



## CSCS Climate Ride Update

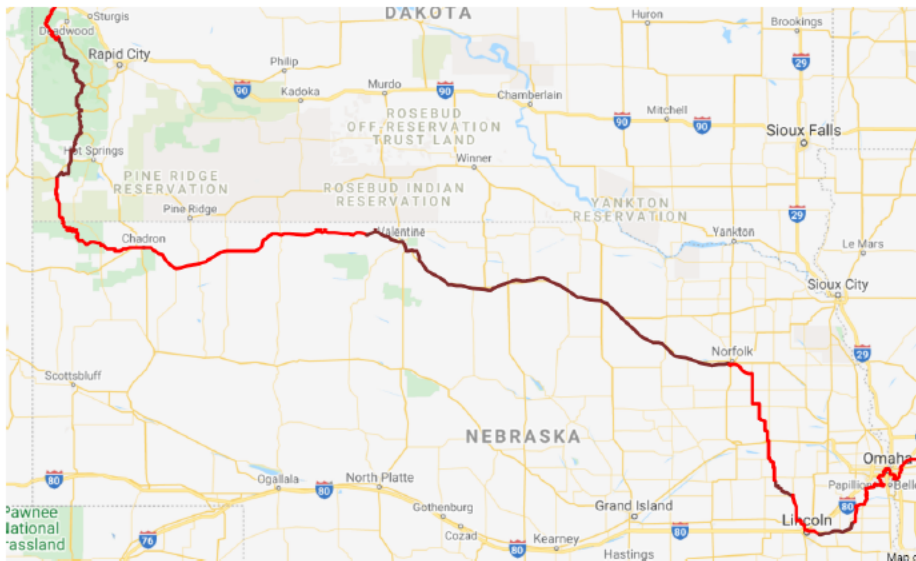
Hi and welcome to update number five!

This week the climate riders received some exciting news: two new members were added to the team! Eric Streeter (Indiana University) and Isaac Andreas (Eastern Mennonite University) bring the group number up to 17 (not including the leaders). Stay tuned to learn more about them in an upcoming update!

In the meantime, keep reading for an introduction to three more of the riders as well as our next stop on the trip. To find an archive of all of the email updates and other information about the ride, you can head to the [CSCS website](#).

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**Event Spotlight: South Dakota**



"Native American perspectives" will be the theme of our first event in the great plains region. After leaving the mountains, we will stop at the Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The Crazy Horse Memorial is the largest sculptural project in the world, built to honor Crazy Horse, a Lakota leader. During our time at the memorial we will learn about the mission of the memorial to protect the culture, traditions and living heritage of Native Americans.

Our entire ride takes place on what was once land tended and cultivated by hundreds of different indigenous groups in what is now the United States. We want to take the opportunity in this location to be especially intentional about recognizing the many issues of justice for indigenous peoples and the impacts of climate change on indigenous communities.

We are happy to be in conversation with the Anabaptist organization [Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery](#) and are entertaining the possibility of organizing a collaborative public webinar as our group engages with this issue in South Dakota.

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### Meet the riders



## Miriam Huebner

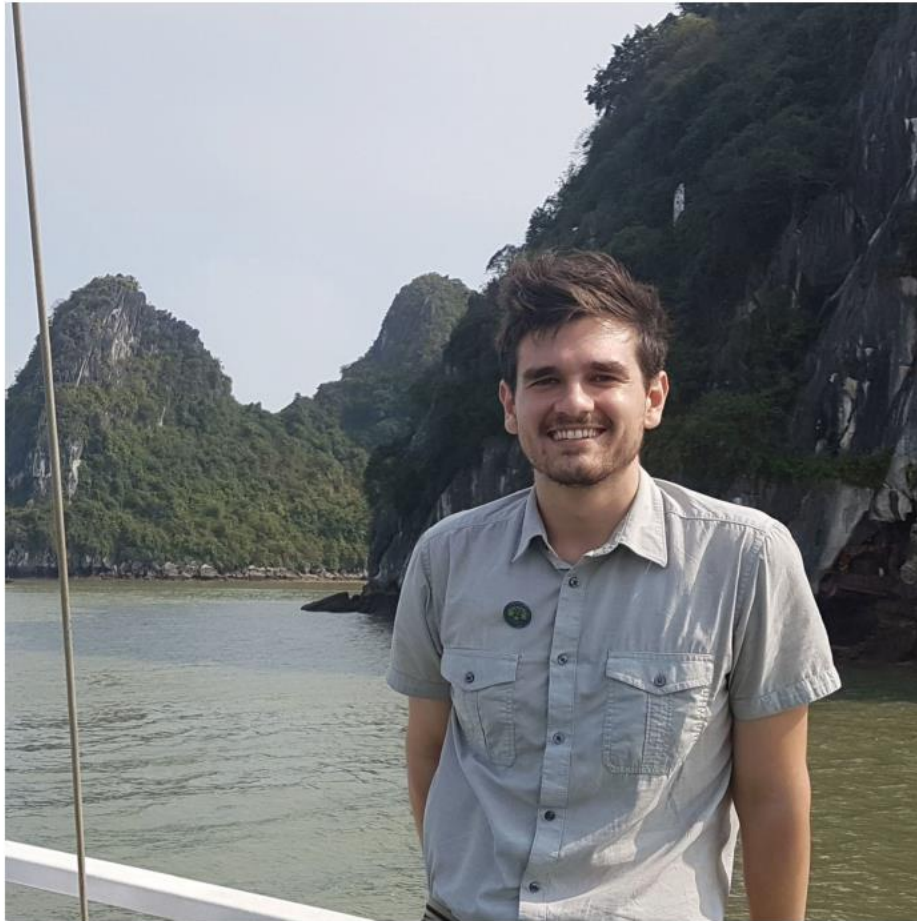
Miriam Huebner is a first-year student at Canadian Mennonite University interested in environmental studies and sociology. She grew up in Winnipeg, but has spent time living in Jerusalem, the Netherlands, Croatia, Guatemala and North Carolina.

Miriam loves to create things and always has a project going, whether it's sewing, painting, embroidery, ceramics, crocheting or another craft. She likes to garden, camp and forage for wild edibles. At CMU, Miriam is involved in Sanctoral Cycle, a biking hub that promotes bike-commuting on campus. At the hub, she helps students get access to affordable bicycles and teaches her peers how to repair and build bikes.

Miriam competed on the Manitoba Cycling team in high school and is excited to pursue her passion for the sport in a new way this summer. "This feels like an amazing opportunity to learn and to raise awareness about climate change in a way that suites me perfectly," she said.

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Miriam said climate change often terrifies her. “When I read the news I get really scared and anxious...” she said, “but then I go for a walk and the trees ground me and remind me that the reason I care about climate change so much because of how strongly I love this world.”



### **Caleb Schrock-Hurst**

Caleb Schrock Hurst is a first-year student at Eastern Mennonite Seminary pursuing a master’s in religion and church history. Originally from Harrisonburg, Virginia, Caleb graduated from Hesston College and Eastern Mennonite University with a degree in English and minors in history and music. Caleb plays tennis and the cello. He also likes to write, read and follow European soccer “a bit too closely” (he’s an Arsenal fan).

After college, Caleb spent two years serving in Vietnam with MCC’s SALT program where he worked as a copy editor at the World Publishing House and later as the coordinator for the MCC Vietnam History Project. While in

Hanoi, he wrote the book "65 Years of Walking Together: The MCC Vietnam Story."

After having lived in Vietnam, Caleb worries about overpopulation in Southeast Asia and the effects of climate change on lower-income communities. "Rich countries such as the United States of America really need to pull their weight," he said.

Caleb wanted to join the climate ride because, he said, "I think that raising awareness about climate change and raising awareness about alternative modes of transportation is incredibly important as we move forward as a global society."



### **Elizabeth Miller**

Elizabeth Miller is a senior Spanish major at Eastern Mennonite University where she competes on the school's cross country, track and triathlon teams. Liz, who grew up on a farm in Pettisville, Ohio, spent a year in

Honduras with MCC's SALT program between her years at Hesston College and EMU. This year, Liz is teaching a class of kindergarteners and first graders. In her free, time she likes doing yoga and origami and makes her own kombucha and sourdough bread.

Liz, primarily a runner, started biking last spring after being diagnosed with a stress fracture the day she was sent home for the pandemic. Biking provided a way for Liz to stay in shape and stay sane while she recovered.

She hasn't stopped biking since. "I love riding," Liz said, "because it's a fairly Covid-safe activity that allows you to connect with others and enjoy time outdoors and off-campus."

Liz is interested in the issues of environmental racism and food security. "What gives me hope in my fellow humans," she said, "is a return to values of more community living, communal approaches to meeting everyone's needs."

Thinking about the trip, Liz looks forward to the strength she will gain: "Not just physical strength, but strength of character, confidence in choosing a path and going after it."

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Thank you for following along on another update! We will leave you with this challenge from Liz:

"I don't think that a cross country trip is feasible for everyone, but I think

that the idea of cycling as alternative transportation...that's something that can be incorporated into all of life. I hope that that inspires me and my fellow teammates. I hope that inspires those who we engage with in different communities along the way. I hope that that can become a lifestyle choice for me and those around me."

As the weather warms, consider how you can make biking a lifestyle choice of your own!