

Haseleys 2021

Allan & Kelly



Kelly, Erin, Emma holding Cosmo, Allan Haseley

Haseley Survival Guide for 2021

Today is December 18th, one week before Christmas, and I am just sitting down to write our *Haseley Herald* news. Mom would not be happy...but she would be very happy in how her favorite son and all her family and extended family **Survived 2021**.

We Survived Covid (at least for now): Erin, Emma, Kelly, and I all tested positive for Covid and were all very fortunate to have mild symptoms and no major problems. Kelly had the toughest time and was in bed for about ten days. We hope each of you and your families are healthy and safe. **Survival Tip: Get Vaccinated.**

We Survived Being Closed For 15 Months: Our Sports Connection Family Entertainment Center was closed for 15 months as a result of Covid and government restrictions. We were very fortunate to survive and be able to fully reopen in April. The business has bounced back as strong as ever, even with masks being required to be worn by all customers and staff. We appreciate all the support from our loyal staff, customers, and government assistance and feel for the businesses and families who have not been as fortunate during these past two years. **Survival Tip: Support Local Businesses.**

We Survived Lots Of Water: We were excited to be able to resume our annual trip to the beach and participate in the July 4th Golf Cart Parade (“Water Gun Fight”). This year, with Emma living at home over the summer and extra time on our hands, we “might” have gone a little overboard with our golf cart design and construction. One observer quoted, “Why under do when you can over do.” This year’s theme was “Yellow Submarine” and our crew included Allan, Kelly, Emma, Erin, and James. **Survival Tip: *Just Because You Are In A Submarine, Does Not Mean You Will Not Get Wet.***

We Survived Being Empty Nesters (again): Because of Covid and UNC-Chapel Hill canceling classes, Emma moved back home in March of 2020. We enjoyed having her live with us again, but in July 2021, Emma moved to Washington, DC to start her new job. So we are now relearning how to be “empty nesters”, once again. **Survival Tip: *Do Not Turn Your Kid’s Bedrooms Into A Movie Room Or Office.***

We Survived Another Graduation: Erin and James are still living in Denver, Colorado with their two cats. Erin graduated from grad school this summer and started her new career with a non-profit based out of Houston, Texas. She currently works remotely and she and James hope to move back east next year when James finishes grad school. **Survival Tip: *Watch Out For Flying Caps...Unless You Are Graduating Remotely.***

We Survived Our Maiden Voyage: One of the items on Allan’s “Bucket List” is to travel out west in a 5th wheel. First step, Buy a 5th wheel. CHECK. Second step, Buy a truck to pull it. CHECK. Third step, Take trailer and truck on maiden voyage to learn and test things. CHECK. Fourth step, Travel.....tune in next year for update. **Survival Tip: *Make Sure Sewage Hose Is Attached Before Pulling Lever.***

We Survived Meeting The Parents: This summer we enjoyed a great weekend at our lake house with all of us and James and his parents and sister from Atlanta. It was a fun weekend having everyone together and getting to know Porter, Leslie, and Clara. Erin and Emma were still able to ski and wakeboard with no problems. We are in the process of building a new dock and welcome anyone who wants to come and visit. **Survival Tip: *Don’t Believe A Boat Driver Who Says You Won’t Fall Off The Tube.***

We Survived Playing Golf: Rain, Darkness, Liquor, or Sick Dog could keep us from winning our flight at the Craven Cancer Classic Golf Tournament in New Bern, NC in October. Ed, Mike, Kelly, and I enjoyed playing together again this year and especially enjoyed seeing all the family and close friends of Scott to support a great cause. **Survival Tip: *Today Is A Gift.***

We Survived Another Losing Season: We are still loyal Carolina Panther fans, even though it has been a tough season. We continue to attend most home games but did not make it to an away game like we have done in past years. We were able to make the trip to Chapel Hill to the UNC vs Duke football game in the fall and had fun catching up with Tarheel friends. **Survival Tip: *Never Throw Away Your Old Jerseys.***

We Survived Not Getting Disowned: Thank you Karen and the new co-editors of the *Haseley Herald* for not disowning us for our late submission this year. **Survival Tip: *Don’t Procrastinate, Just Do It!***

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Allan, Kelly, Erin, Emma, Cosmo













Erin

Greetings from Colorado! This year has mostly been spent curled up in my apartment with James and my two cats, Sutton and Taako, waiting for the world to be normal again. In May, I graduated with my master's in research methods and statistics from the University of Denver. In September, I started a year-long fellowship in which I provide data analysis and research support to a non-profit based in Houston, TX called Good Reason Houston. I am really enjoying my fellowship so far, and I actually enjoy working remotely more than I thought I would.

Fortunately, I was able to travel more this year than last year. First, James and I went camping in Utah – it was a lot of fun but VERY hot. Then we went to Charleston in June to spend the week with a few of our friends from college. While we were there, we helped two of our friends get engaged on the beach! After that, we spent July 4th at the beach with mom, dad, Emma, and Grandma Pat where we debuted our Beatles-inspired golf cart (I'm sure you'll read all about this in Dad or Emma's HH). In August, we spent a weekend at our lake house with James's mom, dad, and sister. In October, we went to St. Simon's Island in Georgia to see James' aunt get married. Then, in November, I went back to Charlotte for Thanksgiving and drove down to Greenville to help my friend try on wedding dresses.

We were also able to host more people this year than last year. Emma visited in May, and we went on some really cool hikes. Two of my best friends visited in June and we saw Shrek the Musical at a dinner theatre (thank God live theatre is back).

All and all, I'd say this was a pretty good year, and I hope everyone else can say the same! Hope to see you all sometime soon.







Emma

What a difference one year can make. Last year, Erin and I recorded our *Haseley Herald* over Zoom. This year, I am fully vaccinated, healthy, and living and working in DC!

I lived at home in Charlotte, NC with my mom and dad until July of this year. During that time, I learned how to make sourdough bread, use a sewing machine, and paddleboard! I was lucky to be able to see some friends safely before we were eligible for the vaccine. In November 2020, I took a weekend trip up to Asheville with my friend Annie, and we enjoyed all of the lovely hikes and breweries/cideries that Asheville has to offer. I also went to the beach with my friend Genna and visited Audrey Tunstall in Chapel Hill. After getting my vaccine, I went to visit Erin and James in Colorado in May. My dad and I were excited to make a come-back appearance at the 4th of July golf cart parade this year. We spent weekends in June crafting a giant yellow submarine float complete with a bubble machine, speaker, six water hoses, and a 50-gallon water tank disguised as a mini-submarine! Needless to say that we were the winners. Again.

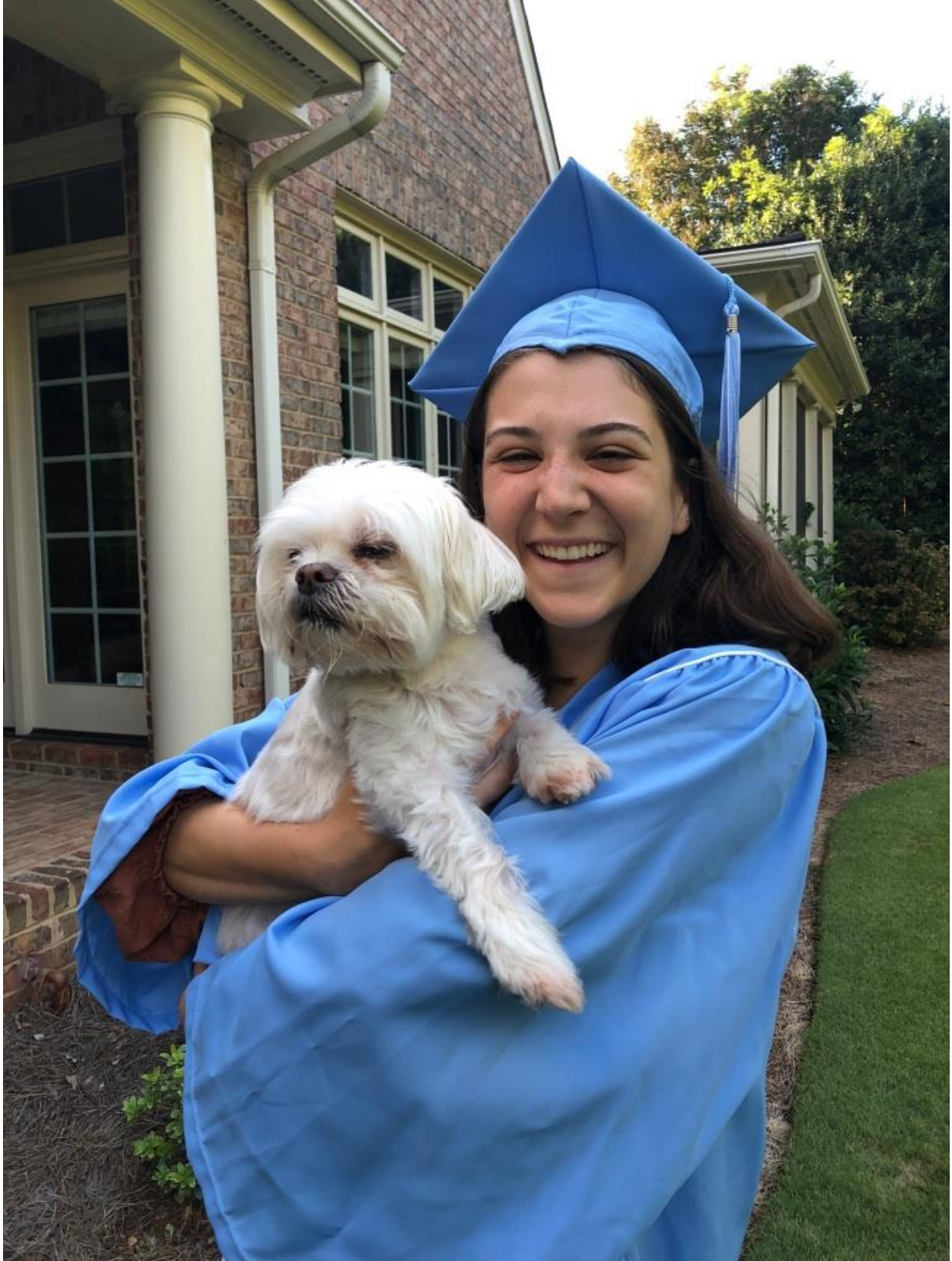
I moved up to DC in July to start a new job with an art non-profit. I live in a row house in Columbia Heights with three roommates and two cats (not mine, but they are so sweet!). I am really enjoying settling back into life in DC. I have been able to make some new friends despite still being cautious about COVID, and I have been able to reconnect with some of my old friends from GW and UNC. When I am not working, I really enjoy my work as co-coordinator of my local composting site! I also really love cooking and baking with my roommate Mithila. We entered an apple pie baking competition in October. We ended up making seven apple pies in the span of two weeks for testing and submitting to the competition. Although we did not win, we had so much fun baking them! In September, I went up to visit two friends in Boston. In October, I traveled back down to Chapel Hill for my 1-year late graduation weekend. It was a lot of fun, but my favorite graduation memory is still when I got to Zoom with

Grandma Janet on my actual graduation day back in 2020.

If anyone is in the DMV area, please let me know!



Harry Styles concert in Raleigh with Katie



"Graduation" with Cosmo



Yellow Submarine float for July 4th



Friendsgiving in Charlotte

