Matthew Venhorst '01  
*Attorney, State of Connecticut*

Following his graduation from Middlebury in 2001, Matt earned a Master of Education, with a concentration in Administration, Planning & Social Policy, from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Matt went on to work in the field of institutional research in Dartmouth College's Office of Evaluation and Research. In that role, Matt analyzed student survey data in preparing reports for college administrators on a broad range of topics related to student life. Matt then attended law school at the University of Connecticut, School of Law, graduating with high honors in 2007.

After law school, Matt served as a law clerk at the Connecticut Supreme Court, before entering private practice at the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin, based in Hartford Connecticut. At Shipman & Goodwin, Matt worked in the school law practice group, representing board of education employers in all aspects of school law, including student discipline matters, board of education policy development, and employee and labor relations issues. Since 2010, Matt has served as an attorney with the Connecticut Department of Education, where he provides general legal advice to Department staff and handles a variety matters including administrative hearings, employee relations matters, regional school district issues, among many others.

Alison Spiegel, '08  
*Senior Writer and Editor, The Tasting Table*

Alison graduated from Middlebury College in 2008 as a Sociology/Anthropology major with a dual minor in Religion and South Asian Studies. While working in the non-profit world for a few years—first as a Development Assistant for a Buddhist magazine in NYC and later as a Development Associate for the New York Public Library—she started freelance editing book manuscripts and landed at The Huffington Post, where she held a number of roles over the course of four years, including Associate Food Editor and Lifestyle Editor. Focusing primarily on food and travel at The Huffington Post, she eventually enrolled in culinary school at The International Culinary Center in 2015 and moved to food and lifestyle media group Tasting Table in 2016. Today, as Features Editor, she writes and edits feature stories, edits recipes and assists in video production and overall content direction for Tasting Table.
Kate Bass ’11
Program Officer, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Kate Bass is a Program Officer with the Latin America and Caribbean team at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). Her primary portfolio focuses on women’s political participation and parliamentary strengthening in Haiti. Before NDI, Kate worked for Project Vote in Washington, D.C. where she helped to launch the Nonprofit Partners Initiative. The Initiative seeks to make the United States electorate more representative by supporting health and human services nonprofit organizations to assist their clients to register to vote. Before moving to D.C., Kate served as the Haiti Program Manager with AMURTEL Haiti in Port-au-Prince, where she managed grassroots programs with women and adolescent girls living in internally displaced persons camps. Kate caught the community organizing bug while serving as a Field Organizer with President Obama’s 2012 re-election campaign in her hometown of Denver, Colorado just after graduating from Middlebury in 2011.5. Kate was a SOAN major with minors in French and Spanish.

Corinne Prevot ’13
Owner and CEO, Skida

In the winter of 2007, Vermont skier Corinne Prevot picked up some fun, patterned fabric and started making hats for her Burke Mountain Academy teammates and friends. Soon the demand for the colorful hats grew, as did the variety of prints. As the buzz snowballed beyond the New England ski community, new products joined the line to keep everyone warm and colorful.

While in school as a ski racer and student at Burke and then Middlebury College, Corinne scrambled to keep up with the business. She worked closely with Margie, the secret weapon, the queen of logistics, the best mom ever. Together, they grew the business and connected with local seamstresses to help with the sewing.

Then came Skida [+1], a program that enables Skida to donate hats to cancer patients who are undergoing Chemotherapy on behalf of our online customers. Beginning at Dartmouth Hitchcock’s Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Skida has established a relationship with a number of cancer centers across the country. The solution is collaborative: for every online order that is submitted with a Skida [+1] promotional code, Skida will donate one hat to that corresponding cancer center.

Since graduating from Middlebury College in 2013, Corinne brought Skida to Burlington, Vermont where it has continued to thrive.

Afi Yellow-Duke ’15
Associate Producer, Pitch

After graduating from Middlebury in 2015 as a joint Sociology/Anthropology and Dance major, Afi Yellow-Duke interned at the oral history nonprofit StoryCorps and for WNYC’s Studio 360, the station’s award-winning arts and pop culture program. Afi is currently an associate producer for the podcast Pitch, a narrative music journalism show. In her role at Pitch, she works closely with the show’s hosts and producers throughout the editorial process: from crafting narrative arcs with her team and with contributors, to researching and editing audio.