

# Season's Greetings

Once again it was an eventful year for the Wang family. One piece of big news is that Jacob married Gabriella (Bella) Ward on June 1<sup>st</sup>! They met while both attending Northern Arizona University (NAU) and had a whirlwind courtship once they figured out they were meant to be together. They are both finishing up their degrees in May 2020 (Jacob in Geographic Information Systems [GIS] & Bella in Political Science) and are then heading to Portland where Jacob is hoping to attend Western Seminary. For now, Jacob has been working as a paid intern splitting his time between the City of Flagstaff and Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority doing some city planning and GIS work. Bella has been working at a Flagstaff institution – Macy's European Coffeehouse & Bakery while finishing up her coursework. For fun, Jacob still mountain bikes and recently finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Adult Male category of the 12 Hours of Fury race.



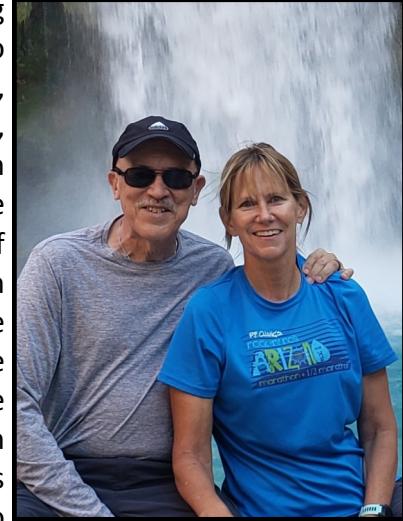
The other big news is that Brianna has been accepted into medical school! She will be attending Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Parker, CO (a suburb of Denver) starting in July 2020. As of now, the plan is to live with Rachel & Tim who are also living in the area. In the meantime, Brianna has been working as a scribe for doctors at OrthoArizona gaining valuable experience and knowledge. She has also been finishing up her prerequisites for med school at ASU and will graduate with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Bachelor's degree this month in Biological Sciences. In the little spare time she's had, she still enjoys running, oftentimes with Barb.



Rachel & Tim are still in Denver and moved to a larger apartment closer to Tim's work this summer and are

looking to buy a home sometime next spring. Rachel was able to get into the desirable Cherry Creek School District, teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading and science at Heritage Elementary. She's been working on her Master's Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language online at ASU and is scheduled to graduate in May 2020. Tim is doing quite well as a Financial Crimes Investigator at Schwab, already receiving a promotion after a year on the job. Continuing their quest to see as much of the world as possible, they are going to Costa Rica after Christmas for several days.

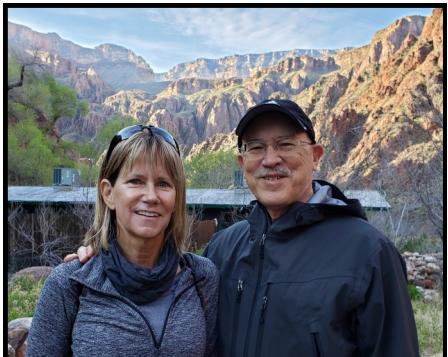
Barb keeps busy helping out with marketing to Stan's clients, running, swimming, biking, yoga, core, barre & strength classes at the gym. She completed her 2nd Half Ironman Triathlon in Coeur d'Alene on June 30<sup>th</sup>! Keeping with the exercise theme, she hiked the Grand Canyon with Stan & some friends in February and also Havasupai Canyon in September. Beautiful scenery for sure!



Stan's highlights included another baseball trip, this time to Atlanta, Tampa and Miami – leaving only Toronto in his quest to hit all 30 major league ballparks. He continues to enjoy working with his clients at Brightside Mortgage and doesn't foresee retiring any time soon. Trying to stave off old age, he goes to the gym regularly - working out and doing the stair climber to stay fit.

After selling our home in Flagstaff last year, we bought a new townhome close to downtown and took possession at the end of August. We look forward to spending as much time as possible up north in the coming summers!

**Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year!**



*Family*  
*like branches on a tree,  
we all grow in different directions  
yet our roots remain as one.*

