

Dear Friends and Family,

2019 has been a good year overall for the Rosenwelds. There are no huge highs or lows to report, but everyone is thriving. Dan and Margaret consider themselves incredibly lucky that Galen and Adam both now live in Seattle. We've also had some wonderful trips: A family reunion in the Adirondacks...



Hamnoy village, Lofoten, Norway

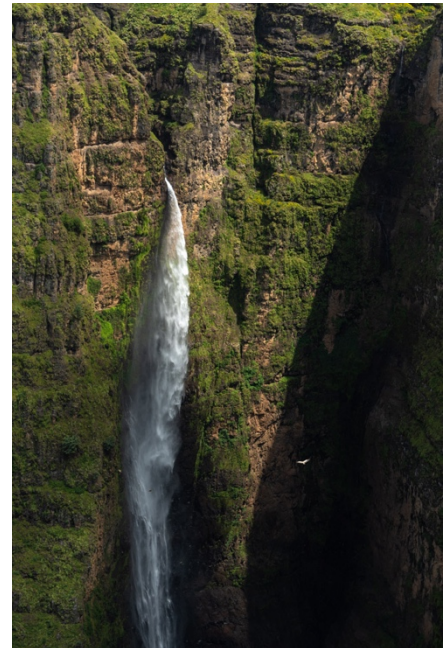
Plus, the whole family spent the summer



D+M+Ellie with Glacier Peak from campsite above Ice Lakes, WA

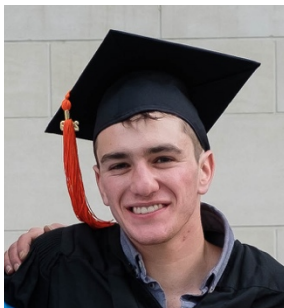
solstice 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle in the Lofoten Islands of Norway, where spiky cliffs soar above picturesque fishing villages. Norway's northwestern fjords and highlands were also truly magical. Margaret and Dan also spent three weeks trekking in Ethiopia in October, with the Simian Mountains as the tour's scenic apex: verdant green cliffs with bright "red hot poker" plants, troops of wild Gelada monkeys and the occasional Walia ibex. Low points included us both getting sick and civil unrest in Oromia province that required us to reshuffle plans for the last week of the trip. Other memorable

trips included a long backpacking loop near the Escalante river in Utah and a fun loop in the eastern part of the Grand Canyon. Dan is splitting his time between the University of Washington and the Allen Institute of Artificial Intelligence, where he leads a research group using AI techniques to reduce information overload for scholars and researchers. He loves both jobs, but sometimes juggling responsibilities feels a bit crazy.



Jinbar Falls, Ethiopia - an incredible 1640'

Margaret has had another rewarding year at work, which is not to say that it can feel like a firehose sometimes. Her cornea surgery was 17 months ago, and she feels truly blessed that it is still holding fast. She is definitely trying to balance day-to-day life with doing the things she loves now rather than putting them off.



Adam @ Cornell grad'n

Adam graduated from Cornell in May and is now back in Seattle, living with friends on Capitol Hill and having a grand time climbing, skiing, reading, thinking, and hanging with his many friends. He recently started a job search and is most excited about an offer from Amazon Prime Air, designing sensor & control electronics for prototype delivery drones.

Galen is in his second year of a Ph.D. in Computer Science at UW, loving his research but also making sure to balance it with frequent mountain trips and photography. He finished climbing the 100 highest peaks in Washington State this summer – #76 to have done so (Dan was #56) – and the youngest so far! Dan, Adam and Margaret accompanied him to the summit of his last peak (Buck) where Dan broke out the champagne and we toasted in style. His wonderful girlfriend Rebecca is currently living in Santa Barbara so frequent flyer miles are being racked up at a rapid clip.



Galen celebrating his 100th summit, Buck (Glacier Pk behind)



Cas with Sayde, the most faithful companion imaginable

Cas is now half-way through their 5 year, dual-degree program, at Tufts and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, majoring in Environmental Science. They moved out of the dorms into an apartment with friends this year. Overall, they are enjoying this year much more than the first two years of college. Keeping Cas company is Sayde, a rescue dog who joined the family one year ago this week.



Campsite above the Escalante River, Utah

We wish you a healthy, fulfilling 2020. We hope that our country can come to its senses and make the next decade a time of positive trends.



Milkyway above Ausable Lake, NY

Love, Margaret, Dan, Cas, Galen, Adam, Ellie, Sayde, and ...
our nearly forgotten cat Sahara
12/25/19

P.S. Please send us your news!