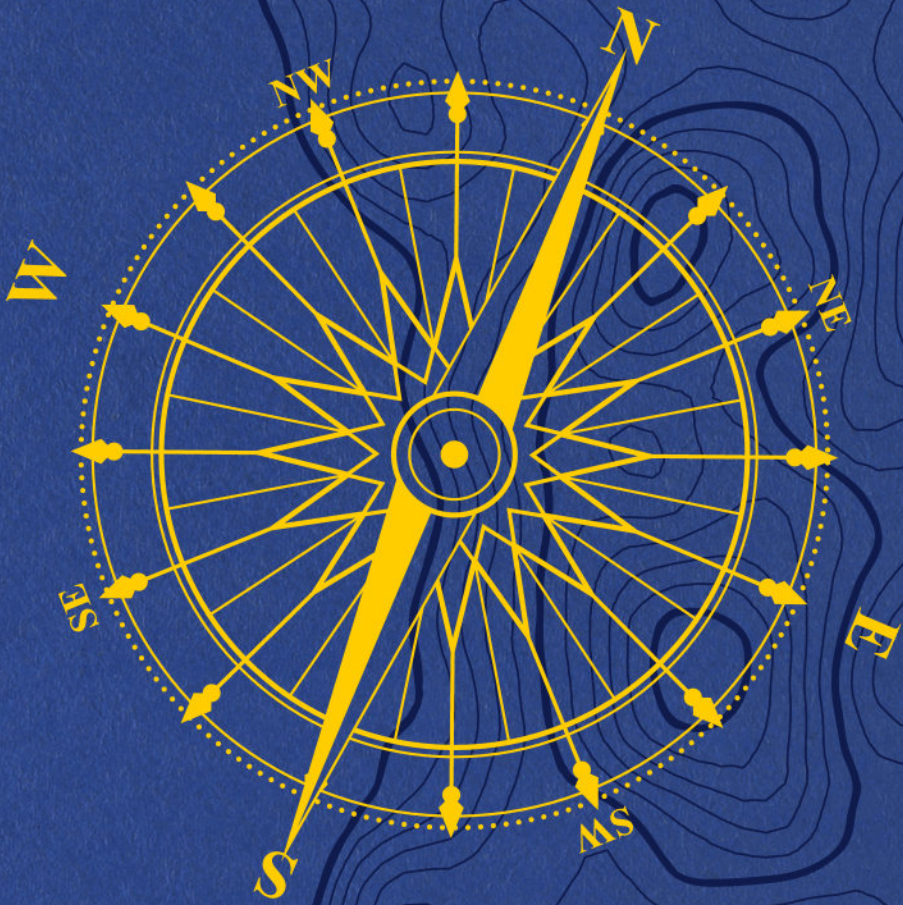


DISCOVER



The Rural Alaska Honors Institute has dedicated ample amounts of resources and love into the success of rural and Alaska Native students in the classroom and in life.

The Class of 2024 has leaned into this mission and vision by committing to the rigorous demands of the program.

This yearbook is dedicated to the students who fought through difficulty and discovered more about themselves on the other side. **RAHI Class of 2024, we are so proud of you and cannot wait to see how you love yourself and your communities as you go forth.**

RAHI 2024



STUDY-SLEEP-EAT-CHILL-REPEAT

Dear RAHI Class of 2024,

As you reach the end of these six challenging yet incredibly rewarding weeks, I want to take a moment to express how immensely proud I am of each one of you. You have shown remarkable resilience, dedication and growth. Navigating the complexities of college-level courses while adapting to living on campus is no small feat and you have done so with grace and determination. Your hard work and perseverance have not gone unnoticed and I am confident that these experiences have prepared you well for the future.

I want you to know that I believe in each of you wholeheartedly. Your potential is limitless and the skills and knowledge you have gained here will serve as a strong foundation as you move forward in your academic and personal journeys. Remember that you have the strength and capability to overcome any obstacles that come your way. You have already proven that you can rise to the occasion and I am excited to see the amazing things you will accomplish in college and beyond.

Please remember that I am always here for you. Whether you need advice, support or just someone to talk to, please reach out. Your success is important to me and I am committed to supporting you in any way I can. As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, carry with you the confidence that you are well-prepared and capable of achieving great things. Congratulations on completing RAHI and I look forward to seeing all the incredible things you will do in the future.

Best wishes,

Bambi Nelson
Rural Alaska Honors Institute





FINISH

- a. Noah, deep in thought, ponders the world of chemistry. "What chemical's will he mix today in the lab? MWHahaha"
- b. All smiles from Dawn. Uh, Dawn, why do you have Legitness Coordinator's (Kevin's) van?
- c. July 4th, BBQ, Burgers, Fire, and Fun. Period.
- d. Brandy - "I've got this." Selena - "Nice job, Brandy." -- RAHI Students are kept safe in Process Technology, parents, do not worry.





- a. Students prepare for Teaching for Alaska's Future in the Murie building on-campus.
- b. A visits to Chemistry Professor Doherty's laboratory and microscopes!
- c. The Undergraduate Research course heads outdoors to collect water samples.
- d. Students participate in the stick pull during the Native Games class.
- e. ResLife took our tables, but we will not be stopped! As seen Shirley and Adi get homework done regardless.

WEEK ONE

Scavenger Hunt



- a.** The family group 9 Lives embark on a journey across campus to complete the scavenger hunt, but did they find Pluto?
- b.** The Jacobsons stop by the University Fire Department on-campus to complete an objective and save some lives...
- c.** Where are the bees? The Honey Bees stop by the Moose Antler Arch as they explore the community of Fairbanks, Alaska.
- d.** Tryston's Pistons link arms at the "I Love Alaska" sign commencing their friendship and the start of RAHI.



a. Can you see me? The Natural Sass Company surrounds TC Chris pointing at a high point on-campus.

b. Hold on!!! Look it's a bird, it's a plane, wait, no it's MATT! 9 Lives support their family member Matt as he tries to embrace a Nanook at UAF.

c. Tryston's Pistons, Gone Thrifting! And...a fashion show at the local Value Village. Very chic, very nice.

d. Success Squad gathers around the motto: 4 B's (the quintessence of RAHI), Be Diligent, Be Courteous, Be on Time, and Be Prepared.



WEEK TWO

Canoeing



a. A beautiful day for a paddle down the Chena River, students canoed starting at Pioneer Park and finished at the Pump House.

b. Elias, Elle, and Spoo enjoy the float. But, what are Elle and Spoo doing...Elias, seemingly did all the work?

c. Mary, Katie, and Brenaye join up on the canoe float. All smiles on-board these calm and comfortable conditions .

d. Leader Lena, Leader Lena, Leader Lena...Trenton! Paddle, paddle, paddle!!!





- a.** Do you? Love? Love. Yes, yes, you do LOVE ALASKA. Students admire this sign as they speed past.
- b.** Noah is all smiles knowing that it is Saturday and he doesn't have to do homework till later...which he did do later.
- c.** Tim and Saylor..... Saylorrrrrrr.....Saylor? Uh, somebody check on him please.
- d.** Benson, do more.
- e.** Aaliyah, Justine, and Thomas are LOCKED IN.



WEEK THREE

Camp Bingle



- a.** Group photo on the shores of Harding Lake, the home of Camp Bingle.
- b.** Yag Mejias makes the brave jump to the front of the Success Squad's Human Conveyor Belt while Rosalind Peterson crawls over her teammates to continue the forward progress
- c.** Luois Amora kicks off the Fun Olympics by lighting and presenting the Olympic Flame.
- d.** The Jacobsons raise their arms in triumph after successfully completing the Hula Hoop Pass.



- a.** The Honey Bees share a moment basking in their Fun Olympics victory.
- b.** “LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT” Tryston’s Pistons march to the finish. No walking the plank for them!
- c.** The Water Dump Relay left many with smiles on their faces and water all down their backside.
- d.** A day on the lake will never be wasted and 9 Lives Volleyball Tournament victory will never be forgotten.

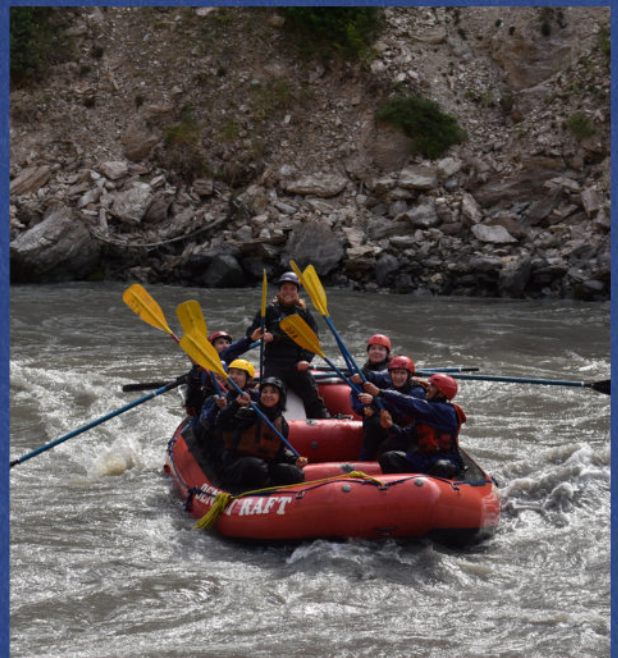


WEEK FOUR

Whitewater Rafting



- a.** Study Skills professor Jake Knuth decided to show case his skills outside of the classroom and joined students on their rafting trip down the Nenana River.
- b.** "HI MOM!!" (probably)
- c.** Timothy Garcia is clearly pretty stoked to rip down the river. (Is that what the kids say nowadays?)
- d.** And here you see the full range of emotions humans may go through before encountering a rapid.



- a. The calm before the storm.
- b. PADDLE HIGH FIVE
- c. All smiles when we don't die!
- d. Which way to campus?
- e. Clearly Kevin had fun.

Kevin says
Denali was
BUSSIA! 🙌



WEEK FIVE

Prom



- a.** Justine, Thomas, Aaliyah, Trenton, Yag, and Milo snap a photo at the RAHI prom photo booth.
- b.** 1, 2, 3, 4, hands in the air, hands in the air. Party rocking RAHI students enjoy the first ever RAHI prom dancing as if they don't have to prepare for finals tomorrow. Oops.
- c.** Leanne and Teagann smile for the camera!
- d.** TC Vera and Dorm Director Kaitlin are back-to-back.





- a. Slide to the right...criss cross. RAHI students perform the Cha Cha Slide at this year's celebrations and festivities.
- b. Natalia, Mary, and Ebby stack up for a fun photo for RAHI prom.
- c. Rock on Momsy and Selena, rock on! Both students pose at this years photo booth.
- d. Too cool for school, Katie, Brenaye, Holly, Scarlett, and Mary pose for a photo.

HONEY BEES

Buzz Buzz



NINE LIVES

and a lost soul



THE NATURAL SASS COMPANY

Produce Only the Sassiest



THE JACOBSONS

unequivocally BUSSIN'



TRYSTON'S PISTONS

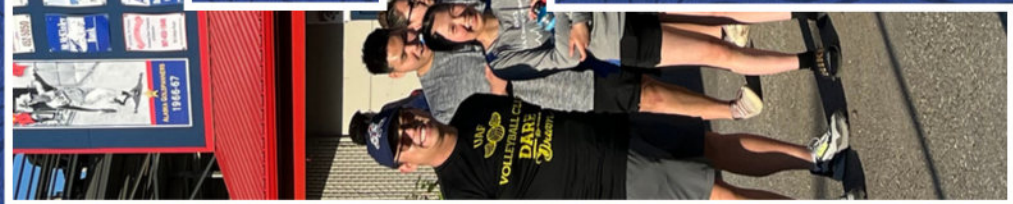
HOLY COW SPARKLING CLEAN
PEARLY WHITE ✨



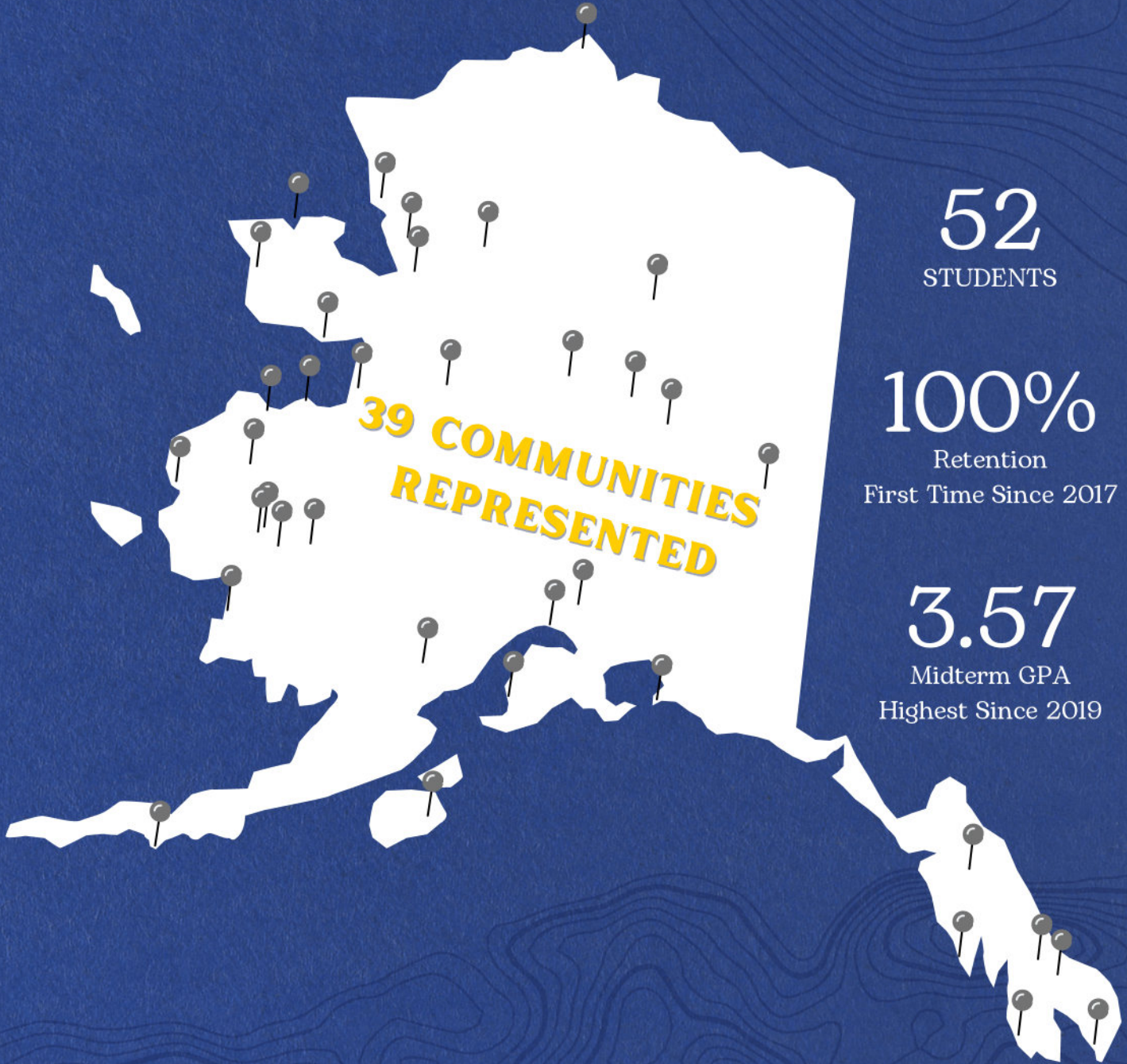
SUCCESS SQUAD

It's a beautiful day!





BY THE NUMBERS



52
STUDENTS

100%
Retention
First Time Since 2017

3.57
Midterm GPA
Highest Since 2019





Luis Amora
Unalaska



Mary Ash
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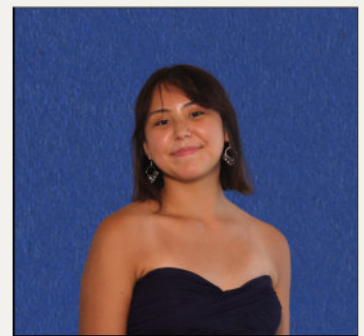
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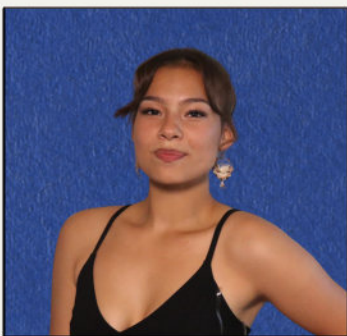
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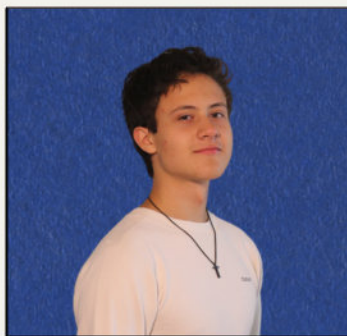
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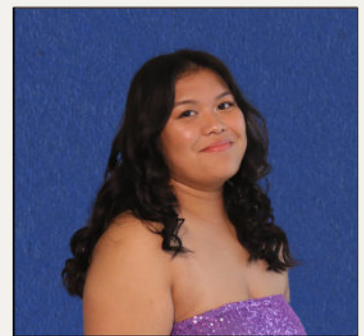
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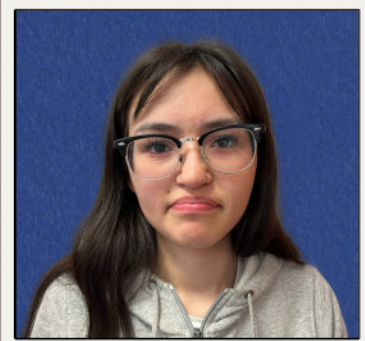
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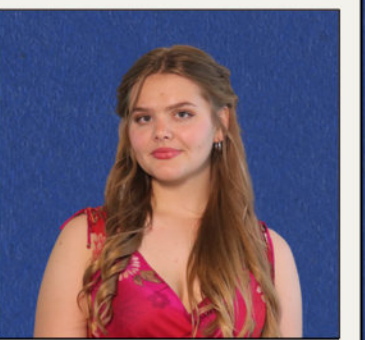
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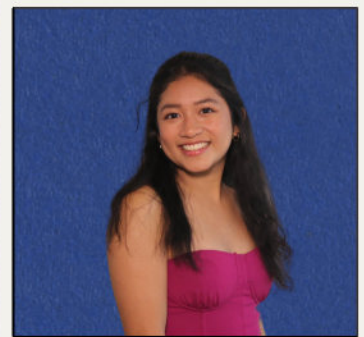
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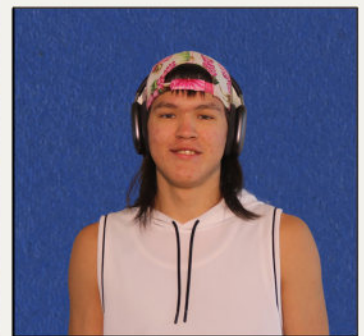
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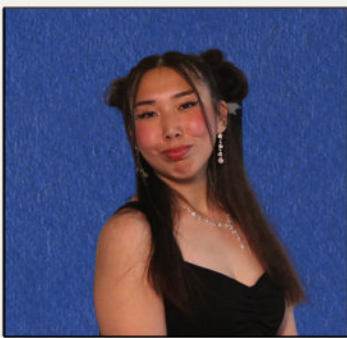
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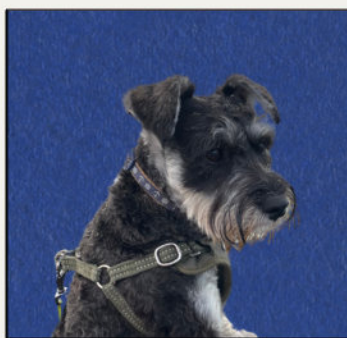
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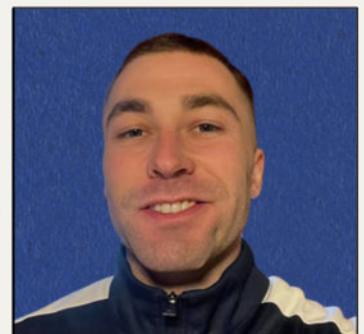
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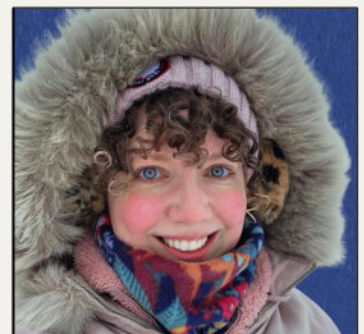
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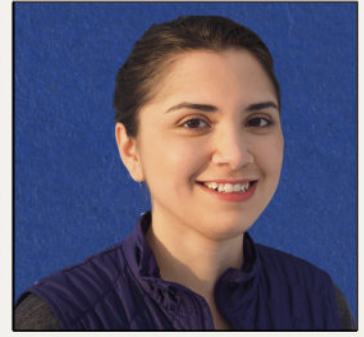
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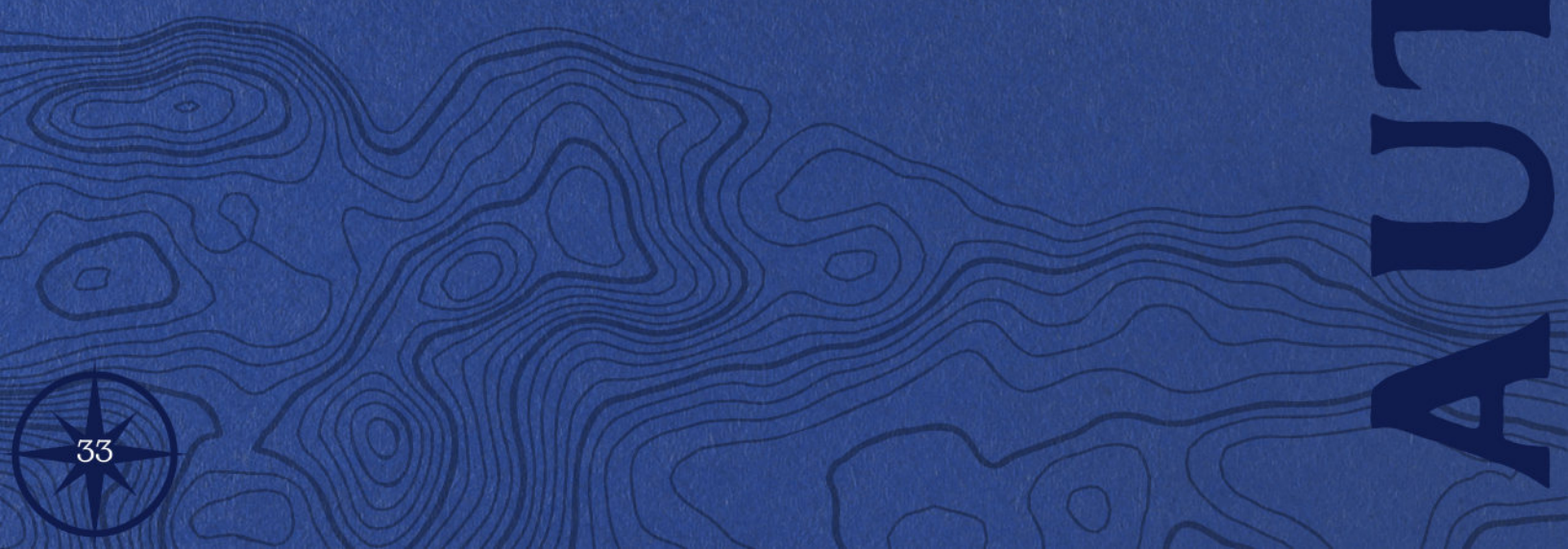
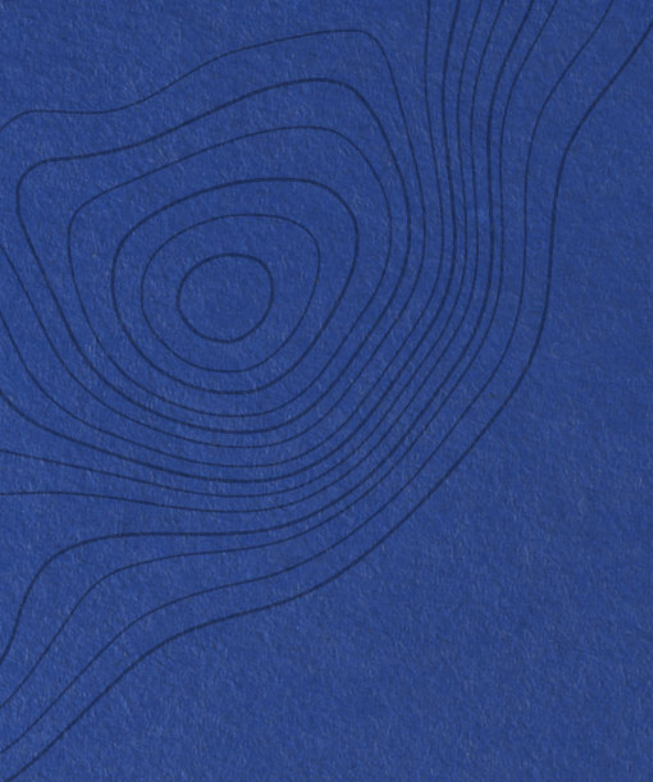
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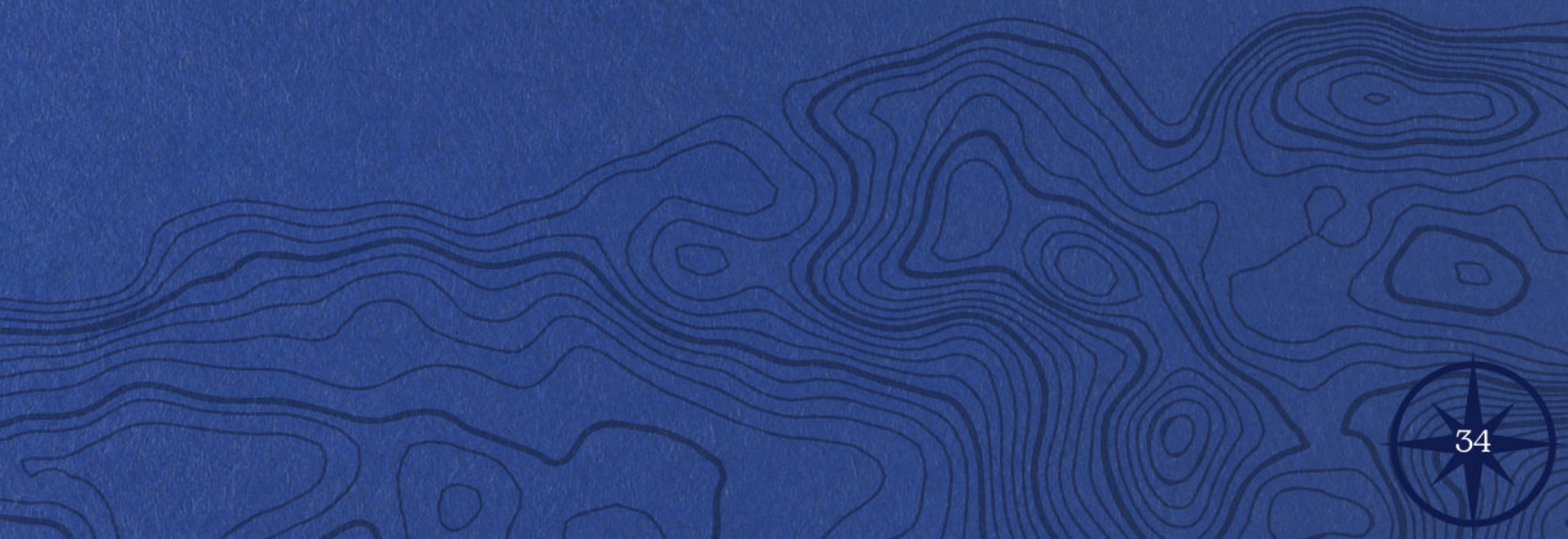


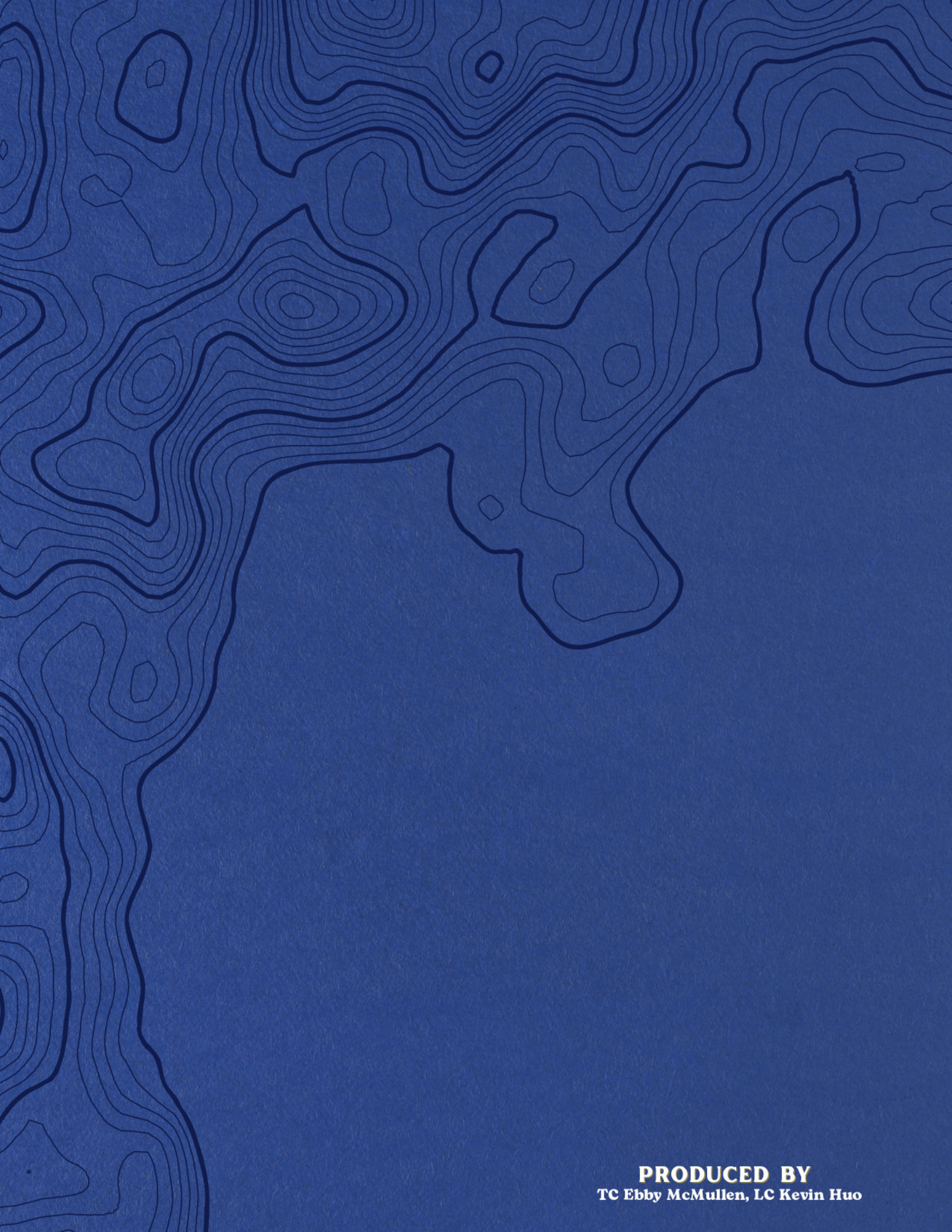
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