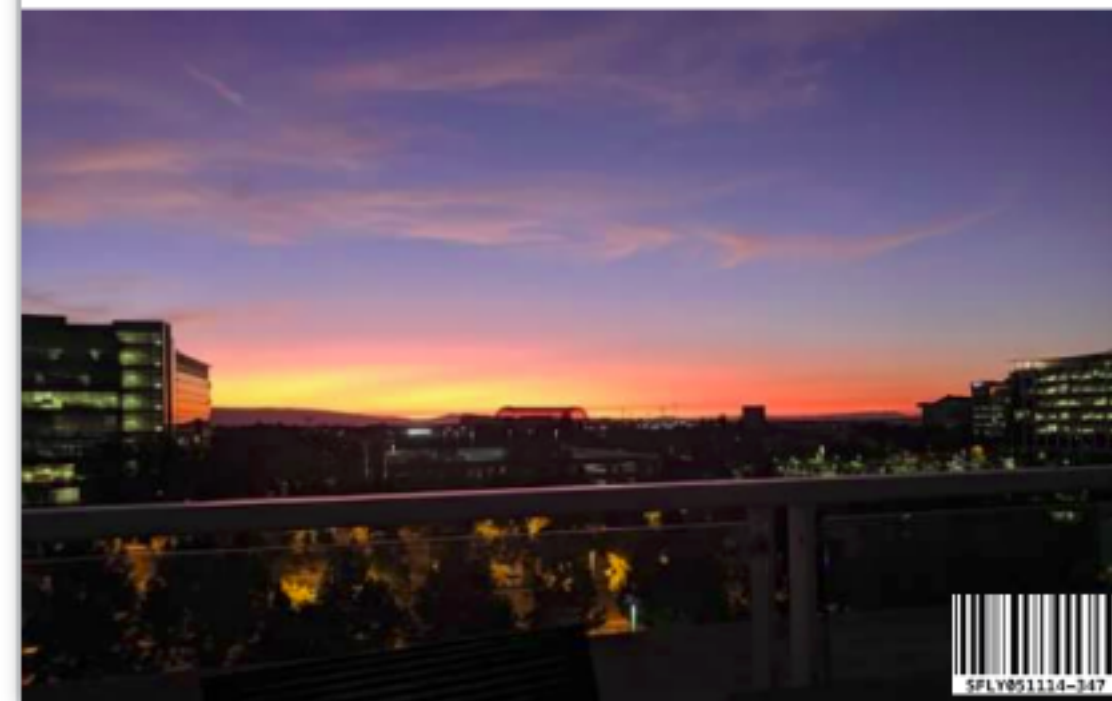




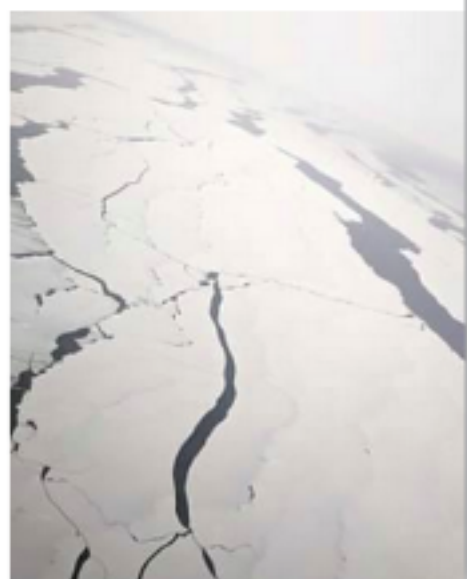
While working in Silicon Valley, Rylan fell in love with the sights, culture and history.  
 Top: Sunrise at 7 AM at the Mountain View Caltrain station.  
 Bottom: Sunset over Google, Amazon and Moffett Field's iconic Hanger One.



2019  
 Rylan, Briannon, Stephanie and Dan



First up for Bri was Synchronized Skating Sectionals in Michigan! The team came in 3rd (out of 3, admittedly), medaling and qualifying for Nationals. The team traveled during the polar vortex, which was very cold (-25 degrees F) and snowy. Lake Michigan was nearly frozen.

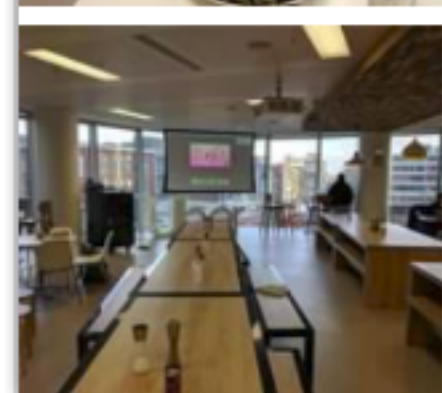






Rylan started 2019 by visiting his London friends. His boss Andrea Pasqua gave him permission to work out of Uber's office in the City of London, so Rylan worked by day and socialized by night.

Below: Sanjeevan Ahilan, Dan Stoddard and Julius Kunze, who all studied with Rylan at University College London. Julius was one of Rylan's two flatmates in London.



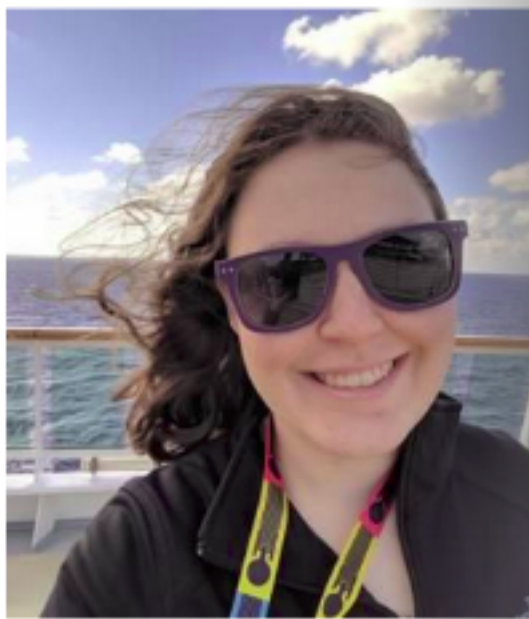
Rylan and Julius went on a daytrip to Bletchley Park, the headquarters of British codebreaking during WWII. The mansion (top) was used by ranking officers, and the machine (the Bombe) was invented by Alan Turing and others. To get to Bletchley Park, Julius and Rylan took a long hike through muddy fields, a lake and a dump.







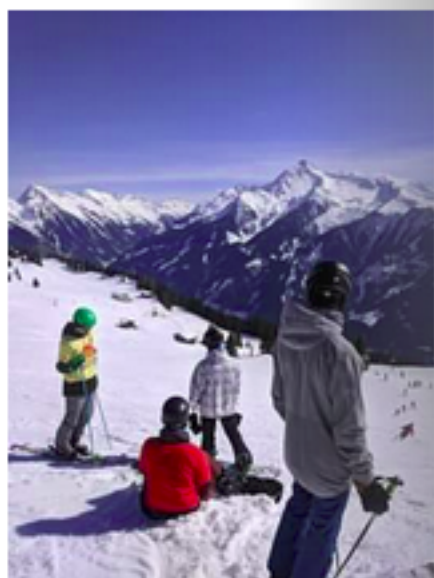
Bri flew directly from Michigan to Florida to join Dan2 for the progressive music Cruise to the Edge. To Dan1's jealousy, they saw Yes perform while on the cruise. The cruise had some theme nights, such as sci-fi night and cape night, after the Yes keyboardist's proclivity to perform in capes. Pictured below is Lieutenant Mendoza of Starfleet with Kaylee from Firefly. Fog disrupted the cruise schedule, delaying boarding by hours. The cruise had two ports of call on the five day long cruise: Key West and Cozumel.



The cruise offered a shore excursion at the Cozumel port to tour the Mayan city of Tulum! El Castillo is in the background. We had a moment to relax on the beach afterwards.





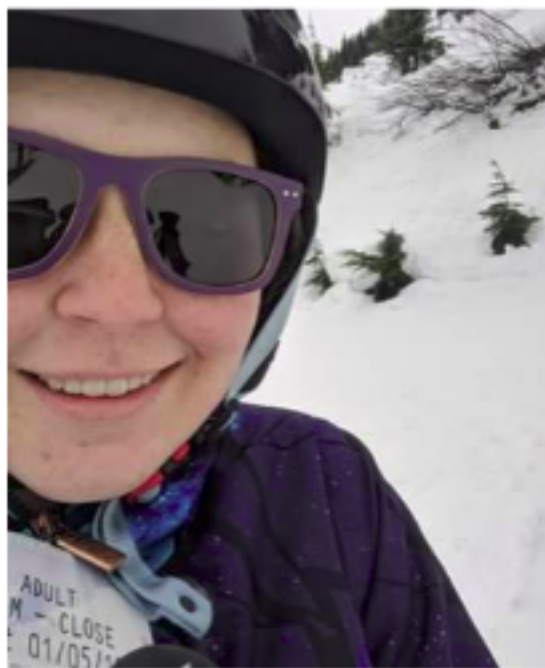


In March, Rylan flew to Munich and then drove to Zillertal, Austria to ski with his London flatmates, Louis Kirsch and Julius Kunze, plus three friends of theirs. They skied by day and played board games by night. Rylan practiced his nascent German and enjoyed many new dishes such as kaiserschmarrn and germknödel.

They finished the trip by celebrating Rylan and Louis's shared birthday, March 9th.







Bri and friends took Dan2 to Snoqualmie to learn to ski! They went skiing several times there during January/February.



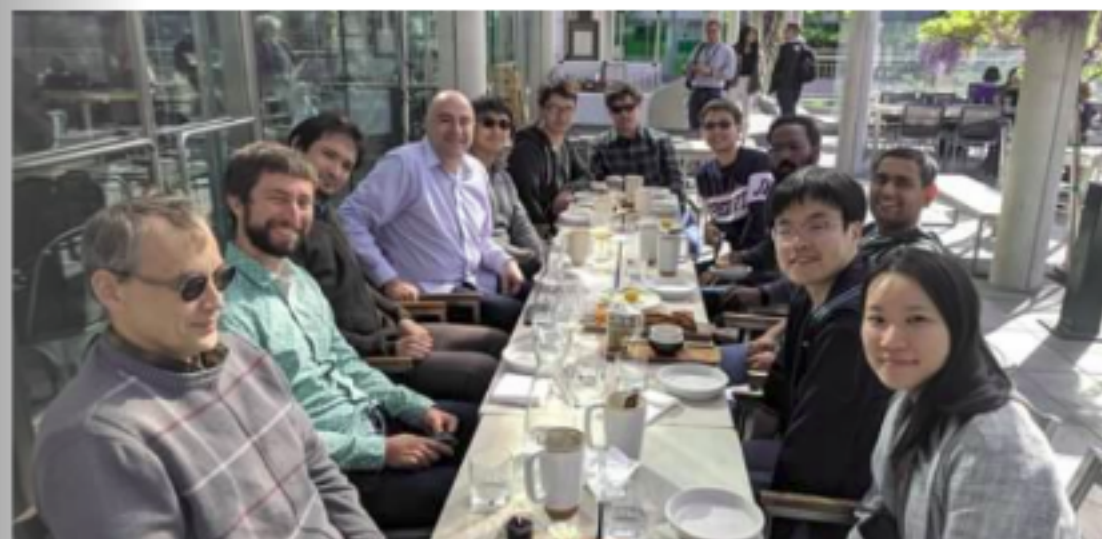
Bri and Dan2 bought a house! They found the perfect townhouse, just a short walk to public transit stops to their jobs in Downtown Seattle, and complemented by a nearby cat cafe and nerdy tea shop. Coincidentally, the house closed on Bri's birthday!! The WiFi network is named after Twin Peaks, Dan2's favorite TV show. Rylan treated the happy couple to their first dinner.





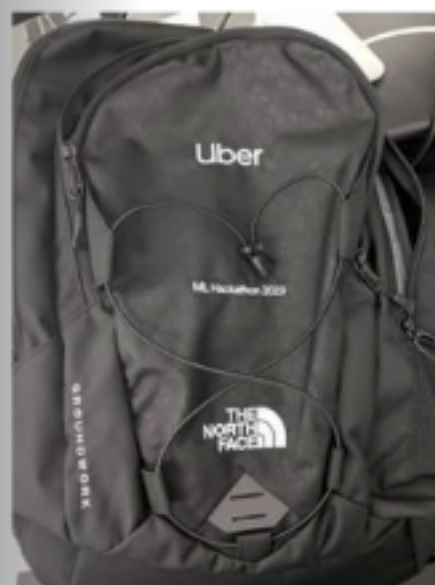


Bri and Dan2 came to California for a concert and to visit. Dan1 very much enjoyed Uber's massage chair, to the amusement of the family. Bri, Stephanie, and both Dans visited the Japanese Tea Garden, Golden Gate Park, and Sutro Tower.

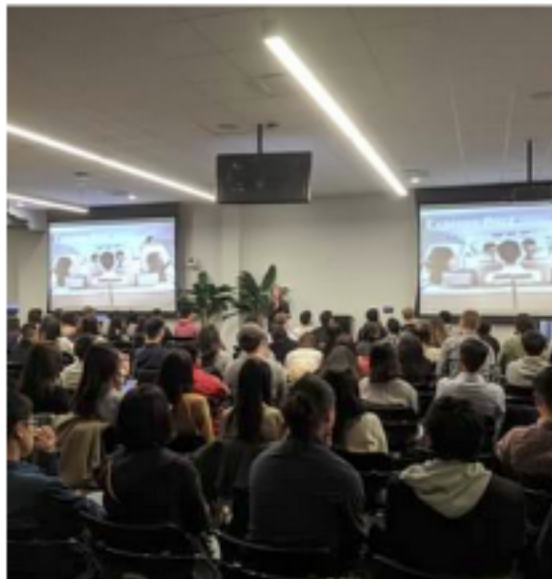


At Uber, Rylan assumed the mantle of his team's CFO (Chief Fun Officer). He implemented a tradition whereby people shared photos and stories from their vacations.

Above: Rylan hosted a luncheon to celebrate his boss Andrea Pasqua's return from paternity leave. Rylan's favorite teammate, Slawek Smyl, is on the front left. Below: Rylan organized an escape room that involved virtual reality, 3D-printing, and flying drones. Rylan and three colleagues, Calvin Worsnup, Yuxi Pan and Roy Yang, placed 3rd in Uber's multi-week company-wide machine learning hackathon, and received a backpack as a trophy.







Stephanie's team participated in a hackathon. She worked with Yong Chu while enjoying the view of Rylan's office and the SF skyline.

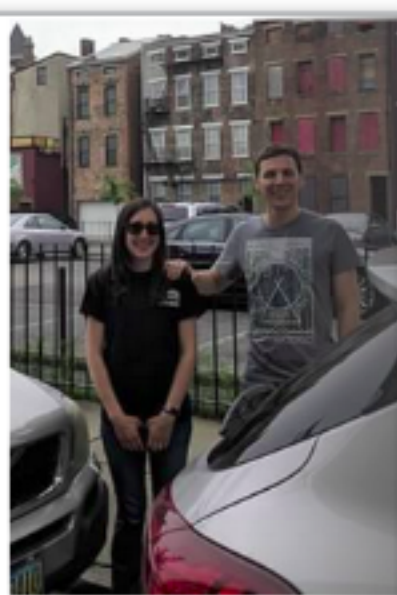
Her team enjoyed two historical tours of SF. One explored Japantown and its transformation from a Jewish community in the late 1800s to a home for the Japanese until internment in WWII when an African American jazz community emerged. The other explored SF during the gold rush.



Rylan tried to persuade Uber's University Recruiting team to visit UC Davis, but they declined. Undeterred, he organized a student-alumni event in April with over 200 Davis students driving to SF. His teammate Calvin Worsnup (bottom left) delivered a fantastic talk on his own meandering path and encouraged students to try new experiences. Dan, helped by Stephanie, fit 60 Costco pizzas and 5 cases of water into the Prius.







Rylan flew to New Orleans to attend a preeminent deep learning conference called ICLR, paid for by Uber. On the flight out, he stopped in Cincinnati, Ohio (the birthplace of Angelica Hortsch Schneider, Rylan's maternal grandfather's mother, in 1895) to visit Adrienne Mullanax, a friend from Davis. She recently became engaged to Dustin Piontek, a zoo herpetologist. The three visited Findley Market, the Underground Railroad Museum, Heekin Overlook and Jungle Jim's.

Once in New Orleans, Rylan was joined at the conference by two coworkers, Calvin Worsnup and Roy Yang, plus a friend from University College London, Sanjeevan Ahilan. As they went for a morning run, a local called them a "multi-cultural boy band."



Above: During the conference, Uber had its IPO. Calvin, Roy and Rylan watched the stock go live.

Left: In the evenings, the four partners-in-crime toured the city and explored NOLA's culture and cuisine, including alligator, rabbit, catfish and beignets.







Bri and Dan2 traveled to Hawai'i in May with 8 friends. Here, Bri enjoys the scenery at a luau.



Bri snuggled in the backseat of the group van, singing along to Dan2's Classic Rock Ukulele after watching the sunset from Haleakala, Maui's main volcano.



The group walked through the otherworldly Hoapili Lava Field, and Dan2 took the opportunity to rock out in the wind.



A friend with a pilot's license rented a plane to take the group up flying two at a time. For Dan2 and Bri's flight, they flew over Moloka'i and Lana'i.



The group went to Molokini to Snuba (a hybrid of Scuba and Snorkel). There were beautiful iridescent parrotfishes and turtles of varying sizes to be seen. (Dan2 is in the center.)

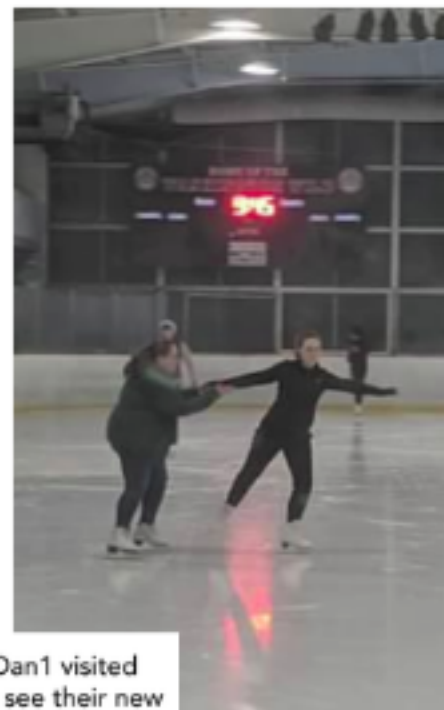


Bri made sure to take Dan2 to visit the Banyan tree in Lahaina that she first became acquainted with many years prior on the trip to Hawai'i with Granny in 1999.

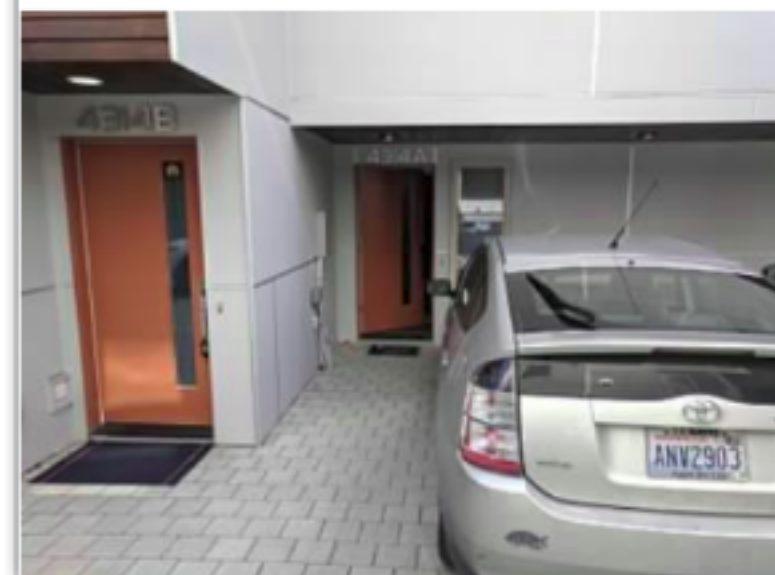
Bri and Dan did a Tesla-themed Escape Room with 2 others of their group: Zachary Kahn (left, the pilot) and Roman Lapin (top).



In July, Rylan, Stephanie and Dan1 visited Briannon and Dan2 in Seattle to see their new house at 4314A Whitman Ave N. Briannon practiced ice skating, while Stephanie, Dan1, and Rylan watched.







Top: The view of downtown Seattle from Bri and Dan2's rooftop patio. Mount Rainier is visible peaking over the clouds in the distance.

Middle: The new house's 2nd floor living room.

Bottom: The house's entrance, complete with Bri's Prius and her UC Davis license plate frame.



We visited Dan1's 90 year old mom Joan and her pup Trina Louise in Anacortes, WA. We also visited our family friends Julie and Terry Miller in Gig Harbor.

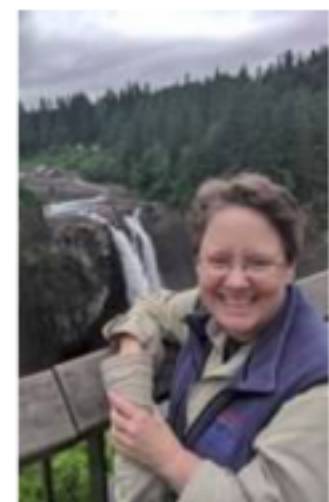
Below: View of Seattle from Rylan's Uber office, where he worked during the week.







Bri and Dan2's new house has an amazing view from the rooftop patio, overlooking downtown Seattle and Lake Union, with a perfect view of the the biggest Fourth of July fireworks show in Seattle, put on in Gasworks Park.



The family explored Snoqualmie Falls and the surrounding area, where Twin Peaks, a TV series that both Rylan and Dan2 love, was filmed.

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**ON TWIN PEAKS**

Food & drink at the Redwood Chapel, and directly across the street from the Double D Diner. The Double D Diner is the last diner of the town of Twin Peaks, Washington. It has been owned and operated by Norma Jennings since April 1989. In August of 1989 she began the town's first on-site program with local high school students, Laura Palmer. It was also a member of the Twin Peaks Theatre Company, and has become the flagship store of a national chain of Redwood Diner II.

The Double D Diner is open every day of the week, including holidays, and has become a local institution. It is a popular hangout spot, specializing in homemade pies and coffee.

This must be where you go when they die!  
- 1981 Special Agent Date Cooper

**BEVERAGES**







Dan is an ardent supporter of the Sanders presidential campaign. Dissatisfied with traditional canvassing, he built a mobile button showcase and traveled the length and breadth of California, finding foster homes for thousands of buttons and raising hundreds of dollars in donations. He also designed a few buttons.



Clockwise: Dan's college dorm reunion baseball game. Dan pioneered a knee and lower-back friendly weeding technique. Maintaining his annual surgery tradition, Dan had his third shoulder surgery. Two weeks later, and while returning from his farewell luncheon at Roche, a woman ran a red light at 45 mph and t-boned the car he was in, temporarily blinding his coworker. Dan attended a mini high school reunion with Iqbal Sethy, Mike Thien, Lynn Moquette and Mike Skarpelos (not pictured). Dan enjoyed the view of the Stanislaus River with Stephanie.







In August, Bri and Dan2 attended a wedding at a local castle with a lovely view. The dress code was formal, so Bri bought a custom-made dress with pockets since none of the off-the-rack dresses appealed to her. Dan looked very dapper in his suit.

Team Bookdragon Brilliance participated in a Harry Potter Trivia Scavenger Hunt, and placed in the top 10% out of 120 teams! Bri also won the costume contest with the Marauder's Map she made in college.



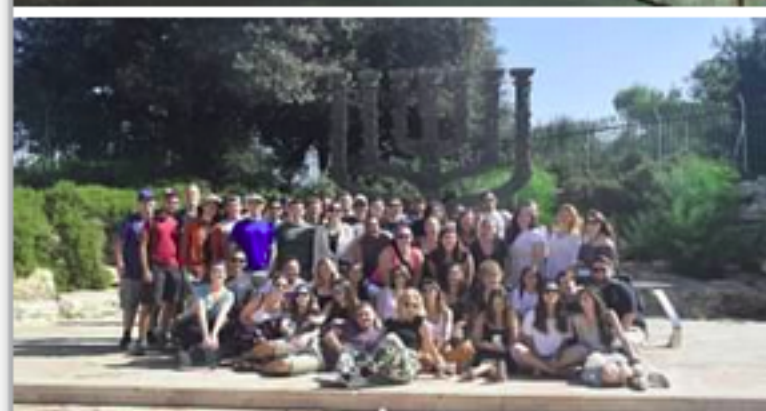
Bri and Dan2 camped in Dosewallips State Park.



Bri supports Elizabeth Warren for president and attended Warren's rally in Seattle, then felt inspired to get out and canvass at the local Farmer's Market.

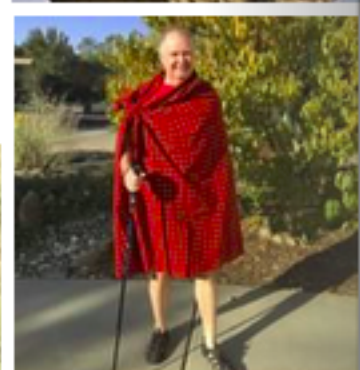
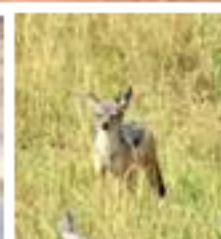
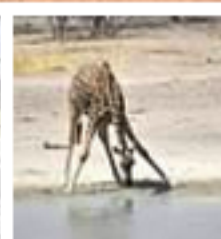
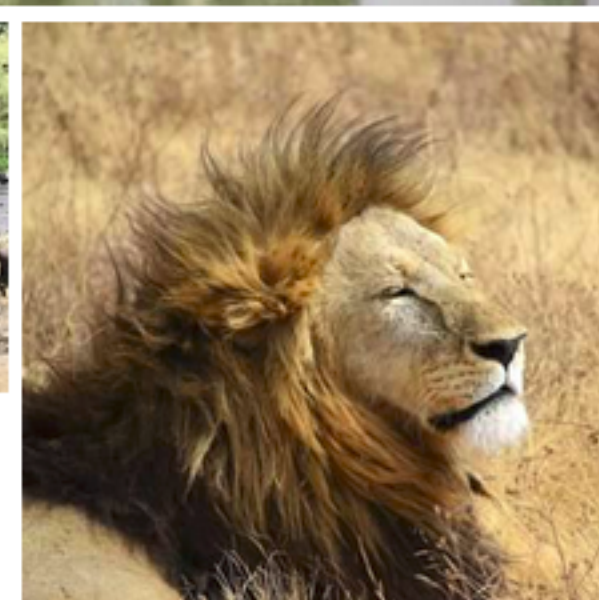






Rylan's Israel Birthright Trip.  
To learn more, visit:  
[https://rylanschaeffer.github.io/content/thoughts/20190817\\_taglit/main.html](https://rylanschaeffer.github.io/content/thoughts/20190817_taglit/main.html)





In August, Cindy and Kevin traveled to Tanzania for a two week African safari.  
Left: Kevin wears tradition Maasai clothing.





Rylan earned all As this semester, taking three graduate applied math courses. He also found a paid research assistantship at MIT Brain and Cognitive Sciences (right).

Friends who came to visit (clockwise): Vincent Yang and Jessica Tsoi (UC Davis); Nate Martinez and Dani Grant (High School); Tamara Kruger (University College London); Virginie Rutten (UCL).



Rylan started a Master's program at Harvard's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Top Left: His department's building, Maxwell-Dworkin, is named after Bill Gates' and Steve Ballmer's mothers. Top Right: Code written by Bill Gates while a student. Middle Left: Rylan's study area in Maxwell-Dworkin. Middle Right: Rylan's professor color-coordinated his lectures, so Rylan organized his classmates to match on the final day. Left: Rylan's dorm.

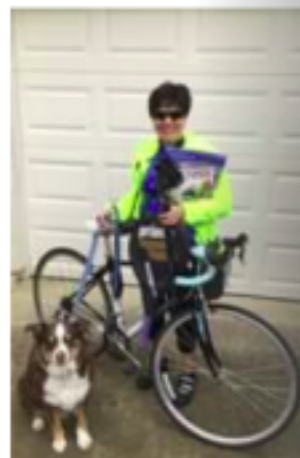
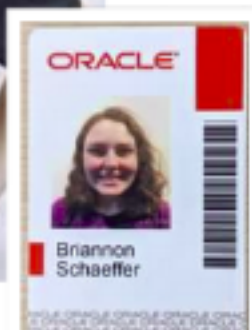






On September 23, Bri's team at Oracle was laid off along with 15% of the cloud division.

On November 4, she started a new job at HBO, joining her previous manager at the new company.



Kevin retired after 37 years with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. Left: Kevin with his co-worker Scott Lambert at their last Board hearing. Center: Kevin on his first day of retirement.



In November, Stephanie and Cindy enjoyed spending time with their Dad and Dottie in Wichita, Kansas.



Bob rides his bike for twenty-five minutes daily.

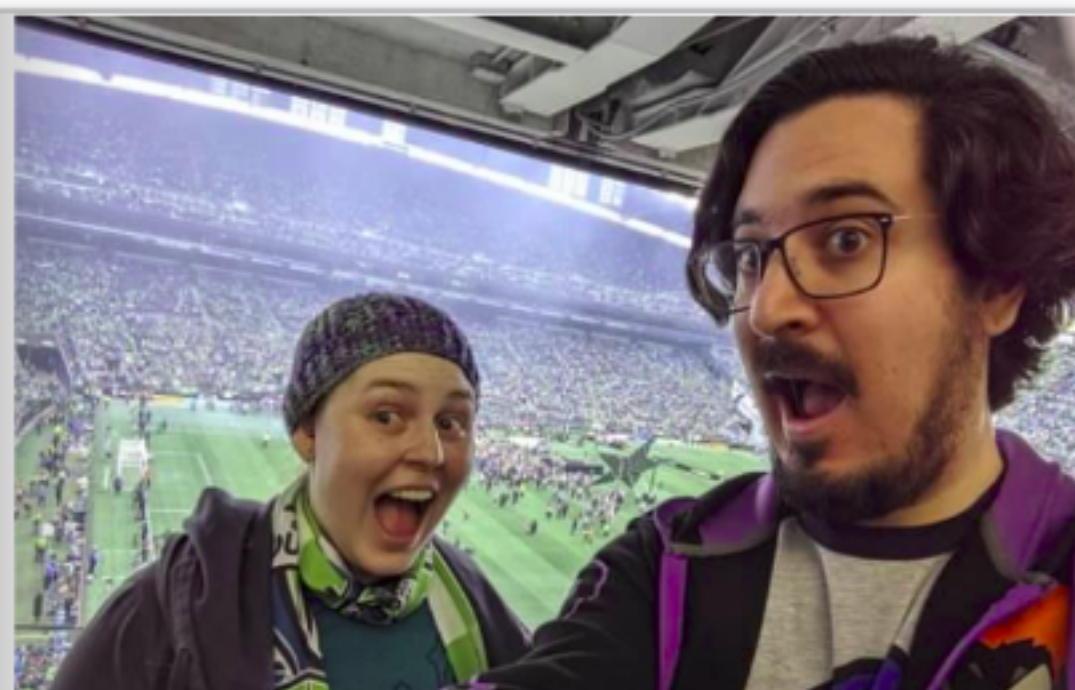




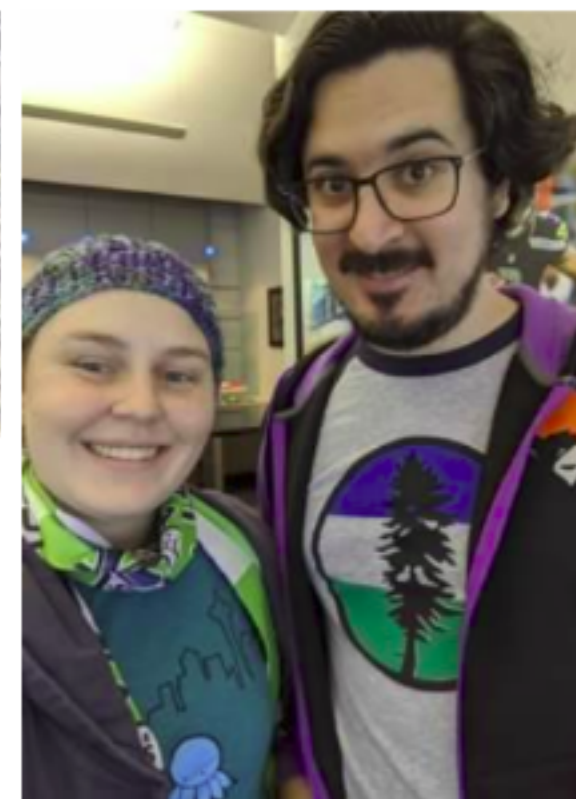


Dan2 met and got a fist bump from his hero Geddy Lee at a book signing!!  
(The bassist of the band Rush, to those unfamiliar.)

The dynamic duo saw The Who at T-Mobile Park, Santana at the White River Amphitheatre, and Elton John at the Tacoma Dome. Pete Townshend, Roger Daltrey, Carlos Santana and Elton John still rock!



The Seattle Sounders Soccer Team made it to the league finals this year for the third time in four years! This was Seattle's first time hosting the final, and Bri won suite tickets to the game from work. Bri and Dan2 showed up in their Seattliest shirts to cheer on the winning home team!





Thanksgiving at 1735 Cherrytree Lane in Mountain View. The next day, Briannon, Stephanie, both Dans, Cindy and Kevin visited the Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park in Richmond.



The Washington Ice Emeralds Masters are skating to Moulin Rouge this year! Bri went to Vancouver, BC to compete with the team in early December.

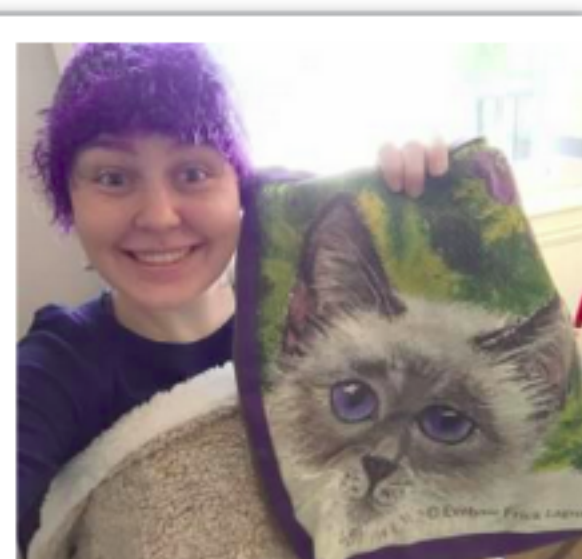
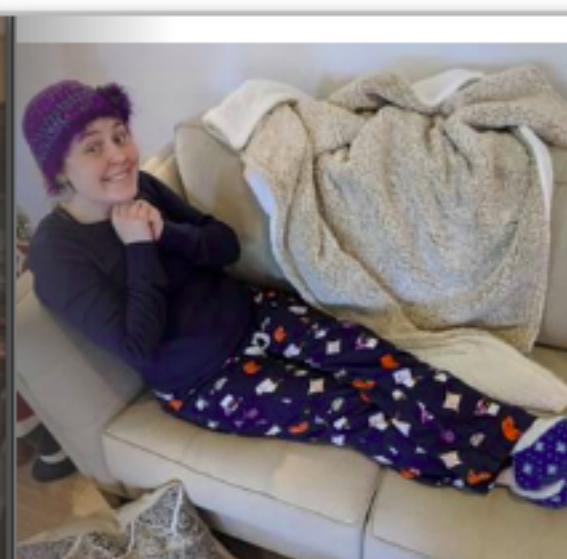


After competing, the team and supporters went to the Whistler, British Columbia ski resort with their sister team to hit the slopes. (Note the synchro pose.)



The team took a trip to Bainbridge Island off the coast of Seattle to watch the movie Moulin Rouge and see the beautiful Bloedel Reserve.





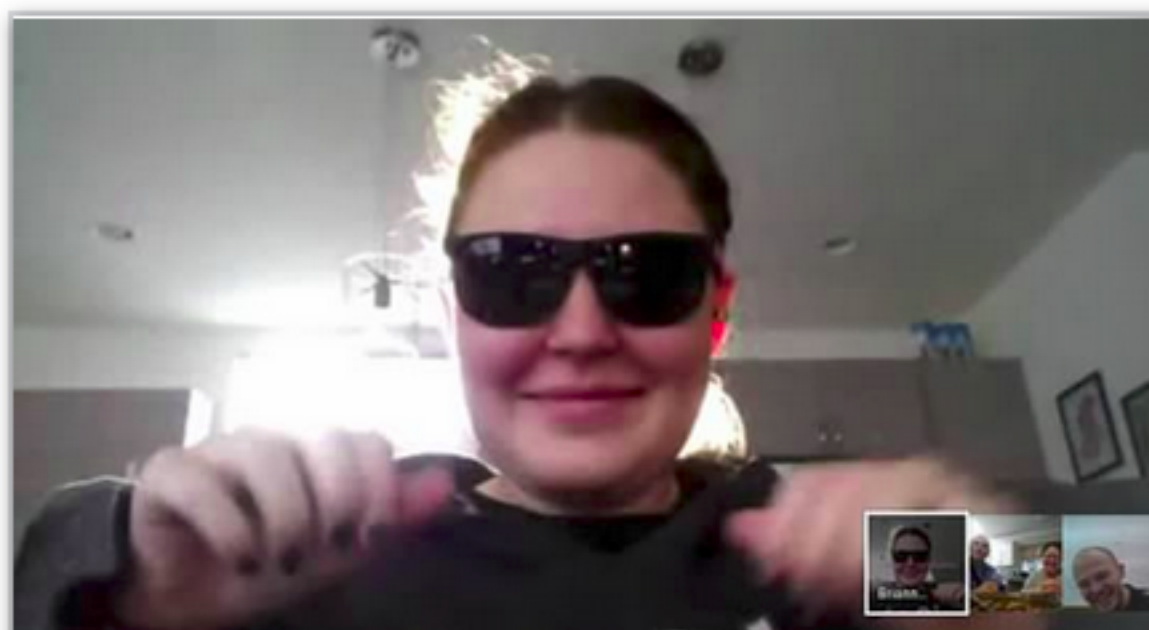
Cindy and Kevin graciously hosted Rylan, Stephanie and Dan for Christmas. Grandpa and Dottie celebrated in Wichita, Kansas.

Bri spent her Christmas in Southern California with Dan2's family. Some favorite presents include a cat and violets tote bag, fuzzy purple hat, and pajamas with many of her favorite things on them.

To appreciate the local beauty, Bri and Dan2 went for a walk along the main beach of Laguna Beach.

Bri and Dan2 made a batch of the Schneider family's traditional German Spice Cookies, but the cookie cutters were again in the wrong place: at home in Seattle. Subsequently for this year, simpler geometric trees were the order of the day instead of intricate shapes.





And what would our family be  
without frequent video calls  
home?

