

Cyrus

a magazine
for alumni and
friends of
The Blake School

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Jenifer Neils '68
digs life in Athens

So Happy Together

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PROUD AND HAPPY PARENTS ANNIE GOAN CRONIN '80 AND NICK CRONIN '80 SHARE THAT THEIR SON KEVIN CRONIN '15 MARRIED SHELBY BI ON APRIL 17, 2020. THE NEWLYWEDS RESIDE IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.



KATE JACKSON '88 TOOK UP NORDIC SKIING THIS WINTER AND COMPLETED THE MORA VASALOPPET 21K CLASSIC IN FEBRUARY.



IN MAY 2020, TOMMY MORSMAN '20 CELEBRATED HIS BLAKE GRADUATION WITH FAMILY AND FELLOW ALUMNI PARENTS JEFF MORSMAN '88 AND AMY SKRAMSTAD MORSMAN '88, BROTHER TRUMAN MORSMAN '23, GRANDFATHER TOM SKRAMSTAD '63, AUNT KAREN SKRAMSTAD ANDERSON '85 AND UNCLE JUDD ANDERSON '81.

88 Bergie Bergerson continues to grow his practice at Merrill. He writes, "I offer myself as a resource (no fees, strings or commitments) to Blake alumni, their family and friends. I have short, easy books for parents on how to discuss money and wealth with children. I am building my database in hope of facilitating networking and career help for alumni (both hiring and seeking). I'm interested in speaking with alumni, especially those who are hiring or can mentor or share career advice." He also writes, "[My family] recently visited Puerto Rico for the first time, and it was incredible. While the hurricane brought devastation, the people are resilient and the landscape is diverse and beautiful. Wishing everyone the best as we look to return to some sense of normal."

After a 27-year pause, Bill Charette has resumed downhill skiing and is jumping in head first. Three weeks after his first session back on skis, he participated in an on-hill ski skill evaluation for the Wild Mountain (Taylors Falls, Minnesota) Ski Patrol. He writes, "I'm hopeful, but if they say I'm not ready yet, I'll try again next year."

Kate Jackson is in year three of her business, Ensō Wellbeing Coaching. She is making inroads with small companies and improving the mental and emotional wellbeing of their employees. She has collaborated with Blake alumni. In December, she was a guest on the Antidöt podcast, started by Paul Skrowaczewski Sebastien '87, where they discussed ways to manage anxiety and uncertainty. After reconnecting with classmate Jennifer Morris in 2019 through a networking organization, Kate has facilitated workshops on the Enneagram personality assessment for Jennifer's nonprofit organization, Daisy Camp, which provides support and education to women facing divorce. Jennifer's nonprofit has been fortunate to receive a sponsorship from Avivo, where Erik Aamoth '90 is vice president of career education and employment services.

Marta Cohen Musolf launched Musolf Mediation, which offers mediation and divorce coaching services to support clients through the intense emotions, complex logistics and overall experience of divorce.

89 Melissa Oszustowicz is senior vice president and head of the agribusiness practice for the executive search firm Raines International.

REUNION
90 Sarah Jane Lapp, who in pre-pandemic days led workshops called Peace by Piece with Pie in which participants co-assembled jigsaw puzzles she designed, has since launched Puzlkind, a multi-player jigsaw puzzle app with voice chat capability. She leads workshops within the app and invites fellow alumni to puzzle with their friends and family or make new worldwide connections within the app's Happy Hour. Download the free app at puzlkind.com.

Andrij Parekh won the Emmy for Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series. He received the award for his work on HBO's *Succession* (season 2, episode 3 *Hunting*).

Amy Schachtman Zaroff, founder and creative director of Amy Zaroff Events + Design, was named one of the 100 People to Know in the Twin Cities by Twin Cities Business in the innovator category.

REUNION
91 Adam Ehlert (See In Print and Production)

93 Haley Schaffer serves as assistant general counsel, litigation for 3M. In her position, she has helped the company work with law enforcement to stop PPE counterfeiting, which has seen a surge since the beginning of the pandemic.

94 Britta Lindvall Hovey's son Dane Borene '24 became a Blake Bear this school year. She writes, "He was given the opportunity to play on the varsity basketball team as a freshman, and even had some news coverage due to their great roster and winning streak!"

REUNION
95 Tom Winston, founder and CEO of Grizzly Creek Films, and his team received an Emmy for documentary cinematography for their four-part series *Epic Yellowstone*, which aired on the Smithsonian Channel.