

Hey there Carleton Class of 1995,

Back in August 2019, our 25th Reunion Committee determined the reunion theme to be “Our Story Continues”-- little did we know how apt that would be! With so much in flux these days, please rest assured that our reunion planning continues with hopefulness and commitment to coming together as the Class of 1995. In an effort to stay connected to each other, enjoy some updates from your classmates' ever-evolving stories!

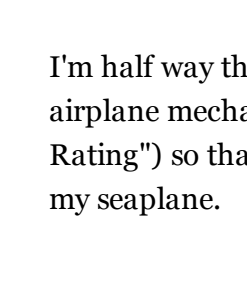
And, keep us all in *your* loop by adding to our class [Bio Book!](#)

I've been busy steering a company through COVID, gratefully exploring the open space in Colorado, and not drinking any more wine than usual.

Kirsten Liston - Boulder, CO

Working on a playlist for my new band, Netflix and (Chilled) Wine.

Jenny VanEtta Roesner - Minnetonka, MN



Nels Elde is a [MacArthur Genius Grant recipient](#) for his work in evolutionary genetics. Congratulations, Nels!

I'm half way through a 15-day training program to be certified as an airplane mechanic (technically, "Light Sport Repairman with Maintenance Rating") so that I'm FAA approved to do maintenance and inspections on my seaplane.

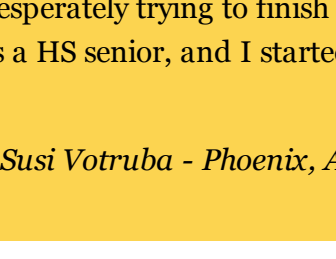
Frankie Ridolfi - San Francisco, CA

I am whittling down the 24,246 photos in my phone's camera roll and listening (enviously) to my daughter's sixth-grade science Zoom classes.

Jenny Cutraro - Boston, MA

I've taken up needlepoint. Nothing like stabbing something repeatedly with a needle to soothe the soul. "Angry Octopus" is my homage to 2020.

J Swenson Nelson - Minneapolis, MN



I am tearing through 1,000 piece puzzles and desperately trying to finish knitting my daughter a blanket for college (she's a HS senior, and I started a year ago...).

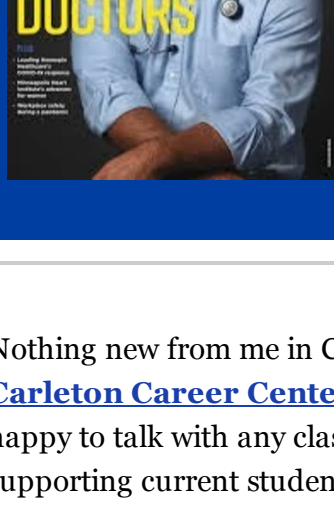
Susi Votruba - Phoenix, AZ

I had appendicitis at the end of July. Hospitalization during the time of COVID is an interesting experience. I'm still working on publishing the data I collected when I lived near a fracking site...but the reality is that I find many ways to procrastinate. Somehow I keep ending up on [amazon.com](#) buying cat toys.

Jenny Fick - Englewood, CO

I've been taking my cats for lots of walks around the neighborhood.

Jenna Barry - Boston, MA



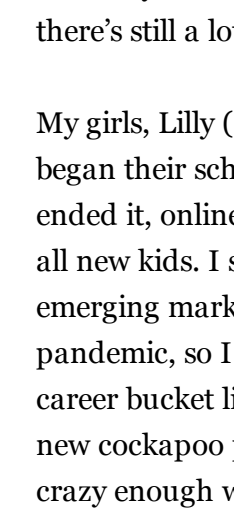
Jason Maxwell was named one of the top doctors in the Twin Cities by Minnesota Monthly.

Nothing new from me in Chicago. I'm continuing to volunteer for the [Carleton Career Center](#) (I'm past chair of the advisory board) and happy to talk with any classmates who might want to get involved in supporting current students think about and explore careers.

Dana Wright - Chicago, IL

I made a very interesting pandemic move by going back to my 90's career. I am teaching the 8th and 9th graders of Duluth some Spanish. You can call me Senora White :) It is super fun--I have to admit!

Amy White - Duluth, MN

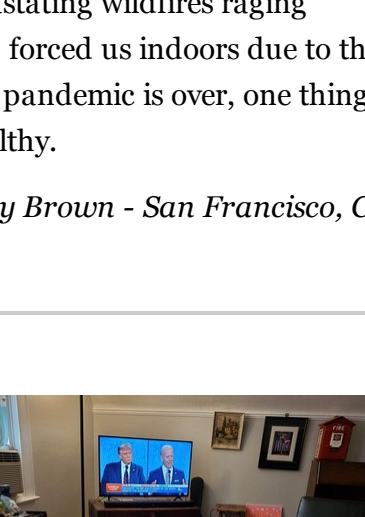


For my birthday in September I went apple picking, said goodbye to my childhood home that my parents just sold, and dined al fresco at Weber Grill. With all the mask wearing, remote learning, and working from home, we are staying healthy while going slightly crazy.

Susan Rodgers - Schaumburg, IL

What a year this has been so far and there's still a lot more to come...

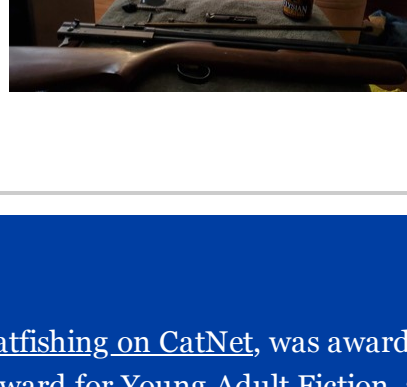
My girls, Lilly (7th grade) and Belle (3rd), began their school year much the way they ended it, online, but at a new school with all new kids. I started a new job selling emerging markets debt in the middle of a pandemic, so I can check that off my career bucket list. We just got Sharlie, a new cockapoo puppy, because life wasn't crazy enough without her! Fortunately for me and the girls, Whitney, is my hardworking wife/family CEO who keeps us going strong. We are saddened by the devastating wildfires raging at the Golden Gate Bridge in Napa which forced us indoors due to the poor air quality for much of the fall. After the pandemic is over, one thing is certain, the world will be different. Stay healthy.



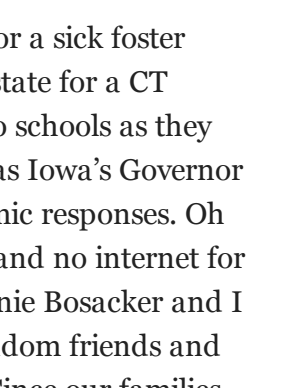
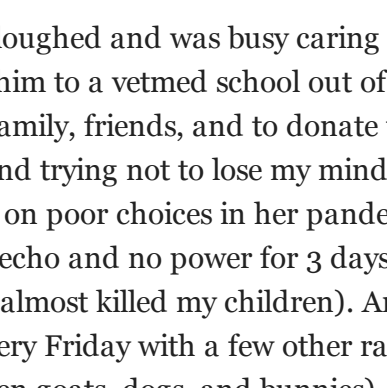
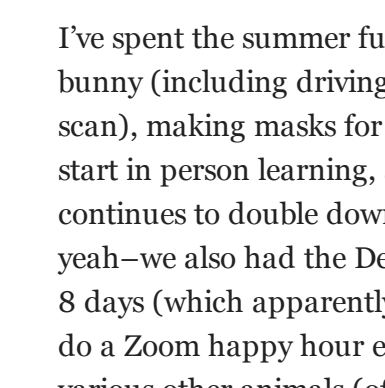
Courtenay Brown - San Francisco, CA

I'm cleaning my gun and buying ammo to protect myself and my family from the Proud Boys. I have restarted my second (unpaid) part-time job as an online middle school teacher and homework whip cracker.

Sparky Palomino - Portland, OR



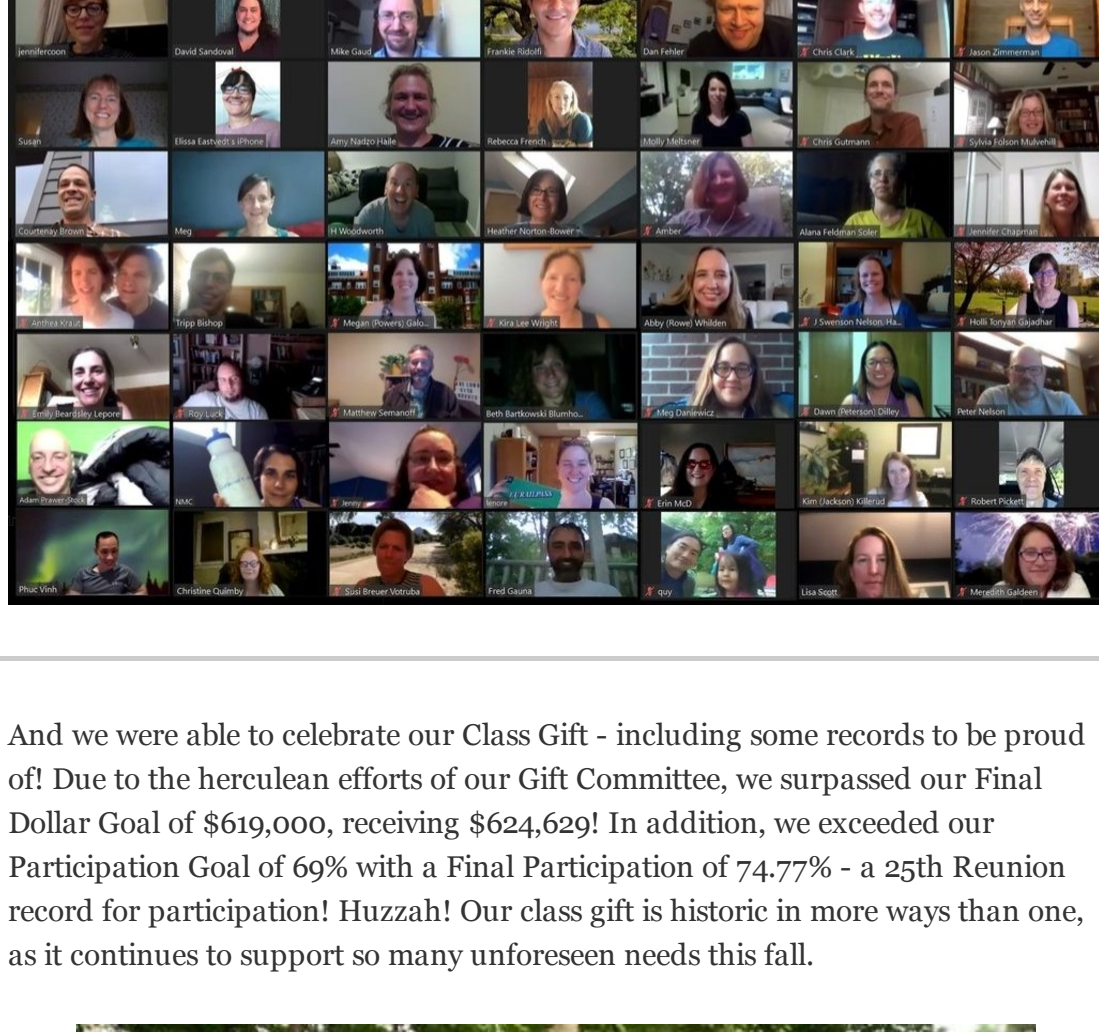
Naomi Kritzer's book, [Catfishing on CatNet](#), was awarded the 2020 Minnesota Book Award for Young Adult Fiction, 2020 Edgar Minnesota Award for Best Young Adult book AND the 2020 Lodestar Award for Best Young Adult Book! Furthermore, discerning [Minnesotans can't vote without her deft political analysis.](#)



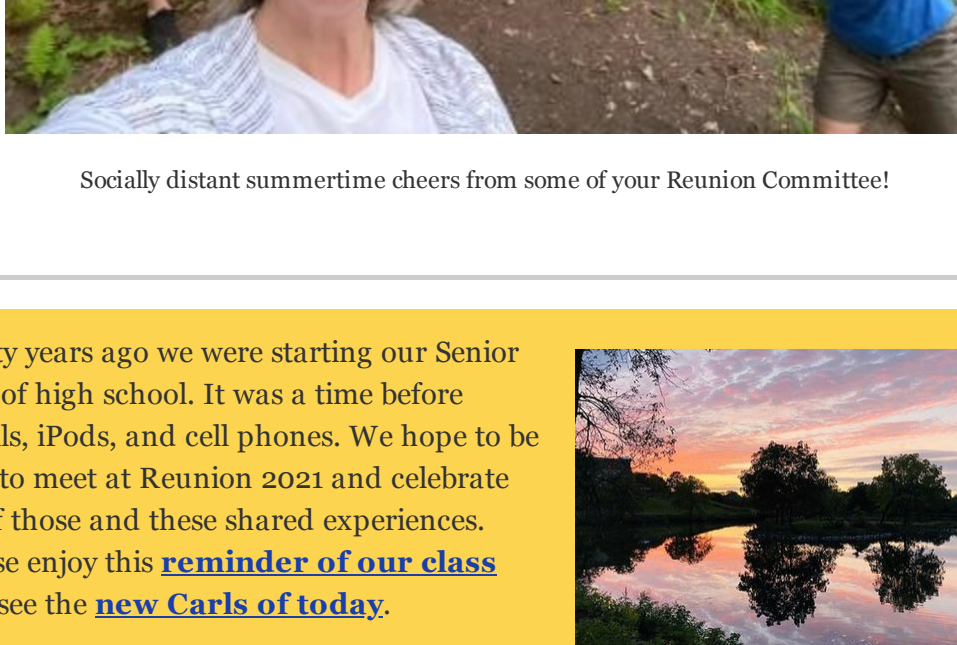
I've spent the summer furloughed and was busy caring for a sick foster bunny (including driving him to a vetmed school out of state for a CT scan), making masks for family, friends, and to donate to schools as they start in making learning, and trying not to lose my mind as Iowa's Governor continues to double down on poor choices in her pandemic responses. Oh yeah--we also had the Derecho and no power for 3 days and no internet for 8 days (which apparently almost killed my children). Annie Bosacker and I do a Zoom happy hour every Friday with a few other random friends and various other animals (often goats, dogs, and bunnies). Since our families have both been so isolated since March, my 7 year old and I visited her family at their farm in Aug and this past weekend, camping out both times. A good time was had by all! A constant pastime and good conversation were highlights of the weekends.

Claire Olsem - Des Moines, IA

Thanks to some great work by our Program Committee, as well as Meredith Galdeen and Michael Thompson, our virtual reunion celebration brought us together--and thanks to Phuc and Quy we had [our own dance party!](#)



And we were able to celebrate our Class Gift - including some records to be proud of! Due to the herculean efforts of our Gift Committee, we surpassed our Final Dollar Goal of \$619,000, receiving \$624,629! In addition, we exceeded our Participation Goal of 69% with a Final Participation of 74.77% - a 25th Reunion record for participation! Huzzah! Our class gift is historic in more ways than one, as it continues to support so many unforeseen needs this fall.



Socially distant summertime cheers from some of your Reunion Committee!

Thirty years ago we were starting our Senior year of high school. It was a time before emails, iPods, and cell phones. We hope to be able to meet at Reunion 2021 and celebrate all of those and these shared experiences. Please enjoy this [reminder of our class](#) and see the [new Carls of today.](#)



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