of February. The boys had three straight State titles to defend, while the girls were hoping to return to the top spot. Facing the strongest high school climbers from all four regions of Colorado competition was fierce. When the dust settled, both teams were tops in the State. It was a true team effort and a wonderful end to a strong season. Congratulations to all the members of the team who made this such a positive experience for all.

CRMS Sports: Inclusion First, Victory Second

Bob Ward, Freelance Writer



Colorado Rocky Mountain School has long taken pride in the inclusivity of its sports programs. All students, from the first-timers to the elite athletes, are welcome to join the team, whether it's soccer, kayaking or climbing.

Quite deliberately, this open-arms approach places culture before competitiveness. It's more important for the students to learn new skills and develop healthy habits than it is for them to win. Whether it's the mountain-biking team or the telemark ski team, the experience is more about supporting teammates and self-improvement than it is about blue ribbons or trophies.

"I grew up playing what I categorize as 'sports of exclusion,' where your access to participation is based on size, strength, ability and even gender," said Head of School Jeff Leahy. "After coaching for 15 years, I really appreciate the access that every student has to our athletic program ... All our students have an opportunity to live healthy, active lives and they all have access to outstanding coaching."

And it's remarkable what CRMS students are doing with those opportunities. In several different sports this academic year, CRMS athletes have truly excelled

competitively. The coaches all emphasize that winning is a secondary goal but, if asked, they'll cheerfully recite their impressive results.

For example, both the CRMS Varsity boys' and girls' climbing teams won first place at the recent state finals near Denver. That's right — best teams in the state.

"We're not focused on the end, we're not focused on getting that first-place trophy," said climbing coach Tracy Wilson, who also teaches history. "I think what we're really doing is developing genuine and authentic love and psyche for rock climbing."

To Wilson and her fellow coaches, the competitive success is an outgrowth of a healthy zeal for the activity, and a culture of support, mentorship and encouragement among both coaches and kids. The same goes for the Mountain-Biking Team, which has enjoyed unprecedented success this year too.

"Before this school year, this team had won one race total," said physics teacher and mountain-biking coach Jeremy Wolf. "This year we won 15. Our sophomore boy and sophomore girl both won the state championship in their categories. And our Varsity boy won the state championship."



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Why this sudden tide of victories? Wolf believes it's the program's friendly vibe, where it's OK to be either a recreational rider or a super-serious hammerhead. "We make (the activity) a safe place emotionally, mentally and physically," Wolf said. "When those three pieces are in place, the rest takes care of itself. The kids start to thrive, and they do it without the pressure to perform." Vince Lombardi famously said, "Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing." The football coach's words are cultural touchstones, repeated and revered in the business, military and sporting worlds. But the coaching philosophy at CRMS strives for something broader and harder to define. It all starts with the school's roots in the Rockies.

"We're in the mountains, so we're skiers, we're boaters, we're rock climbers," said Diane Hackl, director of active curriculum. "Those are things that our landscape lends itself to. Fortunately, too, they're sports that pique the attention of teenagers and, also fortunately, end up being lifelong passions."



Unlike traditional team sports, most of the programs offered at CRMS involve individual pursuits that faculty members have carried into their 30s, 40s and beyond. Rock-climbing, cycling and kayaking may not offer the glory and thundering applause of a state basketball championship, but they can deliver a lifetime of challenges, learning and self-reflection.

"The kids now laugh because I often start off the season by telling them all they're not going to win," said Wolf, the mountain-biking coach. "There are a hundred other kids racing, so the chances of you winning are very, very small. However, the chance that you could do better than last year is fantastic. The chance that you can go out and have fun is fantastic. I think it's really a focus on the things you actually control."

For a school of its size, CRMS actually has a healthy number of sports teams: soccer, mountain biking, cross country, climbing, kayaking, telemark skiing, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing and snowboarding. Across the board, coaches are serious about self-improvement and dedication, but there's nary a hint of win-at-all-costs pressure.

Here's what Emi Bauer, a sophomore who won her division in the recent state finals in Eagle, Colo., had to say about her mountain-biking teammates and their regular rides.

"It's super supportive, you're pretty much riding with your best friends all week," she said. "Just the community of the team is the best part. They're the people who pull you out of the dirt when you wreck."

When she started with the Mountain-Bike Team as a freshman, Bauer had minimal experience and no ambitions of winning races. But as she went along, she found the team environment inspired her to push herself.

Similarly, CRMS senior Shiva Carter recently found himself atop the podium at the 2016 Big Mountain Telemark Competition in Grand Targhee, Wyo. He admits such results never crossed his mind when he joined the tele team as a freshman, but over time he realized bigger and bigger benefits as he dedicated himself, skied more and trained harder.

"My coaches laid down very specific guidelines for the team — it's not important where you end up, but it's very important that you have dedication," Carter said. "I think that's a much more valuable life lesson than to just say, you have to achieve this goal."

In keeping with that advice, telemark coach Kayo Ogilby said he also emphasizes mentorship among team members.

"I think it's important to develop the team in a culture where the elite athletes are really working and helping to bring along the next group and keep an eye out for someone beside themselves," said Ogilby, who also teaches science. "There's a larger purpose, and that's so important in today's world."

As director of the active program, Hackl admits to some hesitation about holding up these competitive successes as the object of the sports programs. "We're super-proud of the teams, but we're super-proud of everybody," she said. "The kid who's doing Bike 1 or Kayak 2 is putting as much out on the line and is as engaged in what the school has to offer as anybody here."

At CRMS, every student gets a taste of one or more sports, in a supportive and low-risk environment without the all-too-familiar pressure to perform. Some kids will literally run with this opportunity to the top of the podium; others, at the very least, will get out in the mountains, learn new skills and challenge themselves.

"In the end, each student can learn the lessons that participation in a sport teaches — lessons about work ethic, responsibility, effort, loyalty, pushing one's self beyond personal limits and more," Leahy said. "If you don't have access to a sport, then you don't have access to these lessons."

Perhaps the magic of the CRMS approach is that it includes competitive success and accommodates the gifted athletes, but is focused more broadly on active living and character-based learning for all students.

As telemark coach Ogilby stated, "it's refreshing to work at a place that's hitting high-level outcomes through a really healthy approach."





NORDIC RECAP

Rachel Bachman

What a successful season for CRMS Nordic! Early-season snow allowed us to get out at Spring Gulch in early December, allowing new skiers to find their balance on their skinny skis and begin working on technique, while more experienced athletes did grueling hill repeats on the climb up to Finlandia (trail at Spring Gulch). Snow on Grand Mesa in early November also enabled a small crew to participate in an overnight camp partnering with the Aspen Valley Ski Club team, under blue skies with perfect classic ski tracks set.

After winter break, we went right into the competition season with our first race weekend in Minturn. The team nearly tripled in size this year with eleven athletes traveling

to races. A two-lap 5km course with challenging terrain made for a tough first race, but a great spectator venue. Throughout the four regular season races, the team progressed significantly with our top male racer, senior Henry Nadell, picking up two top ten finishes with sophomore Levi Gavette not far behind. Outstanding performances from both boys qualified them to race in both classic and skate technique races at the State Championships. Sophomore Ruby Marker led the women's field, making huge progress from previous seasons to earn a spot on the State Championship team for skating. While these three led the charge at races, the whole team made significant progress in their ability, setting CRMS up to have great depth for next season.

Another highlight from the race season was an overnight team trip

to Steamboat Springs for a classic race where we had to keep our eyes out for moose while previewing the course! Some members of the team also participated in a local race at the Aspen Cross Country Center, doing a skate sprint relay with a partner at 6PM with very little light, which certainly kept us on our toes. And we cannot forget the annual Oystermeister competition where the team gets to show off our talent and sport in a school-wide skate race, complete with costumes, Oreos and hot cocoa for extra fun. Overall, our boys' team ended the season in 3rd place in the league for classic and 8th for skate, despite missing one race due to Interim, and our ladies' team looks to be strong for next season. A tremendous accomplishment for CRMS Nordic!

Though the focus of the team during the race season was on preparing for our competitions, we also made sure to appreciate how lucky we are to live in Carbondale and fully enjoyed the plethora of local ski venues. Most days we stayed on our home course, Spring Gulch, which offers windy rolling terrain and fantastic views of Mt. Sopris and the West Elk Range, but the team also ventured up Maroon Creek Rd. to the Maroon Bells and spent time training on the trails behind Aspen High School. This rounded out a wonderful season of Nordic skiing, and we are already looking forward to next year.

SNOWBOARD RECAP

Katie Hyman



The Snowboard Team wrapped up another snowy and successful season by taking their boarder cross skills to the Oystermeister Nastar course. Competing in the school's alpine leg of the seven-stage, year-long sporting contest, the Snowboard Team donned team flare, taking the event's suggested vintage costume look to the next level.

The season began, of course, way back in late October when the thought of a 65-inch base of snow was more fantasy than reality. With the countdown to opening day at Snowmass always on the mind, the Snowboard Team began the task of dry-land preparations: jogging on Tick Ridge, powering

through calisthenics workouts, cultivating flexibility through snow yoga (aka snow-ga), and cross-training on their skateboards. The first flurries of snow triggered a heightened level of focus and motivation along with an added emphasis on revisiting everyone's favorite YouTube snowboard videos that never fail to stoke the fire.

totally crushing it, and it really inspired me." Thanks to Seth Coomer and Tim Ward, our on-mountain AVSC coaches, who helped grow this year's Snowboard Team, add to the burgeoning stoke, and hone the skills of each student athlete.



ALPINE RECAP

Robin Colt

The CRMS Alpine Team began training in early November in preparation for regular season races in January and February. Twelve athletes traveled to Copper Mountain, Beaver Creek, and Ski Cooper to compete in slalom and giant slalom events. Veteran seniors Erin Rush, Zoey Steel,



and Megan Cassetty set a positive and supportive tone for the team. Sophomore Elsa Maristany and freshman Gordo Davies performed strong top-five and top-10 finishes, culminating with the CHSAA State Championship held on our home mountain at Aspen Highlands. Elsa, Erin, and Megan represented the girls' team in both slalom and giant slalom. For the boys, Gordo was joined by junior Will Fontana and sophomore Nicolaus Schultze in both disciplines. Gordo placed 10th in the slalom event and Nicolaus finished his runs in both events. To celebrate the end of a great season, the team hiked Highlands Bowl and was greeted by fresh powder, sunshine, and high fives!



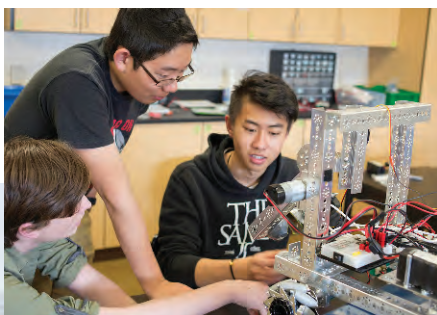
TELEMARK RECAP

Kayo Ogilby

This season marked the first time the CRMS Telemark Team pursued all big-mountain

events. Our first two events were IFSA (International Free Skiing Association) Big Mountain competitions where the team competed against an alpine field. The first event also marked a new chapter for the team, as it was the first time we had ever traveled to Telluride for a competition. This marked the first ever big-mountain event for many on the team, and Telluride provided the perfect amount of challenge and accessibility. Two weeks later we found ourselves at the icon big-mountain and steep-skiing resort of Crested Butte for a two-day big-mountain endeavor that included preliminaries and finals. The competition was fierce, and although senior Shiva Carter was the only athlete to make finals, the experience provided great mileage for veteran and new athletes alike. For our grand finale we made our annual pilgrimage to Grand Targhee, Wyoming, to the last remaining Telemark-specific big-mountain competition in North America. The event drew juniors and adults from all over the United

States and, as always, provided a wonderful composite of serious competition and a reunion of Telemarking friends. This year the event also overlapped with World Telemark Day, which added an air of festivity and celebration. The team ended the year on a stunning note: every athlete made great strides in their ability to ski steep and technical terrain, and on the front end the 14 to 18-year-old boys swept the podium (Shiva Carter, sophomore Soren Lindholm, and junior Thomas Sullivan), the 14 to 18-year-old girls landed a 2nd and 3rd place (junior Sophia Infante and sophomore Emi Bauer), and freshman Sophia Jacober brought in a silver medal in the 12 to 14-year-old girls' division. Throughout the season the team touched and impressed coaches and spectators alike with their fun-loving and supportive culture.



It has become CRMS tradition that every year, each member of the senior class gives a short speech at a Formal Dinner or All-School Meeting that highlights how CRMS has impacted them. In addition, it is a chance for the seniors to share words of wisdom with underclassmen who will soon be leaders of the school. Below is a speech given by Tashi Brundige, class of 2016.

When I was trying to come up with something original and witty for this speech, I decided to turn back to a CRMS story that I have referred to countless times. I'm speaking of the Bropacking 2014 plus Tashi fall trip of course. To me, this trip truly embodies the parts of CRMS that I appreciate and cherish the most, so I will share it once more.

On a mostly sunny day in late September, a group of 10 males and a single snow-white female ventured into the Lost Man wilderness. Running around in shorts and enjoying the views, we couldn't have imagined the humbling onslaught Mother Nature had in store for us. About halfway up the trail, we raised our faces to the sky and found

ourselves traveling at lightspeed in the millennium falcon. Quarter-sized flakes plummeted down, and we mountain kids had no doubt that our only reaction should be one of joy. As we continued on, our legs grew numb and our fingers froze a little. We weren't deterred; however, we had come to bag some serious peaks. We decided to camp in the Lost Man drainage where we would be mostly sheltered from the sky puke. As I was setting up my tent next to one housing 5 stinking boys, I thought to myself, "Four more days; we'll survive, probably."

We learned how to live differently on that trip. Pre-bedtime routine included jumping jacks, jogging and squats to prevent midnight shivers. You had to remember to open your boots so that they wouldn't freeze shut. Every morning, we pried open those frozen boots and surrendered the slight warmth of our sleeping bags. Every morning I spilled at least one pot of water trying to navigate the ice chute up from the creek. Every day we started up the trail, regardless of the soggy drifts that immediately saturated our already saturated shoes. It didn't

help that we had just read "To Build a Fire" in Skeaff's class, and all I could think of was falling into one of the frozen marshes and freezing to death after trying to kill my dog. Every day we watched Colin and Matt slide around in their 5.10 approach shoes.

By the third day, we had developed the theme for our extreme "fall" mountaineering trip: suffering in style. That day, we hiked up towards Williams Peak. It sits at about 13,200 feet, where oxygen doesn't come easily. The clouds we trudged into started to filter into our brains. We laughed with vertigo, and I watched Colin teeter back and forth, clutching his stomach. I looked ahead at Shiva and we exchanged whoops and grabbed hold of the nearest iced rock as the next 30-mile wind gust attacked us at the knees. As we got up to the saddle under the saddle of the saddle of the towering peak, we sucked in the thin air and discussed how to get to the top safely. I gazed into the valley and breathed in the layered pines and expertly chiseled peaks. The weakness in my legs and lungs widened my smile. Humility

and appreciation washed over me as I marveled at my backyard. After we had caught our breath, we looked up at the peak, our peak, now covered in black ice. Here, we learned how to turn around. For a second we stood there in shock and disappointment. I started to notice my frozen eyelashes and probably frost-bitten appendages. We retreated back to camp. Some would say we had failed.

Now there were two aspects of that trip, the spoken and felt part, and the felt and unspoken part. I wrote down both. One of the most impressive things for me was how the whole group distinguished between the two, recognizing what should be spoken and what should remain unsaid. The spoken aspect consisted of nightly conversations that I remember word for word. We gathered around the fire, getting as close as we dared, and spoke to the priceless value of our failures. My journal filled with pages of meaningful reflection that I look back on when I am feeling most challenged or closest to giving up. On the next page, I wrote the unspoken but felt part of the trip.

It went something like, "On top of all that philosophical stuff, it's damn cold outside and there is a wall of snow that I keep pretending doesn't exist that is falling slowly into my tarp, and I haven't been warm or dry in three days and I think I have frostbite on my butt." Although that unspoken facet did indeed exist, it remained unspoken. Everyone on the trip recognized that the most important piece was what we were learning from it. Everyone recognized that little joys were going to keep us smiling while suffering in style. We took joy in Matt's never-ending farts, in Will's useless artichoke, in Patt's nightly readings out of 50 Shades of Grey, in the most epic snowball fight I've ever had, in Andrew's tally of our 39 minutes of sun in the first four days.

So we didn't plant the flag. We didn't get to write our names in the log on the summit. But, I learned not to assign too much value to an outcome because it does not define my aptitude or character. We each weighed our failure and converted it into a success, like an existential chemistry problem. We learned to leave camp without expectations,

knowing that we had succeeded in the first step. The grit, positivity and perseverance demonstrated on those frigid mornings were a success in and of themselves. It was extremely difficult to take the first step, but I learned to judge my experience by that step and the ones that followed, not by the destination or point where we turned around. One decision to turn back, one unfinished climbing route, one quiz grade that made me wince does not alter my character. The way that group embraced a less than ideal situation and approached it with a positive, present-minded spirit, exemplifies the characteristics of the CRMS community that I will always strive to embody. There's no one I would rather go mountaineering in the snow with than a group of Oysters. Here, I have learned to treat failures as successes that didn't go as planned, just like that frigid trip. I've also learned that rubber hiking boots and polyester socks smell terrible when set on fire.



THE ANNUAL FUND - GIFTS THAT GROW



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We are delighted to report we are 79% of the way to our goal in cash and pledged commitments, but we still need to raise \$135,000 prior to June 30, 2016, the end of our fiscal year. By joining us with your support, you are providing the best possible independent-school education for our students and helping us underwrite the actual cost of a CRMS education. Please consider supporting this important fund with a gift of any size. To give today or to learn more, please contact Beth Smith (970-963-2562 or bsmith@crms.org), our Director of Annual Giving.



report to date we have received \$213,000 in commitments. To learn more about making a gift to this improvement, please contact Lisa Raleigh (lraleigh@crms.org, 970-963-2562).

NEXT UP: LODGE DORM RENOVATION

Thanks to the success of the \$10.658M Forging the Future // Preserving the Past Capital Campaign, the Residential Program was significantly improved with the construction of two new dormitories and the renovation of three others. The Solar and Lodge dorms, traditionally home to senior girls and boys, respectively, are the final dorms in need of updating. The Solar and Lodge are located in the heart of the campus and require some functional and aesthetic improvements. Our next fundraising priority is to support the Lodge Dorm improvements via \$350,000 in capital gifts, with the ultimate goal of ensuring all of our dorms provide a quality boarding experience that enhances our unique and impactful programming. We are delighted to

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Each year we ask donors who have the financial capacity to consider joining us at a Leadership Level of giving. The success of the Annual Fund is founded on the principle of many donors contributing to the cause, and we are incredibly grateful for those donors who are able to support us in the \$5,000-and-up family of givers. The following donors have already committed a Leadership-Level gift to this year’s Annual Fund, and we want to thank them for their generosity. Please consider joining these donors and help lead the way with your support:

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Below are highlights from each era.

1956
John Borden

I drove out from Vermont with my aunt and uncle, Anne and John Holden, in the International truck in the spring of ’53 to help prep the ranch for the first school year that fall. I decided to stick around and attend the school for the next 3 years. Fast forward; I’ve just co-founded an educational non-profit to help get students outside to help cure nature deficit disorder. We call it Spiral Play www.spiralplay.org. The experience at CRMS helped inspire the spirit of the new endeavor. Thank you school.

1958
Judy Glass (Cobb)

I am still living in Laramie, WY with no plans of ever moving. My husband, Gary, and I are phasing out a small recycling business we’ve done for nearly 16 years. It is time to move on to other things. Our blended family continues to grow. We now have 5 great-grandchildren. Life is good.

1959
Susan Dean (Jay)

Living in Las Vegas, NV and enjoying Red Rock Canyon and Mount Charleston. I continue to sell houses for Coldwell Banker Premier. I will retire in 2 years.

Jackie Eschenmoser-Willimann
On August 7th I had my 75th anniversary with a wonderful surprise. Our three sons Roger/Mark/Erik invited us for a birthday party with a delicious dinner and a cruise on Lake Geneva on an old steamboat (100 years old) - only my husband Jean-Jacques and me with our three sons! It was a wonderful sunny day and we could even eat outside in the pretty garden of Hotel

du Chateau in Villeneuve, Switzerland. I often think of my “good old days of senior year at CRMS” back in 1959 and I read all news and information of “my” school. Switzerland has big immigration problems with thousands of refugees coming from Syria/Afgahnistan and Africa, because of war and poverty in these countries! Everybody in Europe tries to help! Take Care - with kind regards to you all!

1960
John Chase

Liz Bowen and I were married -- each for the first time -- back in October of 2015. We’re still in Belfast, ME, where my brother, Addison, and his family run a restaurant/bakery/farm operation, Chase’s Daily. Addison and his daughter, Phoebe, are also CRMS alums. Apart from the nuptials milestone, we lead a pretty quiet life. Though we did make it to England for 2 weeks back in September.

Dick Durrance
Using pictures and stories from shooting National Geographic articles and global advertising campaigns to explore with audiences how they can do much more with their pictures to create and share their ideas, dreams and visions. Now frequently posting pictures and thoughts on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Just pick your favorite and ask for Dick Durrance.

Cathy Galitzine (de Schulthess)
In a few weeks we are leaving for a trip on the Mekong River for a week and then visiting Vietnam and Cambodia. Spent 2 weeks in the mountains cross-country skiing in January. My son is in Boston working for Northeastern University doing a post-doc in statistics. In the summer we will once again be in LA visiting Mother who is 98 years old and doing very well! I will take classes at the annual American Needlepoint Seminar which takes place in New Orleans this year. I’m still around, volunteering at several non-profits and trying to catch up on my reading!

Ursula Goodenough
Still teaching and doing research at

Washington University in St. Louis and fill the interstices with family time. Up to 7 grandkids, all of course exceptional! Work takes me to meetings--e.g. last year Victoria, Canada and Barcelona--and seems to keep me happily challenged. Very engaged in the Sanders campaign. Helped launch a group called the Religious Naturalist Association that some of you might find resonant www.religious-naturalist-association.org. Love to you all.

Bill Moore
I continue to hike in the summer out of our cabin near Gunnison, and downhill and cross-country ski in the winter; in fact, in a few days I’ll be going on a two-night ski trip into a 10th Mountain Division ski hut between Vail and Leadville - 5 miles uphill with a pack, and lots of glade-skiing. The big event in our life last year was the August marriage of our daughter, Anna. In October we attended the Florence wedding of my Italian nephew to his girlfriend of 13 years (!) and extended our Italian trip by spending a week in Sicily which we found delightful. January saw us in Ecuador for a couple of weeks, one of which was spent on a wonderful, small-group (9 folks) Galapagos Islands tour which I recommend highly for those so inclined. Right now its early February and the days are getting noticeably longer, so there is hope that spring is on the way.

1962
Arthur Hughes
I will be having a solo show of my paintings at the Prince Street Gallery in New York City in January 2017. My artwork can be seen at arthurhughes.net.

Ingrid Hughes (Blaufarb)
My news is that my book, *Losing Aaron*, is going to be published by Irene Weinberger Books in October. It’s the story of Arthur’s and my son, his schizophrenia, and death and the impact of his illness on the members of our family. It will be published under my full name, Ingrid Blaufarb Hughes.

Helen Muller
Enjoying my 3 grandchildren. My

daughter Mala Htun is also a CRMS alumna. Mala received a prestigious award this year - Carnegie Endowment Scholars Program - 32 faculty selected nationwide! I am working on a memoir of my parents who met in Edinburgh, Scotland. My father spoke at CRMS in 1961. He was a renowned geneticist nobel laureate (1946) and my mother was a German Jewish refugee.

1963
Mike Flax
I am still in Albuquerque practicing gynecology, gave up OB about 8 years ago.....still love my patients and surgery. Janie and I see a lot of Helen Muller and I stay in email touch with Bill and Becky Parzybok. We are also going to be grandparents for the first time...twins. Hope all you alumni are well.

1964
Chris Morrison
I retired in December, 2015. Getting out in the mountains, geology, as well as working on tasks around the house have displaced software engineering as my main focus. Mary and I have a son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter in San Diego, as well as a daughter and son-in-law in the UK. A visit to Iceland was a highlight of 2015. The people, geology, and environment of Iceland is fascinating.

1965
Ben Barney
I am home in Lukachukai, AZ, Navajo Nation. I am retired. I live at home. I travel to visit friends. Plan on driving East and West coast. Might visit in parts of Canada. There is always visiting in South America or old Europe. I spend weekly time with relatives. I no longer keep sheep, horses or cows. I at times do a small garden. There is one dog around my house. I am studying Navajo religion. I read, write and cook each day. Winter season is time for me to hole up in my house to write and read. If you are in the Southwest and close to Navajoland give me a call or email me.

Barbara Buchanan
The big news for me is that I just retired.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my career as a psychologist but am ready for a new adventure. March 4th was my last day of work as the Director of the Behavioral Health Department of Pit River Health Service, a tribal clinic in northern California, where I have been for the last year. Later in March I drove to Arizona to camp in the Chiricahua National Monument near Tucson and enjoy the silence and open skies. After that I flew back East for a couple of weeks to visit family, return to Arizona for more camping, and finally drove home to California. I will leave Mt. Shasta in May and move to Chico (a college town near Mt. Lassen wilderness). In either July or August, I will have the pleasure of house and dog sitting for Penny (Jessica) Muller Mergendollar while she and her husband spend time in Europe. This will give me the opportunity to visit with old friends in the San Francisco Bay Area. Entering this new phase of life as a single older woman feels a bit daunting at times, as I lost my partner and all of our animal children within the last 5 years. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to friends and family who have helped me stay afloat and with whom I continue to share many good times.

Roger Fritz
I’m 69 and living in a travel trailer in Portland, Oregon. I’m an early adopter of the tiny-house lifestyle. I’m a counselor by trade, and I talk with my clients mostly over phone and Skype. So I can live anywhere. I love being a counselor, and since I have a pension from the Vietnam War, I can counsel people for free. Isn’t life ironic? If you’d like to know more about me, you can go to my website at invisiblecows.com.

Terry Graedon (Frost)
2015 was a momentous year for me and Joe. Our son got married to a wonderful woman, we moved my parents into assisted living in Loveland, CO, and our daughter’s book, *The Word Exchange*, came out in paperback. In addition, Joe and I chaired the volunteer committee that organized a wonderful gathering of Friends (Quakers) in Cullowhee, NC. Really energizing!

David Strouse
I retired a year ago and it has been a wonderful year -spending time with my children and grand children. I went fishing in Alaska again, spent some time in Colorado, and am now contemplating moving out of Los Angeles up the coast to Ventura, CA.

1966
Tamim Ansary
I’m working now, writing books, running a memoir-writing workshop; also getting a literary blog off the ground--Memoir Pool: check it out at www.memoirpool.com. There’s something wonderful up there now (this’ll be true no matter when “now” is). My daughters both live in Brooklyn, grown and gone, busy and I guess mostly happy. My wife Debby is running conferences for an organization that researches employee ownership. My cat Raoul’s got a minimum job kneading a blanket by the heater. Incidentally, I’ve got two CRMSers in my current memoir workshops, Lolly Lewis and Mary Kuntz-Cote. Interesting to see that same time and place and world through other eyes -the Barn, the Crystal River, Joe Frank, Ken Hause, the rope tow over there past the soccer field, the trucks that used to take us to places like Canyonlands ...

Topher Delaney
Greetings to all my fellow travelers. So, bits and pieces...Calvin Chin, my business partners in our studio Delaney and Chin and yours truly, just returned from Nepal three days ago. We are working with Nepali and Tibetan craftspeople developing a suite of art pieces/ rugs/ large scale handmade Lokta paper pieces/ felt sculptures. We have been commissioned to curate an exhibition for St.Supery winery -The OUTDOOR CHAIR - a repeat of the exhibition we curated for the Cooper Hewitt Lo those many years ago. Private commissions are strong and we continue to create really terrific gardens both publicly and privately in New York and California. So a lot more words than 100.... I always seem to wander towards the grey lines. Be well all and flourish.

Steve Leary

All is well in Dallas. Retirement is exhausting! We are in the middle of construction of a new house and readying ours for sale. 33 years of scuff and stuff. Woodworking and welding as time allows. Daughter Callie has moved to Denver -very happy there. Son Peter and Maggie expecting a boy in June. Hattie is now 2 and we get to spend time with her, but never enough. Practicing Tai Chi -recommend to anyone looking for low impact activity for strength, flexibility and balance.

Wick Moses

Last winter after two years out from the Chemo Corral, I finally began to regain my stamina! In spite of a weird weather winter, I got up to Spring Gulch (thank you, Chris Landry!) and felt like I could get my mojo working. This year, we are winning the El No No contest with lots of snow AND cold temps so far. Last Summer, I rode 4K mi. on my light Kawasaki W650: eco note - most were errand miles @ 60 MPG, but I did get to flog some of my favorite rides. Sing a chorus of “Back in the Saddle Again”! My cat catering business has taken off and my three sons Findley-The-Wonder cat, Dexter (Gordon) and Jazzman continue to provide me with entertainment AND inspiration of how to live. Home entertainment thrives and I stream some amazing Public Radio stations. I have found a happy home volunteering at our local library. I finally got over to CRMS to check out the New Boys Dorm makeover. Jeff occupies the space that Mark Hussey and I had in ‘66. SURREAL! Bart Chapin, Ivar , Kathy M. and I stay in touch.



Photos from Merlyn Ruddell, class of 1966, of her family during the winter holidays.

Merlyn Ruddell (Wenner)

I am still rolling over with laughter reading Mike Kitchens’ account. I think we have our writer, Tom Robbins, slash comedy guy, Stephen Wright... I really don’t like all this retirement and great grandchildren talk. We cannot possibly be old enough for that... We are the Pepsi generation, we went on Spring Trip “on belay” down into the undiscovered, uncharted Canyon Lands, spelunking in the total darkness in caves, rushing down the rapids with the randy Walter. Well, hmmm, I am 66, so I am a kid, I don’t know about the rest of you! My plan is to work until I can’t remember what I just said five minutes ago. I am just intent on ramping up the other stuff I love to do... watercolor and play music and sing and dance. I manage huge mobile home parks, all in Mesa/Scottsdale and two buildings on the Third Street Promenade. I am in the process of trying to get permission for two of the mobile home parks (2,000 seniors) to remain on native lands belonging to the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community as we are coming to the end of our 50 year leases... only there is such a backlash of all the horrendous past U.S. practices, and we are guests on their sovereign lands. We built an epic house next to Secret Beach on Kauai, it’s been in AD’s edgy issue and won the state award from the AIA even though it’s a low budget place in those realms... every single shower and bathtub is outside, and, when the storms come from the North, it’s like being on a little boat in the rain and swells of the open ocean. Oh, well. It’s called Secret Garden, only it should be Guacamole Gardens, and will be when these 80 or so avocado trees

start full-on bearing... Sending love to my groovy classmates... miss you. Merlyn (Marty) Pictures of my adorable family... celebrating a nice Jewish Christmas!

Priscilla Wagener (Wearin)

Thanksgiving in NZ, Christmas in the Galapagos, new granddaughter Jan 31. Ellery Jane joins 2 yo Theodore Ian. The drawback of exposing your children to all corners of the earth is the possibility of them settling half way around the world, it is hard to complain too much about visiting NZ on a regular basis. Still in Boulder, still knitting, weaving and spinning. Husband Jeff has truly retired this time so more travel is in the cards. Would love to see anyone coming through Boulder.

1967
Brad Ansley

Hello CRMS Pals, All in all it’s been a great year. Kathy’s son Kieran is in Navy Power School in Charleston, SC and was recently married to a wonderful girl, Tori. We’ve bought a 100 year old craftsman bungalow in Maryville to be closer to Kathy’s expanding family in town. We’re finally cleaning up the Happy Valley farmhouse of my mom and dad’s accumulated stuff. So many memories. My sister and brother and I made a conservation easement there several years ago, set up a LLC and will continue to enjoy its glory. We might make a VRBO destination out of it if we can get our hosting expertise up to snuff. We will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the National Park System at our annual last-Saturday-in-October Bonfire this year. Everyone’s welcome and we should have a wicked good time. Love to all!

Steve Barru

A little more than a year after our meeting in April 2014, I left the United States to return to Asia in search of a place where I can afford to retire. In fact, after 25 years living in China, I feel at home outside of the United States. Returning to the US in 2012 involved no small dose of culture shock and, while there is much I enjoy about life in the US, I am not unhappy to be an expatriate again. I lost my mom in 2012 and my dad at the beginning of

2015 - both of them were closing in on 90 - leaving me with precious few ties to the US. In June 2015 I set out for Chiang Mai, Thailand, where I spent six months, and I am now in Danang, Vietnam. I am exploring and checking out my options. The two places are quite different, though both have a lot to offer as places to settle in. Things can of course change unexpectedly, but more and more I see myself in this part of the world for the long haul. Though where I will finally base myself remains to be seen. Of those few ties to the US, my connections with people from CRMS are certainly among them. I want to make it back to Carbondale for CRMS events. And for people traveling in East or Southeast Asia, please look me up!

Kat Bennett (Bradley)

The past year has been a busy one as our adult ESL classes have matured into a solid program. We now need to figure out how to expand into adult basic skill and high-school equivalency, all the while juggling restrictions and requirements of the federal grants that fund us (the feds don’t make things easy when they’re handing out cash). Being director is a lot of work and a lot of stress and I really miss being in the classroom. So now, I find myself weighing whether it’s time to hang up the dry erase markers for good or keep working a couple more years, maybe keep knocking at CU’s Intensive English Department’s door and teach at a level commensurate with my Master’s degree.

K.C. Clendening

No big events which is always a plus in my golden years. I get to retire in two years and I will still have a small private practice working with gambling clients which I like doing. I will be traveling once I retire so you might see me. I did attend an international AA conference last summer with 60,000 other alcoholics in Atlanta. So far, it has been the highlight of the year. I am going to another international Women AA conference this week-end in Virginia. Thirty one years sober and I never take anything for granted. I still live near the ocean. I have two rescue cats that keep me busy. I am on Facebook and read about some of you. I will put the next reunion on my calendar. Take care everyone.

Daniel Dole

I’m still living and working in Berkeley at what I now call “Domaine Dole”. You can see my work at www.danieldole.com. Codornices Forge is named for the creek that’s adjacent to my property. Brad came out last year again to house sit and look after my cat while I went to France to do some bicycle touring; a week in Gascogne (foie gras!) and another in Pays Basques, Pyrenees, then to Cannes for a few days to visit my French brother (cousin) and his wife and other friends from when I lived there. Debra and Brett dropped by for visit in March. It was really great to see them. Just got back from a ski trip to B.C. -first time skiing in 3 or 4 years and really enjoyed it. Somehow the skiing gave my cycling fitness a real boost. Good cross training. Don’t think I’ll be moving anywhere else for the foreseeable future as I’m so entrenched here and I want to stay close to my siblings: older brother Stuart in Santa Rosa and the Twins Jimmy and Jennifer who are in the Santa Cruz area. They’re the only family I have. Love to every one, great hearing your stories and thoughts -sincerely second Coop’s reflection.

David Douglas

Deborah and I are well in Santa Fe and are new grandparents. I’m still involved with advocacy for drinking-water issues internationally, though making fewer trips back to DC. Just picked up Barbara Snobble’s photobook on CRMS from 1954-1959; before our time but the photos bring back a lot of memories.

Sarah Forbes

It has been another year of continuing to learn to play the bagpipes. I keep telling myself to look at how far I have come to fend off discouragement. Waiting until age 61 to take up learning a challenging musical instrument with almost no musical background is something I could never have predicted. It must be love. And I love any opportunity to hear really good pipe playing. My husband, Doug, continues to be absorbed with his petrified wood and other rock projects.

Stan Gibbs

The past year has been a family growth

year: two new grandchildren! So, Mary and I are up to 3 and counting. Our son Loren is getting married this year, so the summer will start with a great family event (children to follow soon!). Mary and I are doing well; still biking, hiking and skiing. Mary plays a lot of piano and I read physics for fun. Mostly, we live comfortably with our sheltie Genevieve and take lots of walks. I look forward to our 50th next year and hope everyone will be there!

Kathy Moritz (Lovett)

I’m still working with my Alternative Health Practice, but was able to take some time off to travel this year. I spent 2 weeks this summer driving around Iceland with my 90 year old mother. We had a wonderful time in a wonderful country. In the fall there were trips to Australia, Fiji, sailing in the British Virgin Islands, and finally a trip to Cortez for my father’s 90th birthday. It was a great year of travel, but it was nice to be home after all of that. I still travel to Glenwood as often as I can to see my 2 wonderful grandkids. Being back in the valley always brings back such wonderful memories. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion! Love to all.

Warren Perkins

I retired from medicine in August 2014, but Ella and I just returned from Nicaragua where we participated in some rural clinics. Hadn’t been there since 1985 when Susan Meiselas’s photos were everywhere. Wonderful country. Can’t sell my novel “Albert the Great” so I’m writing another. Love to all the friends of my youth.

Bretta Rambo

We’ve had a reasonably calm year, which is good. Our biggest news is that at the end of the year Walt officially retired from his long-held job as an ER doc at our local hospital. He may eventually decide to do some part time primary care, but for now he’s seeing what it’s like to not work for the first time in his adult life. So far I haven’t gotten tired of having him around! Some of the nicest moments in the past year were spent with CRMS friends. It’s always fun to meet up with people and

reminisce about the days when we were young and clueless and life was so much less complicated. Mike Kitchens, Deirdre Dole Golani, and I try to meet for lunch once a month and we laugh a lot. I am forever grateful that Emily keeps us all in touch. I can't wait to see everyone at our 50th reunion.

Patty Shelton (Kern)

Feeling forever fortunate. My life is mostly travel to grandkids (children of our daughters) with two near Santa Cruz and two in Nashville, and our son is in LA. Between family visits, we travel beyond in airplanes or in our truck camper. We parked in Brad's wonderful woods last year - and if I could remember where everyone is - we might find other driveways! When we are home, we still play, ski, bike, see friends, read books, and feel somewhat guilty that we are not doing more to help the world. Always look forward to seeing any of you - and we have beds and a driveway to welcome you here in Golden.

Jo Anne Valens

I live in southwestern Massachusetts where I teach three- and four-year olds, or, where they teach me, in a Waldorf School. I live with my husband Michael of almost forty years. Our 30-year-old son lives close by. Life is good.

Dave Westerbeke

Hello one and all. I have a new CD out. Think of Colorado often usually an outdoor scene in my head. Bid adieu 15 years of French yikes. David sent us an electronic version of a song written about the trips from Glenwood Springs to San Francisco on the California Zephyr... fabulous!



The Class of 1969 held a reunion last fall at Jim Welch's cabin in Ward. Pictured above: Carol Baily, Linda Gore, Mary Kuntz-Cote, Jim Welch, Paul Gibbs, and Steve Hobson and Ravi Venkateswaran.

1969
Effie Davenport

Still out here in Maryland. Still working part time as well as gardening and riding. I'm beginning to expand my gardening into Baltimore City through a community gardening project, and I am really enjoying that. Fascinated by the era we are in. Who would have imagined, while we were at CRMS, that we'd see the effects of global warming in our lifetime?

Lolly Lewis

I am still running the San Francisco Symphony's Community of Music Makers program, creating workshops for adult amateur musicians on the Symphony stage -- still producing recordings, most recently by a wonderful San Francisco-based chorus Conspiracy of Venus (conspiracyofvenus.com) -- participating in memoir-writing workshops under the direction of Tamim Ansary (CRMS class of 66) -- still swimming in the Bay.

Anni Shelley

I'm semi-retired and occasionally working as a freelance graphic designer. My husband retired in July when his job vanished. We're living the dream now and loving it. This year I am Women's Captain at our golf club, so life's even more golf-centric than usual. I'm having fun with it, doing all sorts of tasks that aren't normally in my bailiwick, and learning lots. I continue caring for my grandson every Wednesday.

Robin Sutherland

Had a really lovely dinner with Lolly Lewis and Jeff Leahy at Café Bastille here in San Francisco a couple of nights ago, and how great to hear of all the



excellent things happening where the Crystal meets the Roaring Fork! The San Francisco Symphony is planning its next major assault on Asia this November -- Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo, Seoul, Taipei. By then I'll be in my 44th season as Principal Keyboards for the band, which either means that I'm in one of the world's lengthiest ruts or that I got super lucky super early. Anyway, at one line, my résumé is definitely one of the shorter ones. It's beginning to look like steady work, as my father observed several decades ago. Our annual performances at Carnegie Hall occur in mid-April this year. Sadly, Lolly won't be able to join up for them, but I'm going to try and coax Melanie Wyler into coming down from Connecticut. I have to keep reminding her that there's other music besides Wagnerian opera! Her sister Judith is huge with the SF Silent Film Society, and together with brother David (my old Upper Meadows dorm mate who flew up from Los Angeles), that made for another wonderful reunion. Sensing that the climate in our sometimes backward nation had thawed sufficiently, on June 26th last year, I was married to Carlos Julián Ortega Mendoza, an awesome clarinetist from Colombia who's now feeling his way around the SF classical music scene. If you called him striking, you would not be wrong! And speaking of swelling up, best wishes to all CRMSers as those two aforementioned rivers begin their rise.

Ravi Venkateswaran

I am writing this letter from Chennai, India, my original home town. The colors, sounds, and chaos are unique to this part of the world. I have enjoyed visiting the local temples, attending music concerts and visiting with relatives. In September



last year, we had a great small, mini class re-union at Jim Welch's beautiful cabin in the Rockies with Carol Bailey, Paul Gibbs, Jim, Steve Hobsen, Linda Gore and Mary Kunz-Cote present. We reminscend and are happy to see CRMS flourishing and maintaining many of the old traditions from our time. Hello to our class!

1970
Ed Merritt

Still president of the Dolores State Bank. Still married to the same wife (42 years), both kids married and employed and 3 grandkids. Life is great!

1971
Catherine Hayden (Wyler)

Thank you to Laura Friedberg Miller and Cici McLaughlin Runge for meeting me in Carbondale to go to the August 2015 reunion. David Powers was our trusty tour guide and Forever Friend. Thank you to him also. Life goes on. Thank you to David Parker for meeting up with me and David Powers on my second trip to Colorado after my mother passed away in October 2015. We also saw Franz Froehlicher, Johnny Richardson and Bill Savage at the August reunion. Jeff Leahy is an amazing Head of School and he recently hosted three of us older women at a coffee in downtown San Francisco and I have totally bought into what CRMS is now. Jeff is willing to hear our stories and listen to our teenage memories and I say "Yay to Jeff Leahy!" for being one of the most amazing people on the planet and my beloved strange CRMS is so hugely entirely lucky to have him. There are gazillions of nice restaurants now in Carbondale. The stunning gorgeousness of that area is not easy to remember. It has to be seen again in person. I've said it all. On with the show. Much love and gratitude.

1972
Barbara Bahnson

It was really fun to reconnect with CRMS and with Cynthia Yates Price when my older daughter spent her junior year at CRMS. She ended up coming back to the public high school her senior year, but

during 2013-14 I was able to experience the changes (from the 70's) at the school, and perhaps most importantly how much has stayed the same. It was fun to spend time with Dave Powers, and ironically Dave Oberman's daughter was also attending CRMS the year Annalise was there, so I got to see him. I also met up with Gale Vagneur for coffee. My husband and I have two daughters who we adopted from China in 1998 and 2000. They are now teenagers and those who have been through that phase can understand that challenge. Fortunately they are very good kids, oldest is in her freshman year at Northeastern in Boston. John and I just passed our 30 year anniversary. After being a stay-at-home mom for the past 15 years I have just rented a small building close to my house and am planning to open a gift shop. It seems like a good way to scale down the junk I have accumulated through the years, as well as a great way to showcase the art that some of my friends create. Life is good right now.

Margaret McCandless

Creatively self-employed again and I can do a bit more community service, too. My mural painting, scenic design for theater, and custom map painting are part of what keeps me busy, along with continuing historical music performing for museums, schools, and libraries. My website: MargaretMcCandless.com. Now I have time, too, for writing stories, great fun. Outdoors daily. Our sons took me and George on a kayaking camping trip in Casco Bay, Maine, in September. It was fabulous. Wishing happiness to all.

1973
Rebecca Ivester (Furr)

These days I'm doing some writing, playing my flute solo and in duet with a guitarist friend, also in flute choir, meditating daily, becoming certified to teach cognitively based compassion training, adapting to the transition of all the technology I use (the Cloud), enjoying being married to my wonderful husband of 37 years, surfing and sailing when time allows, enjoying visits with our grown children (+spouse!), bonding more closely with my siblings, their spouses and my nieces and nephews, continuing the path

on spiritual development regardless of the obstacle of my nature of self-centeredness.

1974
Kim Anker-Paddon (Anker)

Life is pretty good. I'm still in Los Angeles and love many parts of it - the neighborhoods, the melting pot nature of the city and the energy that comes from that, the culture - and try to not get too grumpy about the traffic. Two of my three daughters are within walking distance which makes it all worthwhile. I'm still working a fair amount organizing and coaching. As Alicia mentioned in her note we're heading to SE Asia together next week. Looking forward to our next meet up. Cheers to all!

Bill Anschuetz

Hi Gang. What a treat to catch up with so many mates from '74! My wife and I are still enjoying life in Warsaw as we count down to our return to the U.S. in June after 12 years living overseas-- Peru, Brazil and now Poland. We have taken advantage of our central European location to travel whenever we can-- recently to Berlin, Paris, Malta, Cinque Terre and next up Sicily. During our U.S. visits over the years we increasingly made time to visit Carbondale to take advantage of all it has to offer. Last fall we bought a little house down the street from Adele and across from Elliott so we are looking forward to putting down some new roots down the road from CRMS. I also hope this means the opportunity to see more of you all whether for reunions or just passing through. No way should we wait until 2019 to gather this special group together! Hugs from here.

Gina Hardin (Barnhart)

Hi All. I just got back from 6 weeks in Tanzania - great time. First, traveled with a group and then by myself. Roger and I are finally getting divorced for real. I am about to have my first grandbaby - a girl. She's due on leap day. Am still chairing 350 Colorado, an organization fighting climate change. I'm well and happy! Best to all.

Julie LeCorgne (Bethell)

Hello from N’awlins and the Bahamas, mon. All good from the Southern U.S. as long as the hurricanes stay away! Still working for the family real estate business in the Bahamas, traveling whenever possible. We welcomed our first grand baby to the world 18 months ago which has been magical. VERY special to cross paths with many of you at the reunion in Carbondale! Let me know if you are ever in the Big Easy or Bahamas. It would be fun to keep in touch. Hugs to all.

Anne Pundyk (Brown)

Our daughter Phoebe is in her third year working at The New York City Ballet and Evan is a senior at The University of Indiana at Bloomington. Jeff is working at The Economist, which from my perspective means a few trips each year to London. I moved my painting studio to the rural, quiet end of Long Island a year ago. The work I produced is being shown in two solo shows called “The Revolution Will Be Painted.” The links are below to the gallery in Washington DC, Adah Rose Gallery and my New York gallery, Christopher Stout Gallery. I invite anyone who is local to the openings. It would be terrific to see you. Love to all. www.adahrosegallery.com www.christopherstoutgallery.com

Virginia Touhey

As you may remember I joined the CRMS Board of trustees. That entails going to CRMS 4 times a year. Yes the campus has changed a great deal. I speak with students- they are learning and doing great things and are very excited. The Carbondale community seems to respect CRMS and all is good. This year I have decided to learn sign language. I have no idea where I will use it but I’ve wanted to learn it for a long time. Kathy and I are off to New Orleans for our 4th anniversary. I’ll be turning 60 in July and will be celebrating by competing in Ironman Mont Tremblant in August, this is my 2nd, and last, one. Remind me please, training is a killer, like training with Roget for skiing. See you all somewhere, sometime.

1976 Alex Crane

Living the good life on the sunny side of the Cascades in Washington state. Still practicing emergency medicine and raising four daughters.

1980 Andy Reeves

Work: Working for Mayo Clinic in our Mankato operation. I’m an epileptologist (neurologist specializing in epilepsy) and I run the autonomic function lab and co-chair the stroke program. Home: My wife home-schools our two girls. We have a busy life. Hobbies and other activities: I play lead guitar. Rarely do I play bass or drums these days. I make electronic guitar effects pedals from scratch (sold in small quantities online under the name Reez Effects). Metal sculpture, cooking, baking, smoking excellent BBQ, including home-cured bacon (yum!). As I age, it has become a matter of “decay management,” but overall, I really can’t complain. My life is good!

Naomi Rose

I’ve been keeping busy with policy work to protect marine mammals. Lately I’m focused most on captive cetaceans. I did a TedX Talk in Oregon - Let’s Throw Shamu a Retirement Party! I’m working on two state bills to prohibit captive display, of all cetaceans in Washington and of orcas only in California, and also a federal orca bill - HR 4019, the Orca Responsibility and Care Advancement (ORCA) Act.



Naomi Rose, Class of 1980, pictured with Jane Goodall.

I have a community FB page on captive cetaceans - From the Dolphin’s Point of View. And my husband and I are happy at home in Virginia with 3 cats!

1982 Tom Newhard

Hello CRMS. Things are ramping up for my wife, Margaret, and I as we will welcome our first child in April. Mom is very healthy and we are both excited for this change in our lives.

1983 Lee Hall

I recently passed through northeast Arizona while driving home to Lyons from Phoenix. I picked up a hitchhiker in Tuba City. He was a Navajo man and he shared some interesting information about his home in the Navajo nation- sacred landmarks, etc. I mentioned that I felt fortunate to have had a very kind, gentle and intelligent Navajo roommate at CRMS. He asked me what his name was. “Rex Lee Jim” (’82), I replied, expecting only a simple acknowledgement. “Oh, yeah, he was the Vice President of the Navajo Nation.” (2011 to 2015) I was floored - largely because I had heard nothing of his accomplishments. However, I’m not surprised that Rex Lee has become such an important figure. Even to us lug-headed CRMS students, it was obvious that he was extraordinary. Google him to learn more. Go Rex Lee!

1984 Ted Thonus



Denver is home for me. The primary focus for 2016 is to continue building my consulting company and raising a 15 year-old daughter and a 13 year-old son. In Tulsa for business earlier this year, will be in Nashville and San Diego for fun over the next few months. It’s been cool keeping track of many of my Oyster classmates over Facebook. Wish everyone a great rest of the year!

1986 Ivan DeWolf

I have ditched the VFX for movies industry for the video game industry. I work at EA in Burnaby, British Columbia (Canada), live in Squamish BC, and ski Whistler every weekend. (WHEEE!) I found me a woman crazy enough to marry me and we bought a house in November. Still alive ‘n kickin’ and still crazy and loving existence.

1987 Hugh Phillips

I’m living in Grand Junction and have been happily married for 13 years, no kids. We had a business for 10 years repairing and outfitting Toyotas. We just closed it and are ready for new horizons! I keep in contact with quite a few classmates and see them regularly. I often think of the great times and experiences at the school; including those hard won lessons!

1991 Jon Vimont

Here is an update from the Vimont/ Holden front. Backstory; Alanna and I (class of 1990/91) reunited at the CRMS reunion in 2010 and were married in

December 2011. We recently sold both our homes (Boulder and Raleigh) and travel full time in our 30yr old Avion/ Airstream camper. Two semi-adult kids in college and me working remotely allows us to see all that this great country has to share. We plan to attend this year’s reunion and can’t wait to see all our friends from high school. Looking forward to this summer in Colorado!



1993 Justin Dragonas

My wife Candice and I just had our first child. A healthy baby girl named Scarlett Marlowe Dragonas. She is super cute and poops a lot. I am busy production designing commercials, music videos, and a new web series that is top secret for the time being. So rest assured I am getting zero sleep but that the CRMS work ethic is paying dividends right now. That’s about it.



Above: Kelly Nemirow ’01 with her husband Jordan and with her sister Ali Wade ’04 and mother Weidi Estin Wade ’73

2001 Matt Bussey

I recently moved to Boston and am an attorney focusing on mergers & acquisitions.

Kelly Nemirow (Wade)

This past November, I married Jordan Nemirow on the Caribbean island of St. Barthelemy in the French West Indies. We live in Aspen, CO, where my mom and I continue to run our business & boutique, “heidi hat” www.heidihat.com.

2004 Ross Dillon

After teaching in Nevada, Singapore, and Connecticut I have returned to my home of the San Francisco Bay Area and have been working as a teacher at Mare Island Technology Academy since 2014.

Elly Krueger

Greetings from Frankfurt am Main, Germany! I teach at a trilingual primary school here!

2005 Jenae McCarroll

I am working and living at Verde Valley school in Sedona. VERY similar to CRMS. I am the head of residential life and teach Theory of Knowledge to juniors & seniors. CRMS changed my life!



Scotty Pelton

Currently flowing my bliss! I am in my second year as an elementary special education teacher, previously a kindergarten teacher in Arizona. During my free time I spend a lot of time swimming in lake Monona and rock climbing in Devils Lake in Wisconsin. CRMS was a big part of my life and I will always be grateful for all the outstanding and compassionate teachers there. CRMS has fostered in me a passion for social justice, spiritual growth, and an appreciation of the natural world.

2006
Kara Haines

After CRMS I received my BA in Psychology from the University of Colorado in Boulder. I then spent three months in Costa Rica volunteering at a nature retreat resort. I returned to Carbondale and worked at EcoGoddess for about a year to save money for graduate school. I attended Pacific College of Oriental Medicine in San Diego from August 2011-Dec. 2015. I graduated with my mnasters in Oriental Medicine (MSTOM) and am a board certified Oriental Medicine practitioner. I leave March 5, 2016 to work aboard the Crystal Symphony cruise ship for seven months as the certified acupuncturist. I will be traveling around the Mediterranean, Russia, Bermuda, etc. My blog page is Cruisetothepoint.com for a full list of places I'll be going.

Leana Schwartz

I am now a Peace Corp volunteer in Cameroon, Africa and I am running fish farming initiatives in the country.

2007
Joey Bosworth

I work as a Project Manager for Airbnb in San Francisco.

Tory Garling

I am in my second year of medical school, attending Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

2008
Elise Sibley Chandler

I really enjoyed showing Kent the CRMS campus this past summer. Kent and I were both so inspired by the education and community that we have been volunteering to install household keyhole gardens with a ground called Jon's HoGar and working as Teaching Artists in the Marfa Elementary School through Marfa School of Arts, a nonprofit arts organization that gets grant funding to keep the arts in the public school. Kent started a master's program for Education and Counseling and we are Volunteer Firefighters.

2009
Robert Burch

I'm scheduled for my first international museum exhibition for my glass work. I'm showing alongside Ulrica Hydman-Vallien at the Vida Museum in Sweden this May. Ulrica is practically a national treasure so its a pretty big honor. <http://theglassfactory.se/english/program/hot-shop-demo-tgf-vida/>

2010
Emily Schwaller

I graduated with a BS in Agricultural Communication in May of 2015 and was hired in a full time benefited position in the Univeristy of Wyoming Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning.

2011
Alex Danell

I just graduated from the university of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in film studies.

2012
Riley Addington

I have been busy in academic and social pursuits. As of two weeks ago I was admitted to Western Illinois University's (WIU) graduate school. I will be studying Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration. This January I decided to recant my admission to a variety of law schools due to a desire to pursue a

career path that was collaborative, rather than adversarial in nature. For the past six months the state of Illinois has gone without a budget. As our state legislative branch and executive branch continue to butt heads with each other, a wide variety of social programs have been negatively affected. This includes, but is not limited to, the realm of higher education. As the Vice President of WIU's Student Government Association (SGA) I have been working with our SGA President, Wil Grade, to advocate for students in an effort to secure funding for higher education. We are planning a student advocacy day in conjunction with several other academic institutions. It's anticipated that we will be heading to the capital, Springfield, to march and demand that the legislature pass a meaningful spending bill to fund MAP grants for low-income students. Additionally, today I met with our University's Vice President to find ways to implement an informational session for students in regards to our Student Judicial Program. Last month I was also elected to serve as the chairman of the Community and University Partnership Program committee. A few of the members of the committee are as follows: The University President and Vice President, Macomb's Mayor, the City Attorney, Macomb's chamber of Commerce, representatives from local, county, and state law enforcement, Macomb Alderman, and district's State Senator, State House of Representative, and other prominent community members. Please feel free to contact me at rd-addington@wiu.edu.

Jacqueline Larouche

Last fall I was selected for the 2016 Petit Scholar program at Georgia Tech. It is a competitive scholarship program aimed at developing leading bioengineering and bioscience researchers. As part of this program, I am spending 2016 researching the effects of mechanotransduction on the development of fibrosis (scar tissue). The main focus of the lab is on Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, a terminal disease without any existing treatment, though my research will translate to other diseases associated with scar tissue development.

Aubrey Mason

I will be graduating from Colorado State University in May 2016 with a bachelor's degree in equine science and a minor in business administration.

Yang Yang

I am planning a RTW trip for the two years after graduation and will become a blogger and contract writer for travel magazines. I will also be doing music field research and then applying for PhD programs in ethnomusicology.

2013
Bowen Wang

I am currently taking a gap semester to intern full time at venture capital firm in Beijing in order to get a better sense of the Chinese capital market and explore my horizon in the financial service industry. I will return to New York University as a junior in fall 2016. Please hit me up when you are in the city.

FORMER FACULTY & STAFF
Randy Brown

A pleasant surprise recently was to blunder onto a TV medical drama (Chicago Med) and find Oliver Platt playing a significant role. Dutton Foster must be delighted! As for me, my wife Sherrie and I have moved to Bay City, MI. The 300 foot driveway and large yard in Tawas City was getting too much. We are amused daily by our two cats, which says it all for an old guy.

Caroline Damon

Andrew Gardner and Caroline Damon welcomed their son, Sam Gardner, on June 4, 2015. They love life in Vermont's Green Mountains! Andrew works in PR and marketing, and Caroline works in college admissions.

Janet Edwards

I am still making pots and teaching pottery here, though my work seems to be expanding both artistically & geographically. I am currently teaching ceramics locally, showing paintings, and making prints in my studio. Next week I leave to teach a 3rd ceramic workshop

in Hawaii. I have also been teaching workshops nationally and in British Columbia and Italy. I am looking for participants to participate in a workshop in central Tuscany in Autumn, 2017. This is a wonderfully rich time in my life.

Dutton Foster

Caroline and I continue our retirement activities in St. Paul, trying to get outdoors as much as possible, looking at birds, riding our bikes in the neighborhood and on the many trails Minnesota offers, making some art and music for our own enjoyment, keeping up with local friends and extended family, and participating in various ways at our Unitarian church. On Thursdays, Caroline meets with her recorder group, and I lead a crew of regulars at Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. Both of us enjoy being creative in the kitchen. My backyard railroad chugs on, with its 31st summer coming up. We see Alison and Kevin for about one weekend a month up on the North Shore, and Skype weekly with H.D. and his family in Kyoto. We are blessed with good health so far and doing what we can to keep it that way.

Adele Hause

Hi and loving greetings to all we have heard from through the multitude of ways to communicate. I don't use them all, but I hope we always have a post office and a Holden Way address and printed publications. What a year it has been here in Carbondale! For me, the loss of my son, Kea, has been balanced by the overwhelming kindness and thoughts of so many who connected with him at CRMS. Soon after a celebration of his life we lost Rich Furze, like a fire cracker, gone, but still dazzling because of his



multitude of abilities. Then, sadly, we lost Pat Fender, truly the heartbeat of CRMS in her extraordinary love for the school.

Andrew Menke

After eleven years as Head at New Hampton School (NH), this July Jennifer and I will return to the west where I will become Head at The Waterford School, a K-12, 900 student day school located 20 miles south of Salt Lake City in Sandy, Utah. I would love to reconnect with CRMS folks andrewmenke@waterfordschool.org

Barbara Ross (O'Neil)

When my other sister, Anne, and I visited Pat Fender the week before she died, it was heart-warming to see how many visitors, phone calls, and notes she received - many from CRMS friends. Nigel Peacock showed up with a dozen red roses. We miss her!



In an effort to keep our print newsletter a size that reflects our dedication to sustainability, the full set of alumni notes is available on the CRMS website. Find it by visiting crms.org/alumni/classnotes.

If you would like to send us an update on what you have been up to...new additions to your family, marriages, travel, education accomplishments or work news, please go to: <http://www.crms.org/alumni/staying-in-touch/update-your-information/>.

Adele Hause met up with Paolo Bacigalupi '90 at his presentation at the Tucson Festival of Books in mid-March at the University of Arizona. Paolo's latest novel is "The Water Knife," a near-future thriller about climate change and drought in the southwestern United States.

CRMS STUDENT JAIME BUTLER '19
PLAINTIFF IN GROUNDBREAKING ENVIRONMENTAL CASE



Jaime Butler '19 is a second-generation CRMS student. Her sister Shelby Nez '12 and mother Tina Peshlakai '86 both graduated from CRMS. Tina is currently the Policy Director for the Arizona Fund for Women and an Arizona State Senator Candidate.

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Twenty-one youth plaintiffs, as well as climate scientist Dr. James Hansen as guardian for future generations, is suing the federal government to cease conduct that promotes fossil fuel extraction and consumption, and instead develop and implement an actual science-based climate recovery plan. The complaint argues the youth have a fundamental constitutional right to be free from the government's destruction of their Earth's atmosphere. The March 9th court appearance was scheduled for the judge to hear oral arguments from the U.S. government and the fossil fuel industry on their motions to dismiss the landmark constitutional climate change lawsuit.

At March 9th's historic hearing, U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas M. Coffin questioned Department of Justice attorney Sean C. Duffy on whether the federal government was allowing tradeoffs between present and future generations. To illustrate his question, the Judge used an example of a discount rate, and pondered whether the

government's actions were effectively trading future harm for present day benefits.

"Are you robbing Peter to pay Paul?" the judge asked a flustered Duffy.

The hearing began with Duffy denying the federal government's duty under the public trust doctrine to protect essential natural resources for the benefit of all present and future generations. The judge asked, "Both (water & air) are vital to life, right?"

"Yes, your honor," replied Duffy.

Hundreds of students, activists, professors and citizens concerned about climate turned out in Eugene, Oregon to support 21 young plaintiffs, ages 8-19, in what Bill McKibben and Naomi Klein call the "most important lawsuit on the planet right now."

"The future of our generation is at stake," said 16-year-old plaintiff Victoria Barrett at the press conference following the hearing.

"People label our generation as dreamers, but hope is not the only tool we have. I am young, I am a teenager, and I want to have fun, and be creative, and hang out with my friends. I want to do what I love and live a life full of opportunities. I want the generation that follows to have the same and I absolutely refuse to let our government's harmful action, corporate greed and the pure denial of climate science get in the way of that." The plaintiffs sued the federal government for violating their fundamental constitutional rights to life, liberty and property by taking actions that permit, encourage and otherwise enable continued exploitation, production and combustion of fossil fuels.

"We firmly believe the court will view

this as an egregious instance where the federal government intensified the danger to our plaintiffs' life, liberty and property," said plaintiffs' attorney Phil Gregory with Cotchett, Pitre, & McCarthy. "This case places indisputable climate science squarely in front of the federal courts, requesting an order forcing our government to cease jeopardizing the climate system for present and future generations."

The purpose of Wednesday's hearing was to hear arguments from the parties on the federal government's and fossil fuel industry's motions to dismiss the youth's climate change lawsuit. The judge conducted incisive questioning of lawyers presenting oral argument for both sides on the issue. The hearing lasted for two hours. It's unclear when he will reach a decision on the defendants' motions, but the youth plaintiffs are optimistic the Judge will treat their case fairly.

"Defendants are wrong that our complaint fails to allege constitutional and public trust violations for the harms caused these young plaintiffs," said Julia Olson, lead counsel for the plaintiffs and executive director of Our Children's Trust, in her closing argument.

"Defendants in essence ask this court to ignore the undisputed scientific evidence, presented in our complaint and in opposing this motion, that the federal government has, and continues to, damage plaintiffs' personal security and other fundamental rights. But these young plaintiffs have the right to prove the government's role in harming them has been knowing and deliberate."

MEET JOHANN ABERGER
CRMS TRUSTEE

Interview with Beth Smith



Johann is an Associate Professor of Outdoor Education and Sustainability Studies and Coordinator of the Outdoor Education Program at Colorado Mountain College on the Roaring Fork Campus. He holds a B.S. in Outdoor Education from the University of New Hampshire and an M.A. in Social Justice from Prescott College.

What inspired you to join the CRMS Board of Trustees?

I've always learned through experience. Growing up in suburban New Jersey, I attended public schools which did not fit my learning style. For many years afterwards I believed that the mountains would teach me everything I needed to know. CRMS presents the best of both worlds—Solid academics, thoughtful participation in outdoor activities, and experiences I only dreamt about back east. Every time I've worked on this campus I've been inspired by the people who reside here —teachers, students, administrators... CRMS has a pulse which is palpable when you step foot here. The vision of this school is my ideal perception of what education can be, and how this team builds each student experience is inspiring. The food at the Bar Fork was a close second in terms of inspiration.

What do you value most about CRMS?

The content: Character education, experiential education, outdoor education, and how CRMS integrates all of these into the high school experience. Every teacher I've met carries a passion for student learning that is evident in their work. The student-life team and activities programs add important dimensions to the student education outside the classroom, which is where 90% of a student's education occurs in my opinion.

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

I am excited to learn from this community and contribute to the evolving conversation about what it means to educate for individual excellence, community engagement, and thoughtful participation in the world we share.

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