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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Head of School Jeff Leahy presents his son Finn with his diploma.

After one of the most unusual years in school history, we have already begun planning for the opening of the next school year. We will welcome back our students to campus with historically high enrollment. During this past admission season and academic year, CRMS experienced incredible prospective student interest, high student retention, and the return of international student applications that had diminished due to the pandemic. We enter the 2021-22 school year with a clear vision for our future with a completed “Future Paths” document and an action plan from our DEIJ-task force (made up of trustees, alumni, staff, faculty, and students). This plan addresses essential work in maintaining a welcoming and supportive community and program.

Human nature gives more weight and attention to the negative, and the pandemic has been so disruptive that we often view our experiences through what we lost this past year rather than gained. These past months have proven difficult to navigate, especially for a campus community that relies so heavily on learning by doing and the relationships developed as a result. Last spring, we lost the opportunity to learn in person, and the experience taught us that there are limits to a successful online educational experience. We had to significantly modify our new student orientation in the fall, which included not going out on our 10-day outdoor trip. All school meetings happened virtually rather than in the barn, and formal dinners were suspended for the academic year due to COVID-19 protocols. All these and many other traditions have been missed this year. CRMS intentionally designs its program so that students enjoy wide-ranging experiences, constructive challenges, and these, in turn, often foster relationships and connections. Regardless of all our attempts to provide elements of normalcy, it has not been a normal year. Yet, as we close out our spring semester, I can’t help but feel a strong sense of pride in our community that despite all we had to overcome with the pandemic, people throughout our community

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rose to the occasion. In doing so, we learned a lot about ourselves and each other in the process.

The CRMS program has always depended on everyone showing up and engaging in meaningful work – it is what John and Anne Holden imagined when they first built the foundations for CRMS. Those individuals who heeded the Holdens’ call were met with projects, challenges, and opportunities that still serve as an inspiration for me each day. While we continue to design and program experiences for our students that capture that original Holden spirit and call to action, the pandemic has sharpened our awareness that we are all in this together and how we show up matters. This year there was an urgency and a heightened seriousness that served to remind us that we had to do more than just go through the motions. As “members of the crew,” we relied on each other to embrace expectations around hygiene, restrictions around social gatherings, and a different approach to residential living. While these precautions altered or nullified some cherished traditions, they asked us to be the best versions of ourselves. They required ownership and commitment from adults and students that could not be fabricated or faked.

We often talk about how we are preparing our students for life and a sense of responsibility for others. If we have learned one important lesson from this pandemic, individual actions matter on a global scale and that in this day and age, we are truly globally connected. It has not escaped us that a pandemic that has left us socially divided has also been an opportunity for us to appreciate that the larger whole’s health and well-being depend upon our actions and behaviors.

Despite all its challenges, the pandemic has been an opportunity for us to improve in different ways as a community. It has become abundantly clear that our attitudes and behaviors matter to our individual and collective health and well-being. Similar to national trends, there was a notable reduction in illness on campus this year. Household jobs, which may have previously been viewed as a menial task that breaks up the day, now became an essential part of our community health strategy. Perhaps it is just a coincidence, but I imagine the increased use of our fitness center from 5:45 a.m. workouts to 10 p.m. most days of the week as an attempt on people’s part to manage their mental well-being through physical exercise beyond the active afternoons.

With boarding students restricted to campus, participation in dorm and weekend activities increased significantly. It was fun for me (and I think for them) to bike off-campus with the 9th-grade Roaring Fork House dorm to get ice cream or to see dorm hosted BBQs on campus. Next year I hope we can maintain that “all-in” attitude by everyone to support the needs of our community. Individuals from all areas of the school heeded the call, and ultimately that made the difference in our having a successful year.

Coming into next year, we will continue to use technology to our advantage. The notion of using the internet for professional development and strategic advancement is now a part of our new normal. Remote meeting platforms are ubiquitous and, over this year, have provided us with access to some outstanding speakers and have given us a capacity to do crucial strategic work on behalf of the school. Our DEIJ task force gathered consistently throughout the year and heard important voices from our community.

Please make no mistake; it has been a difficult path we have traveled this year. Administrators and faculty at CRMS did not take a break in the spring of 2020 when the school used the March vacation to prepare for remote learning last year. We have asked a lot of our faculty, students, and families to commit to a second semester in 2021 that had no significant time off. Yet, every year has its challenges, and the best years – like the best outdoor trips – are the ones that are just challenging enough that you learn something about yourself and your purpose within the community. They are the foundation for knowing that you are resilient and strong enough to withstand whatever has been thrown at you. The adults and students at CRMS stepped up to the challenge, and we are all grateful for completing what can only be described as a successful year. The good news is that all our wonderful traditions will return, and when they do, I believe they will be viewed with even more appreciation – they will seem less mundane and less a chore – and perhaps, we will join in on them with a greater appreciation for what we have gained and what has been returned to us.

Best,

Jeff

ALTHOUGH FAR FROM NORMAL, SPRING 2021 WAS FULL OF HIGHLIGHTS

- BY HEATH HIGNIGHT

In a typical school year, students are away from campus for about three weeks for winter break. However, this year, students left campus just before Thanksgiving and didn't return in person until January 18th, nearly seven weeks later. Although that time away included remote academic classes and exams--and a precautionary quarantine before returning--the winter break challenged both faculty and students with an out-of-the-ordinary rhythm.

Much of the Spring 2021 semester was peppered with such adjustments. Recognizing the risk of exposure that would come with students traveling home for a 2-week spring break, CRMS opted instead to insert within the second semester calendar four "short" weeks where students attended classes Monday through Thursday morning. This adjustment may not have made up for a two-week spring vacation, but it provided students with ample opportunities to enjoy extra time skiing, studying, participating in art and music experiences with their friends, or just playing games and relaxing.

One of the more substantial changes involved the winter sports program. In a typical year, the spring semester would include two half-days on the mountain, with students departing campus right after lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Snowmass or Aspen Highlands. This schedule has long had drawbacks. Mountain conditions change throughout the morning, resulting in students arriving after many skiers have hit

the snow, which often makes for less-than-ideal skiing conditions. Departing after lunch sometimes meant having two or fewer hours on the mountain depending on conditions and lift closure times. Environmentally speaking, the old schedule required more transportation resources, adding miles to the bus fleet and requiring thousands of gallons of fuel. Moving to a full-day ski day idea was often discussed in the past for a whole variety of non-pandemic reasons, but the pandemic provided the impetus to finally do it.

"All of the sudden, we were faced with the need to limit time in busses, and so we took advantage of it to test this idea out," said Diane Hackl, Director of the Active Program. "The happy result coming out of this was a realization that less bus time was beneficial. More time on a mountain on a given day, taking more advantage of the conditions throughout the day. It was also a way for the students to punctuate the week, creating the mental space to dig into skiing in a healthy way. It slowed down the pace for them, too, creating a breather in the middle of

the week."

"We also saw attendance improve dramatically; in a normal year, we could have two dozen students absent on a given ski day, but this year the kids were psyched and could rally for the whole day format."

The full-day ski day will carry forward into the 2021-22 school year, she said. "We're going to hang on to this because of what we learned. Everyone who came out of this was happily surprised by how much students and faculty enjoyed that shift."

This shift presents challenges for the Alpine team, she admitted, but the plan is to set an additional afternoon on snow with gate training every week for the team members--released at lunch like the old schedule.

It was more complicated to accommodate team sports due to major changes in both schedule and format. The alpine team couldn't compete. The mountain bike team participated in virtual meets for distance and time that would see them still compete at the school level by sharing results from local



competitions. The climb team completed a condensed season by having only one team in a gym at a time, comparing results after all teams visited the hosting gym. Soccer teams played in a traditional yet condensed format that moved the boys' season to the early spring and the girls' season to the second half of the spring. This stipulation enabled the girls' team, which started later to finish a minimum number of games before this year's early graduation on May 22nd. Schools finishing their year later played matches into June, and we'll learn the standings later (around the time you're reading this newsletter).

Trips became even more important because of the limited interaction among dorm residents and limits on day student time on campus. Although trips required more modest adjustments like COVID-19 testing on the way out and back from trips, the significance and impact of Spring Trip became outsized in facilitating relationship-building among students.

After a long winter under COVID-19 restrictions, Spring Trip came at just the right moment. Faculty members Katie Hyman and Peter Benedict, together with four parent volunteers, took a group of 14 students to Dinosaur National Park to kayak the Yampa River to its confluence with

the Green River.

"Leaving the vehicles and cell phones at the put-in, the students instantaneously adjusted to the rhythm of river travel," said Katie. "The trip called for a blend of reverence and simple, joyful play. Every bend in the river gifted another view of gargantuan sandstone cliffs, and every eddy line and wave prompted squirts and surfs from the students. Considering that the last year has meant greater isolation and precaution for so many of us, Spring Trip was both a literal and figurative breath of fresh air. Day students and boarders melded into one group. First-year students joined cook crews with juniors and seniors. Like any CRMS trip, laughter came from all corners of camp. This particular week on the water served as a stirring reminder of the power of outdoor living and travel, the denizens of health, and the importance of community."

Not even Scholarship Work Day, in its 56th year, escaped substantive change.

This year, SWD included some large projects benefiting the local community. More than 20 students participated in beautifying the ARTway non-motorized path along the old Rio Grande rail line through town. In partnership with

Carbondale Arts and Roaring Fork Transportation Authority volunteers, CRMS students and parents cleared weeds, laid new mulch, planted wildflowers, and painted rocks at community park areas along the path. An even larger group of students, parents, and faculty joined Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association and Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers to repair and build trails on Red Hill, and repair the North Face Bike Park by Roaring Fork High School. These larger projects helped maintain a safe working environment outdoors for students, reducing their exposure while having a very visible impact on the community that will be enjoyed by many this summer and next fall.

As the academic year drew to a close, CRMS was the only boarding school in Colorado not to experience a disruptive COVID outbreak within its community. This was thanks, in large part, to CRMS students, families, and faculty drawing on their resilience to adapt and overcome the challenges of a (hopefully) once-in-a-lifetime pandemic.



l to r: A ski group during winter Active; Kayak 3 Spring Trip; Mac Muir-Jeffreys '21 competes at the state climb competition.

FAMILIES FIND A HOME AT CRMS

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY PREVAILED

- BY HEATH HIGHLIGHT

August 16, 2020 proved quite a day to welcome new families to the CRMS campus. Between the pandemic and the Grizzly Creek Fire, which started just six days earlier, parents and families found themselves with a very different drop-off experience from the norm. Gone were the big welcome presentations in the Barn, a fun lunch inside the Bar Fork, and casual conversations with faculty, advisors, and meeting smiling new classmates. With vaccines still under development and the COVID-19 virus spreading across the world, orientation moved outside, and everyone wore masks-which serendipitously helped with the thick wildfire smoke pluming into the valley. If most parents feel anxious about their student starting high school in a normal year, this was something altogether more challenging.

Yet as the fall progressed, the parents and families of all CRMS students played a vital role in making the 2020-21 school year something exceptional in the school's history. From participating in online talks with Jeff Leahy last fall and having socially distanced picnics on campus for special holidays, to participating in new Zoom Parent meetings this past spring, families found ways to build their connections to faculty, advisors, and with other CRMS families throughout the year.

Parents and families knew that nothing about this past year would feel like normal, and that their students would face challenges and

frustrations despite being in-person. Pat and Corey McLernon, parents of Owen '22 and Sawyer '24, said their sons experienced the challenges of this academic year differently.

"Our freshman [Sawyer] absolutely thrived in every single area, from academics, socially, activities and dorm life. Upon returning from the outdoor trips he was completely exhilarated from the new friendships and experiences he had," Pat said.

"Nation-wide, this was a challenging year for so many students, and when I reflect on this past year for our boys, I cannot imagine them being anywhere except CRMS. The feat of in-person learning, outdoor trips, bonding with the community and being challenged contributed to our younger son thriving. For our older son, CRMS was a safe haven, a supportive community and precisely what he needed to navigate this past year. We are grateful for the inclusive, caring, supportive, exciting and challenging community of CRMS and in a year like no other before it. We are eternally appreciative!"

Mara and Rick Wallace, parents of Jake Wallace '21, who joined the school as a senior last fall, said that coming to CRMS was one of the best decisions their son made.

"[Jake] instantly fell in love with the mountains, the prospect of walking to all his classes, biking everywhere, and skiing multiple days per week," reflects Mara. "We fell in love with the emphasis on community and

character. When we came for a visit, Jeff Leahy introduced Jake to the Oyster way by saying, 'At CRMS, we believe life is something you live, not something you win.' Amen."

"We were delighted to join a community that encourages collaboration and compassion alongside an excellent academic education. Thanks to the ethos of this place, and the outstanding faculty, Jake has been able to focus more on learning and less on grades. The result is that he has learned more, enjoyed life more, and gotten the best grades he ever has. Go figure."

With Jake graduating last month, Mara conveyed that despite living on the west coast, she and Rick felt welcomed into the community despite these unique conditions. "Not only did Jake find himself feeling at home nearly instantly, we did, too. To a person, everyone we've met and interacted with at CRMS has been friendly, welcoming, helpful, and generally lovely. Saying an early farewell to our boy was hard, but knowing that he was going to such a good place, surrounded by such good people, made it a much easier goodbye. And now we all feel like we found a home in Carbondale."

Central to the success of every CRMS student is family engagement. We're grateful to all of the families who put their trust in the school, and found ways to help the entire community thrive in this difficult year.

SCENES FROM THE YEAR



clockwise from top left: Students learned to roll in the kayak pond; Chess games in the Bar Fork; Students in the North Dorm during a Tye-Dye event; Ice skating at Reudi Reservoir; SWD - a group works on building trails at the Carbondale Skate Park; Ski Day!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: OLIVIA PEVEC

BY ALISON JOHNSON // EDITED BY HEATH HIGHLIGHT



Blacksmithing Faculty Olivia Pevec has a lot of irons in the fire beyond the CRMS Forge. From blacksmithing to wood-splitting to the arts and volunteerism, longtime local Pevec is a true Renaissance woman with many talents and interests.

Pevec was born in Denver but spent her childhood in British Columbia, Portugal, and then Portland. Her grandparents were lifelong Carbondale residents, which ultimately drew her to the valley over 20 years ago. She was introduced to blacksmithing while working with a horse farrier who doubled as a hobby blacksmith. She then took a week-long women's class with an artist from Marble and fell in love with it. Before coming to CRMS, Pevec worked as an ornamental blacksmith and as a demonstration blacksmith at the Glenwood Springs Adventure Park as well as with students at CRMS during Interim. Olivia joined CRMS in 2017 as an artist-in-residence for the blacksmithing program, and will transition to a faculty appointment for the 2021-22 school year.

Olivia leads a student service crew that learns the fundamentals of blacksmithing while producing unique items like hooks, keychains, bottle openers, candlesticks, and utensils. Many of these creations become auction items for the annual OysterBASH fundraiser each fall. Pevec hopes to impress upon her students not only the skills of blacksmithing but also the notion of craftsmanship.

"Blacksmithing is a craft first, and it became an art later on," says Pevec.

"To me, that means taking care with your work, doing your best job, but also caring for the tools and space. It's that ethic of craftsmanship and manual capability that you get from any craft that's asking you to work with a material in a particular way."

While blacksmithing is rare in high schools, Pevec sees essential takeaways from the process for students. Hot steel moves like clay, but the manipulation of it must come from tools, which makes it challenging for students to learn.

"The biggest takeaway students get from the exposure is that they can see how giving a little time and energy and attention to something pays off," says Pevec. "That you do something that you think you'd never be able to do, and suddenly you discover that actually, you can. If you give it a moment, things start to get better."

The manual labor of blacksmithing has led directly to Pevec's success in other arenas. For twenty years, she's entered the women's wood-splitting competition at Mountain Fair and come away with five champion titles. With a hearty laugh, she attributes her success not only to the hammer swinging and hand-eye coordination required by blacksmithing but also to the luck of the piece of wood she draws.

When not blacksmithing or chopping wood for an audience, Pevec plays several other vital roles in the community as well. She regularly performs in a 4-piece folk band called Let Them Roar.

"It started as a living room jam session," she says. "There was real spark and "

magic from the group, and we've been going for over a decade now."

The band, which recently announced its last performance will take place at Mountain Fair this year, has had a philanthropic mission and raised thousands of dollars to support immigrant women living in sanctuary situations in Colorado. While Pevec sings for the band, she also picked up the banjo made by her father before she was born.

"It sat in a closet in our house my entire life," Pevec says. "I'd sneak in and pluck it. About seven years ago, I decided it was time to learn how to accompany myself. I'd tried to pick up the guitar but never felt it. As soon as I picked up the banjo, it felt right."

Her interests also extend to the local arts community. She was instrumental in spearheading the DeRail Park arch on the ARTway in Carbondale, for which CRMS students contributed pieces from their 2018 Interim class and was recently spruced up during Scholarship Work Day this year. She also helps run The Near New thrift store in Carbondale, which is run by the Rebekahs, and auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows service organization.

"It's one of those old fraternal organizations based on service," says Pevec. "My friends and I were

intrigued by the thrift store, so we went in and talked to the ladies holding down the fort. We all joined the organization and are now doing our best to keep the store open.”

Pevac calls the volunteer-run thrift shop a community treasure partly because you can find some of the best deals around, but also because every dime raised goes back into the community.

“All you have to do to ask for money is write a letter,” she says. “The sisterhood edict is about widows and orphans, so we look out especially for families in need but also anyone who writes us a letter.”

The Near New Thrift Shop has helped everyone from national cancer organizations to Carbondale nonprofits to individuals who need help paying their medical bills.

Going into the new academic year, Pevac’s looking forward to tackling yet another new challenge: teaching drama and producing theater with students. Theater is a vital part of many CRMS students’ educational experience over the decades, and she’s excited to bring something different to the craft.

“I’m really interested in site-specific and place-based performance,” she said. “Helping students develop their self-expression has been behind everything I’ve done at CRMS, and I’m thrilled that will now become the focus of my work! With so many diverse experiences under her belt, it’s not hard to believe that Pevac will have a transformative impact on students moving into her new role at CRMS.

FACULTY PROFILE: NOAH SAKAMOTO



Noah grew up in the Bay Area of California near the Comet Skateboards factory. Through Comet, he was introduced to the production side of skateboarding and the art and craft behind the boards themselves. In high school, he enjoyed painting and drawing but discovered art in college. Noah majored in Media Arts and earned his BFA from the California College of Arts. He first learned of Carbondale when the Sector 9 film *Second Nature*, which he starred and co-produced, appeared in the 5Point Film Festival in 2010, winning “Best Adventure Sports Film.”

How did you first come into being an artist and teaching?

Between my freshman and sophomore year of Colorado College, I got a job running the woodshop at a summer camp called Camp Nor’western, located in the San Juan Islands of Washington State. The other counselors that worked in the art department were all students from Rhode Island School of Design, and that’s how I learned that there were art-specific colleges. I was so inspired, I went back to Colorado College for a semester, put a portfolio together, and transferred to the California College of Arts in the spring. My time at CCA was accelerated since I was a transfer student, but I loved everything about it. After college, I got my first job teaching video at McClymonds High School in West Oakland, California.

Share the passion for one of your classes - what do you love most?

My favorite project in my painting classes has been our nose portraits. The students studied the anatomy, form, and structure of the nose and painted these larger than lifestyle portraits of noses. The detail is fantastic. This project feels like a solid stepping stone, and if they took this quality of work and applied it to the entire face, it would be incredible. I create and complete projects along with the students; it’s an excellent way for me to stay active as an artist and lead by example for the class.

What’s one of your favorite things about the CRMS community?

I love the open space of the campus. Teaching in an urban setting, where the playground was on the school’s roof, wasn’t for me. I love that the students want to be here; that means few disciplinary issues, and we can get down to work and learning. They make teaching an absolute joy. I’ve also been given some incredible autonomy to create projects and take ownership of the art program. I’ve still got a lot more planned.

What’s an interesting fact about you?

I spent four years racing skateboards as a profession, and with any spare time, creating art in my art studio. At CRMS, I get to take my passion for the things I love and share them with students: skateboarding, snowboarding, leading an arborist service crew, and of course, teaching art.

COMMENCEMENT

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, thirty-two seniors embarked on the next chapter of their lives. Excitement rose as students received flower crowns and boutonnieres. The graduation process, led by Jeff Leahy, wove its way from the art complex to the graduation lawn where families, friends and faculty gathered to celebrate. The ceremony included a welcome from Jeff Leahy, faculty speakers Matt Norrdin and Ryan Margo, student speakers Eleanor Hicks and Zane Mullally, Academic and Community Award presentations, awarding of the traditional leather diplomas, and student music. **Congratulations Class of 2021!**



Class of 2021

Radhika Koss



Bryn Peterson performs



Ryan Margo started his speech off with a bang!



Jake Wallace and Olivia Ward perform



Seamus Garvin receives his diploma



Jeff and Amanda Leahy lead the students through campus



Matt Norrdin



Maddie Rogers



Zane Mullally



5 POINT DREAM PROJECT RECIPIENTS



Makai Yllanes '23



Ellie Urfrig '22 and
Willa Schendler '22



Bryn Peterson '21



Angelika Minoli '22

Every year, students from the Roaring Fork Valley who exemplify 5Point's guiding principles - respect, commitment, humility, purpose and balance - are awarded scholarships and a chance to explore their personal boundaries while living their own best adventure. All that is required is that they are prepared to learn, are striving to have a positive impact on a community, and are ready to have an incredible adventure.

This year, Dream Project Scholarships were awarded to the following Colorado Rocky Mountain School students.

BRYN PETERSON '21

Bryn Peterson will be leaning on his love of film, and science to create a documentary series about Geology. His focus will be on the origin of local geological features and his goal is to have a widely accessible learning resource for anyone who shares a passion for local geology. This series will highlight all of the geological marvels that are prevalent in our valley.

ANGELIKA MINOLI '22

Angelika Minoli is a rising senior whose dream is to create a documentary about the refugee crisis in her native Greece. She plans to highlight individual refugee stories as well as get input from Greek government officials to present a complete picture of the situation and the overall impact that COVID-19 has had on this already vulnerable group.

ELLIE URFRIG '22 AND WILLA SCHENDLER '22

Ellie Urfrig and Willa Schendler hope to bring awareness for environmental causes to their senators and representatives. They will utilize their project grant to organize and invite other environmental clubs from schools across the Roaring Fork Valley, to take several trips to Denver to lobby on the Capital surrounding environmental issues that affect us all.

MAKAI YLLANES '23

Makai Yllanes is a rising junior who wants to create a summer program for underserved middle school students in the valley that would allow them to learn how to rock climb. A passionate climber himself, Makai hopes to show these students how climbing can be a great way to explore the world around them and connect with a healthy outdoor community.

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:

left to right: Zane Mullally '21, Willa Schendler '22, Chantel Hope '23, Lucy Ingram '24



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:

left to right: Cooper Frazee '21, Ellie Urfrig '22, Moss Oppenheimer '23, and Matt McLoota '24

INTERIM

Interim takes place in February each year. It is a time when students and faculty alike are itching for a break from the long 3rd quarter. This year, due to the pandemic our off-campus trips were limited and therefore it afforded us to try some new on-campus options.

The offerings this year included:

- Hands in Clay
- Blacksmithing & Design
- Navajo Silversmithing
- Glassblowing
- Printmaking
- Building a Powder Surfer
- Woodworking: Hand carving and Lathe
- Outdoor Leadership/Wilderness First Aid
- Spanish Language and Culture
- The Art of Route Setting
- Bookbinding & Creative Writing
- 3-D Modeling w/ Moab Retreat
- Backcountry Skiing & Avy 1
- Advanced Backcountry Ski Touring
- Building a Whitewater Dory
- Grand Canyon Photography
- My Cool Bike, Your Cool Bike: Repairing, Refurbishing, and Recycling Bikes



[HS]² SCHOLARS RETURN TO CRMS THIS MONTH!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT STILL AVAILABLE

BY ANNIE OPPENHEIM, [HS]² PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The High School High Scholar [HS]² Program will return to in-person programming for summer 2021! Seventy-one students from New York City, New Orleans, Denver and Fort Worth will travel to Carbondale for five weeks during June and July to engage in a rigorous and STEM-based academic course load. In addition to their academics, [HS]² scholars will enjoy the myriad extracurricular offerings on the CRMS campus and explore the surroundings of the Roaring Fork Valley. To ensure a safe and healthy in-person program as the COVID-19 pandemic persists, [HS]² will employ the COVID-19 protocols and strategies modeled by CRMS this year.



[HS]² scholars at the top of Red Hill

As we return to in-person learning, the program is brimming with positive changes.

Thanks to adjustments to the science curriculum, 2nd-year [HS]² scholars will take an art-based Python coding course, while 3rd-years will tackle a project-oriented near-space balloon project. Additionally, we hired seven [HS]² program alumni to work as RAs for the coming summer. These alums will work in the dorms, in the

classrooms, on the sports fields, and act as “culture carriers” as we work to rebuild the program after the summer 2020 remote program. In addition to filling the summer with fun, community-oriented activities, these alumni RAs who know and love the program will be a huge asset as we rebuild.

[HS]² is within reach of our annual fundraising goal. Every dollar makes a difference, and you can make your

gift to support these incredible students by visiting hs2.crms.org/donate.

You can also scan this QR code with the camera of your mobile device to make your [HS]² gift of any amount--which is fast and easy!



NEW TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHTS

CHRIS BABBS



What inspired you to join the CRMS Board of Trustees?

I first established my connection to CRMS in 1983 and have remained fondly attached to the development of the school ever since that time. Right now I have the time and energy to devote to a board membership commitment; thus a

reconnection with a school that has remained a part of me over the years is an attractive prospect. That long standing connection draws me back, as does my long held belief in the importance of the CRMS educational philosophy in the lives of developing adolescents. I, too, was inspired by the Holdens at an important time in my career, and CRMS remained a significant guidepost as my career unfolded. CRMS has faced many institutional challenges during its history and has demonstrated how its educational philosophy in practice has produced the creativity and resilience needed to meet those challenges. It's exciting to be a part of this new chapter in the school's history, and I look forward to being a part of the team that is charged with mustering the resources, and enthusiasm, to create that future.

What do you value most about CRMS?

I have many fond memories of CRMS from my time there, as does my family, especially my daughter Jessica who is a proud CRMS graduate. We loved the sense of community where everyone works together to create that

community, sustain it in a collective effort, and develop an attachment to it that is long lasting. The educational philosophy combines the best of progressive education and traditional academics while engaging the active learning which is so important to life-long learning. Then there is that magical location where geography and the sense of place contributes to the formation of a community bond that would not be as possible except for those remarkable vistas. The CRMS experience is a combination of beautiful visuals and intellectual and character growth. That combination is at the core of student growth and remains the most powerful memory students take with them. I loved the way students took charge of their school experience and had a sense of loyalty and ownership to what the school stood for. And finally I found the faculty to be incredibly committed to the school's vision, great teachers, excellent role models and interesting people. That atmosphere has been maintained over the years and I am sure will be into the future.

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

I am excited about getting back involved with CRMS as the school enters its post-pandemic phase. Having the last year over, presents great opportunities for the school now that it has weathered multiple challenges quite successfully. I realize that the year has been exhausting for faculty, administration, and students, but I sense that there is a reservoir of positive energy, momentum, and optimism about the year ahead. The board is ready to support that and provide the help necessary to capitalize on an exciting new chapter in the CRMS experience. I'm eager to do all I can to help make that happen.



Please join us in congratulating Chelsea Congdon Brundige and Virginia Newton for their service on the CRMS Board of Trustees. While both are rolling off the board this year, their combined impact cannot be understated. Chelsea began her service in 2013 and will continue to provide

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What inspired you to join the CRMS Board of Trustees?

As a parent of a current student (and a future student), I'm inspired by the joy I see in my daughter as she goes to school every day. To be motivated and challenged by her teachers to do her best and have so much fun doing it, motivates me to volunteer my time and be more engaged. I'm looking forward to working with the Board of Trustees to create more possibilities for other students to find

their joy in our school. CRMS supports all students to find their passion and grow at their own speed, in their own way. The school offers many diverse outlets that help facilitate each individual's joy of learning.

What do you value most about CRMS?

I value the strong faculty, teacher and peer relationships that are formed at CRMS through intimate and engaging classroom and outdoor settings. The school size allows for one-on-one time and a more detailed and exciting approach to learning. With the wide range of opportunities the students have from the Active program, gardening, arts, and outdoor education trips, they bond very quickly with their teachers and peers. It was thrilling to have our daughter find her place in the CRMS community so quickly - and love it!

What are you most excited about while serving as a Trustee?

I'm excited to work with the Development team on future campus goals and fundraising. As a CRMS Trustee, I look forward to sharing our family's experience of why CRMS is different and special with interested families. This will be a highlight of my time on the Board.

leadership to the new [HS]² Standing Committee of the board. Virginia is the outgoing Chair, having joined in 2009. She helped shepherd the school not only through its last capital campaign, but through the pandemic as well. Thank you both so much for your service to the CRMS community!

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MEETING DATES

September 17-18, 2021

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video conference

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
2020-2021 ANNUAL FUND

YOU moved minds.
YOU moved imaginations.
YOU moved hearts!

Your generosity during the MOVE CRMS Annual Fund campaign made--and continues to make--a tremendous impact on the students and faculty of CRMS this year.

Your giving to the Annual Fund moves the academic program forward, providing faculty with the resources needed to offer a challenging curricula to every student this year. Your generosity moves students to express themselves through their art and music classes, providing them with everything from clay to sheet music and watercolor canvas to share their unique

experiences during both a pandemic and an important election year. Your support made it possible to not only maintain the sense of closeness and engagement among the CRMS student community this year, but to do so safely and remain in person for learning when so many independent schools met remotely.

Your gift to the Annual Fund supports a vast array of needs each year, and as we go into the summer, your generosity will help the faculty, maintenance and kitchen staff, and all of the people who make a CRMS education possible to be ready to teach and mentor CRMS students next year, no matter what lies ahead. **If you'd like to make your first gift or perhaps another gift to the Annual Fund by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2021), please visit crms.org/giving and click on "Make A Gift."**

You can also scan this QR code with the camera of your mobile device to make your Annual Fund gift--which is fast and easy!



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 directly impacts CRMS students and faculty as they build knowledge and community and will stay with them for a lifetime.

Eric & Deborah Alden
Towne Allen '69
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Robyn '88 & Tito Liotta
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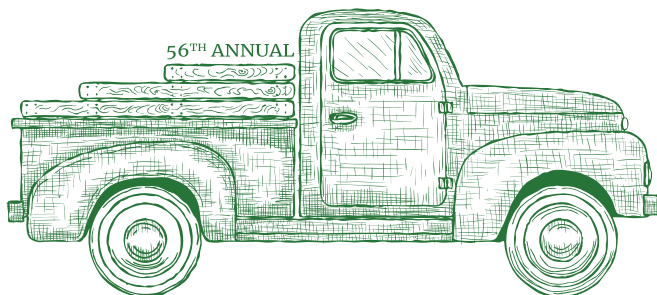
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Lynde B. Uihlein '63
Yidong Wang & Xin Rong
Stan '80 & Jill Wattles,
The Howard Bayne Fund
Hui Xie & Huilu Dai
Anonymous (3)

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ALUMNI
CHALLENGE

Alumni participation in the Annual Fund is vital to the school's overall health and shows a strong belief in the value of a CRMS education.

The 3rd Annual Great Alumni Challenge, a special online fundraising event for alumni, took place March 22-April 2, and saw 51 alumni step up to the challenge with a gift to the Annual Fund. Thanks to the talent of our resident blacksmith and newest faculty member, Olivia Pevec, hand-forged CRMS bottle openers were sent to two lucky alumni, Tom O'Shea '10, and John Stickney '57, in a random drawing. Thank you to the 51 alumni who made gifts during the challenge!



COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP WORK DAY

A tradition since the early 60s, CRMS's Scholarship Work Day brings the spirit of community stewardship to have an impact in Carbondale and the Roaring Fork Valley. Each spring, CRMS students and faculty spend one day completing projects for area businesses, organizations, community spaces, and local residents in order to raise scholarship funds for students and their families.

This year, CRMS collaborated with **Carbondale Arts, Roaring Fork Mountain Biking Association, and Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers** to have a greater community impact on Scholarship Work Day. All in all, over 130 CRMS students, faculty, staff, parents and volunteers worked on 10 projects including the Carbondale ARTway and mountain bike trails around Red Hill, as well as at local homes and ranches around the valley.

We want to extend a special thank you to our Scholarship Work Day sponsors and supporters who generously made gifts to the CRMS Scholarship program for this special event.

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Anonymous

CLASS NOTES

Due to the overwhelming response for Class Notes this year, we have included very shortened notes in the print version. Class Notes are edited for space, clarity, and style. Share notes and photos of special occasions and professional achievements in your life by going to www.crms.org/alumni/alumni-information-update

1950s

Nicholas Bourg '58 retired from Raytheon Missile Systems in September 2011.

Susan Dean '59 lost her husband of 54 years last December. She will retire from real estate in 2022.

Jackie Eschenmoser-Willimann '59 celebrated her 80th birthday and 60th wedding anniversary in Gstaad, Switzerland in 2020.

1960s

Andy Gould '60 and Rita live in Flagstaff in the summer and Patagonia (near Nogales) in the winter.

Bill Moore '60 is getting back in shape and enjoying having his daughter and her family living with them temporarily.

John Chase '60 has been rehearsing and performing Rachmaninoff's St. John Chrysostom with his singing group.

Vicky McLane '60 moved to Fort Collins in 2015 and volunteers with the League of Women Voters where she has been a member for over 50 years.

Ursula Goodenough '60 retired on Martha's Vineyard in 2017 where her daughters and five grandchildren live.

She is publishing scientific papers on lichens.

Jim Amos '60 volunteers on the board of the Forney Transportation Museum in Denver.

Lynn Leopold '60 started singing in two vocal groups this year. She is also involved in the Discover Cayuga Lake/ Floating Classroom, the Greensprings Natural Cemetery, and Finger Lakes ReUse.

Katherine Gould-Martin '61 is retired in Berlin Germany but moving back to Pennsylvania in 2021. She is also writing a family history.

Bill Parzybok '61 retired from the electronics industry and lives in Colorado where some of his five kids live. He has ten grandkids - one of which is enrolled at CRMS!



Bill Parzybok '61

Judy Beil Vaughn '61 won an award from the Next Mexico Press for her book Strawberry Roan. www.judybeilvaughan.com

Eric Saarinen '61 is living in Bloomfield, Michigan and finishing a film about his grandfather, Eliel Saarinen. www.saarinenfoundation.org
www.ericssaarinenfilms.com

Jo Beachey '61 is sailing with her husband Roger when not gardening or volunteering with the Washington Trails Association.



Jo Beachey '61

Lansing Palmer '61 has eight grandkids and is working remotely as a partner in an AmLaw 100 law firm. He misses his late freshman roommate **Dale Lasater '61**.

Bruce Everett '61 is retired from teaching art and living in Templeton, near San Luis Obispo. He is active on the tennis court and with art showings.

Ellen Clark Anderson '64 is working as a nurse at a Christian Science nursing facility in Sacramento. She also paints local landscapes.



Ellen Clark Anderson '64

David "Nick" Strouse '65 has been retired for six years and works in his wood shop. He misses pottery and the Adobe.

Arthur Davis '65 retired eight years ago from being Operations VP Green Giant Fresh/Sholl Group.

Colin Kitchens '66 got to see **Emily Rosenburg-Pollock '67**, **Bretta Rambo Maack '67**, and **Deirdre Golani '65** recently and has visited **Rowdy Yates '66** and **John Woodin '70** in the Southwest.

Tamim Ansary '66 has been working on memoirs of real-life adventures of her own and a print-on-demand publishing enterprise, Kajakai Press, to publish other's memoirs.

Ilsa Perse '66 had her gallery survive thanks to dedicated local support and the internet.

Wick Moses '66, a music lover and audiophile, lost his wonder cat Findley after 17 years.

Marty Wenner '66 and **Merlyn Roddell '66** are living on Kauai and yearning to explore coral underwater in the South Seas and close out a real estate career.

Nat Shipman '66 is living in Santa Fe and looking forward to the return of tourists so he can resume his tour business. He says, "Come visit!"

Steve Leary '66 is gardening and baking in Dallas. He's very proud of his daughter Callie who is now a Master Gardener.

Jenny Anderson '66 is connecting with her daughters and working on photography and genealogy.

Bart Chapin '66 has been working on two boats and exploring nearby lands and beaches and hoping his kids will finally learn to sail.

Rowdy Yates '66 had back surgery, a knee replacement and skin cancer in the past few years. Madeline lost her Mom to Parkinson's this year.

Priscilla Wearin Wagener '66 is hopeful for 2021 after wildfires and local tragedies. She is also enjoying a local horse and her adopted rescue dog.

Steve Barru '67 and his partner Minh had their second anniversary recently and he opened his first business venture, a coffee shop, near where he lives in Vietnam.

David Nutt '67 is finishing up a few projects before retiring from 50 years of boat building. He's enjoying sailing and kayaking on the Maine coast.

David Douglas '67 lived in Boston this past year because of his son-in-law's cancer diagnosis. He's also been working on Global Water 2020 www.globalwater2020.org.

Sarah Cooper-Ellis '67 had a disappointing sugar season but is enjoying having her son's family a mile up the road.

Harry Van Camp '67's daughter, Kate recently gave birth to a beautiful little girl - Ellen. He is working remotely as a lawyer and is fishing, walking, biking and paddling lots.

Brad Ansley '67 is in Maryville, Tennessee. His daughter Kate is expecting a baby girl in July; our daughter Danielle is getting married in early fall.

Kathy Moritz '67 lost her stepmother, father and mother recently and finds herself as the older generation in her family now.

Nancy Eliot Ulett '67 is busy with her AirB&B cleaning job in Maine and survived a COVID scare. She invites people to visit.

K.C. Clendening '67 had seven hospital stays recently, all for different reasons, and is very grateful to be alive.

Christopher Thomson '67 has been suffering from sleep apnea and finding relief with a CPAP. He and his wife Susan are displaying and selling his sculptures around the west.

Emily Rosenberg Pollock '67 has been quilting and enjoying her youngest's family living with her.

Chuck Aid '68 lives near Denver and volunteers with Evergreen Audubon promoting environmental education and conservation. No prospect of grandkids yet.

Pam McBeath Pabst '68 moved from California to Winter Garden, Florida and invites people to visit (they live 8 miles from Disneyworld).

Harah Frost '68 writes that all is well with her.

Toni Shorrock Rupchock '68 is looking forward to in-person music and hoping to continue exploration of northern British Columbe waters this summer.

Geary Atherton '68 lives on a farm in the Texas hill country with his wife Catherine. They go to San Antonio often to see children and grandchildren.

Sam Chapin '68 is trying to retire in Massachusetts and is on the board of his regional land trust. He sees his daughters in Boston and New York often.

Kin DuBois '68 and his wife Sandy continue to be involved in the lives of their two girls and their grandchildren. He is also consulting as an architect expert.

Beth Grobman '68 retired several years ago but is working for the Gainesville Iguana, a politically-leftist, almost-monthly, newsletter based in Florida.

Nathan Kernan '68 is in Salisbury, Connecticut and working with the Milton Resnick Pat Passlof Foundation, a non-profit exhibition space for painting. Please come and visit.

Nick Kukulan '68 retired from Paramount Export Company after 43 years and is enjoying his grandchildren Wyatt and Emma.

Dede Reed '68 held a photography show at the Art Base in Basalt with images of reflections of flowers, books and vessels. She remembers being inspired by Franz Berko while at CRMS.

Kit Muller '68 has been working from his Capitol Hill neighborhood to redirect the Bureau of Land Management and collaborating with his **sister, Penny Muller '66** and his **brother, Brian Muller '74** to compile family history.

Evelyn Petchek '68 logged 2,704 miles walking in 2020 and is looking forward to traveling.

Judy Rea '68 and her husband live in Lake Oswego, Oregon and have daughters and grandchildren in Seattle and Denver.

Victor Zurcher '68 and Susan live near Hampshire, Illinois, where he is retired from the railroad. They took the train to Glenwood Springs and skied Aspen this past January.

Melle Cochrane (Ramelle Pulitzer) '68 visited with **Lee Ann Eustis '65** who encouraged folks to call her. Melle has used time gained from cancelled trips to work with the League of Women Voters, write, meditate, play tennis and regroup in Stockbridge this summer. She has seven grandchildren.

Mary Kuntz-Cote '69 has connected with the class of 1969 via Zoom and hopes to meet up with classmates in Oregon this fall with some events organized by **Jim Welch '69** and **Alex Morley '69**.

Lolly Lewis '69 is doing recordings and still swimming in the Bay. She loves her

Amateur Music Network non-profit that presented nearly 40 online workshops since the pandemic started.

Warren Anderson '69 is indulging in skiing and wishes he hadn't come back from New Zealand before the pandemic started.

Paul Gibbs '69 and his wife are living happily in Denver, but are looking forward to traveling to see his first grandson Jack and some other California folks.

Alex Morley '69 is winding down his career as an emergency room physician and running a clinic. He's got fantastic nature photographs you can view at www.alexmorleyphoto.com.

Linda Gore '69 is still tutoring English and connecting with musicians and singers via Zoom. Her mom Jean, who welcomed many of you to her home in Boulder passed away April 5th.

Bruce Ourieff '69 formally retired this spring and has plenty to keep himself busy, and in Ventura county and crops, a photography avocation, and a burgeoning flying career!

Marty Twichell '69 has been in Tucson for the last 45 years, retired eight years ago, teaching yoga on Zoom, and working part-time at Pima Council on Aging. Kids and grandkids all around here.

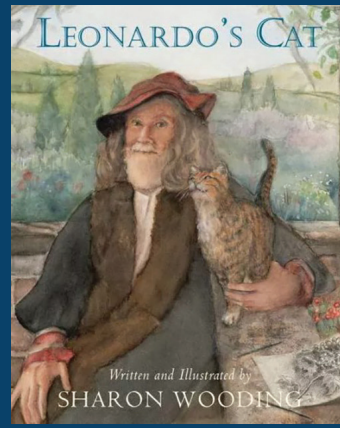
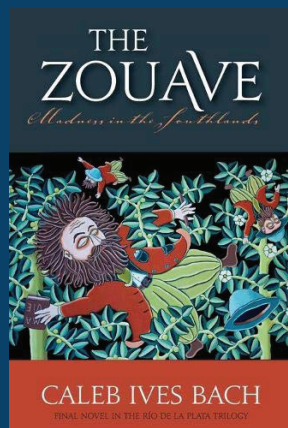
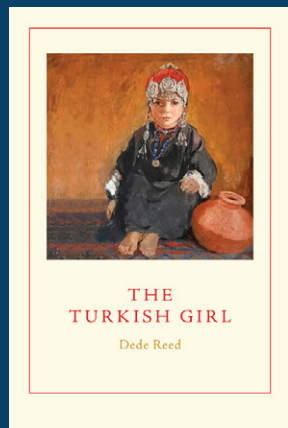
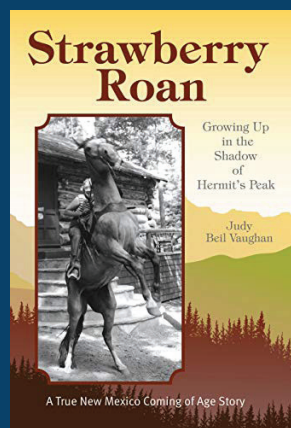
Melanie Wyler '69 recently traveled to Iraqi Kurdistan and Eastern Turkey! She is still working on her immigration and accompaniment volunteer projects with undocumented families.

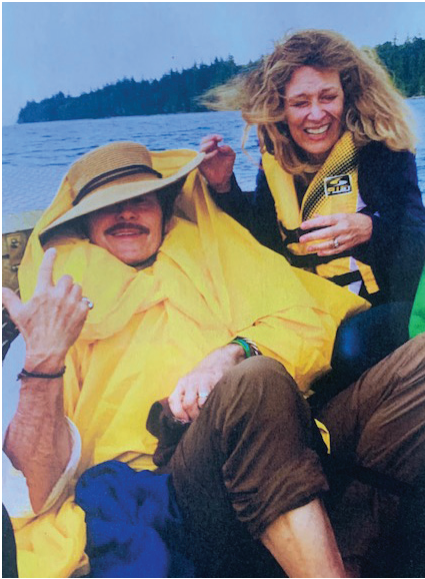
Mary Kuntz-Cote '69 traveled in March to see her oldest daughter Rosie get married to her longtime sweetie in Pennsylvania. She's also remodeling and travelling some.

Ravi Venkateswaran '69 has been an advisor and director with a start-up in Nigeria and continues to serve on the CRMS board. He has seen **Paul Gibbs '69**, **Linda Gore '69**, **Steve Hobsen '69**, and **AO Forbes '69**. In Carbondale, it is always good to see **Lee Ann Eustis '68** and **Adele Hause '65**. He has also been in touch with **Amy Kilham '69**, **Towne Allen '69**, **Jeff Smith '69** and **Peggy Quisenberry '69**. He has visited with **Jim Welch '69** and **Alex Morley '69** in Oregon. He also talked with **Scott Ferrier '69**.

Doug Lewis '69 is in retirement between Duluth, Minnesota and Vero Beach, Florida. Married to Jenny for 42 years now.

Frederic "Rick" Matteson '69 is living on Bainbridge Island in the Salish Sea and has been married 51 years to **Susie Spier Matteson '68**. In the past 30 years, I've worked with over 16,000 suicidal 'patients'.





Rick Matteson '69 and Susie Spier Matteson '68 on Cortes Island

1970s

Cori Snobble '70's daughter Leila remarried January 2021. We're all Air Force now. Son Arden is based in Florida. John Montgomery and Cori celebrate 45 years in June. She continues belly and ethnic dancing with occasional performances.

Jonathan Siegel '71 continues to do architecture in Albuquerque, make amazing French-style cheese, fly fish, mushroom hunt, and ski. He has a beautiful second grandchild who was born in a London taxi.

Catherine Wyler Hayden '71 is slowing down and stepping away and "not

rushing back into the old way again."

David Thomson '71 is "Getting older... back hurts, one eye on the fritz, sometimes forget stuff... but also getting a lot wiser... say what I mean sometimes, try to listen without a plan."

Kris Harding Dubick '71 moved back to Lexington, KY to be closer to their four kids.

Raym Geis '71 is still working on artificial intelligence for radiology, especially ethics and privacy of medical data use. He welcomed his first grandson.

Kirk Visscher '71 retired to Carmel, California where they contra dance and sail.

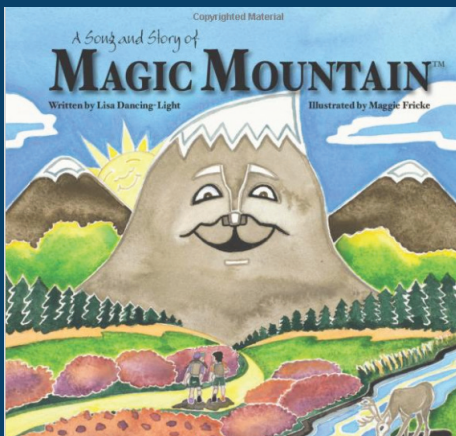
Charles Carrington '71 recently retired from international computer security work. He lives in Austin, Texas, and plans to move to southern Portugal.

Kate (Carole) Goldsborough '72 owns an upscale boutique and style center and is working on a book about her pilot father's WWII capture, called *The Falling Leaf and Other Descents*. She also skis, rides horses and won an award for acting.

Jeff Platt '74 kept his 20 manufacturing employees busy making products during the pandemic. He also started flying fixed-wing gliders and got his private pilot glider license in March.

David Charles Harvey '74 passed the Certified Cloud Security Professional exam in June and spent the rest of the year backpacking and cross country skiing. His 13-year-old daughter Kira will start CRMS in August.

Jeff Platt '74 with a glider he's recently licensed to pilot.



RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY CRMS ALUMNI & FORMER FACULTY

Left to right:

Strawberry Roan by Judy Beil Vaughn '61

The Turkish Girl, by Dede Reed '68

The Zouave by Caleb Bach P'86, '87, Former Faculty

Leonardo's Cat by Sharon Wooding, Former Faculty

A Song and Story of Magic Mountain by Lisa Dancing-Light, Former Faculty

David Tanner '74 and Carol live in Afton, enjoying the natural world that surrounds us. He retires in the fall. He has recently birded with Caroline and Dutton Foster P'85, '88, Former Faculty as well as **Laura Friedberg Miller '71** and her husband, Chip.

Robert Kelley '74 seems to be living between Colorado and Hawaii, with a house in Hereford, Arizona.

Erin Connell Tsaconas '74 splits time between Southern California and Lake Tahoe. She volunteers with Get The Vote Out and sees her son Sean and her daughter in Pennsylvania. They have four grandchildren.

Ellen Boswell Schiefer '74 lives and works in real estate in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sue Maffei Plowden '74 lives in Rhode Island and is looking forward to a sailing adventure in the Med.

Ann Pundyk '74 felt really wonderful to reconnect with the CRMS family. Does anyone remember the dance recital in the big barn with psychedelic projections?"

Rich Forgy '75 writes, "Hello, I reside in Tennessee and nature and memories enough, CRMS in all aspects as well... well, I'm still around. Too much turf to cover in a few words. Love to hear from anybody about their stories."

Jeff Parker '76 is living on the East coast, coaching a large High School Nordic team, and thinking about CRMS often.

Sara Lyn Phillips '76 simply says, "Hello Mates!"

Heather Froelicher '77, lives on 70 acres 10 miles out of Carbondale. Her sons, **Eric Froelicher '15** and **Weaver Froelicher '13**, are 24 and 26. Her husband, **Franz Froelicher '72**, is retired and while she continues to work at CRMS with other "lifers"- **AO Forbes '69**, **Jim Gaw '64** and Mark Clark. The highlight of her past five years has been reconnecting with CRMS classmates: **Susie Alexander '77**, **Dan Martinez '77**,



Weaver Froelicher '13, Heather Froelicher '77, Franz Froelicher '72 and Eric Froelicher '15

Carol Shure P'99,'03, **Joshua Sage '77**, **Walter Salas Humara '77**, **Amy Dagget '79**, and **John Day '77**.

Tim Kinzler '77 has been a real estate professional for 43 years. He ran the Seven Mile Bridge in the Florida Keys round trip for 14 miles to celebrate 62 years of life.

John Day '77 is still skiing over 40 days a year, kayaking, and climbing mountains. Three kids are grown. Sober for over 11 years now.

Dave Boersch '77 has been in film and television production as a photographer

and currently lives in Kittredge, CO. **Danny Martinez '77**, **Jim Geis '77**, and Dave will be visiting soon!

Dan Martinez '77 says his run at the State Department was running its course. He moved to Texas and joined a law firm near downtown Houston. Come visit him in Texas!

Celeste Wiedmann '77 is an artist, combining techniques of textile design, photography and book arts. She is also researching artwork of her mother and grandmother who survived the Holocaust.

Dave Boersch '77 and wife Lesa



Joshua Sage '77 is downsizing and relocating to Port Townsend, Washington. He is also working in the Southwest to help people build yurts and other shelters.

Finn Olsen '77 has a home in Georgia, a heart for higher altitude, and has been busy gardening.

Peter Crawford '77 is doing massage therapy in Colorado, New York, and Los Angeles and running The Sports Massage Team. He is also looking to develop a glamping operation in SW Colorado.

Susie Alexander '77 attended Wintercount organized by **Joshua Sage '77**. She is semi-retired in Hotchkiss, Colorado and plans to build several tiny homes.

Stephen Kern '77 has been working in show business as a freelancer in Takoma Park, Maryland and studying the contemporary poet David Whyte at his home on Whidbey Island.

Jim Kitchell '77 is changing homes in the Seattle area. His son Murphy is engaged to Christina and will be married next summer. He invites fellow alumni to come visit!

Tom Wilson '77 is a retired economist and now a full-time struggling artist in Cheyenne, Wyoming who is turning the family farm into a therapy foundation for downtrodden victims of war, famine and poverty.



Tom Wilson '77



Walter Salas-Humara '77 and Amy Daggett '78 hiking Delicate Arch on their way to Carbondale in March 2021

Matthew von der Ahe '77 is a geologist working for a consulting company in Seattle. His kids (37, 35, and 30) are doing well in Oakland and Grass Valley California, and Berlin, Germany. None of them are geologists or have kids.

Elizabeth Larsen von der Ahe '77 is leaving 19 years as a traveling nurse, to build a house on the Big Island of Hawaii. She's been in touch with **Susie Alexander '77**, **Josh Sage '77**, **Dan Martinez '77**, **Juliana Forbes '78**, and **Erica Forbes Shafroth '73**.

Peter McWhinney '78 retired from the New York City parks department after 20 years and has been woodshedding on the guitar and keeping in shape.

Amy Daggett '78 and **Walter Salas-Humara '77** are still living in Flagstaff and loving the southwest. We have done a lot of camping, hiking and biking. Cross country skied with **Heather Froelicher '77** and **Franz Froelicher '72** on Grand Mesa in March."

Tina Browne Thuell '78 returned to Bermuda a little over a year ago and is doing lots of photography.

Linda Kegel '79 would love to hear from her classmates and invites anyone to stay with her if you're ever in Albuquerque.

1980s

Molly Mulcare Vikart '80 has been working for Burning Man for 11 years. She's also now a Grandmother!

Andy Reeves '80 is a neurologist and Medical Director for Allina in New Ulm, Minnesota. He trains in krav maga, kickboxing, and jiu-jitsu four and has two daughters who are married, and two not yet married.



Andy Reeves '80 is still welding steel sculptures, which he began at CRMS with Steve Parzybok in the late 70s!

Jake Gesner '81 is the hydroelectric manager for the City of Boulder and is set to retire in 2022. He is hoping to return to Greece for his 30 anniversary after a fun adventure moto ride with **Andy Floyd '80.**"

Kate Bennis '82 has weathered the pandemic with jobs that easily moved online and enjoyed a weekly Zoom meditation with **Zanna Zuckerman**



Michelle Peterson '83 on her maiden snowshoeing journey last Thanksgiving

Yardas '82 and sometimes **Kate Hall Feist '82**. **Nina McKee '82** balances being her accountant and dear friend.

Michelle Peterson '83 discovered the joy of snowshoeing at age 54, finally finding a way to get out in the snow that she enjoys. She retires in about three years from 27 years with the City of Seattle Fleet Management Shop.

William McCall '83 says he is alive by the Grace of God and the power of prayer. Last winter he spent six weeks vented and unconscious but now after rehab can walk without a cane.

Ann Hodel '83 moved back to Carbondale two years ago and is a physical therapist. Her niece, Skylar, has been accepted into the CRMS Class of 2025!



Ann Hodel '83

Jennifer (Hendricks) Lowe '84 is still teaching science at an international high school in Switzerland. She visits her

daughter and **Alan Nicholas '84** and his family in the Netherlands.



Jen Lowe '84 biking Mt. Rigi in Switzerland

Matthew MacLaurin '84 spent his pandemic shipping the PlayStation 5 as VP of design in San Francisco and misses travelling to Tokyo.

Dr. Ian Bach '86 continues to practice medicine in Broomfield, Colorado, naturally a demanding business no thanks to the pandemic.

Moneeka Settles '86 gather CRMS alumni via Zoom including: **HD Foster '88** from Japan, **Alison Foster Oftedahl '85** from Minnesota, **Joel Bach '87** from Connecticut, **Tom Bunnell '87** from

D.C., **Michelle Hebert** and **Danielle Hebert '87** from Albuquerque, **Alison Lake '88** from Denver, **Kate Furze '89** from Boulder.



John Wolf '81 and Moneeka Settles '86 running into each other on Mount McLaughlin

Heidi Campbell '87 defeated an incumbent Republican in the 2020 election to become State Senator for her Nashville district in Tennessee.

Jen Ufland '87 lives in Basalt and sells handmade cafe bars online (www.jenscafebars.com). Her son **Riley Ames '14** also attended CRMS, where he flourished.



Jen Ufland '87

Danielle Hebert '87 lives in Albuquerque, where she works as a nurse in adolescent psychiatry.

Tom Bunnell '87 is a painter who lives in Washington, D.C. His work is beautiful, and one of his paintings is now on **Wendy Marston Lehmann '87's** dining room wall.

Wendy Marston Lehmann '87 lives in Astoria, New York with her husband and two very tall teenage children working as a copywriter, screenwriter, and political organizer. She is the new class rep for the Class of 1987.

Joel Bach '87 continues to direct The Years Project, the Emmy-winning climate change series for Showtime and National Geographic previously called Years of Living Dangerously.

Deirdre Baker '87 is living the dream north of Boston, MA. She's been married for 22 years, teaching for 24 years, and has two beautiful daughters, Maya and Sarah.

Heidi Campbell '87 spent this past year campaigning for Tennessee state senate from a home office and flipped the first state seat from red to blue in almost 30 years. Her children are 16 and 14.

Darren Fuller '88 works at The University of Chicago Laboratory schools, a school started by John Dewey, the educational philosopher that was foundational to CRMS. He says he's come full circle.

1990s

Jonathan Vimont '91 moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 2016 after spending 13 months on the road in our RV. He runs US Messaging for Sinch and his kids are in their mid 20s. He misses the mountains and Colorado friends.

Joshua Lange '93 will soon move to Carbondale where his little boy can grow up with the wonder, beauty and possibilities the Roaring Fork has to offer.

Erin McVoy '93 is overjoyed to be back in the Roaring Fork Valley and once again working in the nonprofit world as the Operations & Production Director of Aspen Film.

Katie Browne '95 moved back to Carbondale about two years ago where she has an art studio. A few days a week

she works with **Reina Katzenberger '98** at her print shop.

Melanie Terrell Walsh '96 is an elementary teacher with a masters in education who is married with three children and two dogs.



Melanie Terrell Walsh '96 and family

Maya Kurtz '96 lives in Glenwood Springs, Colorado and works as a CAD drafter, web designer, and licensed esthetician. She volunteers with the Sierra Club and Little Rescue on the Prairie and enjoys road tripping with her daughter Aleksandra, who is six.



Maya Kurtz '96 with daughter Aleksandra

Katie (Stevenson) Cabrera '99 is adventuring near the mountains (hills) of New Jersey with two girls, four and six years old.



Hannah Clark Hutchison '99, daughter of Mark Clark, and her husband Adam with their children Alden and Thea Hutchison

2000s

Lera Nichols O'Sullivan '01 is a medical student at Oregon Health and Science University, training to become an emergency medicine physician.

Jessica Devereux '01 is working with Tracks Dance Company as Dance Animateur in the Northern Territory of Australia.



Jessica Devereaux '01 performing in downtown Darwin, Australia

Kelly Wade Nemirow '01 lives in Aspen with her husband, Jordan, and their two daughters, Violet (4) & Olivia (1).



Kelly Wade Nemirow '01 (left) with Violet and Olivia and Brittany Lacerte Melonuk '01 (right) with Maverick and Molly



Lola Forbes Louras (daughter of Kate Forbes Louras '00 & Peter Louras '00); Violet Estin Nemirow (daughter of Kelly Wade Nemirow '01 and granddaughter of Heidi Estin Wade '73); Bodhi Mancini (son of Jen Schumacher Mancini '01 & Max Mancini '00)

Hanna Krueger Borchard '01 returned to her hometown of Meeker, Colorado to practice law and work with Rio Blanco County social services. Her children are ages 10, 8 and 4.

Elly Krueger '04 and her brother, **Martin Krueger '03** both teach first grade at a trilingual school (German/English/Spanish) in Berlin, Germany.

Savannah Ricehill '05 adopted a dog in February, was accepted into an internship and then a paying role at Blue

Earth Marketing, and finished school at Bellevue University with a BA in Graphic Design.



Savannah Ricehill '05 with fiancé Justin and her dog Bear

Li Free '05 is the Operations Supervisor at Alpine Bank in Carbondale. She and her husband Matt welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Hailey in October, their first child, and are loving being parents.



Li Free '05 with husband Matt and daughter Hailey

Alejandro Chapa Gonzalez '06 is working as a professional bass player/producer/music teacher in Mexico City and recently did a composition for a well known Mexican R&B singer called Girl Ultra.



Nina Clark Lex '05, daughter of Mark Clark, with her husband Andy and their son Mikkel Lex

Tory Garling '07 is in his third year of anesthesiology residency at Wake Forest Baptist Health in Winston Salem NC.

Caitlin Oken '07 lives in rural Kenya, working remotely writing business/strategic plans and grants. She still talks regularly with 90% of her CRMS friends and they have helped her through some difficult times.



Caitlin Oken '07 (left) celebrates New Year's Eve in Narok, Kenya around our bonfire with Selina Nkoile, and Brian Ash.

2010s

Jess Worley '11 is living in Denver finishing up a Masters in Social Work and pursuing her AMGA Rock Guide certification. She hopes to use climbing

to help people move through trauma and develop protective skills, like grit and self esteem. She's also been working with [HS]² summers at CRMS.

Donghoon (Jay) Lee '11 received BS and MS degrees from Purdue University in Indiana and is now a third year PhD candidate in Mechanical Engineering. He is also a certified flight instructor.

Alexa Sperry Dagley '14 got married September 5th, 2020 to James Dagley in Monroe, Washington. CRMS alumnae **Sophie Kornick '15, Nicole Lipe '14, and Sophia Jacobson '14** attended the wedding.



Alexa Sperry Dagley '14, Sophie Kornick '15, Nicole Lipe '14, and Sophia Jacobson '14.

Zuanyi Zoraida Hu '14 is set to graduate with an M.Ed. degree in Higher Education Administration this May! She got married in 2020 to Hunter Selton, and they are moving to Philadelphia soon.



Hunter Shelton and Zoraida Hu '14
Forrest Doherty '16 is finishing an M.S.

degree in physics, with a focus on optics, at Colorado School of Mines. After this he will look for a job in a related field, and potentially return to school at some point to pursue a Ph.D.

Emily Wiley '18 is in her third year at Montana State University in Bozeman studying for a dual degree in Psychology and Hispanic Studies with an emphasis on pre-PA. She has continued her passions for kayaking and snowboarding (sports CRMS really helped her discover).



Emma Cooley '16 and
Bella Rettenwander '16



Jonathan David Hsu '19 with his first king salmon. He says he definitely misses the Colorado trout fishing, especially the Crystal Hole.

Jessie Bright '18 spent the month of March doing school from Hawaii! She has also officially declared her major to be marketing while studying at CU Boulder.

Sophie Zhao '18 is graduating from NYU in December 2021 and is applying to vet school.

Jonathan David Hsu '19 is currently a business marketing major at Calvin College and picked up a film minor. He's still passionate about fly fishing, chasing after salmon and trout in Michigan.

Patrick McComb '19 is currently preparing for a FireFighter Academy in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Former Faculty/Staff

Claudia Bach P'86, '87 was appointed interim superintendent for six months. She had run the district for a dozen years and had also served at the state level 10 years ago.

Caleb Bach P'86,'87 published the final novel, The Zouave, in his so-called Rio de la Plata Trilogy. Former faculty members **Jerry and Sharon Wooding** live near the Bachs. Sharon has just finished her third book about Micio called Leonardo's Cat.

Ron Matelich retires in September 2021 after a 28 year career as a Financial Advisor with D.A. Davidson & Co. Following retirement, he and his wife,

Swithin, will travel to Vermont for six weeks and reconnect with her roots and to see family.

Barb Settles P '86 invited **Eric Hause '81** to attend the Ashland Peace Choir concert last year and marveled that they are all still family through CRMS.



Barb Settles P'86 with Eric Hause and his wife

Lisa Dancing-Light published a new environmentally focused children's book, *A Song and Story of Magic Mountain* in April.

Current Faculty and Staff

Juanma Martin Cespedes, Spanish Faculty, and Elizabeth Rojas welcomed Aitana Martin Rojas to their family on March 8, 2021.



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IN MEMORIAM

This list represents members of our community who have passed since Summer 2020. In order to celebrate everyone's life to the fullest, a complete listing of available obituaries can be found at www.crms.org/alumni/in-memoriam/

Ann Fuller, Former Faculty
George Stranahan, Former Trustee, Parent of Alumni
Sarah (Sally) Parsons Sayre, wife of Ford Sayre '54
Tony Cherin '58, Trustee 1996-2021, Grandparent of Alumna
Mark Stranahan '75
Robin Sutherland Honorary '69
Miles Brundige '19
Wesley Pate Horner, Former Faculty 1963-67
Junki Yamakawa '17
Ken Hause, Former Faculty 1961-80, Parent of Alumni
Rosamond (Roz) Turnbull '61, Former Faculty, Trustee 1970-74
Susanna Genss Block '73



REMEMBERING TONY CHERIN '58

CRMS TRUSTEE 1996-2021

August 22, 1940 - January 1, 2021

Colorado Rocky Mountain School lost a great friend and supporter in Tony Cherin '58 when he passed on January 1, 2021. Tony served on the CRMS Alumni Board from 1990 to 1996 and as a CRMS Trustee from 1996 until his passing in early 2021. According to CRMS Director of Finance Joe White, Tony was "among the most generous champions of CRMS in the school's history." Tony will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, sense of humor and dedication.

As a teenager, Tony got into trouble in Washington DC and Boulder, Colorado, where they later moved. Family life wasn't so easy and his self-esteem was low. During those tumultuous teenage years, the Cherin family made the CRMS connection through a family friend, Doris Havice, whose son, Brad, was attending CRMS. Tony met with John Holden on the campus in Carbondale and afterwards, said to John, "Please let me come here."

Joining the CRMS community, Tony would later say did a significant amount to rebuild his self-esteem. "CRMS was very liberating and reinforcing. The community I formed there made me strong," Tony said in 2015.

With that new-found strength and encouragement from Jack Snobble, one of his CRMS teachers and former fighter-pilot, Tony joined the Navy in 1963. Tony served in the Navy for 23 years, rising to the rank of Commander and seeing action in Vietnam. "At CRMS I learned how to climb, ski, and do all these things I had never experienced before. Later, when I was in Vietnam, I had plenty of exposure to dangerous situations and I was scared - but I had been scared before at CRMS and I drew upon that strength."

After serving in the Navy, Tony earned his MBA and PhD in finance from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He then taught finance as a professor in the Business School at San Diego State University. That financial savvy would later help CRMS to navigate some challenging financial times.

In 1990 he joined the Alumni Board and later became a member of the Board of Trustees in 1996. In 1999, Tony became the first CRMS alumni to serve as President of the Board of Trustees. "Tony was instrumental in establishing the CRMS endowment in the mid-1990s to provide financial support forever," says Joe White. "Tony shepherded the schools' finances through periods of challenge as well as strength."

Not only did Tony help guide finances but also contributed generously, giving consistently to the CRMS Annual Fund and supporting three Capital Campaigns. In 2015, when asked why he continues to support CRMS so faithfully Tony responded, "You might not like the answer. It isn't about the students - I don't know any of the students. I am in love with the people who run the show. I want to make it happen for the troops on the ground of this school every day." Tony always spoke highly of the CRMS faculty, staff, and board members and wanted to see the school succeed.

And yet Tony's generosity went far beyond CRMS. Tony was a family man who loved his family dearly. He made friends easily and loved people. According to long-time companion Susan Larkin, "Tony had been very active in AA for 45 years and sponsored lots of people and helped them to make positive changes in their lives. He taught Financial Peace at Journey Church, again helping people make positive changes in their lives." Tony believed in paying it forward and was full of fun-loving nature and kind words. Adds Susan Larkin, "Who wouldn't want to be in a relationship with a man who cared so much about life and others?"



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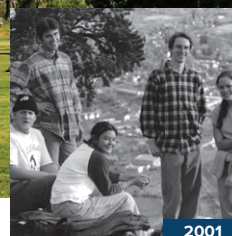
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