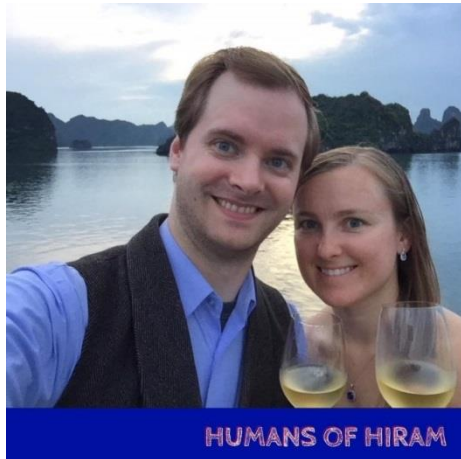


HUMANS OF HIRAM

February 2018 Spotlight

Humans of Hiram spotlights a different faculty, staff, student, alumni, or friend each month. This issue features **Nathaniel Koven '06**.



Nathaniel was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. During his time at Hiram, Nathaniel studied English and History but still found time to be involved in many areas of student life. In fact, he credits Hiram for pulling him into roles he otherwise may have never explored including the Student Senate. A fellow Madrigal Singer and classmate, Christ Schmitt '04, recommended Nathaniel to sit on Senate. A year later, he held the Vice President role. In addition to Student Senate, he took voice lessons for four years, participated in the college choir and performed as a Madrigal Singer. He particularly enjoyed the sense of community he felt in Henry Hall and fondly remembers many nights, gathered together in the hall, playing video games with his classmates.

Over the years, Nathaniel has always retained a strong connection to Hiram College. But through his current position as Program Manager of Executive Education at Harvard University, he has developed an even greater appreciation for the Hiram education he received.

“All my exposure to Harvard has made me admire Hiram all the more. It's not really that difficult to take in A-students and turn out A-students, especially when you have the money that Harvard does. Hiram can turn people *into* A-students, and does it with a lot fewer resources,” Nathaniel says. “That's both much more impressive than Harvard, and also much more essential for our children, our country, and our world.”

Nathaniel currently lives in Boston with his wife, Katie, their two cats, and the newest member of their family, Grant. He's involved within his community through musical theatre and plans to visit Broadway several times this year with his family.