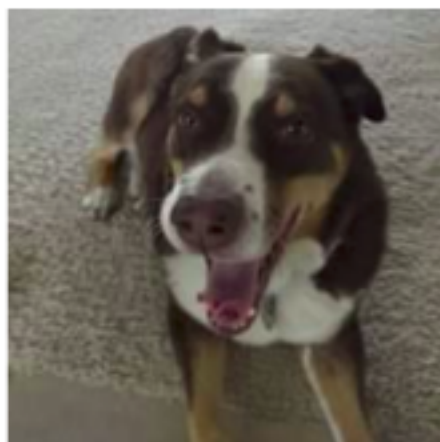




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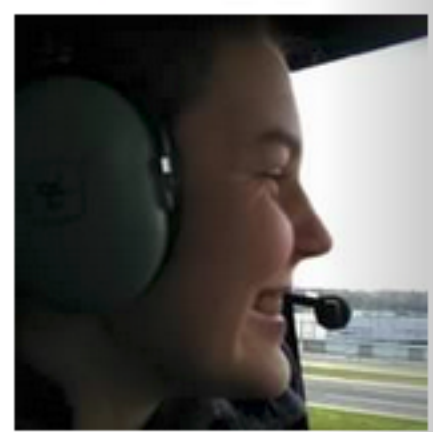


Year 2017
Rylan, Briannon,
Stephanie and Dan





Welcome to this photographic journal of our family's year! We hope that all is well with you and that these pictures and stories put a smile on your face. Our story begins after Christmas 2016, when Dan and Rylan visited Briannon, Barry, Sheryl and Granny Jo in Seattle. Briannon took Rylan



Dan, Briannon and Rylan enjoyed an aerial tour of Greater Seattle, Gasworks and Ballard Locks.

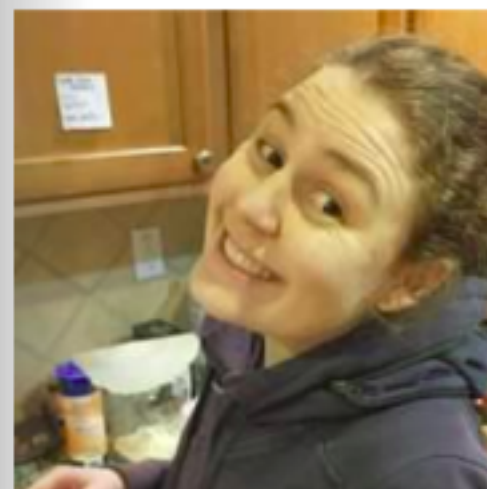


Briannon showed Dan and Rylan around her office at Amazon. Dan, Rylan, Barry, Granny Jo, Mikey and Trina went hiking through the woods over frozen ground to relax at a beautifully tranquil lake. Dan and Rylan also caught a ferry ride out to Bremerton.

Rylan felt as though he had lived his entire life in the Bay Area without really exploring it, and resolved to have an adventure each weekend. Dan and Rylan went to Tiburon and Belvedere with friends Matt Salinero, Julia Petersen and Francesco Capponi, to a Leonard Cohen tribute concert, and to a Maker's fair to assemble drones with David Chen, a friend from UC Davis. If you look closely at the concert photo, you'll see Dan seated in front of the band, reading the lyrics off his phone, singing along.



The California drought, combined with invasive beetles and an extremely wet winter, caused a tremendous number of trees to collapse. The top of a 100' cypress tree broke directly across the ridge of the Cabin's roof, prompting Dan and Rylan to launch emergency repairs. At a later visit, Kevin and Dan marvel at the number of fallen tree.



Cindy, Kevin, Stephanie, Dan and Rylan met for lunch in Walnut Creek. Rylan flew back to Seattle for an on-site interview. He was able to see Briannon again and play her new Bay Area Regional Planner board game (a gift from Cindy and Kevin!), in which players race against population growth to solve the Bay Area's housing crisis.



Stephanie, Dan and Rylan flew to Kansas to visit Grandpa and Dottie. Grandpa and Dottie were doing well, and their house is beautiful.



Briannon likes astromech droids from Star Wars.





Rylan teamed up with Patrick Sheehan and Francesco Capponi, two friends from Davis, to win the green energy-themed Suncode Hackathon.

Francesco, now working as a software engineering on LinkedIn's infrastructure team, flew his girlfriend Claudia to California to visit.



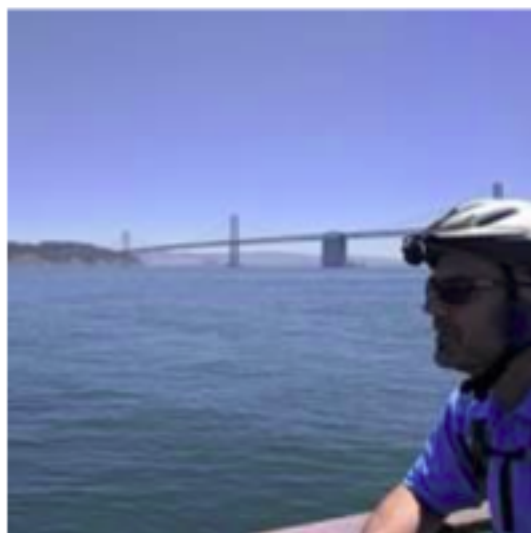
Rylan, Francesco and Claudia spent the day exploring Santa Cruz, but returned home in time to cook tiramisu with Stephanie and Dan.

Briannon stays in touch with college buddies when they visit Seattle. Here, she splits a milkshake with Oren Stoelting.



She also enjoys sharing milkshakes with her good friend Dan Mendoza.





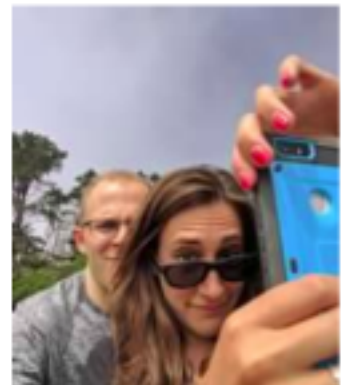
(Above) For Father's Day, Dan and Rylan took the train to San Francisco, relaxed in the sun at a jazz concert, and rode their bikes around the city. The top photo is deceptively flat - Dan will climb every hill he can see until he is unable to climb any higher.

(Right) Rylan and his friend Adrienne Mullanax took a road trip south to Santa Cruz, Salinas, Carmel, San Luis Obispo, Morrow Bay and Pismo Beach.

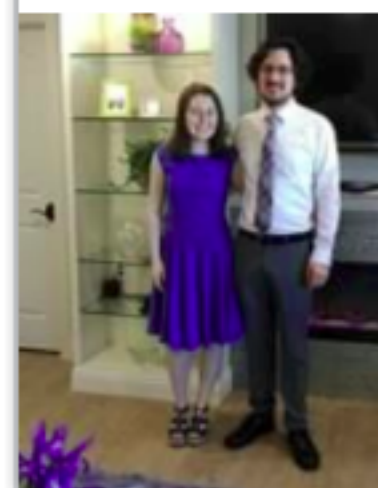
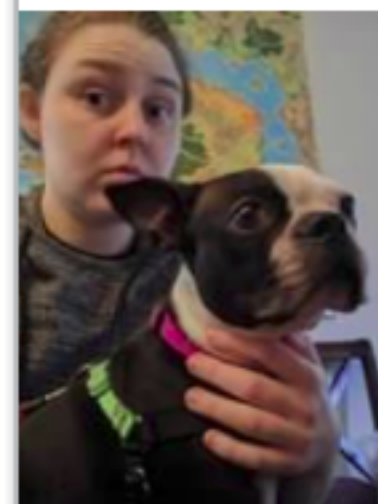




Over the summer, Rylan worked as a deep learning intern on the Algorithms Team at Thermo Fisher Scientific. In clockwise order: Rylan presents at the all-hands company meeting; the team hikes in San Bruno State Park; Rylan presents his results halfway through his internship; Rylan presents his final results at a poster session; Rylan with his supervisor, Yong Chu.



Before moving to study Cognitive Neuroscience at University College London, Rylan bid goodbye to his high school buddies Matt Salinero, Jason Chang and Daniel Chin, a recently reconnected friend Alice Navarro, Akshay Shrivastava and old debate friends, and Adrienne Mullanax.

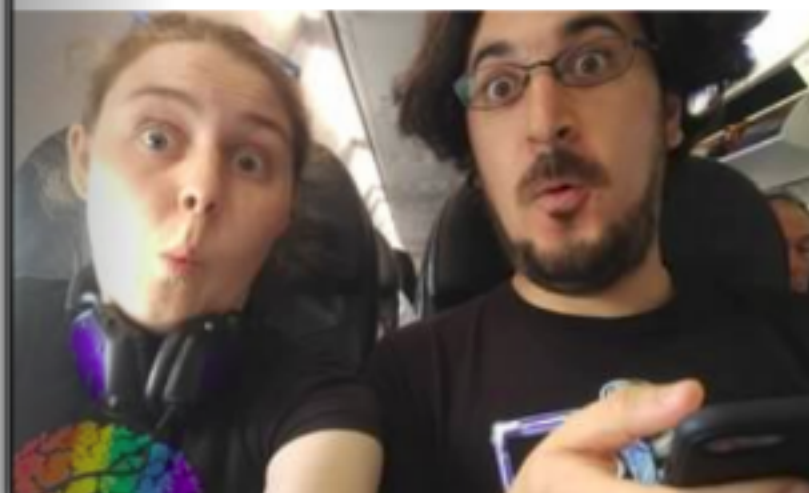


Briannon travelled extensively in 2017, including trips to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden in Vancouver, to Saint Edward State Park in Washington, and to weddings with Dan Mendoza. Her roommates also fostered Jelly the dog.



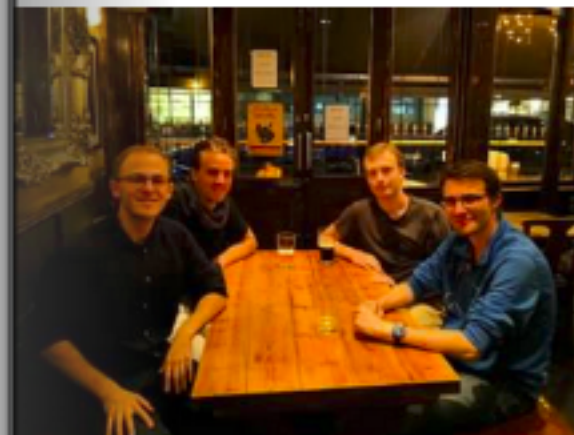
Briannon and her Dan visited Niagara Falls this October.

Pat Benatar in concert!!! Briannon sang along a little too enthusiastically.



Off to California for concerts and family!

Briannon arrived with her Dan in California to visit before Rylan flew to London. We toured Steve Jobs' house and the current and new Apple campuses.



Rylan's two roommates, Louis Kirsch and Julius Kunze (top left with Danijar Hafner), study Computational Statistics and Machine Learning at UCL. Rylan studies in Queen Square, the home of all neuroscience-related programs at University College London. Rylan with his supervisor Dr. Stephen Fleming (back row, far left) and the Metacognition lab.



Dan arranged to have the "hardware" removed from his formerly broken hip. He's currently contemplating what to do with the extracted metal, but he's leaning towards wind chimes. We learned that he's secretly a voracious selfie-taker.



One of Rylan's closest friends, Daniel Chin, was deployed to work in London. Lauren Taylor, who Rylan has known since kindergarten, came to visit. They explored the city, visiting Hyde Park's Winter Wonderland, the Eye and a delicious cider lodge.



And what would our family be...

...without frequent video calls home!

With love,
Rylan, Briannon, Stephanie and Dan

