

Happy New Year!

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2018 was a year marked by some big downs and ups in our family, reminding us of overall how blessed and privileged we are – never to be taken for granted.

**Margaret:** I began developing progressive corneal edema in my left eye (the one I rely on for vision) last spring and underwent a special type of high-risk cornea transplant in Indiana in August. The results were beyond even the surgeon’s wildest expectations – full restoration of my vision – and I truly feel as though I’ve lived through a miracle. My family, friends and colleagues poured out the most incredible support imaginable. This event made me ever more cognizant of the need to live life in alignment with my priorities right now, rather than putting important goals off to the future.



*M & D in Argentinian Patagonia: Cerro Torre & Fitzroy behind*



*Leah*

**Dan:** After a great sabbatical at Microsoft Research, I’ve returned to UW half-time and in the other half started managing a research group for the Semantic Scholar project at the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence. It’s great being able to continue mentoring my fantastic set of UW graduate students while also developing exciting new AI functionality that ‘reads research papers’ for scientists, helping them track and manage the exponentially-growing firehose of new publications.

**Leah** (20) is a sophomore at Tufts in a five-year dual degree program with the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, majoring in Environmental Biology. They are liking this year much better than last, making some good friends and looking for a house to live in next year with a group of them and their new dog, Sayde.

**Galen** (23) graduated from Cornell last May and is now beginning his Ph.D. program in Computer Science at UW... and living with us at home! We are thrilled to have him back, bringing his passions (mountaineering, climbing, back country skiing, film and digital photography) and burgeoning cooking skills.

**Adam** (23 + 9 minutes) will graduate from Cornell this spring in Electrical and Computer Engineering. In the meantime, he is fully soaking up college life, including amazing friends, lots of climbing, running the RPL (a engineering school makerspace), and making progress on his company



*Galen in Parunuweap Canyon, Utah*

(<https://hoverbot.io/>). He plans to turn his attention full-time to Hoverbot after graduation, so is currently honing his pitch deck. He also plans to return to Seattle after graduating, so we are feeling doubly lucky!

Memorable trips taken by all or most of our family over the past year include the Galapagos & Ecuadorean highlands last winter – one of our most memorable trips ever, various canyoneering trips in southern Utah, our traditional, summer, family reunion in the Adirondacks, backpacking in the Snowmass-Maroon Bells area of Colorado at almost peak leaf season, and Dan and Margaret’s November trip to Argentinean Patagonia – wow!

May this next year bring a modicum of sanity to this crazy world,

Love, The Rosenwelds



*Adam working in his in-home design studio.*



*Red-footed Booby, Galapagos*



*Cerro Torre at dawn*



*Galen, Adam, Ellie, Margaret & Mt. Adams (Washington)*



*Leah, Adam, Galen & Becca in the Galapagos*



*Sayde, the newest family member*